



Weekly Press Forum

Emporia (Kas.) Times: The Cleveland boom died before it got its eyes open.

Lamar (Mo.) Democrat: When the republicans all begin to say that so and so is a "good man," all-wool democrats begin to get leery.

Clinton (Ill.) Register: The republican editors are giving Cleveland a rest as they have him as near nominated by the democrats as they can hope to get him.

Lebanon (Kas.) Times: Mr. Morgan should not have gone to Europe immediately after launching the Cleveland boom. It was a tender infant and needed careful nursing.

Keyser (W. Va.) Tribune: It is safe to predict that whatever the Aldrich financial bill proves to be it will have received the approval of the national banks before it is submitted to congress.

Fremont (Neb.) Leader: Have you ever tried to imagine what would happen to a federal judge who issued an order restraining a corporation from lowering the wages of its employees?

Greenville (Tex.) Herald: If the great mass of country papers do not keep up an active and intelligent discussion of the great questions involved in this campaign of money against manhood, the people will lose out.

Aurora (Neb.) Register: By the way, how can Russia pull down her flag in Manchuria. These vociferators would not hear to it if it were an American flag, no matter whether it had any right to swing in the breezes.

Thomasville (Ga.) Times-Enterprise: And Bourke Cockran says that Cleveland would be elected president of the United States if nominated by the democratic party. What a lovely dream, and how he will hate to wake up!

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: Since our American corporations began to exploit the Philippines, Manila hemp has been so adulterated that there is danger of ruining the industry. Nothing like higher civilization.

Hudson (Wis.) True Republican: Meat has taken a rise in price in the face of Roosevelt's alleged victory over the beef trust. The good people of the country will find that there has been a whole lot of playing to the galleries.

Bellefonte (Pa.) Watchman: Why didn't some one think about it and get out one of those republican injunctions against that western flood. Whenever they want to stop anything else out there they usually have been able to do it by injunction.

Thayer (Mo.) Tribune: All this talk about nominating Grover Cleveland for president is tommyrot of the worst kind. Real democrats would not nominate any man for a third term, much less the stuffed prophet who repudiated his party in 1896.

Pipestone (Minn.) Leader: A good many republican papers are trying to make excuses for Mark Hanna, since the latter's objection to the indorsement of Roosevelt by the Ohio convention. One paper offered the ridiculous apology that the convention's practical refusal to indorse the pres-

ent administration was because Roosevelt might make some blunder before the next national convention. He might bust a trust.

Woodsfield (O.) Spirit of Democracy: The latest move is to make the army officers in the Philippines justices of the peace. That is quite in keeping with making constables of the soldiers. And we are expected to be hypocrites enough to call this "civil government."

Cambridge (O.) Jeffersonian: If Senator Hanna had been re-elected last winter instead of now being a candidate what a ripping of suspenders there would have been over the indorsement of Roosevelt in 1903. How statesmanlike to be adjustable to circumstances and conditions.

Waynesburg (Pa.) Messenger: No doubt Hanna allowed Senator Foraker to preside over the Ohio republican convention, with the understanding that his organization speech should contain about ten times as much praise of Hanna as it did of President Roosevelt. Foraker paid the price all right.

Batavia (O.) Sun: A story is afloat that Mr. Quay is about to retire from politics, and as the first step has turned over the chairmanship of the Pennsylvania state committee to his colleague in the senate. It should be borne in mind, however, that Mr. Quay, in addition to his other labors, does Mr. Penrose's thinking for him.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: We have the Dingley tariff that claims to be especially beneficial to the textile workers of the country, yet 75,000 of them are on a strike to better their condition, which the employers say will not be granted should the strike last a year. Great is our prosperity, but greater still is the party machine that plays the votes of the toilers into the hands of a cruel monopoly.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: Harmony howlers in the republican party are about as low down a lot of fellows as are the rampaging reorganizers in the democratic party. La Follette and what is known as La Follettism must be wiped out, according to these harmony howlers in order to unite the party. The reorganizers want the party management turned over to the bolters of 1896 and 1900 in order to get the party together again.

Augusta (Me.) New Age: In a recent issue Puck represents Uncle Sam as being buried under a pile of gold that pours from a hopper, which is labelled prosperity. This is a fact, only the pile of gold represents taxes that the people are robbed of. The more the national treasury is filled the more the people are taxed—and taxes are what the people do not want and would not pay if it was made direct instead of cunningly collected in the price of consumables.

Marshall (Mo.) Citizen: Now halt a bit! What is the cause of such arrogance in Missouri on this reorganizing idea. The two senators, Stone and Cockrell, are not reorganizers. The democratic congressmen, Champ Clark, and the rest are not reorganizers. Wherewithal shall the democratic party be reorganized without any representative leader and his friends in the democratic party that

want to be reorganized. Go to and again go to, and then just for luck, go to.

