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Wausau (Wis.) Herald: Altgeld was one of America's ablest men.

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: The St. Louis platform pledged to "promote bimetallism," the Philadelphia platform to "restrain trusts." Ananias was but a retail liar.

Medicine Lodge (Kas.) Index: Populists and democrats who look to republican politicians and newspapers for advice and inspiration are in terrible straits. Don't be deceived.

Wichita (Kas.) Democrat: It will be noticed that Governor Taft's confessions as to slavery and polygamy in the Philippines were in response to questions asked by the democratic members of the committee.

Bellefonte (Pa.) Democrat: It looks as though congress would appropriate many million dollars to the ship builders as a subsidy. This is more flagrant stealing than under the guise of a protective tariff. Hanna is leading this raid. Roosevelt should turn it down.

Massena (N. Y.) Forum: All this servile devotion to England was made to appear as an expression of gratitude to her for saving us from a licking in 1898. Now it transpires that in pursuing this policy the administration deliberately helped to sustain a most iniquitous pervasion of historical truth.

Vancouver (Wash.) Register-Democrat: The Fowler bill, proposed in the house to reorganize our financial system, is the boldest piece of villainy ever introduced into a legislative body. Hanna's ship subsidy bill is a mere bagatelle in comparison. The Fowler bill practically turns the government over to a gang of money sharks.

York (Neb.) Democrat: It was not necessary for Secretary Hay to use so much Associated press space to let it be known that he was receiving the Boer representatives only in the capacity of private citizen. Those who have kept tab on Secretary Hay since the Boer war began did not expect anything different and they were not disappointed.

Henderson (Ky.) Daily Gleaner: Mr. Altgeld was possessed of a monster mind, having few equals and no superiors in America's rank of great men. He was a friend of the people and of all distressed humanity. He forfeited his life in an exertion on behalf of the Boers whose freedom from British bondage he as earnestly sought and longed for as does Kruger himself.

Columbus (O.) Citizen: Altgeld's sympathy was always with the weak as against the strong, with the poor as against the rich, with the friendless as against the powerful. His death, so closely following a powerful argument for the Boers, in whose cause he believed with all the intensity of his nature, was a fitting ending for a life of which so much had been spent in the cause of the down-trodden and oppressed.

Montrose (Pa.) Democrat: If ever there was a word in the English language prostituted to a base, selfish, greedy, unholy purpose, it is the word "protection," as connected with our tariff laws. Today it stands for nothing but selfish, inordinate, oppressive greed on the part of "protected" interests, who are piling up wealth by millions at the cost and expense of the consumers, the vast majority of whom are poor. (And many of these people seem to enjoy the situation, too, and vote accordingly.)

HIS BUSY DAY



UNCLE SAM—"Tell the Boer Envoys I can't do anything for 'em, I'm too busy designing Whitelaw Reid's costume for the Coronation.—By courtesy of The New York Journal and American.

Minneapolis (Kas.) Better Way: Why was the Declaration of Independence suppressed and not allowed to circulate among the Filipinos? Why is slavery and polygamy tolerated under the American flag? Why does not the government declare its intentions relative to the Philippine islands? If it was wrong for England to quarter soldiers in her colonies in 1776, is it right for America to do the same thing in 1902.

Coldwater (Mich.) Star: It would be a fine thing if the Light Guard could only have a representative of the Filipino republic that we crushed speak at the same time the Boer representative, Wessels, speaks, and let them compare notes. But then we are not casting out beams in our own eyes. And besides the quarter million Boers have "certain inalienable rights" that the 10,000,000 Filipinos, our former allies, have not!

Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger: We confidently look for better days for the

democratic party, but we cannot hope for its regeneration by the gentlemen who attend Manhattan club banquets. They are wedded to their idols and we must confess we have but little in common with them. They claim they are democrats, but they are not democrats of the kind that live in Kentucky, the south or anywhere west of the Alleghany mountains.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: A "Cleveland victory," that is, a victory of the democracy under leaders of the Cleveland style of politicians, is a possibility to remote as to be hardly worth a second thought—glory be! But if any combination of unfortunate circumstances should bring about such a calamity, the party would die the death and its memory would be a stench in the nostrils of men as long as wood grows and water runs.

Garnett (Kas.) Agitator: President Roosevelt met the Boer envoys "unofficially" Wednesday and informed them "officially" that the United States

government could do nothing for them; that he (Roosevelt) would have nothing to do with their troubles. He might as well have told them that the sympathy of the administration is with England. Doubtless, the Boer representatives knew beforehand what the result of their visit would be, but they made Teddy show his hand.

Daphne (Ala.) Standard: Prince Henry in his visit to the points of interest in and around Philadelphia gave to the inspection of Cramp's ship yard not only the full 45 minutes put down in his program, but extended the visit to one hour and forty minutes, and then said he could spend the whole night there. To the inspection of Independence Hall and its priceless treasures, including the Declaration of Independence, he gave—seven minutes! But then, you know, the ship yard can turn out war-ships, and Independence Hall can turn out only ideas, and such ideas as seem of late to be out of date, fit only for dreamers, not men of state.