



Weekly Press Forum

Bellefonte (Pa.) Democrat: Roosevelt and congress will attack the trusts with bags of wind.

Iowa City (Ia.) Democrat: The Standard Oil trust says that it does not owe its prosperity to the tariff. No, its piracy is of the more direct sort.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: No territory is "ready for statehood" according to the standard of Beveridge, until the republican party has a lead-pipe cinch on it.

Chicago Public: Suggestion for a republican toast: "Here's to a full dinner pail and an empty coal bin. Let the so-called trusts alone and stand pat, stand pat!"

Louisville (Ill.) Ledger: If organized labor were holding up the coal trains the militia would have been called out a month ago. Why should organized rapacity be permitted to do the same thing?

Mt. Sterling (Ill.) Examiner: Since Secretary Shaw is such a good joke-maker, he might try to have some practical fun at the expense of Wall street gamblers. The people could enjoy a joke like this—for a change.

Fulton (Ky.) Commercial: We say to you now, get your votes ready to kill monopoly by killing the tariff laws upon which it feeds and you will

have struck a blow for your fathers' government that will tell a hundred years hence.

Springfield (Mo.) Express: Uncle Mark Hanna ought to have resolved to study and learn what just taxation is, and then agree with Hon. Tom L. Johnson that "a tax on wealth in any form is better than a tax on consumption in any form."

Clarksburg (Mo.) Review: Roosevelt's authority as president of the United States is to be found in the constitution and the laws enacted under it. What constitutes his authority in the Philippines? We answer, force. If any one can give any other answer we'd like to hear it.

Georgetown (Ky.) Times: Every once in a while the information is furnished (as it always comes from republican sources the information must be received with allowance) that President Roosevelt is going after the trusts. Probably. He went down to Mississippi after the bears, and the bears are fatter and saucier than ever.

Woodland (Cal.) Democrat: All the republican statesmen who are working over time to serve the trusts are making the plea that to tinker with the tariff may disturb business. All business interests that are conservatively managed and conducted within the law will be benefited in-

stead of injured by correcting the inequalities of the tariff.

Coldwater (Mich.) Star: Many people who voted for "protection to American labor," and insisted that the tariff was not "the mother of trusts," as Havemeyer said it was, are now praying for free trade in coal as a relief from the coal trust which has kept "American labor" out of work for six months rather than give it one cent of the "protection."

Newport (Neb.) Eagle: Queer, ain't it? In 1893 money was hard to get, and times were hard, and everybody swore that the "administration" as being the cause of all our woe. But it's hard to convince anyone that the "administration" is responsible for the period of financial depression now existing. Queer, ain't it.

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: Another republican exchange feels it necessary to again remark that the silver question is dead. But be careful, neighbor. That same silver question is a mighty slippery customer. Like Kipling's Fuzzy Wuzzy, "E's all 'ot sand an' ginger when alive, an' 'e's generally shammin' when 'e's dead."

Virginia (Ill.) Enquirer: Republican anti-trust bills are accepted by the people of this country at their true value as a tricky means of currying public favor for the presidential cam-

paign next year, without in any manner endangering the evil monopolies. American voters will look to the democratic party for trust restriction through a wise revision of the tariff.

Somerset (N. J.) Messenger: The republicans have a clear majority in both houses, and they will be held accountable for what is done. The democratic minority can only battle to have its provisions made as drastic as possible, so that when they become the majority and the duty of enforcement falls on them they may have something upon which to work. In the meanwhile the trusts need have no immediate fear of danger. The democrats have not the power to pass an effective restraining measure and the republicans have not the inclination.

Jackson (O.) Herald: Our republican friends are continually boasting of the vast amount of money which is rolling into the treasury and conclude that because of this the country is really prosperous. Now, it is only necessary to ascertain where this money comes from in order to understand the situation. When the people are paying more taxes than a national legislature can spend, try they ever so hard, then it is time to know who is footing the bill. We should like to know if the spending of vast sums of money is the highest type of statesmanship.

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