

A Wish.

Mine be a cot beside the hill;  
 A bee-hive's hum shall soothe my ear;  
 A willow brook that turns a mill,  
 With many a fall, shall linger near.

The swallow oft beneath my thatch  
 Shall twitter from her clay-built nest;  
 Oft shall the pilgrim lift the latch  
 And share my meal, a welcome guest.

Around my ivied porch shall spring  
 Each fragrant flower that drinks the dew;  
 And Lucy, at her wheel, shall sing  
 In russet gown and apron blue.

The village church among the trees,  
 Where first our marriage vows were given,  
 With merry peals shall swell the breeze,  
 And point with taper spire to heaven.

—Samuel Rogers.

THE WEEKLY PRESS FORUM.

Connersville (Ind.) Examiner: It becomes our painful duty to inform Attorney General Knox that a court and not a cafe is the proper place to knock out the trusts.

Shelbyville (Ill.) Leader: The democratic policy places the moral prosperity of the people above their mere material prosperity, and makes the man higher than his money.

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: Something like \$200,000,000 was appropriated by the last congress for the support of military affairs. It costs like smoke to keep a Christian nation like this in fighting trim.

Appleton (Wis.) Press: Iowa republicans demand such revision of the tariff schedules as may be needed "to prevent their affording shelter to the trusts." By the time this is done there would be very little of the tariff left.

Webster City (Ia.) Graphic-Herald: What do you think of a democrat of 20 years' standing joining the republican party because he believes in "expansion?" It would be better that he practice "contraction" till his skull fits his brains.

Greencastle (Ind.) Star Press: The era of reform in the affairs of government is championed by the democratic party; republicanism is so allied to trusts and protective tariff robbery that it is their abject and devoted apologist and protector.

O'Neill (Neb.) Independent: The democratic reorganizers should join the party of the reorganized. The corporations, the trusts and the railroads have thoroughly reorganized the republican party. There is not room for two parties of this kind in America.

Wauseon (O.) Expositor: Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Littlefield will now apply themselves to entertaining the public with an anti-trust hippodrome while the other republican leaders will devote their time to convincing the trust leaders that "there's nothing in it."

Jordan (Minn.) Independent: We are a patient people, but it does not seem right that we have tariff laws which encourage the formation of competition crushing trusts that will sell their products at from twenty to fifty per cent cheaper to foreigners than to Americans.

Vandalia (Ill.) Democrat: It is only by defeating the party in power that the onward march of oppression by the trusts can be checked. Without the support and backing of the national administration trusts cannot live. Defeat the party in power and you defeat the trusts.

Chardon (O.) Record: Knox is going on a tour to Europe, Roosevelt is having jolly baths at Oyster Bay, trust-owned judges are sending miners to jail, the coal operators are advancing prices each week, and, in short, every prospect pleases and ye goose of prosperity honks high!

Hamilton (Mo.) Advocate: The republican party insists that there must be a tariff to protect our billion-dollar infant industries from foreign competition, and yet Germany finds it necessary to put up a tariff wall to save her industries from the competition of our little "infants"

Sterling (Neb.) Record: If it is his "surplus" that the American manufacturer is selling abroad at "cost," which means 35 per cent less than in America, the American consumer would like to have him change about and sell to him at cost while he makes his profit off of the foreigner.

Monroe City (Mo.) Democrat: If our republican friends intended to knock out the trusts and relieve the people of the burdens imposed by trusts, they would have done so while congress was in session. They are just talking now to get votes. The people should not be deceived again.

Wichita (Kas.) Democrat: At the rate at which United States soldiers continue to be killed by natives in the Philippine islands it will not be long before it will be necessary to send more troops over there if the government expects to maintain its sovereignty over that country and its people.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: Last year, when potatoes were \$1.00 per bushel, it was the Dingley tariff, alias the republican party, that did it. This year, with potatoes at 15 to 17 cents per bushel, and the same tariff in vogue, it is the abundant crop that does it! Here is republican campaign logic for you!

David City (Neb.) Press: By a system of massage and gymnastics a French physician has a sure cure for idiocy. That man would be a blessing in Nebraska, where republican editors and politicians favor taxing our people one and a half millions of dollars annually to protect 535 sugar beet growers, who can make more money, and do it easier, raising corn and hogs.

