



Weekly Press Forum

Spartanburg (S. C.) Free Lance: Swapping Roosevelt for a trust tool is a proposition that will not interest democrats very much.

Celina (O.) Democrat: "Cleveland's sound advice" continues to take up considerable space in the newspapers that supported McKinley for president. Just what it exactly is they never tell us.

St. Anne (Ill.) Record: If crops turn out good this year it will be because the republicans are in power; if they turn out poor it will be because they were afraid the democrats might get into control next fall. The crops have an eye on 'em.

Celina (O.) Democrat. The Eighth district democrats, in convention at Urbana on Monday, nominated Henry McCracken for congress and reaffirmed the Kansas City platform without the aid or consent of G. Cleveland and the trusts. The democrats of the Eighth know how to get together.

Carrollton (Ill.) Gazette: The advocates of Alton B. Parker for the presidency give as their reason for supporting him that "there is nothing against him." Some fellows before supporting him would like to know "what he is against," and they are not unreasonable in this demand.

Schuyler (Neb.) Quill: Because Editor Corcoran of the York Democrat dared to denounce the railroad for charging exorbitant freight rates on coal his contract was cancelled and his mileage book taken up. Corcoran can well afford to pay cash for his railroad trips if he could buy coal at reasonable rates.

Sandusky (O.) Journal: It was an Ohio mob that lynched a negro who shot a policeman and then riddled the dangling corpse with bullets. Carry the news to Mississippi and don't forget to mention that it took place in a strong republican community.

Anna (Ill.) Democrat: Better far another defeat under anyone, only that he is a worthy man and a sincere democrat, than a hope of victory, or even victory itself, under the leadership of a stalking horse for the most corrupt plutocracy the world has ever known.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: The Chicago Chronicle is opposed to "Bryanism," is the organ of the D. M. Parry movement, is favorable to Cleveland's nomination, and—is owned by John R. Walsh, banker and trust promoter. Its influence in circles where democrats are as scarce as hen's teeth is unbounded.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: When brought to a show-down by the democrats the other day, the republican majority in congress killed an anti-trust amendment and also one to provide for an eight-hour day for labor employed on contract work for the government. Does the ox know his master's crib? Well we should guess!

Bellefonte (Pa.) Watchman: The lynching of "a poor, helpless negro" at Springfield, O., on Tuesday, would have been "one of the most atrocious outrages ever perpetrated in defiance of law and order" had not Ohio given the largest republican majority ever piled up in that state at a very recent election.

Carrol (O.) Chronicle: One by one the rights of the people fall before the privileges of monopoly. When will the people get even with these wrong-doers?

Clearfield (Minn.) Republican: A little thing like the postoffice scandal don't worry the republicans. They are used to such things and naturally expect the public to overlook them.

Mesquite (Tex.) Mesquiter: Grover Cleveland went fishing on the day of the last national election and now he is writing magazine articles on the "Opportunity of the Democrats." If the Stuffed Prophet would do less talking and more voting his words would have greater weight.

Pocahontas (Ia.) Democrat: The Register and Leader suggests that the democrats of Iowa unite on "Buster Brown" as a candidate for president. It is evident the Register and Leader is anxious to see democracy unite on something about on an equal with Trust Buster Roosevelt.

Otsego (N. Y.) Tidings: But with the nomination of Cleveland the democratic party would have to repudiate the principles for which it has steadfastly contended in years past and which have become a part of the political gospel of more than six millions of voters. The Otsego Tidings does not believe in sacrificing principles which it holds to be fundamentally right for the sake of a vague chance of winning the election with a corruption fund. It has no sympathy whatever with such ideas.

Lamar (Mo.) Democrat: They (the reorganizers) would commit the party to the defense of the great monopolies that make paupers and multi-millionaires. In short, they stand for the classes instead of the masses. This is the story of the con-

test in 1896; it is the story of today. Those who say it is whether or not the democracy shall make silver the issue, make the statement purposely to mislead and deceive the people.

Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat: The highwayman who violates the law by robbing one person is sent to the penitentiary. The trust manager who violates the law by robbing a million people is politely requested to discontinue his operations. And yet we are told that we should show respect for our executives and our courts!

Cameron (Mo.) Sun: Grover Cleveland is being boomed for the nomination for the presidency by James J. Hill, the western railway magnate. Mr. Hill asserts that the former president is well known from end to end of the Union. Quite true; entirely too much so by the rank and file of the party, who found themselves following a false idol after the sage of Princeton had received his second term to the White house.

Wantage (N. J.) Recorder: We cannot but view the effort to make the democratic party take up Cleveland and play the part of "second fiddle" to those sharks as a national calamity. The progress made under this administration toward a military and imperial government leaves the people but one party to turn to for help to keep the republic alive. That is undoubtedly the democratic party. When they turn to it as they will, sooner or later, shall it present them with a Grover Cleveland? Perish the thought!

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