

Forum of the Weekly Press.



Griffin (Ga.) News: One of the conditions of peace in the Philippines, according to Congressman Hull, is that we leave polygamy alone. How about that beatific condition of slavery that we are told about from the same source?

Coffeyville (Kas.) Democrat: Champ Clark hits the nail on the head when he says: "The time has come to settle once for all the overshadowing question whether a democrat is a democrat in fact or only a galvanized republican."

Bolivar (Mo.) Herald: If the democratic party will hold as steadfastly to bimetalism as McKinley did to protection then the party deserves to and will ultimately win on this great issue. Let those that would evade this issue take warning.

Butler (Mo.) Democrat: A man aspiring to official position in Missouri, better keep it to himself that he was not in favor of 16 to 1, or is not now, as the last democratic national platform declares for it, and democrats would mistrust him. The platform declares democratic faith.

Thayer (Mo.) Tribune: The democracy of the Kansas City platform is good enough for us, and we think it is quite likely to be reaffirmed in toto when the national convention meets again. We believe the money question is still an issue, and is quite likely to be in the next campaign.

Tampa (Fla.) Herald: Upon being requested to furnish a list of the populist tenets that should be discarded from the democratic platform, the esteemed Pensacola News begins with free silver. That was a democratic tenet before the populist party was born, but no matter. Give us some more.

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The time for deporting anarchists has been delayed too long." The G.-D. has been bellowing for the party that imports them ever since the g. o. p. came into existence. Centralized wealth is the spawning ground for anarchists.

Dayton (Tenn.) Herald: The difference between a republican anti-trust speech between campaigns and a democratic speech during a campaign is illustrated by this fact: While the republican speaks trusts continue to be organized without fear, but while the democrat speaks the hat is being passed among the trusts to raise money to beat him.

Pineville (Mo.) Democrat: The republican papers still appear to be greatly worried over the reorganization of the democratic party. The fact is, a few political scabs have been cast off from the body of democracy, who are now howling "reorganize," but that does not indicate that the rank and file take any stock in the reorganization movement.

Brunswick (Mo.) Brunswicker: The term "reorganizer," as applied to the rule or ruin clique of gold bugs within the democratic party, is but another name for repudiationists who, if they can't control the party and purge it of every taint of Jeffersonianism, will vote the republican ticket. A "trimmer" within our ranks is more to be dreaded than open enemy.

Honesdale (Pa.) Herald: The scheme of protection and paternalism has reached its climax in the trust. And the system of imperialism has produced two of the most contradictory and pettifogging decisions that ever proceeded from our supreme court. Surely it is about time that a party which started out with such high resolves took account of its bearings. As for the party in this state, don't mention it.

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: The democratic party for years has been seeking to overcome tendencies in government which it knew to be breeding anarchy. It has recognized the peril to our institutions involved in building up a monstrous fabric of class

privilege. It has known that in sowing the wind of class favors we were bound sooner or later to reap the whirlwind of class hatred. And it has sought in an orderly way by invoking the spirit of civic virtue to check the reckless progress of class selfishness and class greed as exemplified in shameless laws which brought want and sorrow into thousands of homes and bitterness and revolt into tens of thousands of hearts.

Woodsfield (O.) Spirit of Democracy: We learn from republican newspapers that it is little if any short of high treason to criticize a decision of the supreme court of the United States; yet one of the corner stones on which the republican party was founded was unutterable detestation and ostentatious disobedience of a decision of that supreme court. Sauce for the Porto Rico goose should be sauce for the Dred Scott gander.

Beatrice (Neb.) Herald: E. C. Westall, chief of the money department at Havana, Cuba, took the surplus remittance of \$4,000 to be paid into the treasury and laid it on a seat by his side while riding in an omnibus and leisurely read a newspaper. When he went to alight the package was gone, so he says. Cuba seems to be a rich field for Uncle Sam's employes under republican rule.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: The democracy had as well make up its mind that there will be no temporizing with error simply to win the offices. The Kansas City platform will be indorsed and re-enacted in 1904 and all the yellow journals (gold democrats) can't turn a wheel to lead the democracy into the enemy's camp on the money question any easier than they can upon trusts and imperialism.

Winchester (Ind.) Democrat: The democrats and populists of Nebraska have completed another fusion state ticket. When they entertain similar opinions and their interests are identical, why not? from a window of the state capitol was the act of a republican politician, and was condoned by the very San Francisco papers which are now shrieking most loudly—and sordidly—against "yellow journalism." Those who really abhor the shedding of human blood abhor it everywhere and always.

