

Weekly Press Forum

San Francisco Star: The only way to do anything with the democratic party is to make it thoroughly democratic.

Rapid City (S. D.) Union: The reorganizers should have long ago been given their true name—the "disorganizers."

Pennsboro (W. Va.) News: If republicans combine with trust beneficiaries, democrats must unite with trust victims.

Orlando (Fla.) Star: Speaker Henderson adjourned the \$2,000,000,000 congress "with tears in his eyes." Surely it is enough to make us all weep.

Iowa City (Ia.) Democrat: There seems to be great dissatisfaction concerning the anti-trust record of the late congress—but it is not among the trusts.

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: The war in the Philippines is said to be over, but there is a large army of "ladrones" that are making things look like war in our colonies.

Fremont (Neb.) Leader: The more an American ambassador wants to appear at court in short pants the less Americanism he has and the shorter he is on brains.

David City (Neb.) Press: What better evidence can you have of the corrupted heart of republican leadership, than the class of democrats they honor and fawn over.

Shelbyville (Ind.) Democrat: Shelby county will be found in line for any man who has constantly and consistently supported the democratic ticket and no other.

Farmington (Mo.) Times: If plutocracy is to govern, it might as well continue to govern through the republican party and not in the name of democracy, with which it has nothing in common.

Emmettsburg (Ia.) Democrat: A thoroughly democratic exchange thinks it would not be the part of prudence for the democratic party to adopt a republican platform in order to lose the populist vote.

Terrell (Tex.) Transcript: With Roosevelt on one hand offering federal appointments, and Hanna on the other offering federal pensions, the negro voter is in an embarrassing position. It's like requiring him to choose between chicken and 'possum.

Tyler (Tex.) Democrat-Reporter: Cleveland and his clique had as well make up their minds to stay out of the party, for they will not be permitted to lead it. It is better that the party should be annihilated than that these renegades should control it.

Youngstown (O.) Vindicator: President Roosevelt is making arrangements to leave Washington on his western trip March 27. It is not expected that the president will make any speeches on the trust question or promises of legislation or tell why the Littlefield bill was lost in the shuffle.

Columbus (Neb.) Telegram: A federal judge has issued an order of injunction, specifically enjoining the union workmen on the Wabash railroad from quitting the employ of the company. Suppose the union men should ask that same judge to issue an order which would take from that company the right to discharge these same men. Would the judge issue such an injunction? And if not, why not? Is it an old adage which declares it a poor rule which will not work both ways. But the injunction seems to be such a rule.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: Democrats are not looking for new positions or new leaders. They will, when the time comes, select a leader whose sympathies, at least, have been with them in their last two campaigns and their line of battle will not be materially altered from what it was during those campaigns. Democrats are not repudiators nor time-servers.

Monticello (Ia.) Times: A large number of democrats who are now so zealous in their efforts to reorganize the democratic party are the ones who were equally as energetic in disorganizing in 1896. Those who were loyal to the party in 1890 and 1900 do not think reorganization is necessary.

Monticello (Ia.) Times: The plank in the next national republican platform which declares for the early admission of Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma into the union as states will not be regarded very seriously by the people of the territories. Until they give assurance they will send a republican delegation to congress their claims for statehood will receive no consideration.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: Mirabile dictu! Just think, the legislature of Pennsylvania passing a resolution against Reed Smoot entering the senate of the United States! It is hard to understand how the legislature which elected Quay to the senate could object to anybody. But it may be they think Smoot is too nice a man to be associated with Quay. That must be it.

Phillipsburg (Kas.) Post: Attorney General Knox now has the new anti-trust law with which to operate against the trusts. The president has appointed two high-priced assistants to help him in his work. W. R. Hearst, probably the most prominent newspaper man in the United States, has furnished Mr. Knox with absolute proof of the existence of a coal trust and that this trust is breaking the law of the United States. What more does the worthy attorney general need? Well, a real, heartfelt desire to do something with the trusts might help some. We can see nothing else that is lacking.

Kenton (O.) Press: In spite of the fact that Senator Hanna and other republicans assured the American people that "there are no trusts," republican papers are now boasting of the "anti-trust" legislation that has been passed by the republican congress.

Potosi (Mo.) Independent: Regular democrats have always contended that when the so-called gold standard democrats will line up on the side of monopoly as they did in 1896, if they can control the organization they will concede almost anything in the way of platform, provided they are allowed to name the candidate, it is safe to say that any candidate they will accept could no more be moved in the direction of effectively opposing the trusts and other monopolies, than the rock of Gibraltar could be pulled from its base with a tow string.

Sparta (Wis.) Democrat: The time has come for county democratic clubs throughout the country, the purpose of which shall be to meet and combat the attempts of the so-called reorganizers to build up a new faith, and rally the hosts to their standard. The grand old principles of the party are endangered and it means a fight to keep down the traitors, who would disrupt the whole party for the sake of regaining power. Cleveland, Hill, Gorman, Olney and some others, who helped to elect republican tickets in the last two campaigns, are the great-

est enemies democracy ever had. The party has had enough of their hypocrisy, and has borne the burden of their sins long enough.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: The congress just closed cost the people of this country over a billion and a half of dollars, or about \$20 for every white man, woman and child in the country, and yet there were demands also made for double this amount, and remember it is only a part of the tax bills. If things go on it will be our boast that we are a two billion dollar people instead of one, and some of the sympathy wasted on the tenant peasantry of Ireland may find subjects nearer home.

Youngstown (O.) Vindicator: The usual eagerness of republican presidential aspirants to get the colored vote is explained by signs of revolt among the negroes in the north, who are manifesting weariness of voting the republican ticket and getting so little in return. Mr. Clarkson headed off a threatened negro bolt in Indiana and other close states last fall, but northern negroes do not feel sufficiently repaid for their support of the republican party by the occasional appointment of a negro to a federal office in the south.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: The greenback is called "flat" money because it rests on the credit of the government. But the national bank note rests on a government bond and a government bond rests on the credit of the government. What's the difference? Yet the trust-owned politician will tell you that there is a great difference—and there is this—the profit of the greenback goes to the people, and the profit of the bank note goes to the bankers. That is, always has been, and always will be, the sole, lonesome, solitary reason why the bankers are determined to get rid of the greenback.

Lewiston (Ill.) News: There are seventeen reasons why Hill cannot be president. The first one is: the people don't want him, and the other sixteen don't matter. Moreover, we want no other traitor who travels in his class, and there are many of them waiting for their supporters to shake the official tree while they stand beneath and catch the presidential plum as it drops. The democratic party fell into distinct disfavor through Cleveland and let the republicans in for their Babylonian reign. They have carried the ship of state through an era that will be known historically as the reign of prosperity for trust magnates and millionaires. The democrats ought to make a clean sweep in 1904, and will if they have the right kind of a leader, and they certainly

will not find him in the camp of a traitor or deserter such as Hill has proven himself to be. Let that gentleman hang onto his penny for it is the last one he will earn in the capacity of a successful politician; but when he tosses with Parker or any one else, to determine who will win the presidential nomination, it will be a clear case of "heads you win, tails I lose."

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