

## Weekly Press Forum

Hamilton (O.) Sun: Ever see such a resilient boom as that one of Uncle Mark's? It just bounces back into shape every time he steps off of it.

Malad (Idaho) Advocate: Beginning with the new year the steel trust will make a 10 per cent cut in the wages of its employees. You know during 1904 there will be an extra expense—the republican campaign sack must be filled.

Spencer (Ia.) Herald: Senator Hanna finds his weight and game leg very convenient. The republican presidential nomination evidences a desire to play tag with him. When the game begins he does not want to be able to move with such dispatch as to keep from being it.

Bucyrus (O.) Forum: The entry of Judge Taft into the cabinet as secretary of war is interesting. As a matter of eliminating the governor general of the Philippines from the list of presidential candidates it is not important. The judge never was more than a remote possibility in that line.

Colfax (Mo.) Commoner: The republican statesmen who thought it would be such a dangerous policy to recognize the independence of the Filipinos and declare a protectorate over them, are now the foremost champions of the recognition of the independence of Panama and the establishment of a protectorate over it.

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: With the full dinner pail empty, the wonderful prosperity gone glimmering, our increased confidence scattered to the winds, the trust tightening the hold on everything and local, state and national taxes soaring skyward, with wages in an equal ratio going the other way, the jingoes will be all too ready to rush into a war with Colombia as a last means of holding the unthinking element up for another four years of trust rule and looting.

Harrodsburg (Ky.) Democrat: Poor little Colombia is being told by "the powers" that she need expect no sympathy if she goes to war to regain her lost territory. Of course not. The Boers got no sympathy from "the powers" when they went to war to preserve their independence. The sympathy of "the powers" cannot reach the Armenians and Macedonians who are being murdered by the Turks. As a matter of fact the "sympathy of the powers" usually goes to the party that has the largest army and the longest purse.

Wilmington (O.) Democrat: The combines and trusts have been handing out Christmas presents to their employees in the shape of reductions in their wages. About a year ago the trust organs were commending the steel trust for selling preferred stock of the United States steel corporation to employees at 82½ cents on the dollar. But today, since some of the water has been squeezed out of the stock, it is selling at 52½, the employees thus losing \$30 per share on the stock they purchased. Not being able this year to bunco employees by dumping watered stock upon them, the steel trust has made a 20 per cent reduction in wages.

### Don't Scold.

Irritability is a nervous affection. Strengthen the nerves with Dr. Miles' Neryine. Sleep better, eat better, work better, feel better, and be better. Sold on guarantee. Book on nerves for postal. DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Glasgow (Ky.) Times: The fact that the democratic party has for several years been short of pie, is no reason why it should now Gormandize itself.

Stromsburg (O.) News: In Nebraska the price of coal continues to go up, in Pennsylvania the price of labor continues to go down. Meanwhile, we are all admonished by St. Mark of Ohio to "stand pat."

Youngstown (O.) Vindicator: "Readjustment" is a new word for a heart-rending reduction of the wage question. If you don't believe it, ask any of the employees of the Carnegie Steel company. "Readjustment" does not sound so vulgar.

Medicine Lodge (Kas.) Index: We would like for some wise republican to explain how Mr. Roosevelt can be opposed to trusts while he favors every measure which fosters and protects them. By their works, not by their noise, shall ye know them.

Whatcom (Wash.) Blade: Collier's Weekly says that Cleveland and Roosevelt are the only presidents since the time of Lincoln who have been the people's president, but fails to designate what people. Cleveland and Roosevelt! Wouldn't that exasperate you?

Chillicothe (O.) News-Advertiser: Senator Hanna is to solve the labor problem in a magazine. We thought he had already solved it in a speech when he was made chairman of a strike-stopping organization. Solving the labor problem by Hanna is getting to be as monotonous as the yearly burning of mortgages in Kansas.

Clarksville (Mo.) Piker: There is no reason why the party should be confused, except that a purchased metropolitan press, constantly distorting things, has a most unwholesome effect. The party wants none of the men as its leaders now who betrayed it then. It has plenty of men of principle and ability who may serve as its leaders, without asking the consent of traitors to anything.

Medicine Lodge (Kas.) Index: If laws and administrations have nothing to do with enhancing the values of trust properties, how does it happen that all of these interests and men representing them are so active in the elections? How does it happen that they have representatives in the lobbies of congress and legislatures? The man who says that legislation has no effect one way or the other, is sadly in need of a head regulator.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: A few years ago we heard considerable talk to the effect that the "government must go out of the banking business." The same men who were shouting this slogan were sneering at the "wild-eyed" populists who thought the government should loan its surplus money to the people at a low rate of interest on good security. A republican administration is now in power by virtue of the money and votes of the men who ridiculed the populists, and what has it done? It has loaned \$158,000,000 to favorite banks without one cent of interest. A million dollars of such money went to the banks of Indianapolis; one hundred thousand to Brazil. This money will be loaned to the people from whom it has been extorted by unnecessary taxation, at 6 per cent interest. The banks will then have a fund of \$9,000,000 per annum—a clear gift—from which to contribute to the republican corruption fund.

Ironton (Mo.) Register: When you see a thing that you want, but have no right to, just take it. 'Tis true that this would be, as a rule, denominated stealing; but there are convenient exceptions to all rules. Take, or hire some person to take it for you, and call the taking an exception. This mends all, and makes your act righteous. Only, you must be bigger and better "fixed" than the fellow you despoil. In support of my contention I refer you to the president's Panama canal message.