Boone (Ia.) Democrat: The friends of the "Iowa idea" either used poor judgment or desired its extinction when they chose Senator Allison to write the tariff plank for the next republican state platform. It will be characteristic of the senator, "little said in many words."

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: The Kansas City Star says that the two wings of the democratic party can never get together unless both sides yield something. That may be true, but there is one thing that the regular democrats will never yield to and that is the nomination of any man who knifed the ticket in 1896 and 1900. This is the ultimatum with the bark on it.

Westmoreland (Pa.) Democrat: If, as one would be led to believe by the party platforms, in recent years, the residents of the west are indebted to the republican trust-tariff policy, instead of the Almighty, for the abundant crops, an explanation would be in order as to the disastrous storms and floods, in that section, which have followed the recent tour of President Roosevelt through the west and northwest.

Rushville (Ind.) Jacksonian: New ingredients are being added to the republican postoffice stew and its foul odors are becoming still more offensive and stenchful. It is now reported that a United States senator is implicated as one of the loaders in the employ of the get-rich-quick concerns. He evidently has the correct idea of what republicans call "running the government and the country on a business basis."

Louisville (Ill.) Ledger: Unless a check is soon put to their operations, says an exchange, the trusts will commence buying large tracts of land, put up cheap shacks for tenants, import cheap labor from southern Europe, as the anthracite mine owners have done, put their cheap laborers on the lands and, receiving cheap transportation from the railroads as they now do, they will be in a position to crush out the small farmers. A majority of the farmers have been warning the vipers that will sting them to death when they get good and ready, which will be at no distant time unless their heads are scotched.

Winona (Minn.) Leader: The Cleveland boom for president in 1904 will never take root, for various reasons, the chief one being that the people don't want him. In an active fight for the nomination it may be possible for him to get the delegations of a few eastern states, but to get enough votes for a nomination is simply out of the question. His boom comes from republican and gold bug papers only, but he has no backing whatever from the Jefferson democracy. Cleveland would make a good president from a republican and monopolistic standpoint and if he ever wants the nomination for that office again he will have to get it from the republicans.

Elkader (Ia.) Democrat: General Nelson A. Miles has been the object of no small amount of abuse because he reported conditions and facts touching the conduct of the United States army in the Philippine islands, and some even go so far as to cause

one to infer that the general went there on his own motion for the purpose of criticising the administration, but the fact is that he was sent there by President Roosevelt, under instructions. But a veteran of the civil war, who saw service also against the Indians and during the Cuban war, can stand all the abuse and misrepresentation which the politicians for revenue only can give. The people have faith in General Miles, and will sustain him.

The Orthomonic Era, of Indiana, commenting upon an interview given out by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, says: The Orthomonic would inform Mr. Simmons it is not Mr. Bryan that will control the next national democratic convention—but the great democratic principles in the Kansas City platform. The battle of 1904 will be a conflict between true democracy and plutocracy. In this battle there is no middle ground. It is not the election of the noble statesman from the western city which bears the name of Lincoln, so much as it is the salvation of the nation from the gamblers, the trusts, monopolists and alien masters. It is a war for the very life of the republic. The republic of Florence fell through the cunning of wealth. Our nation is in like peril today.

David City (Neb.) Press: Western republican papers are now earnestly engaged in the endeavor to persuade eastern stock mergers that trust busting will not injure business. They are defending Roosevelt for the things they denounce Bryan. They say Bryan democrats have lost the confidence of the business world for demanding the enforcement of anti-trust laws and try to hold the confidence of the same crowd for Roosevelt on the theory that busting trusts will do no harm. But the eastern fellows do not convert very readily. They still keep on insisting that the president shall take the back track, demanding that the Sherman anti-trust law shall be repealed, and that congress shall be convened in extra session early in the fall to pass an asset currency bill, so that these big New York trust promoters may use their "undigested" watered merger stocks as a basis for "sound money." What we call gambling they call "business"—so much more important than any other business in this country, that western papers and politicians will be on their knees crawfishing inside of a year.

Pianos the Flood Ruined.

A reporter at Topeka finds that 312 pianos were destroyed in the North Topeka flood. If these instruments had an average value of \$300 the total value would amount to \$93,600. One thing is certain, not a single piano which passed through the flood will ever be used again. Pianos are commonly regarded as of strong and substantial construction. To look at those which passed through the Topeka flood one would conclude that they were as fragile as a house of cards. Their woodwork is swelled, bulged and split. Their veneering has peeled off like paper from a wet wall. Their internals are warped and twisted out of all semblance to an orderly machine. They have been thrown out in the streets, without an exception, to be hauled away with other rubbish.—Kansas City Journal.