



# Weekly Press Forum

**Ithica (N. Y.) Democrat:** Considering President Roosevelt's reputation for strenuousness, his message does not show it.

**Georgetown (Ky.) Times:** There will be two eclipses of the sun next year and one of the republican party. The latter event will occur in November.

**Elizabeth City (N. C.) News:** During the next campaign the republican cry to the laborers will be "dinner at the White house" instead of "full dinner pail."

**Plattsburgh (Neb.) Journal:** From "subordinating" the tariff question to "sinking" the boodle issue is a natural and easy declension for the republican party.

**Central City (Neb.) Democrat:** Cleveland has announced that he will not be a candidate for president next year in the same tone of voice that the little boy refuses a second piece of pie when "company" is present.

**Frankfort (Ind.) Standard:** Knox the trust buster, "our able, honest, and fearless United States attorney general," seems in his report to have forgotten that there is any such thing as trusts. Singular oversight for a buster, wasn't it?

**Nebraska City (Neb.) News:** Senator Hanna thinks that the course of the United States in Panama means that we are filling "manifest destiny." According to Mark Hanna, "manifest destiny" means getting all you can, at any time you can, in any way you can.

**Boone (Ia.) Democrat:** The democratic minority in the United States senate may or may not succeed in preventing the ratification of the Panama treaty, but in any event it will show that the democratic party is unalterably opposed to the policy of imperialism. Democracy has nothing in common with the theory that "might makes right."

**Marion (O.) Mirror:** Roosevelt may never get into history as a political genius of the first class, but his securing the indorsement of the various republican conventions that met in the spring was a stroke of some sort of genius. But for those indorsements, the nomination of Mark Hanna next year could not be prevented. Perhaps it cannot, anyhow.

**San Francisco Weekly Star:** This draw-poker phrase, "stand pat," really represents Mark Hanna's political creed. It was the maxim of the Bourbon kings, who "never learned anything, and never forgot anything," laissez faire—let things alone. It is the old maxim of the privileged classes, of the conservatives who sneer at and denounce every man who aims to improve the condition of the world.

**Boone (Ia.) Democrat:** This is possibly a wise move on Mr. Cleveland's part, but what is he declining? Certainly nothing that he had the least ghost of a chance of securing. Aside from the natural aversion to the third term idea, Mr. Cleveland hasn't friends enough in the democratic party in any one state in the Union to secure him the delegation of that state in the national convention. So our dear republican brethren will have to look elsewhere for relief in their hour of need.

**Middletown (O.) Signal:** More than one president has come to grief by personal ambition that overleaps itself, and Roosevelt has that inclining.

**Columbia (Mo.) Herald:** Ex-President Cleveland has again declined to accept the presidential nomination on the democratic ticket—but who said Cleveland?

**Shelbina (Mo.) Torchlight:** President Roosevelt's strenuousness on the trust question seems to have become side-tracked or exhausted before he got to the matter of writing his message.

**Frankfort (Ind.) Standard:** We cannot take Wall street's selection for candidates—nor take Wall street's money to help elect a president without doing their bidding just as the republicans are now doing.

**Middletown (O.) Signal:** Senator Hanna's friendship for Perry S. Heath, who is involved in the postal scandals, is as great as the president's friendship for Congressman Littauer, who is involved in the glove contract scandal.

**Rockville (Ind.) Tribune:** The spectacle of Cleveland refusing the presidential nomination of the democratic party, when he could not get on a democratic ticket for the office of constable in any township in the United States, is a sight for gods and men.

**Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger:** Having declined the nomination, without mentioning to what party he referred, will Mr. Cleveland kindly announce to a palpitating public whether he will vote for the nominee of the party? Let him take his time, however, for the matter is not of the slightest importance.

**Vincennes (Ind.) Sun:** The labor of the president to balance himself astride the capital and labor question so as to curry favor with both and lose no votes from either, is amusing, if it were not disgusting. Whenever he swats labor in the jaw, he swings a gentle left hander on the neck of capital, but not a knock-out blow. When he frowns at capital, he makes faces at labor, and manages to break even all along the line.

**Anoka (Minn.) Free Press:** Almost one-third of the 14-column document is devoted to a justification of the administration's conduct in the Panama deal—something which no number of words or columns can ever justify in the eyes of the world in general. The encouragement by one nation of rebellion and secession in another can never be justified. And it is of this that our present administration stands guilty before the world—manufactured justifications to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Bellefonte (Pa.) Democrat:** The administration at Washington is worse than slow in prosecuting the fellows that have stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars—yea, millions—in fraudulent transactions in the post-office department, the western land thieves, the ravenous trusts or the fellows that supplied our soldiers in the Spanish war with rotten and poisoned beef, and a score of rascals that have robbed the country in other lines. Yet Roosevelt has loudly proclaimed how he would have justice meted out promptly.