Howells (Neb.) Journal: The talk that is being made by a part of the republican press of the land to the effect that the great trusts are striving in vain to bring about the defeat of Roosevelt in the next national republican convention may deceive a few who are blind to reason, but any man who has watched the trend of affairs will not be deceived. In the first place the trusts own and control the republican party—they furnish the means necessary to carry on the campaign. If they did not desire the renomination of Roosevelt all they would have to do is to say the word; but the truth is they are well suited with the president. To be sure, he has denounced them upon numerous occasions, but he has taken good care to do nothing to interfere with their plans. Under his administration trusts have multiplied at an alarming rate. There is every reason to believe that the trust magnates will support Roosevelt both in the convention and at the polls.

Mattoon (Ill.) Star: One peculiarity of the Roosevelt administration is that it requires an extra staff of officials to explain the actions of the other half. In addition to this large army of men, it has been deemed necessary to employ some six hundred able citizens to draft reports and prosecute those who have been caught stealing. It is estimated that the cost of these extra officials will aggregate as much in a year as it required to run the Cartagenaian nation in its palmy days, or as much as the wealth of the known world prior to Solomon's time. The future reader of history, when he reads of the corruption, extravagance and despoliation of the Rooseveltian administration will undoubtedly wonder what sort of fools comprised this nation on account of there being so much as talk of nominating Mr. Roosevelt to succeed himself. And yet we boast of our enlightenment, our virtue and candor, whilst the public plunderers continue to eat up the moneys wrung from the body politic.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: Hon. John W. Kern in his address at the Jackson club banquet showed conclusively that the financial question had not been settled in 1896, that it is now an issue and that its aspect is worse for the people than eight years ago. Having established the gold standard and proclaimed that they had made "every dollar as good as every other dollar," the devotees of the gold standard proceed to discredit their own act by compelling bonds and notes to be paid in gold coin. Three great cities in the United States have a bonded indebtedness payable in gold coin that is greater than all the gold in the United States, not to mention the millions of private indebtedness payable in gold. The condition of affairs can be imagined when another panic comes and gold goes into hiding. The banks that have exacted a gold obligation of debtors are under no such obligation to pay depositors in such

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: The nomination of Grover Cleveland by ex-Secretary of State Richard Olney at a Tammany hall banquet a short time ago created about the same sensation throughout the west that a man creates when he jocularly slaps a neighbor on the back by way of friendly salutation and hits a big boil.

coin—hence they will pay silver or paper. As Mr. Kern says, the "unspeakable asses" who have voted for such a contingency will have no right to complain when the crash comes.

### The Gain.

Little by little we gain  
In clearing the wrongs away:  
Little by little we push along,  
Though gold is mighty and greed is strong—  
But, God, what a price to pay!

Little by little we cleave  
The mountains of selfishness:  
Little by little we push ahead,  
But, O, the innocent lying dead  
And the past that is pitiless!

Little by little the ones  
To whom we are calling heed:  
Little by little the madness dies,  
The madness that looks out of selfish eyes;  
The merciless plague of greed.

Little by little we gain,  
But scattered along the way,  
The awful way through which we have come,  
Are the heaps of innocents, still and dumb—  
O, God, what a price to pay!  
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

### The Right of the Case.

First we paid \$20,000,000 for the Philippines in toto. Now we pay \$7,210,000 for the friar lands. And no one has yet been able to show what right we had to meddle with the land of the Filipinos in the first place, or the lands of the friars in the second place.—Columbus Press-Post.

Why, we have the right which comes from might, of course. We were there as the friend of the weak. We concluded that we might take the Filipino and oppress him. There is that old feeling of oppressing the man with a dark skin still lurking in the plutocracy which is running things in this country at present.

So we paid \$20,000,000 for the right to steal something. We bought off some one who had no title and who never could have gotten one.

Spain having no title of course the \$20,000,000 was wasted. We got nothing for it, except a right to prosecute a war interminably.

But the people who are running things at Washington have learned nothing by experience. That is plain from what is going on in the isthmus. —Cleveland Recorder.

## What Will Cure A Bad Catarrh

A Noted Doctor of Atlanta is Curing This Disease by a New Home Treatment

SENDS IT FREE TO ANY ONE WITHOUT EXPECTING PAYMENT

Those who have long doubted whether there really is a permanent cure for catarrh will be glad to learn that a southern physician, Dr. J. W. Blosser, of Atlanta, Ga., has discovered a method whereby catarrh can be cured to the very last symptom without regard to climate or condition. So that there may be no misgivings about it, he will send a free sample to any man or woman without expecting payment. The regular price of the remedy is \$1.00 for a box containing one month's treatment.

The doctor's remedy is radically different from all others and the results he has achieved seem to mark a new era in the scientific cure of catarrh, foul breath, hawking and spitting, stopped up feeling in nose and throat, coughing spells, difficult breathing, catarrhal deafness, asthma, bronchitis and the many other symptoms of a bad case of catarrh. If you wish to see for yourself what this remarkable remedy will do, send your name and address to the Doctor Blosser Company, 371 Walton St., Atlanta, Ga., and you will receive the free package, and an illustrated book.