

Weekly Press Forum

Manson (Ia.) Democrat: God pity humanity in this free country should it ever come to pass that union labor should be permanently overthrown.

Bucyrus (O.) Foreman: President Roosevelt, the only "official" hero of the war with Spain, is also the only president who ever made use of the American navy as a fleet of pleasure boats for his own personal amusement.

Sullivan (Ind.) Democrat: It is said the financial question is settled. The rush Secretary Shaw makes to relieve banks in distress is merely a little pleasantry designed to furnish harmless amusement for the head of the treasury department.

Warsaw (Mo.) Enterprise: If President Roosevelt would show the same promptness in the interest of the people by enforcing the law against trusts that he did in trying to get up a war with Turkey, he would stand better with intelligent people.

Wooster (O.) Democrat: Secretary Shaw appears to be greatly worried every time Wall street gets into trouble, but the common people could be in financial trouble all the time without receiving one word of sympathy from the head of the treasury.

Findlay (O.) Courier: Secretaries Snaw, Wilson and Moody, Speaker-to-be Cannon and half a dozen prominent republican senators are among those who will help Senator Hanna in the Ohio campaign. It looks as if the republicans of the state had turned in a general alarm.

Fremont (Neb.) Herald-Leader: Mr. Hanna gives some "reasons" why he will not debate with Mr. Clark, and Mr. Herrick gives some "reasons" why he will not debate with Tom Johnson. But the real reason is that Hanna and Herrick don't dare face Clark and Johnson on the stump.

A'lon (Neb.) Argus: The papers say that coal was shoved up 50 cents per ton. It is not the miner nor the consumer that did it. Don't this come near being a case of stand and deliver? What do we do with that class of men? Then why not send these gentlemanly holdups to the pen also?

Warsaw (Ind.) Union: The Chicago Chronicle is advocating Richard Olney for the democratic nomination for president. That is unfortunate for Mr. Olney. If he wants to be boomed for this nomination he should have a democratic paper do it. The Chronicle's support would injure the chances of the best man on earth in the estimation of real democrats.

Portsmouth (O.) Sentinel: They are coming into line. The Columbus State Journal approves of the action of the president in calling congress in special session to enact financial legislation. This organ also declares "everybody feels the need of a more elastic currency." And still it will go on talking about free silver cranks. And then, too, when the "rubber baby" money comes, it, in common with all the other organs, will take it to its heaving bosom and declare it is good.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: And perhaps some of those who watched the unloading of the long, heavy boxes were unpatriotic enough to wonder if the whole Philippine archipelago was worth the price that shipload represented. Not if it were worth the money and the time and the struggle and fight and murder and heart-break of the last five years, but, poor fools, they questioned if it were worth even this cargo—the burden of the United States transport Kilpatrick—302 dead American boys.

Maryville (Mo.) Forum: The Kansas City platform was made in Missouri and what is made in Missouri is good enough for us.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: Governor Cummins of Iowa has heard from the republican bosses and has laid down flat before them, and has laid down hard on "the Iowa idea" of relief from tariff oppression. Cummins is not made out of heroic stuff.

Osceola (Ark.) Press: It is all nonsense to say that the money interests will knife Roosevelt in the next campaign. Much as these gentry dislike the president they hate the democratic party more. It will be the same old fight between plutocracy and democracy.

Rantoul (Ill.) News: Some members of congress think that Mr. Bristow has not yet reached the bottom of the postal fraud. The railway mail should be investigated. Some \$30,000,000 annually goes to the railroads and steamship companies in the shape of excess tolls for the mails.

Clarion (Pa.) Democrat: A shipload of our Philippine soldiers arrived home a few days ago, numbering several hundreds. Every one of them was dead, and the bodies were properly confined for interment. That is a part of the awful price we pay for trying to own people and run their country regardless of their wishes.

Carmi (Ill.) Democrat: The plea for issuing the government surplus to banks, giving corporation bonds as security in the place of government bonds, is made on the ground that there is a shortage of money to move the farmers' crops. Whenever the republican party begins to slobber over the farmer or laborer, it is time to keep you hand on your pocketbook.

