



Weekly Press Forum

Aurora (Neb.) Register: The republicans would like to get Grover Cleveland elected president and unload another panic on him.

Minden (Neb.) Courier: If publicity is such a remedial exponent of wrong doing, why is there so much secrecy attached to the postoffice scandal?

Wooster (O.) Democrat: General Miles seems to have a faculty of telling the truth that makes the war department nervous every time he opens his mouth.

Canton (Mo.) Press: From the different tone of the president's talk on the tariff, it is surmised that the high protectionists have insisted on having his own views "revised by its friends."

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The Lincoln Star says that Governor Dockery, democrat of Missouri, admits that Roosevelt is a great man. Mr. Roosevelt is generally admitted to be the greatest trust-buster that never busted a trust.

Louisiana (Mo.) Press-Journal: It will take more than one World's fair to elect Grover Cleveland president of the United States, and don't you ever never cease for a single little old minute to forget it.

Fairbury (Ill.) Local Record: The Cleveland democrats who have undertaken to reorganize the democratic party by turning it over to the republican party will find that they have a hard job before them.

Emporia (Kas.) Times: Grover Cleveland's boom for a renomination will never get beyond the wishes of a small number of Wall street plutocrats and kindred plunderers of the people in other eastern centers of wealth.

Lincoln (Neb.) Democrat: The siren voice of the reorganizer may sound sweet to the ears of Grover Cleveland, but if he ever should be so unlucky as to bump up against the spirit of true democracy he would feel "all broke up."

Waynesburg (Pa.) Messenger: The Brooklyn Eagle is evidently at heart for the re-election of President Roosevelt. In no other way can its boosting the renomination of Grover Cleveland by the democrats be accounted for.

Stockville (Neb.) Faber: The democratic press of the country controlled by the corporations are trying to make it appear that Cleveland is now the whole thing in the democratic party. It is very evident that the reorganizers are trying to insure a republican victory.

Roff (I. T.) Trade Mark: Some leading democrats seem to be wanting to start a Cleveland presidential boom, but they should remember that the last administration of Cleveland is one not easily forgotten by the people. His administration was just what the capitalists wanted.

Mt. Vernon (Tex.) Herald: Grover Cleveland is still reconnoitering around the democratic pasture trying to find a way back to the flesh pots of the White house; but that structure will crumble in the dust of a century before a Cleveland will ever be indorsed by the true democracy.

Staunton (Va.) Spectator: No man who voted and worked for McKinley and republican success in 1896 and 1900 as Cleveland, can ever be a trusted democrat so soon thereafter, and the Baltimore Sun and its confreres in that political crime had as well learn this once and for all time.

Stanton (Neb.) Register: Grover Cleveland has lots of newspapers advocating his nomination for president, but they're all republican papers. Democratic papers are advocating the nomination of a democrat that has advocated democratic principles and supported reform leaders.

Bowie (Tex.) Cross Timbers: It seems unreasonable, not to say foolish, to expect a democratic convention to nominate a man who has on two occasions bolted the ticket. As between Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Roosevelt the rank and file of democracy can have but little choice.

Albia (Ia.) News: W. J. Bryan's Commoner has started on its third year and is constantly increasing in circulation and prestige. It started two years ago with 18,000 subscribers and now has to print 143,000 to supply the demands. There is no other publication that so nearly fills the bill for condensed politics as does The Commoner.

Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger: Cleveland made a good speech at the dedicatory exercises at the World's fair in St. Louis, and made a good impression, and a good deal of political talk followed it; but the day will never come when he will again be selected as the democratic nominee. The people will never forgive a man for deserting his party in its hour of peril.

Wilmington (O.) Democrat: The Brooklyn Eagle, one of the most servile of the trust organs, and which has constantly and viciously denounced the regular democracy of the nation, now adds insult to injury by booming Grover Cleveland for the presidency. The Brooklyn Eagle has no more authority to speak for the democratic party than the New York Tribune or the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Chicago Citizen: General Miles' report on army affairs in the Philippines is not pleasant reading for Secretary Root. When the commanding general of the army, a veteran of valor and ability, scouts the idea that the good name of the army should be made a cloak to cover murder, rapine and robbery, it is a hopeful sign that unscrupulous politicians have not yet made our standing army a menace to decency and liberty.

Aberdeen (S. D.) Democrat: It may be that President D. M. Parry of the Manufacturers' association and Mark Hanna are doing a little ball playing. The former makes a savage attack on organized labor in order to give Mr. Hanna an opportunity to make a heroic defense of the principle of unionism. They realize that it is time to be doing something to hold the labor vote in line. On it depends the next presidential election.

