

## Weekly Press Forum

Carlyle (Ill.) Constitution: There is something wrong with the democracy that is in harmony with republican opinion.

Pennsboro (W. Va.) News: Last week Grover Cleveland wrote a letter telling the democrats how to succeed. It is a pity he didn't have that knowledge or put it into practice in 1894.

Gatling Gun, Chicago. How many plutocratic parties do we need in this country? The g. o. p. suits Wall street to perfection. The party of the people can never outbid the party of plutocracy for the support of Wall street trust pirates.

Pennsboro (W. Va.) News: Old Glory was finally pulled down in Cuba the other day. We call attention to this merely to show that despite the sanguinary utterances of the soldiers who do their shooting with their mouths and lead pencils, the flag does not always "stay put."

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: G. Cleveland has written an article telling how to recapture the democratic party. He speaks to his "rank and file associates." He should send marked copies to the three in the famous Kansas precinct. We don't know the present postoffice addresses of the others.

Woodsfield (O.) Spirit of Democracy: It is said that President Roosevelt is "getting out of patience" with the disorder in San Domingo. Let us hope the president will not have bad dreams some night and get up next morning "out of patience" with some nation big enough to give us a lot of trouble.

Caldwell (O.) Press: Cleveland's defenders seem to forget that he bolted first, that he violated the great principle of democracy, "let the majority rule," that he refused to let the 6,500,000 democrats—real ones—write the platform. It is this that causes democracy to take Grover's vocabulary exercises with a grain of salt.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Republican papers and speakers all over the country cudgelled their brains and ransacked the dictionary for superlatives in praise of Abraham Lincoln to celebrate that great patriot's birthday last Friday. And not one single thing in all he said and did could they find to justify what the republican party has been doing since William McKinley was inaugurated March 4, 1897.

Moundsville (W. Va.) Echo: Russia can't understand why Great Britain could subjugate the Boers and the United States go ahead and subjugate the Filipinos without the world powers putting in a protest; now when the Russian bear wants to gobble up the big pieces of pie down in Asia, all Europe and the United States are holding up their hands in holy horror at the thieving disposition manifested by Russia.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Money, trusts, imperialism! We need not stop to decide which is the most important issue. They all go together, but money and greed of gain are not the

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least, for we must decide whether gold shall rule and men serve or whether men shall rule and the dollar serve. If the people care nothing for principle, and adopt the political walking boss' cry of "anything to win," we will be as bad off for a time, as our country was prior to 1861, when the cry was anything to secure the money and influence of the slave power, for campaign purposes, when the word was passed around: "No party can win without it."

East Liverpool (O.) Crisis: Grover Cleveland is willing enough to point the way for the democrats to victory. Which is easy enough at so much per column.

Central City (Neb.) Democrat: It is now claimed by the Russians that the two warships which were reported to have accidentally struck mines set for the Japs were really destroyed by nihilists who had been pressed into service. It seems that they use the nihilists over there much as the republicans in this country use "manifest destiny," something behind which they can conceal their own stupidity or avarice.

Montevideo (Minn.) Leader: If the Wall street gold-clad democracy insists on it, we presume it can flock by itself again, and renominate Cleveland, or Palmer and Buckner, or anybody else, dead or alive, but that won't help them much. That faction has made more money out of its support of the republican party than it can hope to make in any other way, and that party needs its help now more than ever and will pay generously for it, no doubt.

Plankinton (S. D.) Leader: The Cleveland wing of the democratic party is a small one. It is composed of men who sulk in their tents when a candidate is nominated of whom they do not approve, as well as some who openly vote for the enemy. They are not the men who are willing to do and to dare for the party, and while true democrats will welcome them back to the party if they come prepared to fight for the principles of democracy, they are very much mistaken if they believe that the party will again be surrendered into their keeping until they have shown that they are once more democrats.

