

# Weekly Press Forum

**Red Wing (Minn.) News:** Possibly the administration has overdone the business the least little bit in studiously repressing Miles.

**San Francisco Star:** Senator Gorman is being "boomed" by Mark Hanna and the reorganizers for the democratic nomination for president! The real democracy will "none of him."

**St. Cloud (Minn.) Times:** The United States is not making much progress towards building the Panama canal, but the salaries are going on all the time so that some people are entirely satisfied.

**Danville (Pa.) Democrat:** Next year, when the campaign is on, it will be found that the G. O. P. is getting financial support from its old-time friends—the trusts. How long, O Lord, how long, will the people be fooled?

**Tiffin (O.) Advertiser:** Roosevelt is now sticking closely to New York, for fear it may get away from him next year. He hasn't even attempted to kill any more trusts with his mouth since he returned from his western pilgrimage.

**West Union (O.) Defender:** The four great frauds of the country have occurred under republican administrations. They were the "whisky ring" frauds, the "credit mobilier" frauds, the "star route" frauds, and now the "postal" frauds.

**Franklin (Tenn.) News:** The party will not return to true Jeffersonian principles for the reason that it has been nowhere to return. A party, no more than an individual, can return to a thing it has never left. It is Senator Gorman and the like of him that has left Jeffersonian principles.

**Fulton (Ill.) Journal:** Why don't Grover Cleveland or some of his admirers spring Jimmy Eckles, he of "asset currency" fame, as a democratic candidate for the presidency? He is about as fine and as attenuated a specimen of the sycophant gold-bug as the effete east or the strenuous west can produce.

**Greenville (Ill.) Item:** There is only one man in the country who stands any chance of beating Roosevelt for the republican nomination for the presidency. That man is Grover Cleveland. He is very popular with the republicans, and they may yet throw Teddy\*overboard and make Grover their standard-bearer.

**Wichita (Kas.) Commoner:** Uncle Sam has been trying to introduce new coins into the Philippines, but the Filipino is prejudiced against the re-wangled money. He may have been reading the campaign speeches of 1896, which had so much to say about "honest money" and "fifty-cent dollars," and have taken the speeches seriously.

**Sidney (Ia.) Herald:** The democratic party pure and simple is a party of the people and not a party of trusts, combines and protected interests. Only by being faithful to the interests of the people can it hope to gain their support at the poles. Let the party do its duty and remain loyal to principle and that support will surely come.

**Haskell (Tex.) Free Press:** When a democrat talks about the money question the republicans sneeringly say that the money question is settled, then they confer among themselves and caucus with the president about passing an asset currency bill when the congress meets in special session next winter. They know that it isn't settled, but they want to do all the settling.

**Roff (I. T.) Trade Mark:** The smallness of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root was plainly demonstrated last Saturday when Gen. Nelson A. Miles was retired by reason of the age limit from the command of the army. They allowed this hero and patriot to retire from the active service of his country without a commendation, all because of some little spite.

**Waterville (Wash.) Press:** Why is the "glorious panoply" of war kept so persistently before the public mind, especially the youth of the land? Why is war made so much more attractive than peace? Why is it that sin is so much more attractive than righteousness? There are no songs set to "glorious panoply" of peace, and yet we have for nineteen hundred years been pretending to be followers of the Prince of Peace.

**Johnstown Democrat:** Trade is not following the flag much faster than the constitution in the case of the Philippines, exports from the United States to the "dependency" having declined from \$4,814,404 in 1902 to \$3,598,613 in 1903. But there has been a notable growth in imports from the archipelago, the figures for 1902 being \$11,089,986 against \$6,447,500 in 1902. Such an "adverse balance" will probably make the lamented Dingley turn over in his grave.

**Petty (Tex.) Enterprise:** Some papers say Mr. Bryan ought to "let up" on Cleveland. Why so? In persistently taking Cleveland for his subject Bryan is fighting the silent chief of the conspirators who are covertly seeking to reorganize the democratic party. The bolters, headed by Cleveland, will have no compromise. If they are not permitted to dictate every plank of the platform and name the platform, every mother's son of them will give open or secret comfort to the republicans.

**Lewistown (Ill.) News:** W. J. Bryan, in speaking of the Cleveland movement, says: "It is a comedy as it now stands, but a tragedy if it should succeed." No seer or prophet ever more clearly expressed the sentiment of all genuine democrats. Cleveland's attempt and his friends' efforts to foist him into the presidential chair, is a laughable farce, but the success of such a venture means the utter collapse of the democrat party. It is hardly able to swim now, owing to the "ducking" he administered during his term of office, and if he is hung onto it again—like a dead weight, it will send it down to keep company with McGinty.

**St. Louis Labor Compendium:** Mr. Bryan states truly that "the democrats in 1892 played a confidence game on the people and put a bunco steerer at the head of the party," and he gives the nail home with a vengeance when he warns his friends: "Don't be deceived when they tell you it was the silver question that drove people out of the party. Those who left the democratic party are divided into two classes: those who left because they understood the issue in the campaign and those who left because they were deceived in the issue of the campaign. Those who understood the is-

sue and left because they understood it can never return to the party until they repent and show that their hearts and sympathies are changed. The fight will continue in this country until one side or the other is triumphant." As Tom Johnson says: "It was free men, not free silver," that the Wall street gang feared. Their fear that the popular uprising of 1896 and 1900 threatened the country's financial standing was assumed. They are even now seeking to foist a system of money issuance that cannot fail to impair our nation's credit—after having "gold-tricked" the people in two campaigns.

## Colors of Flowers.

Some interesting statistics in regard to the colors of flowers were recently compiled by a German scientist. According to him, out of 1,000 species of flowers 284 are white, 223 yellow, 220 red, 144 blue, 72 violet, 36 green, 12 orange, 4 brown and 2 black. Furthermore, he says that only one species out of every ten has any perfume. Among white flowers fifteen out of every hundred species have perfume, among red flowers nine, among green eight, among yellow and violet, each seven, among orange and brown, each six, and among black flowers none.

At first glance these figures seem to be complete, but anyone who takes the trouble to add those which are given in regard to the colors of flowers will find that the total amounts to 997 and not to 1,000. Consequently it is evident that in every 1,000 species there are three which must be of some ex-

traordinary color, since they are neither white nor yellow nor red nor blue nor violet nor green nor orange nor brown nor black.—Kansas City Journal.

## The Large Family of Jones.

Sixty-two years ago a man named Jones moved from Kentucky to Dade county, Missouri, taking with him his family of ten children. At a reunion recently held at Everton, 1,019 of his descendants were present, and there are a few who were unable to attend. Almost all of his descendants have married and settled in the same neighborhood in southwest Missouri, and as they are clannish a stranger who goes in there and talks unfavorably about anybody he has met is very likely to find he is talking to a relative of the person who has incurred his displeasure, and that he has got himself into trouble. They are said to be the largest family living in a single neighborhood in the United States.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

## Whistler and the Cat.

One day a lady came to Whistler, the artist, with the request that he would honor her by painting her portrait. When she came to him for her first sitting she brought a cat with her and placed it upon her knees. The animal was very restless and was constantly mewling. Whistler was much annoyed. "Madame," he said at last, "will you have the cat in the foreground or in the back yard?"—Scottish American.

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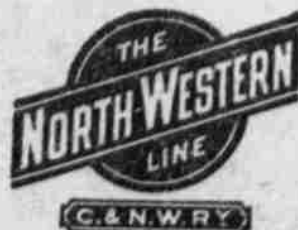
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