

Weekly Press Forum

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: Undoubtedly Postmaster General Payne thinks all the civil service regulations are "hot air."

Wauseon (O.) Expositor: The state of Ohio might stand one more republican legislature without absolutely losing its character, but it would be foolish to take the risk.

Hastings (Mich.) Journal: If Indiana should go democratic another year the present fugitive murderer from Kentucky who is sheltered there under republican wings would have to light out for Vermont.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The Washington authorities refused to buy more silver when the price reached 60 cents. Yet there are people who think that silver ought to keep going right up, in spite of such discrimination.

Clinton (Ill.) Register: When Hanna refused to debate with Clark he marked the beginning of his end as great political boss. He exhibited the bravery of a dog that lies in his kennel and barks, afraid to enter into a contest.

West Union (O.) Defender: Considering the fact that the republican leaders insist that the democrats present no live issues, they stand in great fear and perturbation of the deceased. Like the Chinese, they seem to have more fear of the dead than the living.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: "The men whom we most delight to honor in all the land are those who in the iron years from '61 to '65 bore on their shoulders the burden of saving the Union."—President Roosevelt at Syracuse on Labor Day. After saying which, the president proceeds to promote General Leonard Wood over the heads of 494 civil war veterans.

Bellaire (C.) Democrat: The loud talk about our wonderful prosperity, the widely published reports of the profits of the steel trusts, and the financial prescriptions from Washing-

ton have been alike futile in causing the United States steel stocks to "stand pat."

Sparta (Wis.) Democrat: No doubt the "prosperity shouters" were very much upset by the governors' announcement that wages have not kept pace with the cost of living. It's the truth that hurts, and to think that a republican should tell it must be galling to all members of that party.

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: We like to read the paragraphs The Commoner publishes in its "Weekly Press Forum," for they show us that our democratic brethren over the country are standing fast and true to democratic principles and resisting all the efforts of the reorganizers to republicanize our party.

Mansfield (O.) Shield: The control of the republican party and the coercion of the president by the trust magnates and the monopolists should open the eyes of the voters everywhere to the hard game they are now up against. It is safe to say there will be no tariff reform by the coming congress.

Ottawa (O.) Sentinel: "Gold help us," "Don't desert us now," and "Think what the beloved McKinley would have you do," uttered by the republican national chairman at the republican campaign opening, looks like your Uncle Mark hasn't as much confidence as he professes in a republican victory this fall.

Carmi (Ill.) Democrat: The cheering information comes from Washington that the attorney general is getting ready to spend the money appropriated by the last congress for the purpose of prosecuting the trusts. Nobody ever expected the trusts to suffer, but there was an awful fear that the appropriation would not be spent.

Hobart (O. T.) Chief: The United States transport Kilpatrick arrived in New York from Manila last Saturday having on board the bodies of 300 American soldiers who lost their lives in the Philippines. Our colonial possessions come high, but some still say we must have them. The whole lot of those islands are not worth the life of one of these brave American soldier boys.

Harrisburg (Ill.) Register: There are grave reports of scandals in the postoffice department, the interior department, the army and navy, the department of justice and the government printing office, while the department of agriculture is quietly investigating a little scandal of its own in the seed division. Can any one doubt that it is time for a change of administration?

Monmouth (Ill.) Democrat: The Minnesotans are clamoring for a reciprocity treaty with Canada, but of course they will never get it so long as they continue to elect republican congresses and republican presidents. Even Mr. Roosevelt, who talked reciprocity and tariff reduction two years ago in Minneapolis, has become a "stand patter."

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: With Ohio and Nebraska in the old time democratic column, and as the east is not expected to line up for democracy, it is well that democrats in all the middle, western and southern states see to it that only true democrats are placed on guard—only those who have been faithful and are still faithful to democracy should be allowed to get on any delegation from a township to a state convention. That was what Hopkinized Illinois and lost the state to democracy last year.

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