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St. Paul (Neb.) Phonograph-Press: Those who helped to disorganize should not be trusted with reorganization.

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Lamar (Mo.) Democrat: There aren't enough admirers of Mr. Cleveland down here to fill a delegation to a state convention.

Salem (Mo.) Monitor: If Cleveland has repented and desires to return to the democratic fold let him prove his political faith by his vote before he sets himself up again as a leader and exponent of the democrat party and its principles.

Mt. Morris (Ill.) Democrat: The republican democrats, who are trying to reorganize the democratic party and nominate a candidate as acceptable to the money power as the republican candidates, ignore every one who will not be bossed by the money power.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: "Republicans of today are for both the man and the dollar, but in case of a conflict, the man before the dollar." Abraham Lincoln said this-forty years ago. Your "Uncle" Mark Hanna has no time to waste on such a sentiment now.

Rockville (nd.) Tribune: If the navy of the United States consisted only of a skiff with a tea-kettle in it, this nation, if consistent, could better support and enforce the Monroe doctrine than we can with the largest fleet in the world, enforce it on others while abandoning it ourselves.

Charlestown (Ind.) Citizen: The policy democrats who declare that the party must nominate a New York man in order to be successful in 1904, hope to have the democratic party so organized that there will be no difference between it and the republican party except in name.

Fostoria (O.) Democrat: Republican organs are exceedingly busy in building temporary scaffolding for democratic platforms and blazing trees for democratic presidential timber. If it's any amusement for the editors, it's all right; but strikes us as an unproductive expenditure of time, space, and alleged gray matter.

present bubble of fictitious capitalization, exaggerated values and inflated currency bursts and a money panic follows there will be a mad rush for the only real money-that which is made of metal-and that money has been reduced one-half in quantity during the last third of a century.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: The senate committee on Philippine matters turned down a resolution calling for an investigation of conditions in the Philippines; it also refused to allow the printing of the receipts and expenditures in and for said islands. Dees the public want stronger proofs than these of the extreme rottenness of the republican administration of Philippine affairs?

Westmoreland (Pa.) Democrat: A gold medal is offered by the Rhode Island chapter of the Society of Cincinnati for a new tune for "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Should the trusts and combines be permitted to continue their policy of looting the people and controlling the law-making power, it will not be a new tune that will be needed for the national song so much as new words or sentiment.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: A leading administration paper when off its guard the other day happened to tell a truth unconsciously. In giving a history of the case against the packers' trust the paper ays: "In response to public clamor the bill was filed in the federal court." Just so. "In response to public clamor." That is what stirred Knox up. It was no sense of duty. And if "public clamor" ceases nothing will ever come of it.

Albion (Neb.) Argus: Secretary Shaw thinks he can see the necessity of a perpetual debt as a basis for national bank circulation or some other system will have to be provided. That other system is the asset currency which needs no bonds. Of course it never occurs to these men, in close touch with Wall street, that the government might furnish the money. In fact it should be the business of the government to issue the currency without the intervention of national banks.

though on that the party has been per ounce, entailing a loss of \$360.defeated a dozen times. But the money trust organs will be satisfied with anything that keeps the people from thinking about the money question.

Pittsfield (Mass.) Sun: Mr. Rockefeller says, what the poor need is not money, but warm, heartfelt sympathy. That is to say, not coal, but polite conversation. Mr. Rockefeller is reported to have no stomach and that may account for his views on charity.

Franklin (Neb.) Sentinel: Threefourths of the people of the United States favor the election of United States senators by popular vote, but the other fourth are in the saddle and they ruthlessly ride down every proposition not in accord with their views. That is self-government-according to imperialist ideas, however.

Penn Yan (N. Y.) Democrat: Last week Senator Hanna introduced a bill granting liberal pensions to all the negroes who were freed by President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. The absurdity of such a proposition is manifest, and it is not at all likely that its sponsor expects to see it succeed. As a means of corraling for Hanna the colored delegates to the 1904 national convention, it ought to be as successful as that famous promise of those carpet-baggers who marshaled the colored vote in the south after reconstruction times, to give each darky "forty acres and a mule."

