



Weekly Press Forum

Ontario (Ore.) Democrat: Now is the time for democracy to act if they expect to defeat the reorganizers and plutocrats.

Indianapolis (Ind.) Standard: A reorganizer has no doubt about the "quantitative theory of money" for campaign purposes.

Benton (Mo.) Record: What Postmaster General Payne calls "closed incidents" are not securely padlocked, and are liable to be pried open at any old time.

Iowa City (Ia.) Democrat: Mark Hanna says he wishes he had power to touch men's hearts. Still, there is one kind of "touch" at which Mark Hanna has been very successful.

Waynesville (Mo.) Democrat: Mr. Roosevelt is attempting the impossible task of cleaning out the public corn crib without disturbing the old rats and their antecedents.

Athens (O.) Journal: Young Rockefeller says he prays for light and gets it. That's lots easier than buying it by the gallon, but all of us can't be connected with the Standard Oil company.

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: Nobody wants the democrats to nominate Grover Cleveland for president except the republicans and gold-bug democrats—who are not democrats, simply galvanized republicans.

Mauch Chunk (Pa.) Democrat: Hereafter trust promoters will have a little more explaining to do than in the past two or three years. People are again returning to the good old belief that money can't be coined from wind.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The republican party has had many very ugly scandals in its day, and has survived them all. The postoffice scandal is perhaps the worst ever, judging from the dodging of high public officials.

Lincoln (Neb.) Democrat: The Iowa idea, born a year ago, died this week of a broken heart. Its parents refused to recognize it this week at the state convention of Hawkeye republicans. Poor old D. B. Henderson. He should have waited.

Salem (Mo.) Monitor: The money question will form a prominent part in platforms next year, and it will be gold and bank notes against silver and gold (at 16 to 1) and treasury notes. In other words the money trust against the people.

Carroll (Ill.) Democrat: Governor Durbin might send Fugitive Taylor down to Evansville to direct the operation of the militia. According to credible reports he conducted militia affairs on another occasion, with satisfaction to himself, at least.

Sheridan (Ark.) Headlight: Some of our democratic friends seem to think that the postoffice scandals at Washington will injure the administration. Don't fool yourself. If such had been the case the republican party would have been dead long ago.

Eaton (O.) Democrat: Report has it that Myron T. Herrick, the republican nominee for governor, earned his first money by driving cows to pasture. Here is a good example of the fact that the irony of fate is no re-

specter of persons. Myron used to say "Come Boss," but now the boss says "Come Myron." And he comes.

Daytona (Fla.) Gazette-News: It's no use to talk of nominating any man who was even lukewarm in the Bryan campaigns, for he can't be elected.

Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger: The postoffice department building at Washington was decorated with dishonor and the national colors on the Fourth.

Johnstown (N. Y.) Democrat: There have been pretty bad scandals in former republican administrations, but for strenuous rascality the Rooseveltian regime stands unrivalled as a "business" proposition.

Spencer (Ia.) Herald: About the only objection we have to the Iowa democratic platform is that it seems to please such hide bound republican organs as the Cedar Rapids Republican, Burlington Hawkeye and Sioux City Tribune.

East St. Louis (Ill.) Gazette: Republicans are now busy predicting the renomination of Grover Cleveland on the democratic ticket. The wish is evidently "father of the thought" as a nomination would mean four years more of republican rule.

York (Neb.) Teller: There is no difference between the reorganizers and the republicans. You all know that. We quit the republicans because they worship the corporations and we are not going to work with the democratic element that is in the same boat.

Richmond (Mo.) Missourian: Nothing that the man who works needs should pay tariff. A luxury tariff would break three-fourths of the trusts and cripple the balance. The country needs salvation—and it will be sweet the same no matter what political party brings it.

Antlers (I. T.) News: Why should not Mr. Hanna cry, "For God's sake, hands off!" It is the iniquitous tariff schedules which make men like him millionaires at the expense of the mass of the people. Of course he wants "hands off," but what about the consumers who are plucked?

Monticello (Ia.) Times: Grover Cleveland, when interviewed in regard to his candidacy for a third term, declined to give definite information in regard to it. If the gentleman or any of his friends believe he can secure the democratic nomination for the presidency, time will dispel that delusion.

Watertown (N. Y.) Re-Union: The people will never know the extent of rottenness in the postoffice department until there is a change in national administration. A congressional investigation by a partisan republican majority will only smother things. How long will the people stand it?

Stillwater (Okla.) Advance: Will we follow the leadership of gold-bug leaders though they have the "sour mash" brand blown in on the bottle, and by so doing assist in crucifying labor on a cross of gold? Not much Mary Ann. We propose to stand by the platforms of Jefferson, Jackson, Tilden, and Bryan. The principles for which they stood are eternal; they

may be temporarily obscured by the dust of the conflict on one side and the brilliant luster of the leadership on the other, but when this is past, they stand rugged and immutable, eternal as justice itself.

