

Weekly Press Forum.

Greensburg (Pa.) Democrat: An excellent time and place for the workmen to strike against trusts would be on election day at the ballot box.

Florence (Colo.) Ex Parte: Whenever the democratic party goes over to the republican leadership of Grover Cleveland et al., that same year it will retire from business. But it can't happen.

Lancaster (O.) Democrat: If we had spent more time and effort to rid our home country of anarchists and less effort, money and lives in trying to subjugate foreign people we would not be mourning the assassination of the president.

Brandon (Ore.) Recorder: A government into which enactments have been introduced, favoring a few of its citizens at the expense and to the detriment of the great majority of its people, has set the mills to work which will grind the patriotism out of its subjects.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Star: The gold bug idea of 'rejuvenating the democratic party' is to reinstate the old moss-backs who've been stealing a ride on the republican band wagon, and give 'em the reins again. Nit!

Emmettsburg (Ia.) Democrat: The democrats of Iowa do not care what the St. Paul Globe, the Chicago Chronicle, the Des Moines Leader, or the Sioux City Tribune thinks about them. Those papers are really as anti-democratic as Charles A. Towne and James B. Weaver are anti-republican.

Monticello (Ia.) Times: When a party leader demands that the national platform be abandoned and state issues discussed, he is doing so largely with a hope of securing an office for himself and believe he would have a better chance to secure it by not advocating the cause of the toiling masses.

Lewiston (Ill.) Press: If the men who seek to reorganize the democratic party are opposed to bimetallism, what do they propose to give the people in its place. Do they propose to give them the single gold standard? If so, why not say so "intelligently, courageously and entirely free from demagoguery and mere trickery of words."

Denver Democrat: The conspiracy to wreck the democratic party becomes more evident as the days go by. Will the democrats who place principle over all things else allow the splendid organization in this county to be ruined that a few schemers and political harlots may wax fat on the proceeds of their robberies.

Greencastle (Ind.) Star-Press: The democratic platform of 1904 will be antagonistic to trusts, just as it was in 1900—will the people who now fully realize the trust burdens they bear cut loose from partisan bias and vote the democratic ticket—'tis their sole hope of emancipation from the rule of these industrial dukes, lords and earls.

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: The republican financial idea, of taking money from the public beyond its needs, thus creating a surplus that locks up the money that should be in circulation, is now at work, through the failure to reduce the internal revenue taxes \$50,000,000 more than it did. That amount left in the pockets of the people, would now be in circulation.

Beardstown (Ill.) Enterprise: If reorganization is such a good thing for the democratic party it is peculiar that the republican papers urge it so strongly. If it is a good thing for the democratic party it is certainly not a good thing for the republican party. As it is urged chiefly by republicans, republican papers and the allies of the republican party, it must be a bad thing for the democracy.

Albion (Ind.) Democrat: Grover Cleveland is out with a book entitled "The Plight of the Democracy and the Remedy." That a man who has been honored as this man, Grover Cleveland, has been, and who has sold his country for pelf and be-

trayed the party that honored him, should have the effrontery to offer that party advice, passes all understanding. He must have an unlimited supply of gall.

West Plains (Mo.) Gazette: The Gazette believes it voices the sentiment of the democracy of Missouri in expressing the opinion that no man will be elected to the United States senate from Missouri, or be honored with any important elective office, who did not support the democratic national and state tickets in 1896 and 1900. The bolters are welcome to return, but not to run the party they so recently deserted.

Clinton (Mo.) Democrat: The governor of New Jersey promises that his state will take radical steps to root out the colony of anarchists that has made Paterson, that state, its headquarters, planning assassinations all over the world. Good! And when New Jersey does this let her next root out the thousands of trusts she harbors legally, which are plotting against the commercial freedom and independence of the people of this country.

Osage City (Kas.) Public Opinion: Both parties will soon send out orders in the next campaign to swat the trusts—but the republicans will confine their efforts to swatting them with verbiage.

Walnut Springs (Tex.) Favorite: If a laborer strikes for living wages and asks his neighbors' assistance, he is thrust into jail, but the combine may meet and consult for days on their plans for assisting each other, and never a word said about it. Is money worth more than men?

Benton (Mo.) Record: The sturdy Iowa farmers indorsed the Kansas City platform. They are not in sympathy with an administration which practically ignores the farmer in the interest of the tariff protected manufacturer, the trusts and the monopolists. They have no use for the plutocracy and can't be either scared or cajoled into any latitudinarian, milk-and-water compromise on the platforms of two hard-fought, if unsuccessful campaigns.

