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Yukon (O. T.) Sun: This republic can do more good by setting a wise example than by trying to revolutionize the world by force.

Versailles (Mo.) Leader: There is no goldbugism in the Leader's makeup. It is strictly democratic and stands by democratic administrations.

Hempstead (Tex.) News: It seems that the democrats in the present congress are not in entire harmony. That's the way, boys, split up, divide your strength, do nothing and play into the hands of the republicans.

Pineville (Mo.) Democrat: Democrats in congress should insist upon a record vote being taken upon any proposition to appropriate money to send any special American representative to the coronation of the British king; it will be useful to the voters next November.

Rogers (Tex.) News: What business has this country to participate in the coronation of King Edward? Is not the very existence of our republic a protest against kingcraft? Has imperialism brought our authorities to the point that they no longer have pride in a people's government?

a great people and pride ourselves on principle wrong. We are in favor of

the ability of Uncle Sam to whip John Bull, Kaiser Wilhelm, or any other "big gun," but it is disgusting to witness how meekly we crawl and snuff the dust at the feet of a few gold-loving money changers.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: From the extensive preparations made to send some of our favorites to the coronation of King Edward and the flutter stirred up by the approaching visit of Prince Henry, it would seem we have forgotten Valley Forge and New Orleans, and are preparing to make our imperial policy the real thing.

Vancouver (Wash.) Register-Democrat: Now that we are to establish prison pens and "reconcentrado" camps in the Philippines, it is due from Spain to call us down "in the interest of humanity." In that event we might sell to Spain for twenty millions our option on the fight. But Spain is too clever. Oh, but they soaked it to us on that deal.

Beeville (Tex.) Picayune: The silver plank was not put into the democratic platform on account of its brightness; but its justness, and because the platform has been beaten twice it does not affect the principle Crawford (Neb.) Bulletin: We are it stands for; nor does it prove the

sticking to the silver plank for the same reason that it was put in the platform, "Nothing is settled' till set-tled right."

Bellefonte (Pa.) Watchman: Little Kermit Roosevelt has been playing havoc with the fish in the White house aquarium and a few days ago the youngster was found with several shell fish and, with some youthful friends, was just preparing to scoop the gold fish out of their tank when the custodian caught him. Now, no one would object much if Kermit would take his crowd down to the navy department and catch the lobster that has been floating around there for a few years.

Woodsfield (O.) Spirit of Democracy: What is the matter? Such an exodus of secretaries of departments, assistant secretaries, heads of bureaus, and other high officials has never been known before in the midst of an administration. Did McKinley surround himself with unworthy officials? Or is the new president distasteful to the old liners? It seems McKinley's official household are complying with their promise to remain during Roosevelt's administration very much as he complies with his promise to adhere strictly to Mr. McKinley's policy.

Knox (Ind.) Democrat: The fact

that living and active trusts have far more influence in shaping republican policies than the sentiments expressed by a dead president is being demonstrated beyond any doubt. In several of President McKinley's last public addresses he strongly urged the extension of reciprocity treaties, and correctly argued that they would benefit a large majority of the people of this country. It looks extremely probable, however, that his advice will be ignored at the behest and in the interest of the trusts.

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: The New York Tribune asserts that the democratic press "misconstrues the meaning of many remarks that President Roosevelt engages in." Possibly from the Tribune's point of view and comment we do. For instance, Roosevelt said he would "carry out the Mc-Kinley policy," now is it natural to suppose that our strenuous executive meant that he would carry it out in the back yard and throw it in the sewer, or in a hole, the Tribune's view of it.

Pipestone (Minn.) Leader: The new ship subsidy bill was recommended for passage last week, and is now in the hands of congress. The bill may become a law, but the party whip will be brought into play before the final vote is taken. The steal is too bold and would be smothered without ceremony if it were not for the fact that it is fostered by party bosses who will profit thereby and who are determined not to be foiled in this their second attempt to get the bill through.

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