

## FORUM OF THE WEEKLY PRESS

Carrollton (O.) Chronicle: Pennsylvania is like Ephraim.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Say, Mr. Reorganizer, study the returns, will you? It is a good lesson.

York (Neb.) Democrat: Fellows who don't think it worth their while to go to the polls and vote should be disfranchised.

De Pere (Wis.) Democrat: At any rate, the Kansas City platform or the free silver issue cannot be held responsible this time.

Humboldt (Ia.) Democrat: Seventy thousand republican majority in Iowa. That's the way the reorganizers captured the state.

Kearney (Neb.) New Era-Standard: The fight for honest government and just taxation is still on. The battle will go on until victory is won.

Duluth (Minn.) Herald: It will be noticed that when the government buys bonds it always pays a much higher premium than it receives when it sells them.

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: Chauncey Depew was right when he said a yellow dog could be elected on the republican ticket this year, and canines were plentiful, too.

Franklin (Tex.) Sentinel: If Grover Cleveland was only as popular with democrats as he is with republicans no earthly power could prevent his nomination in 1904.

Bowie (Tex.) Cross Timbers: The results of the election must be the proper thing, for the dispatches tell us that "England is gratified" over the republican landslide.

Waynesville (Mo.) Democrat: The election is over and if Mr. Bryan will now come down into Missouri he will find that knot on the head of the republican party plainly visible.

Columbia (Mo.) Herald: The New York banks get up a panic and then the United States government loans them money to prevent its consequences. We should all be happy.

Jackson (O.) Herald: Since the election of Mr. Pennypacker, Mr. Quay is more than ever convinced that anything with the Quay trade mark will be swallowed by the Pennsylvania republicans.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The speech of ex-President Cleveland, so far as is related to the tariff, was sound, but it is remembered that the ex-president's performance while in office was far from satisfactory.

Buffalo (Mo.) Record: If the government does not regulate the trusts it is evident that they are going to control the government. It is time the people should look at this matter squarely and in an unpartisan way.

Clearfield (Pa.) Republican: The twelve wards in Philadelphia, downtown, the tough district, gave Pennypacker 14199 more votes than they gave McKinley in 1896. Some of them had a voter for every two of population. Those downtown crooks in Philadelphia are great counters.

Aberdeen (Wash.) Herald: The trust-breeding tariff will now be in the hands of its friends, and the western states will be told by Wall street to keep their hands off the sacred schedules. And they will do it, too.

Cumberland (Md.) Alleganian: General Apathy came down from his perch Tuesday in Philadelphia—Pennypacker getting 14,000 more votes than ever cast for any state or city candidate or even McKinley. Oh! the humor of it!

Montesano (Wash.) Independent: The haste which the republicans in Alabama have made to exclude the negroes from their state convention furnishes excellent evidence of the sincerity of republican love for their colored brethren.

Lexington (Ga.) Echo: Roosevelt has been shooting wild turkeys in Virginia this week. His party is doubtless not as uneasy about what effect his hunt will have upon its success as it was about his speech-making tour that was ended by a "bile."

Stanton (Neb.) Register: The reorganizers in the east should pause and reflect. By cowardly deserting democratic principles they have nothing to console them now. A brave man defeated is a hero, but a defeated coward is one who got what he deserved.

Somerset (N. J.) Messenger: According to the republican party, there are good trusts and bad trusts. Now, if some one competent to speak would name over two or three of each, the people might get at the root of the evil and knock out the bad ones. This uncertainty apparently is standing in the way of "shackling cunning."

Logan (Utah) Journal: Republican duplicity in dealing with the trusts is shown by the fact that in every instance where Attorney General Knox instituted proceedings against the trusts it was where there was no real tangible evidence against them, but in cases where the evidence was direct and positive proceedings were not instituted.

Albert Lea (Minn.) Standard: The republican majority of 41 in the lower house of congress is reduced to 23—and still the republicans hold control and we ought to be glad of it. Let them do things or fail to do them, and be answerable. They cannot then fool the people so easily and point the finger at us and again falsely charge us with the blame.

De Land (Fla.) News: The trusts paid so much incorporation fees in New Jersey that the state has a surplus of three million dollars on hand, beside which a million or more has been apportioned to the various counties. Jersey sends these blood-suckers out to bleed other states. Jersey gets the material benefit and the other states get the experience.

Casa Lake (Minn.) Times: The people of the United States will not suffer such a change of governmental machinery as is demanded by the owners of the wealth of the nation nor will they sit down quietly and see the privileges and rights which their forefathers so bravely fought for frittered away for no compensation but the dollar which rules the nation today.

Monmouth (Ill.) Democrat: We can look for all kinds of reckless legislation in the next two years. The wealthy will continue to pile up stolen riches and the poor will approach nearer pauperism than ever before. There is just so much real wealth in the country, and it goes without saying that if riches accumulate in the hands of

the few, the many will be that much impoverished thereby.

