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Mr. Watterson's geography is all right but his gift of nomenclature seems limited.

The Chicago thief who recently stole fifteen hubarb pies must have burglarized a pie plant.

After being thoroughly cleaned out San Francisco seems determined to be cleaned up.

If those new submarines can stay at the bottom long enough no foreign foe can ever sink them.

Having been blown up the president of Guatamala is in a position to sympathize with Joseph Benson Foraker.

Senator Foraker seems to be up against the fact that he has dug up entirely too much proof in that Brownsville case.

The "green bug" is not the insect that hoisted the price of wheat. The "speculation bug" is largely responsible.

A New York banker is raising a row because he lost \$50,000 in a fake mining deal. It happened to be his own money.

The close of the Brownsville affair and the opening of the Panama canal seem destined to occur simultaneously, or thereabouts.

Possibly Senator Foraker proposed the harmony plan in Ohio just in time to keep from being classified among the "undesirables."

It seems that the people of Oklahoma made a mistake in not hitching an enabling act to a big stick and calling it a constitution.

A British scientist declares that we do not laugh enough. This, too, when we have been so busy giving the standpatters the merry ha-ha.

It is reported that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has changed his religious faith, but what we are most interested in is a change of practice on his part.

It is said that Mr. Corey handed his bride a million dollars worth of bridal presents. Mr. Corey would take a great deal less than a million dollars for what the people handed him on that occasion.

The Kansas City man who has been asleep for forty days luckily missed a little more than a month of speculation about that proposed union depot. Life is full of compensations if we look for them.

Now that Boss Reuf has confessed he ought to send back all those "standpat" and Roosevelt

medals he wore when he headed the Roosevelt delegation from California to the last republican national convention.

The Washington Herald is worrying over the pronunciation of the word "paragrapher." Let's see; what was it Uncle Henry Watterson called it!

The theory that defective rails are responsible for the multiplicity of railroad accidents is open to question. How about defective management?

The "also mentioned" list of presidential candidates is growing larger with each passing day. The Ananias club has not yet sprung its candidate.

"Pete," the White House bulldog, has been whipped to a frazzle by a mongrel dog named "Rollo." Even the patient canine mollycoddle has his day.

The democratic platform will be fully as crisp and brief as the four column editorial Mr. Watterson wrote demanding a brief and crisp democratic platform.

The cleaning up process in San Francisco has had results calculated to convince us that it is yet possible to clean up Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. Belfield of Chicago has wasted a lot of time writing an article to prove that women are of a higher type than men. We knew it all the time. The trouble is that so many men are not "type high."

Senator-elect Stephenson of Wisconsin says he is in favor of "prompt and thorough revision of all tariff schedules, reducing duties wherever possible without reducing wages of labor." He should amend by leaving off the last seven words.

"What are the functions of an express company?" asks the New York Press. One is to keep a senator or two in congress, and another is to enable the railroad companies to hide a portion of the dividends made possible by excessive rates.

American Sunday papers are not now allowed to be sold in Canada on Sunday. When we think of the comic supplements the papers contain we can not refrain from expressing admiration for the good sense displayed by our Canadian neighbors.

Says the Manchester, N. H., Union: "Barring an insignificant abrasion of the knuckles the president appears to have come out victor unscathed from his opening round with the trusts." Perhaps; but did he inflict any abrasions on the trusts?

The seven hundred Japanese sailors on shore leave in New York unanimously decided to visit Grant's tomb rather than take in the sights of Coney island. Yet there are those who claim that the Japanese are rapidly approaching the American standard of civilization.

A Wilkesbarre, Pa., man has been sent to jail for stealing a half-dozen steel rails. If he had stolen six or eight hundred miles of steel rails he might have been hailed as a Napoleon of Finance and called to the White House for consultation about next campaign contribution time.

A lot of republican papers are pointing to Schmitz of San Francisco as proof that union labor men should not be elevated to office. But what does the election of men like Pennypacker and various mayors of Philadelphia prove against the republican party?

The Butte Inter-Mountain quotes Mr. Bryan as saying that "the American legal class as a class is dishonest," and then proceeds to criticize Mr. Bryan to the extent of a third of a column. The Inter-Mountain's criticism would be in point were it not for just one thing. Mr. Bryan never made any such assertion.

Governor Frantz of Oklahoma says he would turn down the Oklahoma constitution if he were president. Mr. Frantz is governor of Oklahoma by appointment. As soon as the constitution is ratified by the people and signed by the president, Governor Frantz will be out of a job. This may explain his hostility to the constitution.

Paragraphic Punches

Mark Twain has received a doctor's degree from one of the big colleges. The honor was fairly won by careful nursing of old jokes.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The republican executive committee of the Fifth district of Alabama has nominated Roosevelt for a third term. Tuskegee has spoken.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A football player who joined the Honduras army has returned home in disgust. A Central American revolution is not serious enough for football tactics.—Atlanta Journal.

A New York woman is making a specialty of teaching etiquette to dogs. Presumably it is not always possible for dogs to learn anything like that from their masters.—Washington Post.

The Pennsylvania capitol contractors sold the air between the legs of tables as mahogany. They should have been able to dispose of cast iron as something better than "pure bronze."—New York Evening Post.

Wisconsin is going to build a \$4,000,000 capitol building. The bidding will be open to all contractors who had no part in building that \$6,000,000 capitol in Pennsylvania at a cost of \$13,000,000.—Omaha Bee.

Attorney General Bonaparte denies with scorn that he is neglecting the work in his office. His subordinates, he explains, are very efficient and industrious. What more could we ask.—Minneapolis Journal.

A Michigan woman broke her arm spanking a boy. We used to be afraid of that—and wondered how in the world it was possible for a woman to strike so hard without breaking her arm.—Springfield News.

Still, we should be a little careful how we jeer at Colonel Bryan for taking up the populist doctrine of initiative and referendum. Some republican president may be preaching that stuff before long.—Kansas City Journal.

A man has just died in Cuba, aged 150 years. His faculties are declared to have been unimpaired to the end, but it is not claimed that he was able to recollect all the revolutions during his experience.—Washington Times.

J. Pierpont Morgan says that the United States is suffering merely from growing pains. Hasn't J. P. got things mixed? So far, the suffering seems to have been due to the industrial captains getting pinched.—Milwaukee News.

How these presidential secretaries do get on! Lamont was Cleveland's, became a railroad magnate and died a millionaire; Cortelyou was McKinley's, and he is now secretary of the treasury; Loeb is Roosevelt's, and is to feather out in finance as a trolley administrator.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

The pastor who performed the marriage ceremony for W. E. Corey and Mabelle Gilman has sent back his fee and apologized to his congregation. These are concessions but, unfortunately, the preacher can not rescind the marriage, so the other things don't count for much.—Salt Lake Herald.

E. H. Harriman was "unable to appear in the New York police court yesterday to prosecute the stenographer who is accused of the theft of his famous letter to Sidney Webster. It is feared Mr. Harriman has almost as scant regard for a police court as he has for the interstate commerce commission.—Kansas City Times.

"Senator Beveridge is not a constitutional lawyer nor a constitutional statesman," says Harper's Weekly. Tush, tush! Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, of Indiana, is the constitution itself. Likewise he is the Pilgrim Fathers, the Spirit of '76, the Declaration of Independence, the Ordinance of 1787, the Emancipation Proclamation, the general welfare and the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. Harper's Weekly need a little federal regulation.—New York World.