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Fremont (Neb.) Leader: If Abraham Lincoln should appear at a republican club banquet on his birthday he would have to be identified and vouched for before being allowed to sit at the table.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: When congress adjourns, those northwestern republicans who voted the republican ticket on the promise that the tariff would be "reformed by its friends" will have been taught a useful lesson.

Steubenville (O.) Gazette: It may as well be understood first as last that there can never be democratic harmony if the party is placed in the tender care of alleged leaders who tried their best to destroy it at the polls.

Challis (Idaho) Messenger: Grover Cleveland is grooming himself for public notice again. Grover has been dead politically ever since he sold the democratic party to the republicans, and his periodical parade in grave clothes is one of the political jokes of the season.

Plattsburg (Mo.) Leader: If Mr. Cleveland should intimate that he would accept he would at once be backed by some of the worst monopolist forces in the country. As they did before they would now do, namely: Contribute as much to his campaign fund as they did to the republicans. They know their friends and stand by them.

Mt. Vernon (Tex.) Herald: The Washington Post declares that the "trust interest is a side partner to the party in power." We think the Post has the sentence transposed, it appears to us that the party in power is a side partner to the trusts-the trusts being the biggest part of the partnership, or rather "own a controlling interest."

Clinton (Ind.) Argus: If the people want to know how much all the republican hostility to the trusts amounts to let them watch the stock market. Haven't heard of trust stock going down, have you? The only way to check the power of trusts is destroy their power to tax the great consuming public by taking the taxing power out of their hands.

Crete (Neb.) Democrat: The rankest piece of buncombe the party has ever tried to fool the people with, is the Elkins and Littlefield anti-trust legislation. It was laid by a trust lawyer, incubated in the hot house of a trust and is safely under the wing of a rooster controlled by the greatest of all trusts. Now watch the Roosevelt contingent parade their bantam as a full-fledged game cock ready to scrap with any octopus.

Hot Springs (S. D.) Times-Herald: The Elkins anti-trust bill passed by the senate recently is a sham and the trusts know it. The penalty prescribed for infraction is simply a fine and the beneficiaries of class legislation, monopolistic privileges, will willingly pay a nominal fine now and then to be allowed the privilege of robbing the masses. Nothing will deter a criminal but imprisonment, and the party in power knows it full well.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: There are many sincere democrats who fear that in 1904 they will have to choose between a Hanna democrat and a Rockefeller republican. In that case there would be no choice. No Hanna democrat will be nominated by the

democratic national convention in 1904. There is going to be the greatest fight you ever saw, that year, and it will be on the line of the Kansas City platform against the Rockefeller-Morgan-Hanna republicans.

Coldwater (Mich.) Star: A trust is a trust, whether "rightly" or wrongly conducted-as a trust. It is a private monopoly, is never rightly conducted from the standpoint of the public, because it is a violation of the laws of political economy, of the common law of this country and England, and of the civil and criminal laws of this nation and of practically every state in the union.

Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat: The people of the United States will not place much confidence in any anti-trust bill that originates with Senator Steve Elkins. Those who know of the senator at all know of him as the friend and associate of the men who have organized and who now maintain the trusts. When Steve Elkins touches the trusts it is but the gentle stroke of the friendly hand.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The Fowler bill bank currency proposition beats the old populist sub-treasury scheme all to death as wild-cat financlering. By the latter proposition it was proposed to issue money upon grain deposits, while by the Fowler bill scheme the bank will issue money whenever it wants it, without additional security, and loan it to the people. As a wild-cat it is very republi-

Auburn (Neb.) Granger: In the eyes of individuals a big swaggering bully armed and armored is the most disgusting thing on earth. In the eyes of nations, that nation that is parading her prowess is simply disgusting the masses and arousing a spirit of vengeance with other people. Most any fellow can kick up a row by strutting about with a chip on his shoulder and as it is with individuals, so is it with nations.

Elkhart (Ind.) Truth: Ever since organized capital has unnecessarily advanced the cost of nearly everything bought and sold there has been a growing discontent among the masses. That discontent has compelled labor to organize to force capital to divide its illy gotten spoils through increased wages, and it will eventually bring about a political revolution and open our markets to foreign competition. The public is getting very tired of organized robbery made possible by a prohibitive tariff.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: Ween the great corporations arrayed against organized labor in the Pullman strike of 1894 wanted the Sherman antitrust law enforced against a combination of laboring men, they got what they wanted. Although contrary to any intention of the act, Eugene V. Debs was imprisoned under it. This was the only prosecution ever effected, and yet there is law enough to put every trust magnate in the country behind prison bars. Why is this ! not done? Why, indeed? Because the trusts own the republican party.

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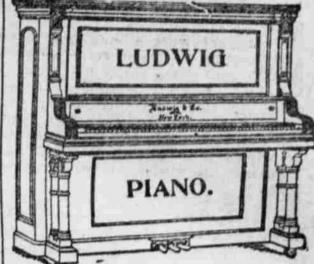
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