



Weekly Press Forum

Coshocton (O.) Democrat and Standard: Congress has appropriated \$500,000 for Attorney General Knox's sham battle with the trusts.

Centauria (Minn.) Outlook: President Jackson's platform was: "I am for the people and against the corporations." It is a good enough platform for any man to stand on today.

York (Neb.) Democrat: The people of this country are serene and calm, but the storm will come just the same and when it does gold will hide its face and let "disaster follow fast and faster."

Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal: If United States senators were elected by the people they would not dare to pursue their present dilatory tactics in the hope of preventing anti-trust legislation.

Vandalla (Ill.) Democrat: Congress has voted to take the tariff off coal for one year on account of the corner in the coal supply. If it is a good thing to remove the tariff for one year, why is it not a good thing to remove it permanently?

Bowling Green (O.) Democrat: The president and congress have been scared into putting up a sham battle against the trusts, yet nothing will be done to cut off campaign assessments in 1904. The trusts know what they are here for.

Seneca (Kas.) Courier-Democrat: We espouse democracy because we believe the democratic party is the ark that is to retain, in safety to the American people, the freedom, bequeathed by the fathers, now floundering in the flood of greed and avarice.

Kendallville (Ind.) News: The "democrats" who are now suggesting Cleveland for president all voted for McKinley in 1896, and it is not upon record that Grover didn't do so, too. These fellows that are having a little fun don't want any change in the administration.

Hannibal (Mo.) Journal: Why did a republican congress pass and a republican president sign a bill to take the duty off of coal? They say for the purpose of giving the people cheaper fuel. Then why not give the people cheaper everything else by removing the tariff? Why?

Seward (Neb.) Independent-Democrat: The Fowler currency bill, which was discussed during the recent campaign by the fusionists, was denounced as a "bugaboo" by the republicans, and even the brilliant (?) Hinshaw declared that it was dead, never to rise again. But in Monday morning's State Journal, over an extended dispatch from Washington, appeared this heading: "House will probably pass the Fowler bill." Thus it will be seen that Hinshaw and his party followers were either very ignorant on the subject, or were intent upon deceiving the people on the true status of the bill.

Stanton (Neb.) Register: A year ago a gold dollar would buy two bushels of corn, now it will buy four bushels. There has been no change in the size or the value of the bushel—has there been any change in the dollar? Last year it took a gold dollar and

four bits of silver to buy a bushel of potatoes, now the same piece of gold will buy five bushels of potatoes. The potatoes are better this year, but the dollar has increased in value fourfold.

Batavia (O.) Sun: Congress has passed and the president signed a bill suspending the tariff on anthracite coal for one year. The object of this is to give our people cheaper coal. So it would seem that in fact the cost to the consumer is enhanced by the duty on imports, and that the foreigner does not pay the tariff tax.

Grant City (Mo.) Times: General Prosperity has incurred the displeasure of the section men on the "Q" between Hopkins and Amazonia. The general came along the line last week and cut the wages of the section hands from \$1.25 down to 99 cents per day. Confidence is restored and the general is withdrawing troops and rations.

Manhattan (Kas.) Mercury: The guessing contest lottery engaged in by newspapers and corporations is simply highway robbery. A paper that is not worth the subscription price without premiums or gambling schemes to get patronage ought to suspend. All over the country a just criticism against these gambling schemes is in progress.

David City (Neb.) Press: People have been reported as dying from famine in New York, and of freezing to death for want of coal they could not get in Chicago. We do not wonder that republican editors are shouting prosperity in a minor key. To screech at this stage of the game would be most too much of a discord in their self-laudatory music.

Chamberlain (S. D.) Journal: That Philippine telegraphic game under military control, that gave Governor General Taft such a powerful Filipino reception two weeks ago, said that he would not consent to surrender his \$20,000 job there for an \$8,000 one on the supreme bench is really as amusing as Teddy's "publicity" of trusts conditions to regulate them.

Llano (Tex.) Times: Congress has placed coal on the free list for one year. This is very good. Why not put it on the free list all the time. If putting it on the free list for one year will serve to lower the price and keep the monopolists of our country from raising the price all out of reason, it will be necessary to do it all the time, as monopolists will still do business at the old stand.

