



Weekly Press Forum

Runge (Tex.) News: Grover Cleveland can invent more ways of saying "yes" than any man in the United States.

Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel: And neither will he be permitted to again tear the democratic party in two and give his faction over to the republicans. There will be no more tearing either for or by Grover.

Carrollton (O.) Chronicle: Mark Hanna has announced ex-President Cleveland for the democratic nomination in 1904. Mark has been considerably dazed since Tom Johnson left so many hammer marks on him.

Hillsboro (Tex.) Record: Grover Cleveland's brand of democracy won't wash in southern democratic waters. His affection for Wall street money brokers, as exhibited in his bond issuing fondness, is yet fresh in the minds of the people.

Chilton (Wis.) Times: In accordance with the teachings of the "honest money" party experts who thoroughly understand the art of hoodling should be called in to frame laws to stop hoodling. Wall street was called when financial laws were needed.

Sulphur Springs (Tex.) Democrat: The Cleveland boom for president in 1904, started by the Brooklyn Eagle and New York Sun, is said to have Grover's approval. Down here in Texas it looks smaller than "30 cents"—just about the size of a rat's tail stuck in a mug.

Hastings (Mich.) Journal: Cleveland says he has no desire to run for president, but will he accept a nomination is the question. Perhaps he could be induced to lead a forlorn hope, if the consideration could be made large enough. He would stand about as much chance of election as Greeley did.

Lamar (Colo.) Sparks: General Miles' report on conditions in the Philippines does not reflect much credit on the army or the administration. It is easy to understand now why the bureau officials at Washington were so anxious to deprive the commanding general of all power and keep him at home.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: The republican editors who worked overtime in their endeavors to get the Cleveland boom started so that it could walk alone after "pointing with pride" to his past record now "view with alarm" the action of the national democratic committee who repudiated Grover in a most heartless manner.

Fairhaven (Wash.) Times: We, who have bragged so much about our watch-dogging of the western hemisphere, and about our aloofness from European "entangling alliances," have as little business in the jackal skirmish in China as a flea on a flywheel. We have better sense, even though our conscience be warped and wobbled by the worst end of "successful conquest."

Blackfoot (Id.) Democrat: However much the passing of time may vindicate Mr. Cleveland's former administrations, he can scarce expect to occupy a place in his party's counsels. He stands convicted of bolting and it is scarcely probable that with such a record he would stand any show in the convention. In addition to this Mr. Cleveland has not the sort of a record on the trust question that western democrats will insist their candi-

date have in the next campaign. As a distinguished citizen and ex-president the people will always be glad to welcome Mr. Cleveland; and his splendid stand on the Monroe doctrine will go down in history as one of the big things of the century, but as a presidential candidate the people have had quite enough of Grover.

Mesquite (Tex.) Mesquiter: Grover Cleveland has been acting of late like a prospective candidate for the presidency. Whatever else may be said of him it can not be said that he is a fool and he is probably wise enough to know that the democracy would not nominate a man they had twice honored with that high office who afterwards went fishing on election day when the party needed him.

Terrell (Tex.) Times-Star: Grover, old boy, is all right on the negro question, but oh my, how far he is off when it comes to other questions that affect the people more than the negro question. He is a goldbug, a plutocrat and a trust man of the deepest dye. He is the man that assisted McKinley to the presidency. He cannot expect anything from the hands of true democrats that fight the battles and vote the ticket.

Antlers (I. T.) News: The friends of Mr. Cleveland who are trying to nominate him for a third term know that a majority of the democratic party dislike and distrust him. They figure on impressing upon these people their idea of Mr. Cleveland's availability. The position is an immoral one, held, largely, by men who condemn the "politician" as such, while they are working to place selfishness and spoils above principles.

Paragould (Ark.) Soliphone: The democrats of the United States will in due season, present a ticket that will be worthy the support of every true democrat and the platform will appeal to every lover of liberty and country. The retirement of Mr. Cleveland will not be disturbed by any call to leave the classic shades of Princeton to lead them. The democratic hosts will seek a "Jonathan" and not a "Methuselah" in the year 1904 to lead them to battle and victory.

Christiansburg (Va.) Messenger: It will be in vain for the democrats who are now advocating Grover Cleveland for the next democratic candidate to attempt to foist him upon the democratic party. Cleveland has had his day as a politician, and no amount of panygeric will reconcile him to the rank and file of the people as their candidate. The people have not such short memories as not to remember his last term in office. No amount of praise appeals to their hearts or judgment.

Jerseyville (Ill.) News: The reorganization, or republicanism still goes blithely forward. Of course it does not get far beyond the bunch of gold-bug Cleveland admirers and the press in the pay of Wall street, but democrats should remember that this outfit through its great venal press, speaks daily to millions of people, and as patent as is its purpose to run some man like Gorman or Hill to make the election of the republican candidate absolutely certain, the cry of "harmony" will deceive many democrats. Locally, reorganizing gold-buggerly has had things entirely to much its own way. It has set up its

pseudo-democracy as the genuine democracy too long. Its dominance locally may not greatly effect the principles of the party at large, but it should be "batted" as an example and an instruction, for, brethren, these counterfeit democrats are far more hurtful to the cause than republicans can ever be. When these men talk "harmony" remember that they are the same gang who disrupted and defeated the democratic party in 1896 and 1900.