Indianapolis (Ind.) Standard: The Hoosier Democrat last week ended a long editorial with the following advice that should be taken to heart by all honest democrats in the state: "Clark county democrats should not, must not, back into the republican party through a democratic side-track. We must remain true to our convictions. It matters not what the consequences may be, nor what time-serving politicians may advise, and in the Lord's good time the cause of right and justice and humanity will reign victorious."

Sturgis (Mich.) Democrat: The American farmer is obliged to sell in free trade markets and to buy in protected markets where competition is shut out by protective tariff laws that have been made for the purpose of enabling the favored manufacturers to charge whatever price they see fit for their wares. This is only an instance, but it comes right home to every farmer and it is hoped they will remember it on election day when asked to continue in power the party which has passed the protective tariff laws and under the administration of which this great scheme of legalized robbery has been built up.

Dyersburg (Tenn.) Herald: But suppose we should reorganize the democratic party, abandon the fight on trusts, imperialism and all along the lines as the Memphis Herald wishes us, and success should crown this party perfidy, what good would it do, what reforms would be accomplished? What progress would be made in the name of humanity and justice? We can see how a few thousand office-seekers would be benefitted, but what good would this accomplish for the 6,000,000 voters who believe in the principles and policies of democracy. There would be no change and the democratic administration could not be distinguished from the republican administration. The same

abuses would continue, while true democrats would find little to admire in a democratic president who believes in republican principles. We have one republican party in this country, is that not enough? God help us! We don't need two. We advise the office-seeking reorganizers, who are tired of delays and defeats and who have no hope for success along democratic lines, to step over and join the republicans and leave the old democratic party with its name untarnished by infidelity and dishonor to continue the fight for American manhood. It is doing a great work if it never wins. Though we may never drive the enemy off the field, we may check its advance.

Helena (Ark.) Shield: How different was the expression of feeling and sympathy of the whole people by reason of the death of Mr. McKinley to that of Governor Goebel of Kentucky. Without underestimating the real worth of McKinley the Shield claims that Governor Goebel was as true a friend of the workingmen and the common people as any man. It might be said that he was in fact a martyr for he was killed because he had worked for what he believed to be right. When Goebel was killed his political opposers never said a kind word about him, but encouraged and protected the accessory in the assassination. Goebel's friends wept alone.

Oskaloosa (Ia.) Journal: The esteemed Register has a leading editorial devoted to the splendid apple, peach and grape crops of Missouri. The Register makes one bad break, however, when it states that these fine crops are the result of better management on the part of the Missourians. The fact is these crops are the culmination of thirty years of democratic rule down there. When our contemporary will concede that good crops are the result of anything else than continued republican domination, it admits that about every argument they have advanced in favor of republican success has been a fraud and a fake. Missouri is now a typical democratic state. We hope to see Iowa follow in her footsteps and this conversion of the Register is one step in that direction.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: Realizing the feelings of the people regarding the trusts, nearly every republican state convention held this year has been denouncing the trusts, or rather all illegitimate combinations of capital. Now many combinations of capital are just and proper, if for proper purposes. The great increase in our commercial life make them necessary for the best transaction of business and to enable us to compete with the outside world. The trouble is, they have not defined what is a trust, and as the worst trusts have been the best friends of the party, they are not likely to find any illegitimate combinations, and the people will have to be satisfied with their denunciation on paper, for no combination will ever be disturbed unless it refuses to contribute to the republican campaign fund.

Olathe (Kas.) Register: The narrow-minded, small-souled, mean-spirited and bigoted we have with us always. After having invited ex-Governor St. John to speak at the McKinley memorial exercises Thursday afternoon, the committee in charge yielded to the protests of a few bitterly partisan republicans and democrat-haters and withdrew the invitation. This action on the part of the committee aroused a storm of indignation amongst democrats, populists and fair-minded republicans and several people proceeded to disconnect themselves with the program. To discredit the charge that the exercises were to be an exclusively republican affair, the committee has been trying to find some democrat to take a place on the program, but so far as we can learn up to going to press, the committee has not succeeded. The insult to Governor St. John but manifests the intense hatred with which the noisy, narrow, nauseous republican regards those who differ with him in political matters. There are only a few of him, but he is always in evidence.