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"Artist" Earle is not painting himself in very bright colors.

Several Wall Street "melons" have turned out to be "lemons" of late.

The country refused to double up when Wall Street felt a little cramp.

Senator Platt is inflating the Hughes boom by calling the governor a lot of harsh names.

The time to discard the straw hat is when you feel like you are able to invest in a new derby.

Secretary Root has learned to play tennis. Just as if there wasn't already racquet enough in Washington.

Perhaps Mr. Fish has spent a few weeks with Professor Muldoon in anticipation of those directors' meetings.

If Mr. Fish has any more resolutions to offer the board of directors will doubtless listen to them with patience.

It seems that the republican administration has to resort to some awfully big guns to make Tom Johnson take notice.

The men who favor revising the tariff by means of a commission are perfectly willing to provide the commissioners.

Japan and Great Britain have entered into an agreement to protect China. Well, goodbye, China; take keer o' yerself.

The only complaint the trusts have against Texas is that Texas actually has the effrontery to enforce her anti-trust laws.

The government is going to run a newspaper in Panama to keep us misinformed concerning the progress of the canal work.

The Washington Herald says the new \$10 bills are very beautiful. We never noticed anything ugly about the old \$10 bills.

An Iowa man has just won a wife by reason of his artistic prevarications. A lot of men manage to retain their wives the same way.

Walter Wellman seems to have determined upon another year of press agentic and chau-tauquaing before dashing slowly for the pole.

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It seems that those San Francisco organized labor rioters on Labor Day were merely objecting to being shot up by strikebreakers.

It is rumored that President Roosevelt's forthcoming message will be "longer and bolder" than any of its predecessors. Bolder, perhaps!

Mr. Rockefeller should welcome the strike of the telegraphers. It delays the messages announcing new indictments of the Standard.

Someone has just unearthed and printed the first poem Rudyard Kipling wrote. And the man who did it claims that he is Kipling's friend and admirer.

Texas has just stacked up \$35,000 she raked in as a fine from the harvester trust. The trust feels pretty well thrashed and is not chaffing about it.

United States Treasurer Treat predicts that money will be easy by the middle of November. This is calculated to make Wall Street turn the spigot on the stocks.

Senator Warner says he can not see how any man can be a democrat. The senator's failing eyesight should secure for him the sympathy of an intelligent public.

President Roosevelt expresses surprise that so much canal dirt was moved during the rainy season. Perhaps the employes couldn't do anything else while it rained.

The two-cent fare law has seriously injured the railroads by reason of making it impossible for them to supply enough passenger coaches to accommodate the traveling public.

It seems that ex-Governor Taylor is perfectly willing to return and stand trial in Kentucky, provided he can be guaranteed in advance that the verdict will be one of acquittal.

It will be noted in passing that while he felt the need of a vacation, Judge Landis did not deem it necessary to rusticate at the rejuvenating farm of Hon. Billy Muldoon.

The St. Louis Times is loudly calling for the building of that municipal bridge, disregarding the St. Louis Times' declaration that municipal ownership means municipal bust.

The telegraph companies promised an increase in wages, but after increasing the tolls forgot all about the operators. Some corporations are woefully absentminded and forgetful.

The Western Union has so successfully fought the Commercial Telegraphers Union that the directors found it necessary to pay the quarterly dividend out of the surplus accumulated before the strike.

Senator Warner says President Roosevelt is the greatest president this republic has ever had. But, then, the senator has a few more Missouri friends who have not yet been properly placed.

Having noted the fact that Tom Johnson has well earned the soubriquet of "the best mayor" of the best governed city in the United States, the administration is going to see what it can do to change the conditions.

The New York World is loudly calling for Secretary Cortelyou's resignation. The World is always yearning for the unattainable and neglecting present opportunities.

Base ball teams that failed to win 1907 pennants are now engaged in winning 1908 pennants. And that's one thing that makes the great national pastime so interesting.

Mr. Hearst is not surprised at the criticisms brought forth in the administration organs by his Labor Day speech at Jamestown. Mr. Hearst long since learned that it is impossible to please men who will not be pleased.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says "The fate of the whole country may hinge upon the city election in Cleveland." If Burton is elected the Globe-Democrat will claim that it means republican success in the nation in 1908. If Johnson wins the Globe-Democrat will dismiss it as a purely local election that has no bearing on the national campaign.

## Paragraphic Punches

At this rate John D. Rockefeller may yet have reason to regret that he spurned that witness fee.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A St. Louis man has just married because he was dared to. Some men will risk anything rather than take a dare.—St. Louis Republic.

No wonder these seem dark days to Foraker! They would to anybody under the lid on which Taft is sitting.—Philadelphia North American.

Even the most humane opponents of the death penalty admit the need of capitol punishment in Pennsylvania.—Philadelphia North American.

Taft says that the newspapers made him a candidate, but Leslie Shaw must realize that he has no one to blame but himself.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

It is the season when a round trip ticket to Oyster Bay and a wise look will enable a man to gain great respect for his political opinion.—Washington Star.

The railways in North Carolina are declaring that the state government used the big stick. And they are vociferously bearing testimony that it hurts.—Baltimore American.

It is barely possible that the president may become so infuriated with nature fakirs that he will insist upon Nick Longworth changing his name to Burroughsworth.—Houston Post.

"The Chicago and Alton fell into the hands of bandits," says Congressman Townsend. He can't possibly have reference to reputable and unjailed men like Harriman.—Detroit News.

It is proposed in London that medical practitioners drop the title "Doctor" and adopt plain "Mister." This would be a relief to the chiropractors and the drug clerks.—Buffalo Express.

Governor Hughes has fairly earned his vacation, and no one will grudge him the use of the state's fish hatchery cottage. He hasn't any man of war to take a vacation in!—Brooklyn Eagle.

They have a fish in Australia called the "blue-eye," which feeds voraciously on the larvae of mosquitoes. What a picnic that fish would have in a neighboring state!—New York Herald.

But with Carnegie libraries going up all over the land, what is the need to go back to the time of Rameses II to find a man who liked to adorn public edifices with his name?—Kansas City Times.

The fossil of a lizard 314 feet long has been found out in Wyoming. When some prehistoric giant stepped on the tip of his tail, we wonder how long it was before its head discovered it?—Boston Globe.

The man who nominated Parker in the St. Louis democratic convention is to defend Harry Thaw at his next trial. Harry evidently means to show the world that he is not superstitious.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

The announcement that a man died recently of lockjaw from the sting of a bee will not affect the multitude who have the presidential bee. No sting from it has ever produced lockjaw.—St. Louis Republic.

For downright disloyalty the Filipinos deserve to rank with the voters of Oklahoma, who, after being offered the blessings of a statehood, delight in being counted a democratic stronghold.—New York World.

There is a rapidly-growing and an irrepresible demand for such a revision of the tariff as will protect and benefit the United States without pilaging the public at large for the private benefit of a few favored millionaires. As yet no word of encouragement has come from President Roosevelt, however.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.