

Forum of the Weekly Press.

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pollute American citizenship with semi-savages, nor traduce American principles in the name of trade.

Newton (Ia.) Democrat: Even some of our republican friends have become sick of furnishing pap for the "infant industries" of which we heard so much a few years ago. The tariff has been found to be a tax, and it seems that even leading republicans now see the injustice of making the foreigner (?) pay it. The next democratic platform must present a strong anti-tariff plank and the people will vote for it.

Durango Wage Earner: Democracy is all right, like the sea. The winds and storms that beat upon it and lash its waters into fury only make it pure and wholesome. They stir it up from the bottom, and relieve it from those things which if allowed to remain would make it a putrid mass of corruption. The decaying, debasing, offensive elements, like drift-wood, are tossed by the turbulent waters hither and thither until they are finally cast ashore and blown by the winds into the republican party, where they belong. A party that doesn't purify itself occasionally by a mighty upheaval will be destroyed by spontaneous combustion.

Farmington (Mo.) Times: The silver question as set forth in the Kansas City platform, and about which its opponents are having so much to say for fear it may be reiterated in the next national platform of the party, may not be the paramount issue in 1904—indeed, we do not believe it will be useless some other very important questions are settled before that time—but it is mighty sound doctrine and a

good thing to keep standing in the platform. One thing is pretty certain, no man who helped to knife the democratic party in 1896 and 1900 because of the issue of bimetallism on the historic ratio is going to receive the united support of the party as a leader in 1904.

Monticello (Ia.) Times: Allen Dawson, editor of the Des Moines Leader, has been convicted by the brethren of the craft for using one of Beecher's addresses for editorials without crediting it to the departed orator. The brethren of the press should deal gently with Mr. Dawson for the reason that the "independent democratic" editors have been using editorials furnished by the republican national committee since early in 1896, and as a result, such editors are out of practice as editorial writers and it becomes necessary for them to "crib" editorial matter. There is no evil which starts an editor downward mentally and morally as quickly and as effectively as that of turning his paper over to the national committee of a political party to edit.

La Grange (Ga.) Graphic: The Graphic is a democratic paper. It believes in democratic ideas, and above all things hopes some day to see national policies regulated on a democratic basis. And so believing as we do we are getting hungry for some word of praise for some democrat good or bad. As far as we have differed with him, yet we would be glad to even hear a little slush over Grover Cleveland than to see it all wasted over republican leaders. One thing would be true, Mr. Cleveland would have no power to reward flunkeyism like the republican organization has. Can't we democratic papers try and manage to get up some little enthusiasm in talking about democrats?

Pekin (Ill.) Times: The so-called

democratic party, headed by Palmer in 1896 and supported by Wattersson had a following of 130,000 in the United States and carried one township in which there were about six votes. This is the democratic party which the Chicago Chronicle supports. The six millions who voted for Bryan are supposed to know nothing while the few thousand Palmer helpers of the republican party in 1896 are the whole thing—"in a horn." It would seem that a candidate for the presidency would need the votes of 6,000,000 democrats more than he would the votes of 130,000 republican assistants of 1896. It is absolutely likely that 6,000,000 of voters know as much as 130,000 voters and are much safer and more likely to be trusted with the reins of government. Majorities rule in this country.

Durant (I. T.) Times-Eagle: In '96 the rank and file of the democratic party rose up in their might and captured the party and have saved it as a heritage for the people of this country, that its acts may be, as its name implies, by and for the people. Two presidential races have been run and lost with a platform in harmony with the interests of the common people. Shall these principles be deserted because we have met defeat? Certainly not! The children of Israel wandered around until there was only one man that left Egypt that ever entered Canaan. Then again the republican party occupies every bit of the ground, its stands for especial privileges, subsidies, trusts, single standard, empire and everything that is in the interest of the dollar—and should the democratic party re-organize on the lines laid, it would be necessary to steal a lot of republican thunder; this we can't afford to do. Let the principles of democracy alone; let them stand for humanity and right—if we never taste any pie, or elect a president.

Items of Interest.

The coal fields of the south cover 60,000 square miles.

It is stated that infectious diseases are unknown in Greenland.

The first gold pen was made in 1840. A million and a half are now sold every year.

According to foresters the best timber is grown on black soil intermixed with gravel.

Hereafter the gas street lamps in Berlin are to be lighted simultaneously by electricity.

The English war department offers a prize of \$4,000 for the best self-propelling military wagon.

Grecian currants will soon be plentiful on American markets. Seven thousand tons are now en route.

Kansas has spent \$5,000 in a vain effort to rid the state of the prairie dog pest by the use of poisons.

It is reported that Chicago meat packers sell meat in Havana, Cuba, cheaper than they do in Chicago.

In Kansas a bushel of potatoes is worth more than a bushel of peaches or apples, something unheard of before.

Statisticians declare that Great Britain is foremost among letter-writing nations, and that France lags far behind.

The Cowthorpe oak is the largest in England. It is estimated to be over 1,600 years old and to contain 73 tons of timber.

Wine to the amount of 132,000,000 gallons is stored in Portuguese cellars and the problem of finding storage room for the new crop is a pressing one.

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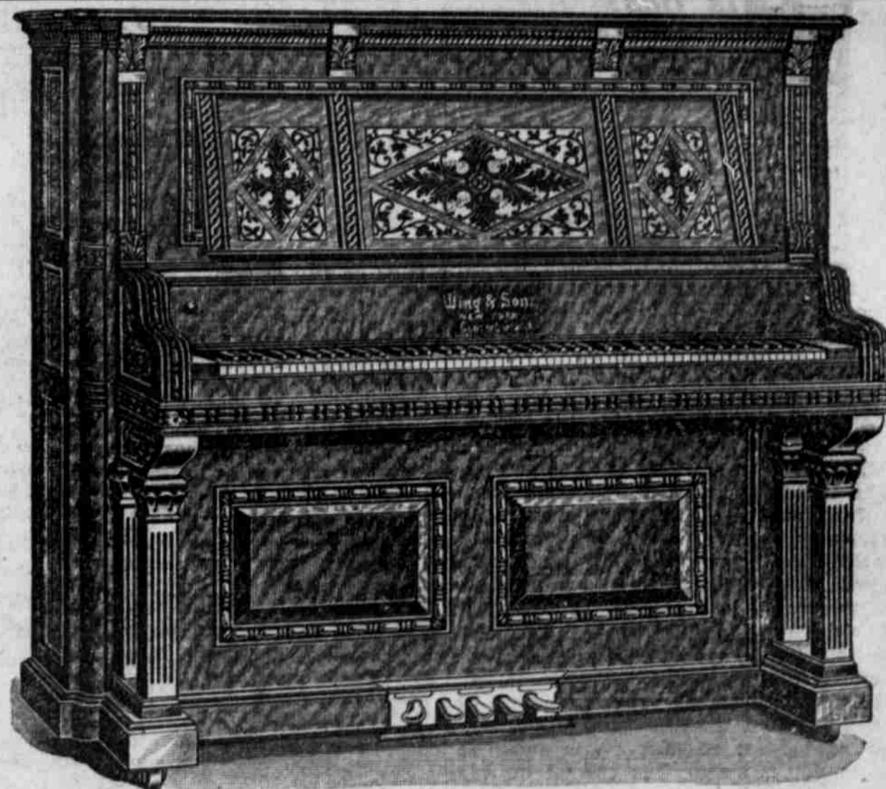
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