



# Weekly Press Forum

Marion (Ia.) Sentinel: The duty of \$750 on foreign elephants was placed in the Dingley law to keep out competition with the republican party.

Clinton (Ill.) Register: The republicans have Roosevelt nominated for president and now have nothing left to do but get Cleveland nominated on the other republican ticket—the gold democrat.

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: President Roosevelt is prolific with promises, but barren with performances. Let him do something to the trusts and monopolies and thereby prove to the public that he is not all false pretense.

Hoxie (Kas.) Palladium: Bryan's masterly assault on G. Cleveland has drawn a deep and resounding reply in defense of Grover from every republican paper in the land. Cleveland no doubt feels consoled that his friends are so loyal.

Paragould (Ark.) Democrat: That joke about Rockefeller praying for anything he wants was doubtless started by the aforesaid gentleman to offset the circumstantial evidence to the effect that when he wants anything he simply raises the price of oil.

Olney (Ill.) Democrat: Josh Billings said a man might mend his character, but that the world would always look at the crack. Grover Cleveland might come to the democratic mourners' bench, but the people would not forget his star chamber bond deal of 1893.

Marion (Ia.) Sentinel: Secretary Hay says he is "amazed" at the latest exhibition of Russian duplicity in the Manchurian embroglio. The trouble with Mr. Hay's diplomacy is that he lets the other fellow get in his work before he allows amazement to seize him.

Jerseyville (Ill.) Democrat: When Grover Cleveland's name was mentioned as a presidential candidate in a gathering of New York democrats, the idea was hissed loudly. Cleveland would not know how little his party thinks of him if he would not allow his name mentioned as a presidential candidate.

Monroe City (Mo.) Democrat: The money question is a dead issue. Our republican friends have said so on many occasions, and yet congress will hardly be in session before some financial legislation will be proposed by some leading republican and the bill will be directly opposed to the interests of the masses and in the special interest of the favored few.

Jerseyville (Ill.) Democrat: It is amusing to democrats to note the columns of editorials and cartoons, that fill republican papers in an effort to boom Cleveland for the democratic nomination for president. We do not know of a democratic paper that takes the thought of his candidacy seriously, yet we note leading republican papers telling about his great strength.

Lexington (N. C.) Dispatch: A good, safe man is what the rank and file will demand of the next democratic national convention. Men who have not been true to the party ought not to expect the convention to pay much attention to their wishes in the selection of a candidate. To nominate a

man for president who has been faithless to his party would tend to disorganize the whole army.

Savannah (Mo.) Democrat: By reading republican papers in denouncing Bryan's financial ideas one would infer that our present financial system was all right. However, we have read in the last few days that our strenuous president has expressed an earnest wish to Senator Lodge that congress should take speedy action to remedy our financial condition. If it is all right, why does it need a remedy?

Brandenburg (Ky.) Messenger: The republican platform is bitter in its denunciation of assassination and assassins, but never a word does it utter of Governor Durbin's refusing to surrender to Kentucky officials Taylor, a self-condemned criminal, indicted for aiding and abetting the assassination of Governor Goebel. More barefaced duplicity it would be difficult to discover than is to be observed in the republican platform adopted at Louisville a few days since.

Portsmouth (O.) Times: No right cause is hopeless. It is written in words of living light—Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. It may not on the first effort, nor the second, nor even the third. Low as has been the ebb of the fortunes of the democracy of the past two presidential elections, it can and will rise if it will only be faithful to itself and the people. Faith does not consist, however, in adopting any policy it is believed will win. Principles lost are better than policies won.

Preston (Minn.) Republican: The prosperity howl, as it is developed in the markets, lacks justification. Last week cattle were sold in Chicago for \$5.40. In the corresponding week in 1902, the price was \$8.70 and meat went up beyond the reach of the toiling classes. The \$3.30 drop in the price of cattle has not caused a change in the price of dressed meats. Why? A trust controls the purchasing and selling price. The law of supply and demand has been set aside. Kill the trusts that prosperity may be equalized.

David City (Neb.) Press: We are beginning to hear of an occasional "sound money" democrat around these regions who wants the party to get together on a platform of "good money." A democrat who voted for McKinley in 1896 and 1900 ought to stay right with the "good money" party until he gets what he wants—asset currency, branch banks and all. Republicans are pledged to give us good money. They have coined more silver than was ever coined before in the same length of time, and silver is still a legal tender for all debts. We have the same old greenbacks that were made a part of the money of the country forty years ago. Silver has been good money all over the world for 3,834 years, and we do not know how much longer. The only way to get better money—from the standpoint of Grover Cleveland—is to redeem silver in gold and fill its place with asset currency, based on watered trust stocks. We don't need to reorganize the democratic party to do that. Those who want that sort of arrangement will do well to stick to Mark Hanna. It would no doubt be pleasant for the

trust bosses to own both parties, but the democrats have signified in two national campaigns that they do not want to be owned. If we must be republicans why not be in name as well as in fact?

