

Weekly Press Forum

Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal: When anyone mentions the gratitude of a republic these days, the public mind immediately reverts to Schley and Miles.

Stanton (Neb.) Register: Isn't it about time the republicans start the old story about business timidity caused by fear of democratic success at the polls?

Carrollton (O.) Chronicle: Those republicans of 1896 who howled so much for "honest money" have since unloaded a big lot of dishonest securities on the people.

Fremont (Neb.) Herald - Leader: Uncle Joe Cannon has visited Oyster Bay and now he will stand without hitching when the asset currency automobile goes whizzing by.

Lincoln (Neb.) Independent: The Washington Post says: "There is now no flat money agitation to vex the people." Is not the Post somewhat mistaken? What kind of money is asset money?

Sullivan (Ind.) Democrat: Some people imagine that the money question is settled. The reports from the sessions of the different banker's associations show a very lively interest in proposed financial legislation.

Ironton (O.) Ironsonian: President Roosevelt warmly commends the action of Governor Durbin of Indiana for his stand taken against mob violence. But in his letter there was "never a word" about protecting Governor Goebel's assassins.

Marletta (O.) Times: We notice something in the papers about General Miles forgetting to say farewell to Secretary of War Root. We have read in the history of our country and its wars, and of General Miles, but who in the mischief is this man Root, anyhow?

Albia (Ia.) News: Senator Gorman says it must not be a question of individual aspirations or ambitions which dominates the democratic convention, but that the party must be the first consideration. Real democrats believe that principle should have a share of consideration.

San Francisco Star: A policeman was recently retired in New York with a pension on account, among other things, of "obesity contracted in the course of duty." That's just the way the monopolist contracts his "obesity"—his "line of duty" being to see that the "other fellow" doesn't have a chance to "wax fat."

Platte City (Mo.) Argus: Bourke Cockran says he thinks if Grover Cleveland's friends can force his nomination he will be elected. His friends would have to do a great deal of hypnotizing to bring about Grover's nomination, and all heaven couldn't elect him unless the hypnotic spell were continued until after the election. Bourke is entitled to take a second thought.

Monmouth (Ill.) Democrat: The fact that the republican party has increased the circulation is an admission that Mr. Bryan and democracy were sound on the money question, but the republican party has simply played into the hands of the money power by taking the monetary affairs

out of the hands of government and turning everything financial over to the banks and capitalists of the country.

Erick (O. T.) Enterprise: If the reorganizers of the democratic party take possession of the party machinery next year it will take a shrewd politician to hatch up differences between them and the republican party on which to wage a campaign war. The political belligerency will be of such mild type disinterested parties will wonder what they are fighting about.

Colfax (Wash.) Commoner: President Roosevelt and Governor Durbin of Indiana have been throwing bouquets at each other over their anti-lynching views. If Governor Durbin would honor the demands of the executive of Kentucky for the extradition of one Taylor so that he might be given a prompt trial on the charge of murder, the people would have more respect for his views on law and order.

Chicago Public: Democrats of the democratic variety will note with satisfaction the unanimous disapproval by the plutocratic press in both parties, of Mr. Bryan's indictment of Mr. Cleveland's brand of democracy. The speech at Chicago on the 18th, in which Mr. Bryan laid bare the plutocracy of Clevelandism, was a timely and well-considered notification to the plutocratic elements of the country that if they recapture the democratic party they must fight for it.

Jacksonville (Ill.) Courier: David B. Hill, as a democratic candidate for president, is well-nigh an impossibility. There are too many who remember his declaration in 1900: "I am still a democrat—a still democrat." Besides his record on the income tax question, both before and after it passed congress, makes him especially objectionable to that class who believe millionaires should pay their share of the cost of running the national government.

Chicago Public: The comments of the plutocratic press upon Congressman Baker's return to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad attorney of the past—tribe which other members of congress have "taken and kept still" about, have the flavor of that corruption in Greece to which Demosthenes referred in his speech on the venality of public men and the decay of Greek patriotism. "What is it," asked Demosthenes, "that has ruined Greece? Envy, when a man gets a bribe; laughter, if he confesses it; mercy to the convicted; hatred of those who denounce the crime—all the usual accompaniments of corruption."

Lamar (Mo.) Democrat: Senator Gorman is the last man to be boomed by the reorganizers for the democratic nomination for the presidency. Gorman says that he wants to make the fight next year upon the tariff. We cannot help but wonder if the Maryland senator kept his face straight when he was giving out that statement. It will be remembered that when the democratic party was in power back in '93 Gorman was one of the few democratic senators who turned traitor, and constantly voted with the republicans, when the great fight over the Wilson bill came up in the senate. The reorganizers don't want any issue. The difference between a reorganizer and a republican is so small that it couldn't be detected with the most powerful microscope ever invented.

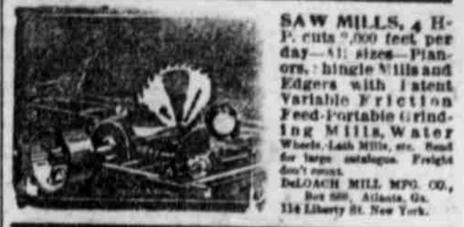
David City (Neb.) Press: Every republican editor in the country resents the statement of Mr. Bryan to the effect that Mr. Cleveland was a bunco-

steerer. Well, he was just the same. He was elected on a tariff issue, and entered into a conspiracy with Wall street gamblers to bring about a panic as an "object lesson," to convince the American people that their prosperity depended entirely on their good will, and that they must destroy silver.

Crete (Neb.) Democrat: Either the president forgot about the governor of Indiana keeping assassins from being tried for their crime, or he perpetrated a great joke when he wrote that letter of indorsement to Durbin. He also must have forgotten that Taylor, the fugitive from justice in Kentucky, occupied a prominent position upon the platform of the convention which nominated Teddy for vice president. He surely did not recollect his public approval of the action of the governor of Indiana in refusing to surrender Taylor to the Kentucky authorities.

San Francisco Star: If the democratic party means simply to hold the reins of office, then we are not a democrat, and there are hundreds of thousands like us. Let us have power and patronage, if we honestly can, but, in God's name, let us not desert principle for privilege, to secure either. If the democratic party should adopt a platform of "words, words, words, signifying nothing," or one that is undem-

ocratic, simply to meet an "exigency," then it were better that it should not nominate a ticket at all, but give the republicans the election without a contest, which such a platform would practically mean. Cowardice will not conquer chicanery. Let the democracy meet all vital issues boldly, assert itself unequivocally in a way not to be misunderstood, be true to the principles of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln, nominate men whom the people know and trust, and, believe us, the year nineteen hundred and four will reveal the fact that a majority of the American people are opposed, not only to the policy and processes of the administration with regard to the Philippine islands, but to its policies generally.



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