Nobles County (Minn.) Democrat: When a public speaker tells us that this country had free trade under the Wilson bill, which was in operation under the last democratic administration, and we believe that said speaker is honest, what must we think of his intelligence? On the contrary, if we believe that he is intelligent what must we think of his honesty. And yet—and yet.

Franklin (Pa.) Spectator: The results of Tuesday's election are by no means so discouraging to democrats as they appear at first glance. Look at the returns. We have made immense gains and have cut the republican majority in congress down to the danger line. Unfortunately, in our state the voters were unable to dissociate state and national affairs. Quay, taking advantage of this, was pulled to dry land by hanging onto Roosevelt's coat tails.

Ottawa (O.) Sentinel: Speaking of truth brings our mind back again to democracy. Truth and right belong together. It's true we're licked, but it wouldn't prevent us being right if we were licked twice as bad as we are. That being the case, we take an extra hitch in our suspenders, pick up the chip from the ground where it has so ruthlessly been cast, place it again upon our shoulder and send out the defy: "We're ready. You can't do it again!"

Malone (N. Y.) Forum: When another national convention has been held the Forum will be found supporting its platform as faithfully and as steadfastly as it now supports the last one. It stands on the impregnable position of regularity, and time will vindicate its action. The bolters of 1896 are the bolters of 1902, and the men who followed David B. Hill out of the Chicago convention have been only too ready and willing to follow him out of the democratic party in this state this year.

Olmstead County (Minn.) Democrat: The argument used in former campaigns by the advocates of a high protective tariff have been that the American laborer would receive higher wages. Such sophistry had its effect. But thanks to the intelligence of the people, who are no longer to be deceived by this fallacious argument, and today are demanding a reduction of the tariff, which, instead of protecting American labor, has fostered and built up gigantic trusts that are now a menace to the country.

Columbia (Mo.) Herald: The sub-treasury scheme of loaning to the people is not financially orthodox. It has never been viewed with favor by the more careful students of monetary matters. But the sub-treasury scheme is not so very different from the plan pursued by Secretary Shaw to avert a stringency in the money market. True, Secretary Shaw does not loan the money to the people, but he loans to the banks which is but one degree removed. There is this difference that in the one case the people get the money from the government at a low rate of interest while in the other case the banks are thus favored. It is scarcely necessary to point out that nothing better could be expected from a republican administration.

Red Wing (Minn.) Argus: Once more, it is just as well. Democracy

cannot afford to win a victory merely from vague dissatisfaction with republican tendencies. Democratic victory when it comes must be a definite proposition to do some certain thing for justice. It does not matter so much which thing is done first as it does that the party shall be firmly determined upon it and understand well what it is and why it is to be done. Until we hear further from the brethren we shall assume that the first thing to be done is to take away the tariff privileges that the trusts enjoy and prevent the discriminations given by railroads in their favor. So here goes for 1904.

### There is no Danger Children.

During the past week there has been a slump in the stock market. Values in Wall street have melted away as melts the snow ball in the proverbial hot place. And all because of widely-circulated reports from Washington to the effect that President Roosevelt had broken with Wall street and that he intended to enforce the criminal sections of the Sherman anti-trust law against the great criminal combinations of the age.

There is no danger, children!

Go back and play with your stocks to your heart's content.

Our worthy president may hunt bulls in Vermont and bears in Mississippi, but the last thing in the world that he is thinking about, now that the republicans have won their little trick and captured the lower house of congress, is the enforcement of the laws which he has sworn to enforce.

But the courses of avalanches are not changed by the feet of little birds. Theodore Roosevelt, standing at chamber of commerce banquets, talking about greed, all the while refusing to enforce the criminal sections of the Sherman anti-trust law, is a little bird.—Tammany Times.

### Let Willcox Answer.

John Mitchell's estimate of the minimum living wages of a miner supporting and educating a family, \$600 a year, cannot be considered extravagant or grasping. If Mr. Willcox, of the coal trust, thinks \$600 too much for the man who digs coal, perhaps he will condescend to say what he thinks the man who does no work at all should receive out of the product of the miner's labor. If \$600 is too much for a drudge, what is enough for a drone?—Philadelphia North American.

### MacVeagh's Proposition.

Mr. MacVeagh's argument appears to be that the miners ought to work for whatever they get, lest they increase the cost to the poor consumer. This principle carried to its logical conclusion would soon bring the poor consumer to the miner's level.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Deeds, Not Words.

Roosevelt advises the people thus: "Pull your own weight; don't be a mere passenger." Yet he favors legislation which makes manufacturers dead weights which the people have to pull.—Memphis News.

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