

## Weekly Press Forum

Fremont (O.) Messenger: Last year the people managed to settle the coal strike, but they haven't got through settling the coal bill yet.

Elizabethtown (N. Y.) Post: President Roosevelt might jump on one of the big postal grafters, if only to show them he is not afraid of them.

Marion (O.) Mirror: The re-election of Governor Beckham in Kentucky will be the means of indefinitely postponing the return of refugee Taylor to his native land.

Bucyrus (O.) Forum: Since the Ohio election President Roosevelt has lost all desire to have Senator Lodge succeed Senator Hanna as chairman of the national committee.

Ironton (O.) Irontonian: The United States government has recognized the republic of Panama. It is very sudden, and probably the action was governed by selfishness.

Marion (O.) Mirror: The difference between Roosevelt and Hanna is, the former is the commander in chief of the army and navy, while the latter is commander of the republican party.

Fostoria (O.) Times: Wonder what big deal there is at the root of this Panama republic play? Either the French republic that wants to sell out, or J. Pierpont Morgan who wants the people to buy, it in it.

Mansfield (O.) Shield: Those workmen who have been laid off by the trusts will appreciate Mark Hanna's advance in the price of coal before the winter is over. But then, you know, Ohio voted to indorse Uncle Mark.

Hamilton (O.) Sun: Miss Panama is still laboring under the impression that she was the one who did it all. As a matter of fact the outcome will probably show that she has been trifled with. Uncle Sam was not making love to the giddy young thing for love's sake alone. Not he.

Pen Yan (N. Y.) Democrat: Some high and mighty Wall street financiers ought to be in jail for robbing the public. Instead, they pose as philanthropists, endowing here and there a school or college. But it ought to be impossible to find any institution that would accept money gained in that way.

Wilmington (Del.) Jeffersonian: Grover Cleveland has referred to his "old-fashioned" democracy. In view of the fact that Cleveland has not voted the democratic ticket since 1892, it is not surprising that his democratic robe is out of fashion. Probably it is moth-eaten, like other cast-off and disused clothing.

Kingfisher (O. T.) Reformer: "What price did you get for that dollar wheat that you brought to market today?" Inquired a western farmer of his gold-bug neighbor the other day. "I got 50 cents a bushel," snappishly answered the gold-bug neighbor as he walked away looking wise and muttering to himself, "What blamed idiots these free silver cranks are, anyway."

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: The employees of the Sheet Steel company at Scottdale, Pa., have signed an agreement for a reduction of 20 per cent in their wages, and the ones employed at Canal Dover have been notified from New York that the same reduction will be asked from them. The elections being over, the merry work will start up in earnest and it would seem a very foolish thing to begin fighting against it under existing conditions.

Chilton (Wis.) Times: Poor old Grover is certainly in a bad way when Mark Hanna becomes eulogistic in his behalf.

Keyser (W. Va.) Tribune: The present administration deserves the title of the Twentieth Century School for Scandals.

Snarpsburg (Ky.) World: The republicans will soon explain the decline in business as the result of the fear of a democratic victory next fall.

Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin: The workman sells his labor in the cheapest and buys his goods in the dearest market; cause, tariff on goods, but none on labor.

New Albany (Ind.) Public Press: If we now had a democratic administration the republicans would not be at a loss to explain the present slump in the stock market.

Whitewright (Tex.) Sun: The president is urging Senator Hanna to continue as chairman of the republican national committee. The president has an eye for business.

Mankato (Kas.) Advocate: The fellow who thinks that the trusts will bust themselves and that the republican party will purify itself is entitled to a place among the great humorists.

Rogers (Tex.) News: Suppose Gorman could be nominated and elected president, of what benefit would it be? Is he not today recognized as being even more popular with the trusts than Roosevelt is?

St. Paul (Neb.) Phonograph-Press: Now watch the financiers get in their work on their pet banking bill. If they succeed with their asset currency it will outclass the wild cat currency in its palmy days.

Columbus (Neb.) Telegram: The history of nations records no baser betrayal of the confidence of a friendly power than the act of President Roosevelt in hastening to the rescue of the rebels in Panama.

Long Prairie (Minn.) Democrat: Boss Hanna looks upon Cleveland and Gorman as the only two real dyed-in-the-wool democrats in the land. This ought to be pointer enough for us common herd to think once or twice before we leap.

Auburn (Neb.) Herald: Grover Cleveland says that he would rather have his son become a bridge-builder than president. Knowing what we do about bridge building in some Nebraska counties, we are convinced that Grover is onto the "graft."

Stanton (Neb.) Register: There isn't much said these days about the prosperity prices of two years ago. The secretary of the treasury has lately made a statement that there never was so much money in the United States as now, but the tightness of the money market, the raise of interest rates, makes his statement appear ludicrous.

Wilmington (Del.) Jeffersonian: Where, oh, where are the prosperity tooters? If republicans made times good, it must be the same people who are making them bad. Why are wages going down? Why are not the republican papers claiming the credit for doing that? Is it not nearly time for some fool to assert that the danger of free silver is destroying confidence?

Colby (Kas.) Free Press: Ex-Chief Justice Frank Doster says he would support Grover Cleveland before he would support Teddy Roosevelt for president. It is merely a matter of choice; the trusts of the country will continue to run affairs in case either

of them is elected. The only difference would be that Teddy would make strenuous speeches while Grover would fish.

Shelbina (Mo.) Torchlight: From buying the quit claim title of one nation to another people to secretly encouraging an insurrection and the formation of a rebellious government to be used as a tool is but a step. Folks should not be surprised at these little things now. This last step is the one we have just taken down on the isthmus. The circumstantial evidence against us is very strong, and witnesses may lie, but circumstances never.

### Panama Canal Treaty.

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United States to employ whatever force may be necessary for that sole purpose, the said force to be withdrawn when the necessity for its presence has ceased; that when the circumstances demand the United States may send forces to the isthmus without the advice or consent of the Panama government; that no change in the government or laws or treaties of the republic of Panama shall, without the consent of the United States, effect in any way the provisions of this treaty.

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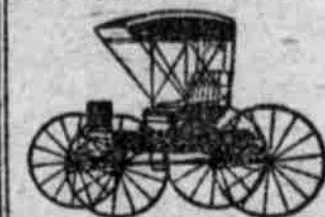
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