Sheridan (Ark.) Headlight: There are some democratic leaders who say they do not believe in republican policies, and yet desire to repudiate the Kansas City platform. Where do they expect to lodge? On such a journey what kind of a hotel do they expect to put up at?

Butte (Mont.) Reveille: Postmaster General Payne does not seem a very successful house-cleaner. But then we see the attorney general's department at Washington trying to catch the gigantic forest pirates of Montana for five years and the thieves are still at large and the profits of their theft have gone to swell the Rockefeller horde.

Marshall (Mo.) Progress: The republican politicians are determined that First Assistant Postmaster General Robert J. Wynne shall be dismissed. Naturally, it was Wynne who uncovered the rottenness in the post-office department to the serious discomfiture of Charles Emory Smith, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Perry S. Heath and other republican politicians.

Seneca (Kas.) Courier-Democrat: In 1868 the republican party declared in the third plank of its platform that "it is due to the labor of the nation that taxation should be equalized and reduced as rapidly as the national faith will permit." In the light of that party's high tariff, standing army and navy building schemes this old plank makes mighty interesting reading at this day and age.

Preston (Minn.) Republican: The plute organs now say Grover Cleveland has uncovered his desire to again enter the presidential race. This indicates confidence among the imperialist "reorganizers" that they will be able to control the next democratic national convention. If they do true Americanism will rapidly go to the front supported by the awakened conscience of the masses.

Adrian (Mich.) Press: The democrats of Putnam county, Ohio, are true blue. In convention lately they declared that "we need no reorganization, and to prevent misunderstandings we declare with emphasis that no man known to have been disloyal to the party shall ever lead us in any campaigns." That's the "stuff." There is no mistaking that trumpet blast. It is clear and plain. Good for Putnam county.

Mankato (Minn.) Journal: Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey, the author of the Fowler banking bill, one of the most outrageous bills ever proposed, was a speaker before the state association of bankers which met in St. Paul this week. Among other things he said in his address was: "The bankers themselves, rather than the professional politicians and theorists, should draft banking laws." That's a capital idea. Why not let the doctors draft their own laws, the same as the lawyers, publishers and every other interest? Fowler and his like would make the issuance of money a private function, and relieve Uncle Sam from all responsibility in the matter.

And then the national bankers would have us sure!

Rawlins (Wyo.) Journal: The stench which arises from the postal investigation becomes more and more unbearable as the probe sinks into the mire. No wonder our republican friends are anxious to have us stop talking about it. But, like Banquo's ghost, it won't down, and each day the disclosures are besmirching men of high office.

Haskell (Tex.) Free Press: It is the intention of the would-be reorganizers of the democratic party, if they get control of the situation, to make it so nearly like the republican party that the trust magnates and beneficiaries of private grafts would as readily accept one as the other. Put on that basis, one party could be used as a threat and buffer to the other by the raiders. While the people—why, let the people go to the devil!

Watkins (N. Y.) Review: A former republican administration made a miserable bluff at prosecuting the men involved in the old whisky ring and the star route frauds. May not the present postal inquiry also be a mere play to the galleries for political effect? The people are not overstocked with confidence in republican promises, after a republican administration denied to three territories the statehood that was promised in two successive national platforms!

Mount Holly (N. J.) Democrat: What the democratic party wants to do is to absolutely destroy the trusts—not the corporations; but those great illegal and immoral organizations banded together for the common cause of rifling the purse of the people, debauching legislative morals and frustrating the will of the people. This is what the democratic party is pledged to do, if entrusted with power. And this is what is bound to come, when the democratic party no longer occupies its present humble position.

Boone (Ia.) Democrat: For brazen effrontery and wanton insult, the recent editorial in the Chicago Chronicle under the caption, "Bryan's Impudence Rebuked," takes the cake. For years the Chronicle has persistently knifed every democratic measure and every democratic candidate in state or national campaigns. For such a sheet as that to wantonly impugn the motives and purposes of Mr. Bryan, is more than any honest democrat can bear with equanimity. It says "the gentleman from Nebraska has insisted upon and commanded perpetual reaffirmation of the platforms on which he made his disgraceful campaigns in 1896 and 1900." We submit to the decent, intelligent citizen regardless of party, if those were disgraceful campaigns. If they were not fought out with the purest motives and on the highest plane of the best interests of humanity. We also submit that, had it not been for such traitorous vermin as the Chronicle and others of its ilk among the daily press of the country, subsidized to and controlled, body and soul, by the gigantic and corrupt corporate interests of the country, he would have been triumphantly elected, and the country would have been saved from the twin curses of commercialism and industrial serfdom, and of imperialism.