Chicago (Ill.) Dispatch: If the democratic party is again to be surrendered into the hands of the men who betrayed the party during the '90's, then we may expect a revival of the people's party which, this time, will come to stay. It will mean a repetition of the disaster of 1894. It will teach the would-be reorganizers that there is not room in Illinois for two republican parties.

Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel: The republican state platform contains the amazing and amusing assertion that every promise by the national platform has been fulfilled. What about reciprocity? Why are not Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico admitted to statehood? When will the new department of commerce be established? What law has been passed to curb the trusts? No republican promise concerning these issues has been fulfilled.

Belding (Mich.) News: During the past six years we have offered a standing reward of one hundred dollars to any republican who will satisfactorily explain how it is possible to protect our laboring men who produce the hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of products annually exported to foreign countries by and through the means of levying tariffs on imports. Why don't Congressman William Alden Smith or some other smart Aleck reach out for this reward?

Lebanon (S. D.) Independent: Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, criticises the republican hand book just issued boldly and fearlessly, and, in return, is being criticised without stint or degree of mercy. He agrees with the authors of the little book that no one will have to guess what the republican party will do, for he says: "It will not do what it professes to intend, and it will do what it seems most anxious to avoid." He continues: "The legislative record of the republican party contains nothing consistent in any line."

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 847 Powers Block, Rochester, N.Y.

Newkirk (O. T.) Democrat-Herald: The daily papers last Monday devoted a column of their space in telling how President Roosevelt with a small pistol shot five times at a target and hit the bulls-eye every time. Now if he could hit the bulls-eye of the meat trust just once, some of those "full dinner pails" might be filled with something besides air. It would at least make more interesting reading.

Mankato (Kas.) Advocate: A lot more traveling men will now walk the plank. The big reaping and mowing machine manufacturers have formed a combine all under one head and one management, with a capital stock of \$120,000,000. Two or three companies are still outside the combine, but it is thought they will soon be forced to surrender. Then of course harvesting machinery will be cheaper! Oh, yes, just watch the prices come down when the trust gets in shape.

Sullivan (Ind.) Democrat: Secretary Shaw says that it will not do to talk about revising the tariff now, that although it is a fact that there are unjust schedules in the tariff they must be let alone, for if an attempt was made to pull one of them out the beneficiaries of those unjust schedules would pull the whole structure down on the party. How is that for an acknowledgement of servile obedience to the trusts? And then it comes from an administration spokesman.

Lawrence (Kas.) Gazette: Score another great republican victory. The great binder and harvester companies have formed a "merger." Of course prices will at once go down. Barb wire, did you know. So long as the farmers are blessed with big crops and are thereby able to keep up, so long will many of them sleep and vote the republican ticket and howl prosperity. But just wait until times tighten up and hear the "yeowl." It will then be too late.

Blossburg (Pa.) Advertiser: The machine republican party, state and national, are owned and controlled by the trusts. No enforcement of anti-trust laws and no legislation in the interest of the people will be passed while the republican and trust machine is in power. Government by injunction and a refusal of a trial by jury will continue to be practiced by the machine. Will the people ever awaken to their rights, or will they continue to vote in the interest of the trusts and the machine and make mere slaves of themselves?

Boulder (Mont.) Sentinel: Any law that gives the seller an unfair advantage over the buyer is an unjust law, and it cannot escape the reasonable protest of the people when that quality is found out. The American people are brave, and they are as just and intelligent as they are upright and brave. Their sense of justice is aroused when they discover that manufacturers here sell their products abroad at lower prices than they charge right here at home. Their intelligence will not permit them to be lulled or gulled by the duplicity of the republican party with its cheap, clap-trap arguments designed to befool the voter. They have opened their eyes to the fact that the maintenance of our rate of wages does not depend on high duties —when industries can market their products abroad, where lower prices prevail, at prices that undersell the foreigner in his own market. They know that "the foreigner does not pay the tax" when they see that the duty is clapped on to the home price in addition to a fair profit, and they have seen that the protected industries put their prices up just as high as it is possible and yet steer clear of foreign competition. They have learned that protection makes millionaires of the manufacturers who get it, while it makes them pay him more for his products than he charges his foreign customers, and that the laborers it professes to protect have to pay higher for their living than they ever did and yet their wages show no increase.

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