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Ah, there, Mayor Busse, did you hear anything drop when the new charter went down?

Those Oklahoma voters seem to have been bent on rough riding over a lot of rough riders.

Solomon was a very wise man, but he couldn't think of such a nice word as "affinity."

Here's a political straw: Congressman Burton is still holding on to his congressional job.

What an awful lot of "undesirable citizens" there must be in that brash young state of Oklahoma.

Madame Eames says the Americans are a musical people. Our dollars do ring musically at the box office.

Mr. Taft set sail on Friday the 13th. But will he have the nerve to debark when the calendar shows "23?"

"Genius is erratic," declares the brother of Artist Earle. But that is no reason why it should also be indecent.

Perhaps the "sleeping sickness" can be prevented by the injection of the virus of "revise the tariff by its friends."

The new Singer building in New York will be forty-two stories high. That seems to be striking a rather high note.

Secretary Taft is now on the high seas, and Senator Foraker is preparing to play a low seize on him during his absence.

Our minister to Liberia has presented Secretary Loeb an elephant's tail. But can Secretary Loeb get ahead with that?

Perhaps Mr. Wellman has decided to postpone that north pole expedition until after the tariff has been revised by its friends.

Lightning struck Uncle Joe Cannon's barn the other day. The presidential lightning rod on Uncle Joe's house is still untouched.

The "great postponer" will doubtless be pained to learn that all of the democrats and a large percentage of the republicans rejected his advice regarding the postponement of statehood for Oklahoma.

Oklahoma seems to have disregarded the advice to postpone statehood. The people feel the same way about tariff revision.

The land fraud thieves and other grafters are quite anxious to have the laws revised by the friends of land frauds and graft.

The king of Denmark has a collection of eggs worth \$125,000. He must have three or four industrious hens in his barnyard.

If your favorite ball team did not win the 1907 pennant, just remember that there is every probability that it will win the 1908 pennant.

The casualties of a meeting of the board of directors of the Illinois Central are still below the average of accidents on the railroads.

Mr. Bonaparte denies that he will resign. Tsi An, T. C. Platt, C. M. Depew and Mr. Bonaparte have formed the non-resignation quartet.

It is fortunate for Secretary Taft that he sailed before he heard from Oklahoma. The blow may spend some of its force in crossing the Pacific.

The news from Oklahoma will be waiting for Mr. Taft when he lands at Manila. The Oklahoma constitution has been taken care of by its friends.

The oil trust has consented to make some of its business transactions public. But the high officials continue to demand the services of the family physicians.

So far \$84,000,000 has been spent on the Isthmus of Panama by Uncle Sam, and it is estimated that the work is one-tenth accomplished. Now figure a little bit.

Other tariff protected trusts will be "fined" just as soon as the national campaign opens. But it will not be called a "fine." It will be called "protecting the national honor."

Congressman Burton declares that he will receive no campaign contributions from public service corporations. Let's see. Wasn't there something like that promulgated in 1904?

The Chicago papers that helped to bunco the people into the defeat of Mayor Dunne, found their victims too sore to be buncoed into the acceptance of the new city charter.

There are so many fatal railroad accidents these days that one is forced to believe that a road drag would be of some service in putting the railroads in a safer condition for travel.

The administration's legal department is determined to have Senator Borah's trial fair and just. He is entitled to exactly the same consideration that he showed for William D. Haywood.

The president has warned employes in the classified departments not to become too active in politics. The cabinet officers should take warning. The people have them classified, all right, all right.

"Every barrel has a bung," remarks an Indiana exchange. Correct, and the gentlemen in charge of the republican barrel are reaming out the bung hole in anticipation of an increased demand for supplies.

A Methodist minister holds up Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie as examples of patience and hard labor. To be sure. Haven't we been patient with them? And haven't we worked hard enough to make them rich?

It was a delicate compliment that the captain of the Minnesota paid Secretary Taft in "postponing" departure for three days. It is also reported that the Philippine assembly will "postpone" the day of convening to accommodate the "great postponer."

We will not know whether the Cleveland municipal election has any bearing on national politics until it is decided whether Johnson or Burton wins. If Burton wins it is a dead sure thing that the election is of national significance, viewed from the standpoint of an administration organ.

Paragraphic Punches

Sometimes it seems that a professorship in a university is a license to say foolish things.—Toledo Blade.

If they decide to change the title of the secretary of war they might call him the National Trouble Wagon.—Baltimore Sun.

Despite all the notoriety he gained in England, Newport has not yet nominated Mark Twain for president.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Harriman's new home is to be a mile above sea level. Hope he'll enjoy it for there's another waiting him that is not so elevated.—Madison Democrat.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon is said to be making a noise like a presidential candidate, but so far he hasn't rescued a girl or pitched any hay.—Detroit Free Press.

Queen Wilhelmina has conferred the Order of Orange of Nassau on Andrew Carnegie. He received the Order of the Pittsburg Lemon long years ago.—Baltimore Sun.

Archaeologists think they have found the bones of Pocahontas, the first woman to interfere with a men's club. Myriads of imitators may honor the bones.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Korea is just across the channel from Japan. This resemblance to England and Ireland may indicate to Japanese statesmen the size of the job ahead.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

London Punch says that Germany will soon steal Brazil. This is one of those deep, English jokes that you have to read over several times before getting a laugh.—Cleveland Leader.

"California," says the Los Angeles Express, "has turned out the champion grafter." And here we have been supposing, California, that you locked him up.—Topeka Journal.

It seems that John D. Rockefeller has never really known whether his money was tainted, his attention being wholly centered upon the fact that it was easy.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mississippi has sued the oil trust for \$1,480,000 for alleged violation of the state anti-trust law. We know what Chancellor Day thinks of Mississippi.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mark Twain declares he has grown seven years younger since he visited England and received that Oxford degree. Growing suddenly young by degrees is a remarkable achievement.—Kansas City Journal.

Now that the American government has been thanked for aiding the Kingston earthquake sufferers, President Roosevelt's apology to Judge Parker may be looked for at any moment.—Washington Herald.

Professor Starr's theory that children should go entirely nude until ten years of age will be taken under advisement. In the meantime the public hopes the time will come when Chicago professors will be clothed and in their right mind.—Kansas City Journal.

An offender who has got perhaps \$25 is fined the whole amount; and it is an example. A corporate offender that has accrued hundreds of millions by the offense is fined \$29,000,000; and it is martyrdom. Human logic gets muddled sometimes.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

With labor on the free list and immigration pouring in at the rate of 1,500,000 a year, it ought not to be long before wage conditions in Europe and the United States will be equalized. The American workingman, however, is being protected against cheap goods and low prices.—Milwaukee News.

An American girl is to wed an Italian duke, who, according to her father, has no bad habits and no debts. This sounds too good to be true, and we can not help suspecting that there is a bogus phase to the title somewhere. For an American heiress to marry an estimable nobleman would be breaking all precedents.—Baltimore American.