

The Press on Altgeld.

Boone (Ia.) Democrat: He did his duty without flinching, and his career is one that many public men might well imitate.

Fort Worth (Tex.) Register: He was honest, and he hated the privileged class. His theories of democratic government were unassailable.

Janesboro (Ill.) Gazette: He was above all and beyond all a friend of humanity, and the lowly and the oppressed of all lands have lost their foremost champion.

Indianapolis Sentinel: So far as we are aware, no one ever accused him of dishonesty. He lost his life through a vehement speech for liberty and no man ever died in a better cause.

Springfield (Mass.) News: His voice was the independence bell of private and public liberty, and his words will have deeper significance and strength as the years roll on.

Kansas City World: In the death of John P. Altgeld those who believe in the universal brotherhood of man have lost one of their staunchest supporters and civic honesty mourns a departed friend.

Chicago Record-Herald: He was a courageous champion of the people who had struggled so hard for success against the disadvantages of poverty that his sympathies remained true to the masses from whom he came.

Columbus (O.) Press: Altgeld's death, while championing the cause of liberty, comes as a rebuke to his enemies, who have been aiding and abetting the wars to stifle liberty in the Philippines and in South Africa.

Boston Herald: Governor Altgeld had mental powers of a high order. He was a thinker and a reasoner alike. He had a rare faculty of presenting a subject with originality and with clearness.

Scammon (Kas.) Miner: He was loved by his friends and feared by his enemies. With the former he was like a mother with her first born, with the latter has was always ready to give blow for blow.

Charlestown (S. C.) Evening Post: His last speech was an impassioned plea for the Boers and his heart was in this, as in all his appeals, deeply stirred by generous emotions. His life was, indeed, a "fitful fever." May he sleep well.

Denver News: True to his life record, he died from over-exertion in speaking for oppressed humanity; and no martyr in the past ever more truly gave his life for a cause than this brave man gave his for the distant Boer patriots.

New York Journal: Whatever the temperamental defects of John P. Altgeld may have been, whatever he lacked in tact and discretion, he was thoroughly honest in his convictions and always the cause of the weak oppressed by the strong appealed to him.

Columbia (S. C.) States: He was not ornately rhetorical, but his deliverances were masterpieces of clear logic. His enemies said he was a demagogue, but if so, he paid a high political price for his demagoguery. His indifference to consequences showed him to be anything else.

San Francisco Examiner: Altgeld was a true friend of the oppressed, a true lover of justice. His memory and the public regard for him will grow with the years. He is fitted to live in the hearts of those who love justice and admire the courage that never avoids a duty.

Rockford (Mo.) Morning Star: He became a masterly orator, arousing his audiences with enthusiasm, while the speeches, as they appeared in print,

are classical in their beauty of phrase and logical structure. He appealed most to the reasoning man. He loved humanity and was humane to a fault.

St. Paul Globe: The favorite method of answering argument by the arrogant is to impugn motives. In this manner Altgeld has suffered before his fellow men, and suffered severely. But the poor and weak and oppressed, for whom he plead all his life, will render a different verdict upon him.

La Salle (Ill.) Daily Mirror: In the death of John Peter Altgeld the United States has lost one of its grandest men—one of its grandest heroes—a man who was the friend of humanity; a lover of his fellow men; a man who deemed no sacrifice too great, so being he could benefit humanity thereby.

Chicago Chronicle. Ex-Governor Altgeld was one of the greatest men intellectually who ever filled the governorship of Illinois. He was a man of highly original thought. The humane side of his nature was entitled to admiration. He was a friend of humanity in all the phases of its needs and sufferings.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: John P. Altgeld, who died yesterday morning, will go into history as one of the most remarkable men of Illinois. He was a bitter partisan, extreme in views and erratic in impulse, but neither his bitterness nor his eccentricity blinded his enemies or his friends to his exceptional ability and his honesty of purpose.

St. Louis Chronicle: A forceful character is removed from the world's stage by the death of John P. Altgeld. As a lawyer and judge he stood at the head of his chosen profession; as a speaker he was one of the most eloquent men in the United States. Judge Altgeld always endeavored to voice the wishes of the masses and was against class legislation.

Omaha Laborer: Men have fallen on the field of battle and sank beneath the wave, fighting for causes, good, bad and indifferent; but no death anywhere has been more glorious than the death of John P. Altgeld, and no man's memory will be longer kept green in the hearts of the millions he labored to serve and educate at such great expense and self-sacrifice on his part.

