



Weekly Press Forum

Red Wing (Minn.) Argus: Beneficiaries of the tariff are always willing it should be revised after the next election, only be sure and give them the job. And somehow tomorrow never becomes today.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: If the republican and gold-bug corporation press believes that Cleveland would poll such a large republican vote if nominated, why not nominate him as a republican rather than Roosevelt?

Red Wing (Minn.) Argus: One hundred million dollars is the necessary sum for the navy next year. We need more ships to defend the strategic positions we have taken. Then they can take more strategic positions so we will have to have more ships to defend them.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: Republican Senator Proctor is furnishing the government granite from his quarries; Republican Congressman Littauer is getting profits out of a government contract, but nothing will be done about it by our republican administration.

Eureka (Ill.) Democrat-Journal: It is too bad. After the republican papers have for months been shouting the praises of John Hay, for holding "the open door" and shooting Russia out of Manchuria, they now dolefully whimper that Russia has concluded to stay in Manchuria and shut the open doors to suit herself.

Centerville (Ia.) Journal: Republicans never weary of telling what a great man Senator Allison is. Will some good republican brother please enlighten the community by relating something the senator has done for the people of Iowa, other than to keep silent on all vital issues, look wise and serve the corporations of the United States at every opportunity.

Mt. Morris (Ill.) Democrat: No republican organ appreciates the cause for the contempt all true democrats have for Grover Cleveland. They dislike Grover, not because he differs from them on public questions, but because he pledged himself to promote bimetallism and then stabbed it. They dislike him not for allying himself with the enemies of the people, but because he went over to the enemy as a traitor.

Blandinsville (Ill.) Star-Gazette: Secretary Shaw says the democrats have no issue on which to make a presidential campaign. Remember, this is Mr. Shaw. But as Mr. Shaw is not infallible, except in Mr. Shaw's estimation, it is not probable that democrats will let the campaign pass without making a nomination on account of Mr. Shaw's opinion. Mr. Shaw's prognosticator may have been out of gear, or Mr. Shaw's wish may have sired the thought.

Newton (Ia.) Herald: The Register and Leader, when it talks patriotically about "the right to participate in the government under which one lives," should remember that a republican administration is forcing and has forced a government upon a foreign people against their will, and that the people have no right to participate therein. Then why should the Register and Leader weep crocodile tears over the few down south and wink at the indignities in the Philippines?

Hamlin (W. Va.) Monitor: The republicans have not yet decided on just what kind of an India rubber currency the country needs.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: When Lincoln Steffens goes after the American protective tariff league, we may believe that he is sincere in his crusade against grafters.

Carthage (Ill.) Democrat: Grover Cleveland addressed \$300,000,000 at the Commercial club banquet Wednesday night. It will be observed, however, that mighty few democrats were present.

Manson (Ia.) Democrat: When union labor demands a slice of the prosperity the trusts and railroad corporations are enjoying, the reply is an injunction or a call for troops. Rents, the cost of living, etc., can be advanced indefinitely, but wages not at all.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: We suppose that Governor Durbin has great gobs of stuff in soak to draw on from time to time about the majesty of the law; but his stock of blank requisitions for political associates accused of murder in Kentucky remains undiminished.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: That was a provident bridegroom who wanted his marriage certificate dated back a few months "to kiver accidents." The same reason impels the gold trust to try to get Cleveland or some one of his sort for a democratic presidential candidate next year. For, they say, "accidents will happen," you know.

Thayer (Mo.) Tribune: It is nauseating to democrats to see the Kansas City Star, the Kansas City Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch quoted as democratic papers. The democracy of the state and nation have no worse foes than these unscrupulous newspapers, and to quote them as democratic organs is little better than slander.

Lexington (N. C.) Dispatch: They say that all departments of this government are rotten with all kinds of rascality. There is but one thing for the people to do, and that is turn the last mother's son of them out. It is simply up to the people. If the people fail to turn them out they will go deeper and further in their rascality and the public generally will be the sufferer.

De Land (Fla.) News: The secretary announces that several million dollars have been deposited with southern banks—to help move the cotton crop. All the cotton grower has to do now, is to furnish ample security and pay the banker 10 to 20 per cent for the use of this government money—then the railroads can move the cotton. 'Tis a simple, generous plan. 'Tis a great country—made by the farmers.

Challis (Idaho) Messenger: It is stated that when President Cleveland is told that many people desire him to run again for the presidency "he blushes like a maiden when she is reminded of her lover's adoration." He smiles—Oh, what a smile. He has become proficient in that art. He has so often smiled at his success in deceiving and betraying the American people and damning the party that he claimed to hold as dear to him as life.