Hot Springs (S. D.) Times-Herald: In 1873, perhaps \$500,000,000 of silver, worth \$1.29 per ounce, was owned by Uncle Sam. The silver industry was a paying proposition and on the wellknown theory of protection to American industries, should have been fostered. Adverse legislation was demanded by the gold-greedy few, who desired to monopolize the wealth of the land, and silver has fallen to 39c VOLUME 3, NUMBER 8,

000,000 in the value of Uncle Sam's holdings, and that loss is but a fraction of the entire loss to the whole country. The republicans railed against fiat money in '96 and 1900, yet today our country is full of fiat money, and the same obstructionists now point with pride to the unstable prosperity we now enjoy as a result of the increase in the money of the country. When will the people get their eyes opened?

Toledo (O.) Democrat: Compelled by the cry of distress from the people, the republican congress removed the tariff on coal for one year. But, viewed from the republican standpoint, how will this give any relief to a tariff-monopoly-ridden people? Don't the foreigner pay the tariff? How strange! Why not raise the tariff and make the foreigner pay more? That is what makes the common people of America so rich and prosperous, don't you know-getting this tariff money which the foreigner pays. Oh, this high tariff idea is a beautiful thought, and when carried out to the fullest extreme, it is so beneficial to the mass of this country's people.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: What! Can it be possible? After all that we have been told about the 'pacification" of the Philippines, and the love of the natives' for the Taft government, we are startled by the announcement that "a fresh revolt has broken out in Luzon," and that "it presents the most formidable outbreak since 1899." And there has been fighting, and Americans killed within seven miles of Manila. The truth is, we are kept in ignorance of the real conditions in the Philippines, for, if they were known, and the people knew what an endless and expensive task they have over there, to make room for corporations, they would abandon the whole business.



San Francisco Star: We are for a democracy that stands for principle before policy and manhood before money-a democracy that always thinks it expedient to be right. Any other democracy-a democracy that does not stand for liberty and equal rights-is a fraud, and even in its success would prove a failure.

Jackson (O.) Herald: Democracy never needed peace and harmony within her ranks more than she does at the present time, but peace secured at the price of principle is dear bought and not likely to last. Democrats everywhere should make a determined fight for what they believe and know to be democratic. Anything less would be cowardly and ruinous.

Sparta (Wis.) Democrat: Silver is the metallic money of more than haif the human race and has been slowly sinking toward its value as a metal only, and not as money, as gold would so fall if it were demonetized. Four thousand million of silver is becoming-has practically become-merchandise instead of money, which it has been from the dawn of civilization down to the year 1873. This demonetization is bringing poverty and distress to half the people on the globe. Remonetize and the misery will cease and China can easily pay. Moreover, it is best for the United

Lewistown (Ill.) News: We have not been eulogized to any extent for absenting outself from the (Iroquois) feast, even the city papers seem to think it quite natural. But nevertheless we wish to state to our readers that we had rather sit down to a dinner of herbs with love and good fellowship to season the food, than to a stalled ox in the presence of hypocrites and traitors. What doth it profit a man to win a brief oratorical fame at a club dinner, a transient notice, if he by so doing denies his faith and corrupts his honor?

Ramsey(Ill.) News-Journal: Republicans are saying: Oh, the democrats have no issue. But look! listen! Tariff, the trust breeder-trusts, the products of the tariff, imperialism, by which it is understood this country is going into colonial subject business similar to that of empires, the general regulation of affairs of state which protects, supports and upholds the dignity of labor as well, the protection of capital in its legitimate investments and last, but not least, rearrangement or bringing back rather, the constitutional standard of money -both gold and silver. Plenty of issues.

Harrisburg (Ill.) Register: The New York World still insists that the financial issue is dead, because with that issue to the front the democratic party has been twice defeated. Yet it States to be wise in time. When the wants the tariff issue forward, al-

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