

FORUM OF THE WEEKLY PRESS

Rathdrum (Idaho) Silver Blade: It looks as though modern republicanism spelled corporate pilfering.

Benton (Ill.) Standard: "More money" was our fight, and out of "more money" has come such prosperity as we have had.

Grand Forks (N. D.) Plaindealer: Prof. Lombard's theory that the soul is in the spinal column is rather rough on politicians who have not any backbone.

Hardy (Ark.) Herald: Perry Belmont's defeat for congress in New York is another lesson to republicanistic democrats who try to dictate our party policy.

De Soto (Mo.) Press: First, a poem by the English poet laureate; now the proffer of a visit from a German prince. How popular your Uncle Samuel is getting, to be sure.

Brunswick (Mo.) Brunswicker: General Bell is said to favor harsh methods for the suppression of the Filipinos. What more can they do than kill them. This they have been doing all the time.

Gunnison (Colo.) News: Have you of late noted any republican editors remarking that "trade follows the flag?" They are perhaps absent-mindedly thinking over 1901 trade reports from the Philippines.

Stoutsville (Mo.) Banner: If Cuba is wise she will cease her clamor for tariff concessions, enact a prohibitive tariff law and tax herself onto the top wave of prosperity, as we are told the United States has done.

Rushville (Ind.) Jacksonian: Unnecessary taxation is extortion and the immense surplus piled up in the national treasury by this policy is an accumulation of money that should have been left in the pockets of the people.

Lancaster (O.) Democrat: With the increase of Mr. Foraker's influence in Ohio, as opposed to Mr. Hanna's, the word "boodle" has given place to "commercialism," which is, at least, more euphonious.

Medicine Lodge (Kas.) Index: It looks like the ship subsidy will win out yet. Keep posted as to who is responsible and then vote accordingly. That is the only way to get honest service out of congressmen.

Westmoreland (Pa.) Democrat: It is certainly quite plain that if the people want the predatory combines checked or regulated they will have to look to some other source than the republican party, under its present control.

Jacksonville (Ill.) Courier: The consistent protectionists will do well to keep Mr. McKinley's last public speech from the hands of the young. Its breadth will prove pernicious to the young mind which must be narrowed to conform with republican views.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: A noticeable feature of the decorations of the White house on the evening of the dinner given to the diplomatic corps was the profusion of tropical plants and palms brought from our Pacific possessions—we almost said "sent by devoted subjects."

Lincoln (Neb.) Independent: The cost of the national government has gradually increase until now it amounts to \$12 per capita. Republicanism and imperialism come high, but if the people will have them they must pay the bill. When hard times come and each family has to put up \$60, they will wish "that they hadn't gone and done it."

Fremont (Neb.) Herald: If it becomes necessary for the administration to ask congress for an appropriation to pay the expenses of this special embassy there will be some anti-toady music that will be more pleasing to the plain voters of this country than to the administration.

Ithica (N. Y.) Democrat: Mr. Belmont's success in finally obtaining recognition as the regular democratic candidate, was also won by methods too obvious to be mysterious. The election last Tuesday proved, however, that the voters of the Seventh district preferred a republican representative to a democrat of Mr. Belmont's stripe. He was defeated by 394 majority. There are many things that money can do, but there are yet some things it cannot do.

Bowie (Tex.) Cross Timbers: The dispatches report that "a Filipino leader and a large number of followers gave up their arms unconditionally." They will now rate as among our "best citizens" in the orient. The amount of the bonus they received for giving up their guns is not stated.

Marianna (Fla.) Times-Courier: The New York World is authority for the statement that it cost Perry Belmont \$80,000 to learn that the people did not wish him to represent them in congress. We are glad he was defeated and wish that all such misrepresentatives of the party who can spend a like sum for a ten thousand two-year term will meet the same fate. Democracy would not gain anything by being responsible for his shortcomings and lavish expenditures.

David City (Neb.) Press: Leading men in Europe are expressing severe criticisms about the habit of our United States supreme court in changing its mind so often on questions of national importance to ourselves, as well as much inconvenience to those who buy from us and sell to us.

La Grange (Ga.) Graphic: Would it be considered traitorous to suggest that we send the Liberty Bell over to the Philippine islands so that the natives could gaze upon it? If the Declaration of Independence is an "incendiary document," as Jos. Ohl says a United States army officer declared, then our beneficent assimilators would most likely regard the Liberty Bell as the fire-alarm of anarchy.

Bandon (Ore.) Recorder: Much has been said and written about regulating trusts by law, and there are said to be laws sufficient to control the trusts provided the laws are enforced. However this may be trusts seem to thrive on law and it begins to appear that they are more likely to control laws than laws are to control trusts. Take the tariff protection for instance; that kind of law is as good for a trust as corn is for a lean hog.

Grinnell (Ia.) Gazette: The Northwestern Christian Advocate scores Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, for gambling at Monte Carlo, and suggests that the company should secure another president. The corporation has become so habituated to raking in large sums of money which it does not earn through worse than useless tariff schedules, that it will refuse to see any moral turpitude in Schwab's transferring other people's money to his own pocket without giving value received.

Louisiana (Mo.) Times: The Philippine tariff bill will doubtless be passed. It is useless for such men as Senator Hoar to protest. The conscienceless corporations have decided that they want the bill as it is, and the needs of the Filipinos will not be considered, neither the duty of the republic to a liberty-loving people. But there will come a reckoning time. The spirit of liberty and justice still lives in the hearts of the American people, and they will yet rise in their might and sweep those who would oppress the people from office. Democrats, our time is coming, just work and wait patiently.

Ava (Ill.) Citizen: The monopoly press is still praising the president's message, but in one respect we consider it a trifle lame, that is if it is to reflect the needs of the majority. The message devotes exactly eight lines to agriculture. To some people it would seem that an industry numbering 40 per cent of the population should receive a greater consideration than what could be expressed in eight lines. For example, he might mention the fact that one half the agriculturists proper are tenant farmers—hundreds of thousands more of them now than a decade ago, and constantly increasing. He might also have said that farm laborers now receive for their long hours of drudgery an average of \$14 a month and board. Yes, there is a good deal that the president might have said about the farmers, if he had exceeded eight lines in his summing up of the agricultural situation. He might have explained why some of the government's sympathy for the national banks, for the shipping interests and for "civilizing" the tropics is not extended to the home farmer.



The Babcock Bill Is to Be Smothered by the Ways and Means Committee and Its Author Sat Upon.

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Florence (Tex.) Vidette: The re-organizers, who are nothing more nor less than the gold standard democrats of 1896 and 1900, are getting together, and will renew their attack on democracy in coming campaigns under a different head. Their war cry will be "harmony," and again in 1904 they may defeat the democratic party. This is all they can hope to accomplish. The Chicago platform will succeed itself, and the democratic party wants no better constitution for their organization than this document furnishes.

Millheim (Pa.) Journal: The Filipino may not know what liberty is, but he has enough sense to see that the article offered by the American government is a counterfeit. He can see that carpet bag officials are not the missionaries or apostles of liberty. He has sense enough to know that a great nation will not spend three hundred million to "carry liberty and the blessings of civilization" to a people who can get these things for themselves. Are we to make American citizens or subjects of the Filipinos?