Louisville (Ill.) Ledger: Those democrats who insist that the party should surrender its principles to regain the bolting gold-bug vote, should spend a few days figuring on how many real democrats might not recognize an undemocratic ticket on election day next fall. There are less than 300,000 of the gold bugs, where there are nearly 7,000,000 of the other fellows.

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: Hanna, in his speech at Montpelier, Williams county, on Wednesday declared that he was still in favor of the ship subsidy steal by which the government was to be robbed of \$9,000,000 a year for the next ten years to build up this ship combine. He declared that if he was elected to another term in the senate he would do all in his power to make the steal a law.

Grand Island (Neb.) Democrat: Under the new republican financial scheme, the people will be compelled to bear an even larger burden of taxation that will pile up an enormous surplus in the treasury that may be loaned to the banks at a low rate of interest so that the banks may loan it to the people at a high rate of interest. By this means the people will get money to pay more taxes to create another treasury surplus.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: If the country could wipe out the iniquitous law of 1873, and let the people have a chance to enjoy their constitutional rights upon the money question the masses would be the rulers instead of as now, the down-trodden and oppressed by a few bonanza money kings, who try to excuse the robbery of the people by endowing some already rich college or library association from which the common people are barred by circumstances.

Bellefonte (Pa.) Watchman: Senator Hanna's declination to meet John H. Clarke, the democratic nominee for United States senator from Ohio, in a joint debate is not much of a surprise. Hanna's love for "the dear working men" prevents him from letting them know how little he actually does know.

Greenfield (Mo.) Advocate: But recently the bodies of 302 more of our American soldiers who have died in the Philippines were unloaded at San Francisco. The trade for which we are paying so extensively in honor, wealth and blood in the Philippines seems to run largely to the undertaking trade.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: A committee is to wait on President Roosevelt for the purpose of asking him to urge congress to invite the international peace congress to meet in the United States next year and to appropriate a fund to pay the necessary expenses. It is to be hoped that the president will not take this as an affront, or a practical joke, in view of his warlike utterances, and love of militarism.

La Cygne (Kas.) Standard: What's happened to President Roosevelt's trust-busting crusade? The silence regarding his proposed shackling of cunning trusts is almost painful as the time for renomination approaches. His profound quietude upon the subject tends to create a suspicion that his instructions to the attorney general about prosecuting trusts and his strenuous talks in public in condemnation of them are like the lady's two handkerchiefs—"one for show and the other for blow."

Upper Sandusky (O.) Chief: Down at Columbus a republican paper states that the fact that Hanna and his advisers are calling the democrats "anarchists," has caused a number of democrats, who had not intended to vote for Johnson, to wheel in line for him. The paper states that while they are opposed to some of Johnson's views they will not stand for the party being called "anarchist." Hanna will find that the calling of hard names will not win out this year like it did in 1896.

Tiffin (O.) Advertiser: Republicans are divided as to the quality of currency they desire. Some want a "rubber currency," others want an "asset currency," but none seem to want a currency issued by the government, which is absolutely good for all the people. Gold, silver and greenbacks have no place in the new financial policy of the republican leaders. They want an inferior money, backed by all manner of questionable assets. Such a currency reform will not be popular with the public, who want "honest" money and plenty of it to do the business of the country.

Waterville (Wash.) Press: But the funny part of the business is, while the secretary is pleading for more money for the business of the country, the banks are contracting the currency as fast as they can. Last week they took up \$2,000,000. The law limits them to retiring \$3,000,000 per month. Here they take up to almost the limit in one week, and this in the face of the fact that the cry is going up from the treasury for more money for the "business interests." Curious thing this putting in rubber at one end with a fellow at the other taking it out. Don't try to reason it out, Mark says, or there will be a panic.

Kingfisher (O. T.) Reformer: Before we commence yelling for asset currency let us ask ourselves a few questions: How could such currency, issued by banks and guaranteed by the government, be any safer than currency issued by the government itself? Why should the people allow national banks to issue money and loan it out at the highest rates of interest they can get, when this money is based upon the credit of the gov-



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