Pen Yan (N. Y.) Democrat: The Manila chamber of commerce has sent over a lot of people to lobby in congress for an enactment which shall permit the importation of Chinese coolies. The main desire of the men who have all along been demanding the retention of the Philippines is to exploit the islands' resources, without regard to the future welfare of their inhabitants.

Bonne Terre (Mo.) Star: What is the matter with the United States having a Durbar? We have the Philippines and also Hawaii; it looks like we might have at least a little Durbar, and when we get a little more imperialistic development we could easily increase the size of our little Durbar. We may now lack the starving millions, but then we will soon have them.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: Who is to define "anarchy" under the law proposed by some ass in the Indiana legislature? Are we to punish men in this state for saying and doing things not half so anarchistic as the action of the governor in deliberately disobeying his sworn duty to enforce the constitution of the United States for no other reason than to protect a republican politician accused of murder in another state?

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: A number of anti-trust bills have already been introduced in congress, and others are being prepared; but what good can they accomplish? The Sherman anti-trust law is on the books, but the attorney general will not enforce it, even against the infamous coal trust. The only part of it which the trusts fear is the criminal clause and the government has no intention of enforcing that. Knox would not do anything if there were a hundred laws on the books for the punishment of illegal doings of trusts.

Aurora (Neb.) Register: The poor, ignorant Filipinos attribute all existing conditions of rinderpest, cholera, rice shortage, poor markets and all other misfortunes to the American occupation. The better educated and more intelligent know better than this. While on the same subject it might be well to remember that we have a class so stupid as to attribute rainfall, good crops and favorable markets to political conditions, so in this particular we haven't such advantage of the Filipinos after all.

Bucyrus (O.) Forum: In democratic days, we are told, there were free soup houses. Our republican friends have yet to show anything in that day of equal magnitude with the relief efforts of today. No entire communities looted coal trains, and it was not necessary to excuse anarchy on the ground of self-preservation. But that is the condition of things today. The republican tariff, trust and imperialistic propaganda is producing its logical results.

Mansfield (O.) Shield: The position of William J. Bryan in 1900, concerning the duty on coal and other commodities affected by trust combines, has been indorsed by the irresistible logic of events. Even a republican congress has been forced to grant free trade in coal for a time. But how much misery would have been prevented if the duty on coal had been repealed and the coal combine dissolved at the time Bryan first drew public attention to the matter?

Newton (Ia.) Herald: The democracy of Iowa must rally to save itself. It will crumble to pieces if it does not go back to the landmarks from which it has been led by the insidious voice of compromise and trim. In order that it may have a rallying point, it should have a leader. This leader should be a man who is tried and true, yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever. The Herald acknowledges no superior in adherence to the vital, the life-giving principles embodied in the Chicago and Kansas City platforms of the democratic party.

Potosi (Mo.) Independent: The democrats should keep in mind that the reorganizers are not interested in the success of the democratic party to any greater extent than contributes

to their own personal advantage. If they cannot make the democratic party as much the agent of Wall street as the republican party now is, they will attempt to destroy it as they did in 1896. There must be no handling these people with gloves. The rank and file of the party will not follow them. No true democrat will do so, nor can he afford to be identified with them in any way.

Aberdeen (Wash.) Herald: Mr. Roosevelt says that "of course if in any case it be found that a given rate of duty does promote a monopoly which works ill, no protectionist would object to such reduction of duty as would equalize competition." The American student has been taught that private monopolies work ill and are therefore intolerable; but Mr. Roosevelt who has often pretended to discriminate between good and bad trusts, without ever accepting the challenge to name a few "good" trusts, has fallen into the habit of apologizing for any unpleasant reference to monopolies—hence the reference to "a monopoly which works ill."

Connersville (Ind.) Examiner: The American people are patient and long suffering, but when it comes to freezing to death they will perhaps begin to reason that the trusts, which have brought about the causes of so much agony and discomfort, should be voted out of existence. Down with the trusts.

Mansfield (O.) Shield: From the general tone of republican comment upon Senator Hoar's anti-trust bill, it is pretty safe to predict that the Massachusetts sage will be about as successful in his war against the trusts as he was in his attack against imperialism. The republican party esteems and venerates Mr. Hoar only so long as he keeps his hands off the various forms of favoritism which that organization fosters and protects.

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