Millheim (Pa.) Journal: Senator Hanna and the other "stand-patters," "hand-offers" and "stand-guarders" forgot to bring in the quantity of sunshine and warmth ordinarily regarded as appropriate to the month of June. As a consequence the corn crop is debilitated and not sumptuously promising. There is the hope, though, that prosperity may be kept riding on the waving wheat fields of Kansas.

Monticello (Mo.) Journal: Clevelandism and J. Pierpont Morgan are inseparable. It was Cleveland who gave Morgan such a boost by letting him mortgage the national treasury and it is Cleveland and Morgan who are today the leaders of the move to reorganize the democratic party. It is to be hoped that the democrats of the nation will not let Morgan and the reorganizers turn the democratic party into an asset for the big trust manipulator.

Vevay (Ind.) Democrat: There is a certain irony about Senator Platt's suggestion that Senator Aldrich be nominated vice president. As Mr. Aldrich is the most ardent of "stand-patters" and is the personal representative of the Standard Oil company on the floor of the senate his nomination by the republicans would be singularly appropriate. We would be able to keep the president "in line" and would eliminate Cummins and other heretics from the fold of the elect.

Boulder (Mont.) Sentinel: The danger of "a big stick" is not hard to discern. It means the education of hundreds of brainy men in the "art of war." Once educated and enrolled as army or naval officers, there is no promotion, no career, for these men without war and the result will be an insistent pressure for war from them and their friends, a pressure which Russia has long experienced to her own detriment and which threatens every nation which "carries a big stick."

Rock Rapids (Ia.) Review: It is time that the republican policy of feeding Wall street with a bottle regularly and giving it the services of a wet nurse frequently should be given a sufficient rebuke. Our republican friends prate about the excellence of their financial system, and yell in our ears "republican prosperity." The kind of prosperity, and the financial system that depends for success upon the variations of a stock ticker and the reckless speculations of a bunch of criminal gamblers is not a good, nor a lasting, nor a stable system.

Staunton (Va.) Spectator: New Jeffries are springing up in various parts of our country in the shape of United States judges. Men are imprisoned at their sweet will. Who can tell how far this unwarranted grasping of power may lead. There are many who pretend they do not see this trend of affairs, and those who do, are called alarmists, often anarchists. When Laurrenais said to the people of down-trodden Europe, "In the balance of eternal right your will outweigheth the will of kings, for it is the people which makes kings, and

kings are made for the people, not the peoples for kings," he breathed a doctrine which must soon in America be reproclaimed, for we are wandering away from it with appalling rapidity.

Waukesha (Wis.) Dispatch: The asset currency scheme is said to have the backing of the "financial interests," which it would appear are not altogether and entirely satisfied with our present monetary conditions notwithstanding the possibilities it has afforded for the present wild era of prosperity.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: Grover Cleveland has finally made a public and emphatic announcement that he will not again be a candidate for the presidency. The announcement and the emphasis were unnecessary. His mission now is, he says, to do all he can to induce the party to "return to sound political principles." The party has no need of returning to sound political principles. It never abandoned them. He, as an individual, abandoned them, however, when he became the tool of the Morgan bank syndicate.

Monmouth Spring (Ark.) Democrat: Republican papers are giving all the aid they can to the Cleveland democrats in their efforts to capture the democratic party. They denounce Bryanism, declare that it disgraced and ruined the party and that with the overthrow of the Kansas City platform and its pernicious principles the party may get back into power. Then the next day the same papers will declare that the people have had enough of democracy, Cleveland soup-houses, and hundreds of thousands out of work, when it was impossible, though a man might be worth thousands in property, to borrow a dollar, when hundreds of thousands had to be fed by charity, when the alms houses were filled with paupers and the asylums with the insane. They declare that that is what Cleveland and democracy did for the land, but they are very anxious on the odd days to have that same Cleveland returned to power and declare that if the democrats will only put the old stuffed prophet back into leadership they have every chance to win. Did any man ever before see such puerile twaddle in any publication anywhere in the world?

## Information Wanted.

Information is wanted concerning Frederick Meier, who disappeared from his home near Caroline, Tompkins county, N. Y., on April 22, 1901. Meier was 5 feet 6 inches in height, of robust form, and at the time of his disappearance was about 71 years old. He was bald; wore full gray beard; had scar over right eye and at base of left thumb. Meier was well posted, had traveled extensively, and spoke several languages, including German and English. He was born in Wesel, Germany, and came to America during the civil war; served four years in the German army and three years in the union army; was a member of company B, 109th N. Y. Vols., and a pensioner; said to have been seen in Owego, N. Y., April 23, 1901. Meier left a wife and four children who earnestly solicit information which may aid in returning him to his family. Address Mrs. Frederick Meier, care of Mrs. George Smith, Slaterville Springs, Tompkins county, New York.