

Forum of the Weekly Press.

Staunton (Va.) Argus: The republican party is having a desperate intestinal tear-up in its efforts to reform the tariff within itself.

Pekin (Ill.) Times: The republican party is having a hard time trying to explain how it is for revision of the tariff and against revision of the tariff at the same time.

Poteaux (I. T.) Journal: Labor organization is the only force that can successfully resist the steadily increasing encroachments of the trusts. Is it any wonder, then, that the trusts seek to outlaw the unions by prodding them into conflict with the militia?

Tunkhannock (Pa.) Democrat: The democracy stands on the tariff and trust questions where it has always stood, namely, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Canton (O.) News-Democrat: Since President Roosevelt has been bold enough to declare that there are two kinds of trusts, good and bad, will he be kind enough to mention two or three that are good and two or three that are bad. There is nothing like getting things in their proper category.

Carlyle (Ill.) Constitution: When a political organization is controlled by the trusts, and that organization is in control of the government, then that government ceases to be of the people or by the people, but of the suffering millions by the luxuriant few. Look at the situation in the mining districts.

Wymore (Neb.) Arbor State: In stentorian tones every republican orator of 1900 shouted that "the republican party could be depended on to deal with the trusts." In the light of more recent events we are inclined to think they were confused in their phraseology. They should have said "deal to the trusts."

Salina (Kas.) Herald: At Bison, Rush county, a man found a petrified human head the size of a baseball in the cinder dump of a mill, and will

take the thing to Lawrence for examination. Its size, density and the fact that the fire had not damaged it points strongly to a prehistoric race of people who would not read their home papers.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: When the republicans tell you that the tariff makes things cheaper, ask them if they are not well enough acquainted with their own doctrine of protection to know that the primary object of the protection was to hold prices up and to keep out any competition that would undersell American manufacturers.

Georgetown (Ky.) Times: In some inexplicable way a republican paper has reached the conclusion that Pierpont Morgan is fighting President Roosevelt "because the latter is trying to protect the people." There may be strained relations between Mr. Morgan and the president, but the question naturally arises, where do the "people" come in?

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Now will some very intelligent republican please amble gracefully to "the front part of the meetin'" and tell us why republican spell-binders don't dilate learnedly and eloquently on the Fowler bill? The people "want to know you know" all about it. No use to talk about its being dead—it is merely taking a cat-nap till after the election. Speak up, gentlemen; space for your answer in the Standard is at your service.

Shelby (Neb.) Sun: When the republicans tell you that we must maintain a protective tariff in order to keep foreign competition from underselling our industries remind them of the fact that there is a chapter in their text-book whose headline reads "American Invasion of Europe—The United States Competing With Europe in Their Home Markets," and that the boast is made there that we can undersell the world. Then remind them that if we can undersell the world, that there is very little danger of anyone underselling us.

With the Paragraphers.

Houston Post: A Butte, Mont., editor has fatally shot a physician. Perhaps the physician didn't take his paper. Now is the time to subscribe.

Chicago Record-Herald: What a wonderful hit the producers of some nerve tonic could make by getting testimonials from Baer and his fellow-operators.

Pittsburg Dispatch: Of course, if Mr. Foraker and Mr. Hanna should hear of a wicked trust that is really supported by the tariff, they would be horrified by the discovery.

Atlanta Journal: It is being predicted that the New York Sun will be a democratic newspaper again before long. And just as we thought everything was getting along so well, too.

St. Joseph Gazette: The coal company in Colorado has voluntarily increased the wages of its employes. Will Philadelphia and Reading papers please copy for the benefit of George F. Baer?

Buffalo Times: Sir Thomas Lipton will find American yachtsmen as anxious and ready to defend the America's cup as ever before; he will also find them with the fastest boat and the best sailors.

Sioux City Journal: Jim Younger's sweetheart says her life work will be "to place him right before the public." As the lady is said to be pretty handy with the typewriter, the public may as well prepare for a new book.

Joplin Globe: The coal barons and the newspapers in sympathy with them make a great deal of stir about a few isolated cases of violence by miners, but they have nothing to say about the continued and open lawlessness of the anthracite coal roads.

Boston Herald: There was no pomp or display at the funeral of the late Rear Admiral Selfridge, and the half-masting of the navy yard flags and the salute of the guns were but in accordance with naval etiquette. It was all as he had wished, but it remains a fact, nevertheless, that no name in the navy is more worthy of distinction than that so honorably and so numerously borne by the Selfridges.

Houston Post: The settlement of the strike doesn't mean, however, that coal will be cheaper right away, and it is doubtful if it will ever get back to its old figure. The public will be permitted to pay into the coffers of the coal trust the cost of the strike ten times over.

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Just before the battle, mother,
I am thinking most of you,
While upon the field we're watching,
With the enemy in view—
Comrades brave are round me lying,
Filled with tho't of home and God;
For well they know that on the morrow,
Some will sleep beneath the sod.

Farewell, mother, you may never
Press me to your heart again;
But, oh, you'll not forget me, mother,
If I'm numbered with the slain.

Oh, I long to see you, mother,
And the loving ones at home;
But I'll never leave our banner
Till in honor I can come.
Tell the traitors all around you
That their cruel words, we know,
In ev'ry battle kill our soldiers
By the help they give the foe.

Hark! I hear the bugles sounding,
'Tis the signal for the fight,
Now may God protect us, mother,
As He ever does the right.
Hear the "Battle Cry of Freedom,"
How it swells upon the air,
Oh, yes, we'll rally round the standard
Or we'll perish nobly there.

—George F. Root.

Our Master.

Immortal love, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea!
No fable old, nor mythic lore,
Nor dream of bards and seers,
No dead fact stranded on the shore
Of the oblivious years.
But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is He;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Gallilee.
The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.
Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord,
What may Thy service be?
Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following Thee.
Thy litanies, sweet offices
Of love and gratitude;
Thy sacramental liturgies,
The joy of doing good.

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