West Duluth (Minn.) X-Rays: He died as he lived, pleading the cause of the downtrodden and distressed. No man could die in better service. His name and work will be remembered and revered when those of some of his political opponents will have been entirely forgotten. If there were more Altgelds in politics there would be more honesty in government and less misery among the governed.

Danville (Ill.) Democrat: He was a man of great simplicity of character and nobility of soul and it was a fitting ending of his life that his last words should be an eloquent appeal in behalf of the oppressed and liberty-loving Boers of South Africa. Altgeld will be remembered as a man of unquestionable integrity, of profound intellect, of boundless love for humanity and of intense loyalty to his adopted country.

Pittsburg (Pa.) Dispatch: Of John P. Altgeld it may be said that however much he may have been mistaken in his opinions he was at all times credited with unusual strength and sincerity of purpose. For this rugged honesty of faith and single-eyed service much may be forgiven. He was a unique type, and his death, accelerated by the vehemence of his emotions in pleading a cause in which he believed, was characteristic of the man.

Hill.

Preston (Minn.) Republican: The Hill boom is flat among democrats and imperialism is driving patriots from the despots in control of the republican party.

Maryville (Mo.) Forum: William J. Bryan's article in the last issue of The Commoner makes David B. Hill's boom for the democratic nomination for president look like thirty cents.

Salida (Colo.) Mail: Hill unquestionably represents a faction of the New York democracy, but it is extremely doubtful that he holds a like position with his party in other states.

Ennis (Tex.) Local: Mr. Hill is a politician of the Eli brand and if he could "get there" platform and all, he'd stay on it, but if one had to be left behind, it wouldn't be Mr. Hill, by any means.

Minneapolis Irish Standard: No democratic national convention will nominate Hill for the office, and if it did he could not be elected. He stands too close to Wall street and is a plutocrat in disguise.

Maryville (Mo.) Forum: Whenever you hear a voice for David B. Hill for the democratic nomination for president, if you scratch him under the hide, you will find a gold democrat. Try it once and see.

Columbia (Ky.) News: All we know is that Hill occupies this position: He did and he didn't, he didn't and he did. It's a combination that won't work, for while you turn to set one the other will be out of position.

Beavertown (Mich.) Clarion: Davy, you may be the prodigal son returned from feeding the swine of the bondholders, but we are unwilling to slaughter off the fatted calf of democracy for your benefit, besides we doubt the sincerity of your repentance. No! No! Davy, it won't do.

Chadron (O.) Record: Mr. Hill was a traitor to the democratic party at the Chicago convention; a double-dyed traitor in the campaigns of '96 and 1900, and he has vast impudence to dare pose before any company as a democrat or the friend of democratic principles.

Solon (Ia.) Economy: Mr. Hill's principles as set forth in his speech at the Manhattan banquet would make a fair milk and water platform to get into office on, but it has nothing of the ring of a genuine platform for the people to unite upon in support of his candidacy.

Alliance (Neb.) Herald: A reader of the Herald asks: "Who is to be our next democratic nominee for the presidency?" This is a sticker. The Herald doesn't know. It may be Schley; it looks that way now. . . . But there is a man who is bidding for the honor now who will never reach it—David Bennett Hill.

Hastings (Neb.) Republican: In last week's issue of his Commoner, W. J. Bryan effectually lays bare the hypocrisy and deep laid motives of the Dave Hill presidential scheme. His showing up of the ambiguous and cunning New York statesman, will be handed down as one of the choicest contributions of political literature of the present decade.

Hamilton (Mont.) News: In the last issue of The Commoner Mr. Bryan dissects David B. Hill's candidacy for the democratic nomination for the presidency in proper style. He says Hill was a skulker in 1896 and a sulker in 1900 and entitled to nothing but condemnation from democrats. In this opinion the democracy of the nation quite generally coincide with the Nebraska statesman.

Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat: Mr. Bryan in the current issue of The Commoner makes it very clear that

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David B. Hill will not be nominated for president by the democracy without a most vigorous protest from him. He exposes the double-dealing and the perfidy of that alleged democrat with unsparing truth and he warns the people who believe in democratic principles against the false pretense of the sage of Wolfert's Roost. The campaign thus begins early. And it will be a great campaign.

Harrisonville (Mo.) Retorts: Bryan, in a recent editorial on David B. Hill, who had in a speech in New York given it out that he was playing for the presidency, says without stuttering, that democracy can in no safety listen to the siren strain of gold-bug democracy. He takes the same position that the Retort has assumed all along, viz: That there can be no compromise between true democracy and the false or gold brand and he that counsels it is a coward if not a disorganizer. The Kansas City platform must not be changed, colored, altered or abridged. If we yield one inch 'twill be the same as an ell and the party will be worse than dead.

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