

Hanna, and Hanna is likely to be nominated, but at the same time Wall street prefers Roosevelt to any democrat in the list of candidates.

Jonesburg (Mo.) Journal: The republican party has all along been claiming credit for the past prosperity, but when mills and factories shut down and wages of employes reduced, and the price of hogs and cattle dropped about half, it is business depression, and has nothing to do with politics.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: The only justification the president or any one who indorses his action in the Panama steal is that there is money in it to this country. That's the same plea that was put up in the "benevolent assimilation" business in the Philippines. This is the same rule of action that the highwayman adopts when he holds up his victim.

David City (Neb.) Press: Secretary Shaw of the treasury department made a beautiful speech the other day, in which he advised young men never to work for hire—wages. Now, that is very pretty, and was founded on truth, but as every avenue of industry is controlled by a trust—backed by millions, what is a young man going to do? He must work for hire or starve.

Medicine Lodge (Kas.) Index: The 20,000 laborers who have lost their jobs since the Ohio election and the approximate 200,000 who have sustained a reduction in wages or will soon undergo that pleasant (?) experience, probably now realize the full meaning of the Hanna slogan, "Let



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well enough alone." As long as you "let well enough alone" the trusts are satisfied and the average man gets it on that portion of his anatomy located between the shoulders and the cerebellum.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: There must be some way to spend the blood money extorted from the people by a protective tariff, and the Philippine fiasco affords the opportunity to spend millions, but the Panama rebellion will add its quota of millions of expense—all to be wrung from the consumer by a protective tariff. See the point.

Greenfield (Mo.) Advocate: "Deeds and not words," says President Roosevelt. Words without deeds may amount to something perhaps, but not so much. When the Count Monte Cristo exclaims "The world is mine," no one is frightened and there is a sentiment, an audacity, a something at which the world smiles, perchance applauds. When the real owner, however, advances, the price of oil five cents on the gallon the world feels it and billions of backs are bowed under the burden.

Huntington (Ind.) News-Democrat: Operators throughout the bituminous coal districts of central Pennsylvania, Maryland and parts of West Virginia have decided, according to the New York Herald, to reduce the wage scale now being paid to mine workers unless business improves materially within the next three months. At least 100,000 men will be involved. Also one thousand miners in Preston county, West Virginia, have quit work on account of a reduction of ten cents a ton in their scale. The gold stand-

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