

Weekly Press Forum

Stanton (Neb.) Register: The ratio in favor of the Kansas City platform is about 400 to 1.

Central City (Neb.) Democrat: The Parker band wagon looks like an ice wagon to western democrats.

York (Neb.) Democrat: Respect for courts is being put to the bayonet out in Colorado, by order of a law defying governor.

Minden (Neb.) Courier: When a safe blower or a horse thief is caught why not have the court issue a restraining order and let him go.

Fulton (Ill.) Journal: How would the democrats like to see one David Bennett Hill the ruling power in an administration? How would anyone besides Hill like it?

Pratt (Kas.) Union: Because Hill heads the democratic delegation from New York and is working for Parker does not mean that Parker will be nominated. We have seen Hill in other conventions.

Pratt (Kas.) Union: Carnegie is willing to put a million dollars into Roosevelt's campaign. Why not? There is not a soul above the sod for whom the trust laws have done so much as for Carnegie.

Pekin (Ill.) Times: Our republican friends insist that the scandals of this administration should have no part in next fall's campaign and that the grafting, boodle-snatching arraignments, indictments and convictions which have filled even conserva-

tive newspapers, to overflowing, are "ordinary incidents." Why not see what people think about it?

York (Neb.) Democrat: The temporary chairman of the Pennsylvania democratic convention said that "Roosevelt wants to substitute San Juan Hill for Bunker Hill." As far as we are concerned any old Hill will do except David B. Hill and James J.

A man whose surname is Parker, is not very much a remarker, Like his friend David Hill, He keeps still, very still, And his silence grows deeper and darker.

—York (Neb.) Democrat.

Palestine (Tex.) Herald: Parker has unbosomed himself to Belmont; no doubt of that. Belmont never backs a doubtful proposition. If Parker is straightforward why has not the rest of the voters, including the democratic voter, been taken into his confidence?

Lewistown (Ill.) News: If Parker ever had a ghost of a chance to be nominated for the presidency, Cleveland, Belmont and Hill squelched it flatter than a flounder. Truly, in Parker's case, the old adage that "our friends destroy us when they seek to aid" has been more than verified.

Challis (Idaho) Messenger: If all goes well in November and nobody has an attack of appendicitis, gout or acute indigestion, Secretary Taft contemplates making a tour of the Philippine Islands next year, to see if the

Filipinos are good and obedient. He says they will be fit for self-government whenever they think that we ought to govern them.

Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: To the democrat who knows what real democracy means; the democrat who abhors the rottenness and fraud of modern republicanism, nothing can be more offensive and insulting than Grover Cleveland's balderdash about "a return to sanity and patriotic effort."

David City (Neb.) Press: One more supreme judge like the three appointed by Cleveland and the one appointed by Roosevelt will give the trusts a majority of the supreme court. With the supreme court owned by the associated corporations, what hope does the future hold out. A biased court makes justice impossible.

Plattsmouth (Neb.) Journal: Half a dozen "pestilent" labor agitators have been driven out of Colorado by the authorities. "Major Hill, in command of the militia at Trinidad, arrested the persons, placed them on an east bound train, and commanded them never to return again." Martial law may stand such rough usage, but civil government could not endure it.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: The republican papers are giving the Parker boom all the encouragement possible, while trying to de-little the Hearst sentiment which is sweeping the country. Why? Because they fear Hearst, and know that if he is nominated he will sweep the country, while they have no fear of Parker. Parker or Roosevelt is all the same to them.

Bridgeport (Conn.) Star: The test of a man's democracy is his loyalty to the principles that are the life of the democratic party. If he is not in

accord with those principles he is a fool or a hypocrite to pretend to be a democrat. He can not serve democracy and republicanism, for he will either cleave to the one and desert the other, or he will betray them both when self interest and opportunity offers.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: Any conscientious democrat could support Parker, upon his own record; but it is such men as Cleveland, Belmont and Hill, who will make the Parker pill a bitter one for every democrat who has stood the test of the past eight years to swallow. Of course it will be a sweet morsel for the reorganizers if Parker should be nominated at St. Louis, but their hopes will hardly be realized.

Lewistown (Ill.) News: Grover Cleveland's advocacy of Judge Parker makes the issue clear. All the bolters of 1896 and 1900 have been for Parker from the first, and it only needed the endorsement by Cleveland to make their plans so plain that no democrat can be deceived as to the purpose. Let the 6,500,000 democrats who fought under the banners of true democracy in the last two campaigns put the right foot forward and crush this effort to betray the democratic party into the hands of the enemy.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: In the list of prominent "democrats" who are supporting Judge Parker for the presidency issued in a circular letter, is Hon. Thomas Taggart of Indiana in close proximity to August Belmont, the Wall street magnate, and a number of other Clevelandites. The Brooklyn Eagle, which has so bitterly fought William J. Bryan from start to finish, is one of the newspapers in the list of "democratic" papers. When you take in consideration the fact that all

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