Prescott (Ariz.) Courier: The democratic party is in need of a big grubbing Loe to grub republican leaders out of its ranks. This thing of talking democrat, voting republican, and running big corporation trains over and through democratic platforms will not, can not, pass for democracy. It is about time to commence to work the grubbing hoe, sound the fire alarm, and put an extra million or so candle-power in the beacon of the democratic light house.

Olney (Ill.) Democrat: President Roosevelt was once a free trader, but has since learned that the doctrine of extreme protection is essential to the life of his party, so after trying to be that impossible thing, a free trade republican, he settled down into a protectionist of the most advanced type, and insists upon maintaining the existing exorbitant rates of duty which are so enormously increasing the cost of living to the people of this country.

Shenandoah (Ia.) World: In figuring that Cleveland will make a strong democratic candidate because he will get the hearty support of J. P. Morgan and a lot of the other rich campaign contributors who don't like President Roosevelt, the Brooklyn Eagle and a lot of the other aristocratic democratic papers of the east forget that there are more real thorough democrats in the west than J. P. Morgan could control in a thousand years, democrats who will not stand for the republicanism of the democratic party even by the latest improved Cleveland process.

Sidney (Ia.) Herald: The Brooklyn Eagle, the champion of Grover Cleveland for president, has not supported a democratic state ticket in New York in the past twelve years, says the Brooklyn Standard. Neither did it support the national ticket in 1896 and 1900, and this is the kind of papers that are trying to dictate who the democratic party shall nominate for president in 1904, but no true democrat or democratic paper will be led or influenced by such wolves, but they furnish a little "sop" for republican papers to dish up political news from.

Neligh (Neb.) Yeoman: The Brooklyn Eagle is booming Cleveland for the presidency with wonderful persistence and vehemence, claiming that he needs no platform, being a platform in himself, his record speaking for him. This is lamentably true. His record should be sufficient. It is rank. "It smells to heaven." It claims also that his leadership is called for by democrats of the east, south, north and west. The Omaha Bee, though a republican organ, states the condition in the west with as much accuracy as it can well be stated when it says: "So far as the republican party is concerned, it would heartily welcome the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, who would be more easily beaten than almost any other man who could be se-

lected as the democratic standard-bearer next year." The keen eye of the Eagle may have discerned a demand for Mr. Cleveland not visible to others, but we can assure it there is no such demand heard in this section. It is safe to say that not one western democrat in ten desires the ex-president as the party's candidate in 1904.

Benton Harbor (Mich.) Times: The impression that he could carry New York because Wall street is dissatisfied with the present incumbent, and has confidence in Cleveland, would mean that because Mr. Roosevelt was aiding the democrats in storming the citadel of combines, the democratic party will desert the people's cause, and under a leader whom they repudiated in other days, help the combines. Such fool logic usually emanates from some unreliable political windmill and if Grover Cleveland is in his dotage, he may be influenced by its seductive zephyrs, and be lured to his political destruction.

Dayton (Wash.) Courier-Press: Let those who wish to become registered on the roll of faithful democrats abjure instantly this mushroom third-term talk and combine in the great patriotic duty of bringing all wise opponents of republicanism into a solid phalanx. Then it should be easy for the imminence of victory to produce the man of the hour—the democrat whose record as such is unquestionable, whose loyalty to the party in any event is unimpeachable, and whose wisdom, prudence and patriotism will guarantee him to honest reform voters as the Cincinnatus of the first national emergency of the twentieth century.

Ukiah (Utah) Dispatch-Democrat: While the American people are enthusiastic and progressive, they are also practical. More than that, when given time to cool off after an ebullition of enthusiasm evolved under a misapprehension, they are eminently inclined to be fair-minded and just. It is already demonstrated that the islands are costing us more than they are worth, and it is fast being proved that our experimental government is not suited to the races that inhabit the islands. Nor can we devise a system of American control which will fall in with the modes of thought of the Filipinos. Such attempts have always failed, and, in the nature of things, must always fail.

Benton (Ill.) Standard: There is some talk now of old Grover for the democratic candidate for president next year. Why? The men who are working up the Cleveland boom are all, or nearly all, men of the John P. Hopkins stripe, who worked and voted for McKinley. Grover indirectly did all he could for McKinley. There is no difference between Cleveland and McKinley in policy. The men behind Cleveland claim that the men who stood with Bryan were not democrats, that they went off and voted with the populists. What is Cleveland's party? Palmer and Buckner. They did not get votes enough to even get on a ticket by petition. Most of the Palmer and Buckner men voted for McKinley. Will such men dictate to the 6,500,000 voters who stood with Bryan? Nay, nit. If Cleveland should be nominated he would be worse beaten than Palmer and Buckner. We want no third-termers. The leaders of the democratic party would not stand for Cleveland. He turned the democracy down when he was president. The