Thayer (Mo.) Tribune: Until the national convention meets again the Kansas City platform is the party creed. It is highly probable that new questions will come up for attention by that time. It is also highly probable that the Kansas City platform, embodying as it does the principles of Jefferson democracy, will be reaffirmed. In any event the error of reading men out of the party who were loyal during the trying times of '96 and 1900, ought to be avoided.

West Bend (Ia.) Advance: Expediency is the poorest of reasons for political action, but even from the standpoint of expediency, abandonment or compromise of principles would have been disastrous. To have said, even by silence, "We are not the same kind of democrats we were last year," would have disgusted the true reformers and turned the party control over to the spoils-mongers, who to the credit of Iowa democrats are a very hopeless minority.

Lansing (Mich.) Journal: There may be some modification of the Dingley tariff schedule made at the coming session of congress, but they will not be made with a view to curtailing the power of the trusts to control the prices of their products. No person with ordinary intelligence and powers of observation needs to be told that the trusts are still the power behind the throne, and that what they may ask in the way of tariffs they will continue to receive at the hands of congress.

Villisca (Ia.) Letter: One is almost inclined to believe from reading republican editorials that had Iowa democrats failed to indorse the Kansas City platform fully half of the republican papers in Iowa would today be supporting the democratic ticket. But we know them better than to think they would; for they would be accusing the party of going back on its principles, and urging those who did not believe in that doctrine not to stand

it at all. It is a hard job for a democratic convention to please the republicans.

Rap's Broadside: The republican "literary bureau," which sends "editorial matter" in "boller plate" to the republican organs about the country, takes particular delight in quoting from papers which are not democratic and palming the stuff off into their readers as democratic utterances. It may fool a few republicans who are not expected to know any better, but it is not going to fool democrats who are democrats from principle sake and who know why they are democrats. Neither is it going to fool those who have left the republican party because it has "about faced" on all important questions; who have left the party because the party of Mark Hanna is not the party of Abraham Lincoln.

Mount Holly (N. Y.) Democrat: Many democrats believe that an important issue in the campaigns of 1902 and 1904 will be the tariff. It is apparent that the people are awake to the truth, that high protective tariff profits a favored few at the expense of the many. Out of this has grown the trust evil. It has made powerful a syndicate influence which is in control of the government dictating the government's policies. The republican leaders feel uneasy regarding the tariff issue, as the people begin to understand the workings of the tariff. It is the duty of the democratic party to carry on its warfare against high protective tariff, and its children, the trusts, because the prosperity of the people demand it as against the privileged class of syndicate monopoly.

Waukesha (Wis.) Dispatch: The Chicago Chronicle, which aspires to leadership among the western democratic press, has made the tardy discovery that "trusts are in the main a good thing" and that "the democratic position on imperialism is radically wrong." The Chronicle will experience considerable tough sledding in the endeavor to build up a following among democrats or either proposition, though this is not a matter of too great concern to our Chicago contemporary providing it has made a judicious connection with the Steel and Standard Oil trusts and other similar philanthropic corporations. There may be some questions on which there is uncertainty among democrats, but favoritism of trusts and imperialism are not included in the category.

Van Wert (O.) Democrat: Never in the history of the nation has there been a more urgent need for the democratic party than there is today. The republican party has become the party of organized wealth, of imperialism, of a tariff that protects and enriches the few at the expense of the many, of an industrial system which piles up wealth at the feet of the millionaires while the toiling masses struggle for the barest comforts of life. The unjust distribution of wealth is the greatest menace to the republic. At this time, as always in the history of the United States, the democratic party is the champion of the masses, of the common people, and to that party the country must look to prevent this nation from departing from the wise principles laid down by the fathers who wrote the constitution.

Columbia (Mo.) Herald: The Herald is in receipt of an invitation to attend, and also a pamphlet containing facts about the Jefferson Club pilgrimage to Monticello, Va., October 10 to 14. The trip will cost, including the entire expenses, twenty-five dollars and all democrats are invited. The invitation says: "The trip has no purpose of reorganization or disorganization. It has no purpose of promoting any one's candidacy for office. It has no purpose of introducing or promoting any new political principles. It is merely a pilgrimage of Missouri democrats (the best kind on earth) to the grave of Thomas Jefferson, the Father of Democracy, that our faith may be strengthened, our hearts enthused and our courage inspired, to renew and bravely fight and win the great battle of human liberty and equal rights in 1904."