**London (O.) Democrat:** Who is running this country, anyway? Well, we will know just as soon as it is settled whether President Roosevelt or Senator Hanna's proteges are declared the immaculate ones.

**Charlestown (Ind.) Citizen:** Between General Wood's alleged misdeeds and the known misdeeds of the postoffice department, the republican party is having as much excitement as though engaged in a sure-enough campaign.

**Tarkio (Mo.) Independent:** Grover Cleveland has announced that he positively will not be a candidate for the presidential nomination. A very large majority of the democrats of the country heartily agree with Grover on this proposition.

**Chicago Public:** Dun's Review is pleased to report that "labor organizations are accepting reductions in wages without controversy." They are like the deceased wife of the old German who, when asked if she was "reconciled to die," replied: "Mein Gott, she het to be!"

**Troy (O.) Democrat:** A number of republican newspapers appear anxious about the welfare of the democratic party and seem to think that it cannot stand constant defeat. This is a mistaken idea. It was its last victory that injured the democratic party more than all of its defeats.

**Chillicothe (O.) News-Advertiser:** Roosevelt writes about bribery as if he were the original discoverer of corruption in the public service. A whole lot of the frauds in the postal department were notorious before he became president, but then there was such harmony in the party that no one would peach.

**Fort Dodge (Ia.) Post:** An Indian out in one of the Dakotas robbed a postoffice of a few hundred dollars and now they have him in jail. Down in Washington the gang robbed the postal department of hundreds of thousands, but none of them are in jail. In one instance it was robbery, and in the other it was "high finance."

**Meadville (Pa.) Farmer:** The president's discussion of the Panama episode contains practically nothing new on the subject that has not already been spread before the public. That which occurred between the Panama junta and the agents of the Roosevelt party, in secret conclave, of course, does not appear in the records intended for the public and is therefore carefully avoided.

**Rockville (Ind.) Tribune:** The man is blind, indeed, who cannot see that the campaign of 1896 was the first movement in a mighty conflict between the people and plutocracy. Free silver was a mere incident. It happened to be the thing that arrayed these two distinct forces for the first time into great contending armies. The trusts, with Wall street and all the other capitalistic class, masquerading under the guise of "business interests" moved heaven and earth to turn back the advancing hosts of the common people. They did it, but for how long? Is there a man so blind that he cannot see that this was the beginning of an "irrepressible conflict" that must go on until this country is all for the plutocrat or all for the people?

**Troy (O.) Democrat:** He seems to be bidding for the support of the people on the trust problem just as Hanna tried to win the workingmen. A low species of demagoguery that ought to disgust intelligence throughout the entire land.

**Sandusky (O.) Journal:** The wisdom of conquering the Philippines cannot be doubted now. It is the most convenient locality possible to send officials who are likely to have to undergo an investigation at home. Away off there they are not likely to be disturbed and scandal raised on their account.

**Kenton (O.) Press:** Grover Cleveland has grabbed his boot straps and lifted himself out of the presidential game. He says: "My determination not to be a candidate is unalterable and conclusive." That's all right, only the democracy beat Grover to that determination and conclusion by several lengths.

**Spencer (Ia.) Herald:** "Words are good when backed up by deeds, and only so."—President Roosevelt. The president has talked considerably on various subjects the past couple of years. For instance, the trusts, and official grafters. He is shy on the deeds proposition, however.

**Buffalo (Wyo.) Voice:** Some day—when democracy shall have won its great cause, when the office of chief executive shall be presided over by a democrat, when the national congress shall be controlled by those whose hands and hearts are in sympathy with the people and to whom the trust pirates may knock in vain, then, and not till then, will the multitude get its just desert—all this slobbering anent the trust-busting propensities of the republican party to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Lamar (Colo.) Sparks:** A Pullman car attached to train No. 8, which passed through here on Tuesday, contained eighteen insane soldiers who were brought from the Philippines to be placed in the military insane asylums. Every returning transport brings a consignment of dead bodies as well as a number who are suffering the living death of insanity. It is a question whether those far-off islands which the United States is trying to steal from their rightful owners are worth the sacrifice of so many promising young men.

**Houston (Mo.) Star:** It is announced that David B. Hill has withdrawn in favor of Judge Parker for the democratic presidential nomination. That is amusing indeed. Last week we had Grover's declination; this week it is Hill's withdrawal! The fact of the matter is, they have not done anything of the kind; they couldn't if they were to try, for the simple reason that neither of them has the remotest chance of securing the nomination for president on the democratic ticket next year. The democratic nominee will be a democrat, and not a democrat of the Cleveland-Hill stripe.

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