Plankinton (S. D.) Leader: But we deny that these bolters should now ask the democratic party to truckle at their feet and give them the best positions at its command. No man who refused to vote for the democratic nominees in 1896 and 1900 should be nominated for the presidency. Nor should any man be sent as a delegate to the national democratic convention who has not been loyal to his party nominees. Traitors to the party should be made to feel the heinousness of their offense. Loyal soldiers should receive the reward of constancy and zeal in the country's cause. Put none but democrats on guard.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: No democratic paper in Indiana that is or has been opposed to the Kansas City platform is daring enough to print in full any plank of that platform covering a living issue and follow it with hostile comment. Take the issues discussed recently by Grover Cleveland as being paramount. In his usual indulgence in glittering generalities Mr. Cleveland condemns the tendency of the republican party towards imperialism, and at the same time calls for an abandonment of "dead issues." There is not a single living issue

about which the Kansas City platform is silent. Imperialism, trusts, labor, militarism—even the inter-oceanic canal question—is openly and honestly met in that platform, which men like Cleveland have persistently and bitterly opposed. It would be impossible to treat these issues from any other standpoint and label it democratic without caricaturing common sense. The only reason for challenging the wisdom and integrity of our last national convention is that its platform is so unmistakably democratic that the trusts and other cormorants demanding special privileges are repelled by it.

Montevideo (Minn.) Leader: Grover Cleveland seems to be itching again to be nominated as the standard-bearer of a reorganized and reunited democracy. Considering the kind of support he has given the democracy wherever he didn't happen to be the candidate, his itching will hardly bring him up to the scratch. But he can go fishing again, if he wants to, and stay until after election. The democracy has learned how to worry along without his help and can also get along without his advice.

The Public, Chicago: It is encouraging to learn from the new secretary of war, Mr. Taft, through a speech he made before leaving the Philippines, that the American-Philippine policy is to be "The Philippines for the Filipino." Better late than never. Yet thousands of lives might have been saved—to say nothing of American ideals—had this policy been adopted when the Filipinos had the Philippines and were governing them better than they have ever been governed before or since. But that might have prevented franchise-grabbing by American capitalists, which was the vital force in our policy of Philippine subjugation.

### PARAGRAPHIC PUNCHES.

Every time Russia or Japan draws back to strike at the other Korea gets a punch in the nose from somebody's elbow.—Kansas City World.

Lese majeste in the White house—Suppose Mr. Roosevelt should get hot and order the people of the United States off the grounds.—Detroit Tribune.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., told his Bible class that "a man is taken for what he is or does." That seems to be the police view, too.—New York Herald.

As a trio of press muzzlers, the czar of Russia, the sultan of Turkey and Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania are lard to match.—Bristol Courier.

Let this be a warning to Mr. Machen to take his technicalities home and try them over on the piano before he offers them in the court next time.—Memphis Scimitar.

Mr. Rockefeller is reported to have gone into the ice business. This being the case only Rockefeller ponds will be expected to freeze hereafter.—Chicago Record-Herald.

An eastern paper says Theodore Roosevelt wants his nomination to be "a spontaneous act." He will not decline it, however, if it comes to him in less pleasant guise.—Denver Post.

Well may the coal trust gnash its teeth on reading that Japan has seized several Russian colliers. That system is even more profitable than raising prices.—Philadelphia North American.

The president will not negotiate an arbitration treaty with France till the senate gives assurance of ratifying it. The president thinks the senate should treat him as well as he treated Panama, and he had his recognition of

her ready before she seceded.—Houston Post.

The six white horses which the sultan of Morocco has sent to President Roosevelt are a welcome gift. The president is very fond of horses—all except dark horses.—Kansas City Star.

There must be something in this theory about microbes in the national bank notes when we think of the great number of cashiers who have gone to Canada for their health.—Columbus Press-Post.

The American people are tired and ashamed of jingoism. This fact, coupled with the pendency of a presidential election, may serve to keep Candidate Roosevelt from butting into the far eastern mix-up.—Atlanta Constitution.

The administration, says a Washington correspondent, will fight the campaign on four issues: The Panama policy, the attitude towards corporations taken in the Northern Securities case, the attitude toward labor shown in the Miller "open shop" case and the administration's attitude in the coal strike. Unfortunately for the administration the issues of a campaign are really made by the people. A few more may be added to the White house program.—Boston Traveler.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

Research and Suggestions (poem), by N. R. Andresen.

Captain Kettle K. C. B., by Cutcliffe Hayne; The Federal Book Co., New York.

The Story of the Conquest Flag, by Rev. S. M. Johnson; Winona Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.; price, 50c.

The Republic of Plato (pamphlet), translated by Alexander Kerr, professor of Greek in the University of Wisconsin; Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, Ill., publishers; 15c.

The Art of Living Long: a new and improved English version of the treatise of the celebrated Venetian centenarian, Louis Cornaro, with essays by Joseph Addison, Lord Bacon and Sir Wm. Temple; William F. Butler, 57 University bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

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