Woodland (Cal.) Democrat: Developments in the postoffice department scandals indicate that it is about time for the officials implicated to wrap themselves in the old flag and

yell "Treason!" at their accusers. That has become the accepted defense for federal functionaries charged with corruption, and in most cases it succeeds admirably. The postal suspects should procure their flags and begin to shout.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Democrats, you simply must wrest your party from the hands of the "reorganizers." Let the world see that democrats control the democratic party and that the Cleveland, Hill, and other like gold and bond agents of plutocracy have no voice in its councils. This is to be a political battle of the giants: Money, trust organizations and monopoly arrayed in solid lines on one side; Manhood and equal rights on the other side. Manhood will win—but weed out the traitors.

Ashland (Neb.) Journal: The persistency with which one Grover Cleveland pushes himself before the public would lead one not conversant with the innate modesty of the man to think that he was trying to break out from the "innocuous desuetude" under which he has been buried since his betrayal of the democratic party. Our gold-plated democratic friends should help him in his laudable desire—get him nominated for president. It would certainly be the best way in which to illustrate how little he is thought of by the voters of the country.

Marshall (Mo.) Citizen: President Roosevelt, General Miles and others unite in saying: "Agriculture is our principal industry." There is a slight mistake in the sentence. As far as the course of this government as now directed is concerned, the sentence should be amended to read, "Robbing agriculture is our principal industry." With high tariff, high transportation rates, and trusts controlling all the farmer has to buy, while he himself has no trusts, and no protection in any way to enhance his income, to prattle the praise of agriculture is so ironical that it is getting rusty.

Spartanburg (S. C.) Free Lance: There will be a clear cut democratic side to the presidential contest next year and a clear cut democrat will be nominated to uphold it. Talk being indulged in by men and newspapers who have not actively supported the democratic party for the past eight years of bringing out some old cross-back is what we would designate as rot, were not terms so inelegant and unrefined barred from these columns. Democrats will not support a republican platform and candidate just because both happen to be popular just now. Keep a stiff back; our time will come.

Jerseyville (Ill.) News: The News wants to say right now that it is opposed to the fake democracy of the metropolitan dailies that call themselves democratic, but are directed from Wall street. Remember always, democratic brethren, that in politics these sheets are liars and deceivers. Their object is to mislead democrats and anything they can do surreptitiously to injure the democratic party, they will do. Opinions in a republican paper you know are expressed from the standpoint of honest opposition, but opinions in the fake democratic sheets are expressed from a position of pretended friendship. The

Wall street democratic organs are dishonest. That term is harsh, but true.

Ringgold (Ga.) New South: William E. Curtis, of Chicago, recently made this assertion: "I have yet to hear of a rich man in the south putting his hand in his pocket to find money to pay the expense of educating the masses." We arise to say that Mr. Curtis has very small knowledge on the subject, and would proudly point out to him our great benefactor, George Peabody, who was born in Columbus, Ga., and has done a great work by donations of time and money to promote the educational movement in the south. Only a short time ago Mr. J. P. Williams, of Savannah, made a handsome gift to Emory college at Oxford, and the great Tulane university at New Orleans was built with southern men's money. There are many more southern benefactors of education.

Spartanburg (S. C.) Free Lance: Democracy means something more and something different from what it meant half a century ago. The fact that a man was a democrat when the democratic party was only a pro-slavery party is no test of his democracy now. A new era began with the campaign of 1896. And regardless of one's economic opinions on the money question, or his political attitude at that time, unless he is in accord with the spirit of the revolt then begun against plutocratic influences and power, he is no democrat now, even though he calls himself a democrat. If he is not a democratic democrat he is not wanted either to lead the party or to vote with it. His affiliation with it frightens off democratic republicans whose faces are turning toward it from the cave of bones in which leaders like Hanna have buried the principles of Lincoln.

Fulton County (N. Y.) Democrat: The New York World is making a "holy show" of Grover Cleveland by booming him as its candidate for the presidency. It insists that Cleveland is strong and undertakes to reply to the objections, chief of which are his record as a bolter of the party ticket, and the cordial detestation in which he is held by loyal democrats throughout the land. The World's statement that Cleveland "had the company of a million democrats" in bolting Bryan is not a fact; for the so-called "independent" or mugwump vote that has no party affiliation, and which follows the banner bearing the \$ stamp every time, is the especial property of Cleveland and men of that ilk and has nothing in common with the voice of democracy. The World wants to know "what other democrat is as strong as Grover Cleveland?" Since Cleveland is no longer recognized as a democrat any more than the World is accepted as a democratic paper the question is a foolish one. There is no doubt that many republicans would like to see Cleveland's name at the head of the g. o. p. ticket in 1904, for he is strong with the class of people who place financial interests above civic rights and human progress; but the strength of Grover Cleveland with the apostles of greed will prove a fatal weakness when the "plain people," of whom he once was the trusted leader, pass their verdict upon his record of treachery.