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Ironton (Mo.) Register: A censorship of the press goes hand in hand with imperialism. Neither is compatible with a free government.

Madison (Neb.) Mail: The president's policy of killing the trusts by publicity is based on the thought that moonlight prevents burglary.

Taylor (Tex.) Journal: Senator Bailey is in favor of electing United States senators by direct vote. So are we. It is the best policy and then the people can elect whom they want.

Rochester (Minn.) Democrat: The steel trust is selling rails in England at \$11 per ton less than the American price, and yet the republican bosses threaten to squelch Babcock if he don't let up on his tariff reform agitation.

Memphis (Tenn.) Press: Napoleon is credited with saying that the Lord always fought on the side that had the best served artillery. Only on this theory can the assumption be sustained that "Providence put us in possession of the Philippines."

Memphis (Tenn.) Times: The crisis in Philippine affairs at Washington at the present time makes it appear that the "policy of benevolent assimilation" which changed to voracious devouring, has got to the stage of chronic indigestion.

Massena (N. Y.) Forum: If the democratic party has to appeal to the masses of the people it must be honest with them and it cannot be honest with them if it mortgages itself to corporations which are violating existing laws needed for the protection of the public.

Dunshore (Pa.) Gazette: There is a perceptible weakening all along the lines of republican opinion touching a high tariff. Hardly anywhere is it regarded as a necessity and many conscientious party men see wherein it is hurtful. It doesn't look as if protection can be made to win another presidential campaign.

Heber (Ark.) Review: Governor Taft says that it is useless for the Filipinos to continue their hopeless warfare. It seems that we have read something that has that peculiar ring sometime in our boyhood days and if we are not mistaken the incident happened along about the time that Washington was in winter quarters at Valley Forge, but it wasn't an American that made the remark.

Ceresco (Neb.) Plaindealer: The antipathy of the gold democrats for the populists may be accounted for in the fact that the populists voted the democratic ticket in 1896 and in 1900 while the gold democrats generally voted the republican ticket. Had the populists voted the republican ticket the gold democrats would cheerfully fuse with them.

Chicago Public: If Hill spoke for the democracy of the middle states at the plutocratic love feast of the Manhattan club, so much the worse for the democracy of that region. It was Wood's voice that spoke for the democratic masses of the west, and we believe that his sentiments find a welcome echo in the hearts of the truly democratic masses of the east.

Wayne (Neb.) Democrat: The consistency of the average republican is neatly shown up in Iowa. When Shaw was governor he was lauded to the skies as a wonderful man, and Shaw defended the trusts and said they were a good thing. Now that Cummins is governor he is just as remarkable and infallible a man, and Cummins strongly condemns the trusts and corporations.

Marion (O.) Mirror: The more we read about the Philippine situation and what is being done there the more disgusting the whole thing becomes. The history of our acquisition of these islands and the war of subjugation that

this government is waging against these people, will make a chapter in our history from which every man who loves the good name of his country will turn in disgust and horror.

West Union (O.) Defender: Uncle Sam is to pay the expenses of Prince Henry's visit while the prince is the guest of the United States, and also the expenses of the special embassy to the coronation of King Edward. European nobility will soon be convinced that Uncle Sam is "an easy mark" since he "pays the freight" both ways for the exquisite pleasure of dancing attendance to royalty.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: A Wisconsin man named Charles Fetterhoff recently fasted forty-two days and came out all the better for his experiment. When fasts of forty-two days' duration—which means eight or nine meals per year—become common, it is going to be easier to get along in this world. It will then become next to impossible for republican-made trusts to buy people's bodies and souls with bread, or starve them to death.

Lincoln (Neb.) Independent: The United States has more flour than the people can use and less sugar than the people want. The Cubans have more sugar than they can use and not enough flour to feed their families. Remedy: Put up a tariff wall to prevent our people from swapping flour for sugar and the Cubans from trading sugar for flour. That is the fundamental principle of the political economy of all protectionism.

Mankato (Kas.) Advocate: Is there anything significant in the fact that congress will allow the light to die out in the torch which the statue of liberty holds aloft in the harbor at New York? We are sending special envoys to Europe to witness the coronation of a king; we are making a big fuss and a big appropriation to entertain a prince from Prussia, but the liberty sentiment is not strong enough to keep the light burning in the torch of the goddess of liberty.

Shelbina (Mo.) Democrat: Governor Taft, after beating around and dodging the direct answer as to what should be done with the Philippines, finally when pressed said the United States should hold the islands indefinitely, giving to the Filipinos a quasi-independence when they are considered fit. That is imperialism, plain and simple. That puts seven million people at our mercy, to be governed just as we see fit. They are subject absolutely to our will, and they have no voice in the matter whatever.

Oskaloosa (Ia.) Times: We are in receipt of an appeal from the American board of missions of Western India. It asks for contributions to feed the starving poor of India. The cause is a humanitarian one, but if the British government would devote to that cause the millions that it is wasting in an inhuman war in South Africa Americans would be more willing to devote their spare funds to the cause.

Stoutsville (Mo.) Banner: The man who really thinks that there is a single European nation that would not down this country if the opportunity offered is in need of a new "thinkery."

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