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The sixty-cent wheat harvested by the farmer is now selling for a dollar.

The next time Mr. Harriman should view the boat race from an airship.

The commons seems inclined to give the house of lords a dose of doumazitation.

It seems that the Pennsylvania state house graft was really an international affair.

It must have been a "glorious Fourth." The casualty list is one of the longest ever.

When is tariff reform not tariff reform? That is easy—when it is left to the friends of the tariff.

Next year's political battle will be won only by organizing and perfecting the plan of campaign now.

That little Harriman incident at the boat race is calculated to make Chancellor Day see red again.

General Funston might get ahead of that "unwhipped mob" by eating its salt and then abusing it.

It seems that Mr. Rockefeller's money is not to be allowed to talk for him in Judge Landis' court.

King Edward has the veto power, but he does not dare use it. The royal "big stick" needs a foreign tour.

The recent flurry in wheat on the board of trade is an indication that the "lamb crop" is all right, all right.

The next democratic candidate for president will be nominated by the rank and file of the democratic party.

Judge Landis is making the Standard Oil magnates dance, but the people who buy oil will have to pay the fiddler.

Governor Hughes vetoed the two-cent fare law in New York because the legislature had made no exhaustive investigation of the matter. We presume Governor Hughes vetoed the law after a long, careful, exhaustive and rigorous investigation. That is the logical inference.

Judge Landis seems quite certain that the Standard Oil forgettery is not as perfect as its price raising machinery.

Between rotten ties, rotten rails and rotten management the traveling public seems to be getting more than it deserves.

The fancy vestmakers have gone on a strike for higher wages. They object to putting all the big checks in other vests.

If Dr. Wiley's anti-pie crusade includes only the dried apple, the prune and the dried peach articles, we will be with him.

An Oklahoma man insists that a cougar attacked him in a village hotel. They sure do raise big ones down in Oklahoma.

A New York broker has been sent to Sing Sing for stealing a lot of bonds. And bonds may be printed so cheaply, too.

The New York World still asks, "What is a democrat?" The answer that will please the World will not please a democrat.

Mr. Harriman has bumped up against the curious fact that there is no such thing as "the right of eminent domain" on water.

Strange that the railroads have not offered as an argument against the 2-cent fare that the price of everything else has gone up.

While elevating their tracks the railroad managers might do a little elevating among themselves without injury to the public service.

There is another side to the "lay in your winter coal now" question. If we do, how are we to pay the iceman? Or see the ball games?

The naval lieutenant who arrested Mr. Harriman would look pretty good occupying a place in the legal department of the administration.

"War is cruel and you can not refine it," is the inscription under the Sherman tablet in the Hall of Fame. Euphemistic, but not historical.

By the way, perhaps it would be a good idea to turn this little matter of trust magnate regulation over to some of the junior naval officers.

General Funston's reference to the "unwhipped mob" sounded real King George Thirdish, don't you know. And so near the Fourth of July, too.

Had General Kuroki remained a few weeks longer he would have learned that we burn enough powder in one day to blow almost any old navy off the map.

The report that mosquitoes are unusually bothersome in the region of Oyster Bay simply means the substitution of the "big slap" for the "big stick" for a few weeks.

Philadelphia is to have a ten million dollar art gallery. The old masterpieces, "Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep" will soon find their way there with big price tags attached.

The reports of the discovery of a petrified man in Ohio probably have their foundation in the fact that some man has gone into a comatose state in order to escape the Taft-Foraker scrap.

Several Texans have been convicted of using the mails with intent to defraud. The railroads have been using the mails to defraud the people for a long time—charging four prices for carrying them.

Summer is really here, at last. The story of the baby carried by toy balloons and rescued by a rifleman puncturing enough balloons to let the baby safely to earth, has made its annual appearance. The only thing lacking is the story of the boy being fed into a threshing machine by an irate feeder whose hand the boy accidentally cut.

Paragraphic Punches

Fairbanks has money to burn, but he hasn't agreed to furnish any for a Taft torchlight procession.—Atlanta Constitution.

Tesla is talking to Mars all right. The only trouble is to get a response.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A Marinette (Wis.) girl has been given \$14,000 for the loss of her hair. Many a man has gone baldheaded trying to make less.—Detroit Free Press.

If Mr. Roosevelt could break the solid south he would be willing to break the Washington precedent.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

General Kuroki could hardly go through the United States more speedily if he had come over here to write a book about it.—Boston Globe.

If Mr. Rockefeller is ordered to come into court to testify he may consent at least to take the matter under advisement.—Chicago News.

Ever read what Washington had to say on the third term question? Never mind. Washington was an "old fogey."—Sioux City Journal.

The increased cost of living has made our honest gold coin a 50-cent dollar; sometimes it is not more than forty cents.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

The attorney for the defense has denounced Harry Orchard as a "monumental liar." Had those tall, towering monuments in mind, too, no doubt.—Baltimore Sun.

Nicholas of Russia is so unpopular that he could hardly be elected to the legislature in Pennsylvania, even if he ran on the republican ticket.—Pittsburg Sun.

Colonel Samuel Pomeroy Colt has withdrawn from the senatorial fight in Rhode Island. His revolvers, however, are still on the market.—Nashville American.

Senator Beveridge alludes to Roosevelt's policies as "the historic movement of the last five years." He meant, perhaps, the hysteric movement.—Houston Post.

After the meat trust has been broken up by everybody refusing to eat meat everybody will go barefooted to bust the shoe trust, of course.—Philadelphia Press.

Mark Twain's admission that he started the rumor himself of his offer to buy Windsor castle partly explains why he doesn't need any other press agent.—Newark Star.

There is a serious side even to the life of the professional humorist. Mark Twain has accepted an invitation to dine with the staff of Punch.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

When Pennsylvania starts after the presidency Uncle Sam instinctively begins to nail down things in Washington and hunts out a place to hide the valuables.—Baltimore Sun.

Speaking of the presidential nomination Mr. Taft remarked, "if the duty comes I shall not decline it." In the meantime he is keeping the country posted as to his whereabouts.—Washington Post.

It was the New York World that inquired, "Is the law really an ass?" That depends entirely upon whether you are making it, interpreting it, or being kicked by it.—Washington Herald.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat presents the following for solution: "Conundrum: If two cents more of cotton and two cents more wages are put into a shirt, why is the price of the garment marked up twenty-five cents?" Dead easy! Tha thieving tariff!—Louisville Courier-Journal.