Red Cloud (Neb.) Nation: Wheat is 80 cents per bushel in Chicago, 50 cents in Red Cloud and costs 30 cents to get it to market. Which is to blame, the shipper or the railroads? At which end are the trusts working, or are they working at both ends of the road? Stand up for the "grand old party." Vote her straight. Help to build up the trusts.

Kingfisher (O. T.) Reformer: Born of the republican party, fostered by republican hands, and now controlling and dictating the policy of its creator, the trust, as the offspring of republicanism and an oppressive protective tariff, stands before the people of the United States in condemnation of republicanism. No amount of protestation in republican platforms can sever republicanism from trustism.

Pratt (Kas.) Union: Another shipload of dead soldiers will arrive from the Philippines about the middle of next month. There are only a hundred and sixty-three in this load. The war in the Philippines has been over a long time for the slaughter pen to supply such loads of dead as are shipped back every few weeks. Just recently a ship carrying 306 dead soldiers arrived from the Philippines.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: The report that Wall street "wants the scalp of Roosevelt" is nonsense. The editor of the Wall Street Journal is reported as declaring himself a democrat. The declaration, however, is worded in such a manner that it is in reality a boom for Roosevelt, who is spoken of as a man of independence, free from the influence of the wealth of the country, etc. Of course it is ridiculous to suppose that a real democrat would receive support from Wall street. The bluff in question may deceive western republicans, as it is intended for this purpose, and they are "easy."

Wichita (Kas.) Beacon: Before investigation is tied up, a little attention should be given the railroad mail service. This is the oldest and most persistent graft now doing business in this country and the wonder is that in the strenuousness of the present management of governmental affairs no one in authority has thought to notice it. The renting of mail cars, weighing of mail matter and the price for carrying ought to be looked after by some servant of the dear people. The railroads will be represented all right, but who is there to speak for those who pay the bills?

Warsaw (Mo.) Enterprise: In the 1900 republican platform was the following resolution: "We favor home rule for an early admission to statehood of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma." It has been repudiated, and republicans in congress have treated it as a joke. The republican excuse is that the territories might become democratic with their six senators. The real reason is that the corporation agents of the republican party in the senate know that as the principal business of the new states is agricultural and mining, that they would not be servile enough to eastern interests.

Newton (Ia.) Herald: It is very tiresome for a northern editor who indorses the outrages in Luzon to be continually harping about Alabama. It is the old cry of "stop thief." They wish to divert attention from their own cussedness. The franchise ques-

tion in the south is not a political question. It is a race question. No man who has the best interests of his country at heart will ever wish to increase the difficulties which already confront us as a nation by taking on ten millions of people in the Philippines, to augment and aggravate the race question which we are unable to solve at home.

Bel Air (Md.) Democrat: It must have been hard for Postmaster General Payne to indefinitely suspend and finally dismiss his confidential clerk and assistant superintendent of the salary and allowance division in the department over which Payne presides. When a cabinet officer's confidential agent goes wrong in a department honeycombed with fraud, the people believe there is something more than "hot air," as Payne breezily called the first disclosures of fraud, and are inquiring why he was not tried, convicted and punished as any other rogue should be. Postmaster Payne is the political manager of Roosevelt and his confidential clerk may have told him something that would convict high republican officials of partnership in the frauds, and if pressed too hard the clerk might squeal, and it was for the good of the party that the guilty rascals escape.

Paragould (Ark.) Democrat: The persistency with which the Cleveland element in the democratic party continues to set him up as a presidential candidate is growing tiresome. We have no desire to rule the ex-president out of the party, but aside from the fact that he was a leader in the bolting faction that defeated our ticket in 1896 and 1900, Cleveland has been twice elected president and the democracy should not even consider setting a third term precedent. It is right and proper that the doors be opened widely for the readmission to the party of all democrats who went astray in the memorable conflict of '96, but the return should not be conditioned with a selection of their leader as a candidate for president. If the Cleveland boomers will let up and show a disposition to line up there will be better prospects for harmony in the good year of 1904.

Asset Currency Losing Ground.

In the October number of the Bankers' Magazine editorial comment is made on the feeling in this country regarding asset currency. In this article it is stated that the feeling is not so strong in favor of asset currency as it was ten years ago, for, while the advocates of such a plan have convinced themselves that such notes would be just as safe as bonded notes, they have not gained enough public confidence to assure the success of their plans. The Bankers' Magazine says: "It is believed that the vigorous discussion of the subject which has been going on, instead of strengthening the cause of asset currency, has revealed many defects and has shown the impracticability of introducing it into the United States. In fact, many who once thought it practicable have been forced to recede from that position."

We think that is a fair statement of the case and we feel that the longer the question is discussed in congress the less chance there is of the final adoption of such a plan.—Boston Herald.