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Now, everybody take a long breath and then laugh!

Secretary Taft can look over the financial situation and prove an alibi.

Enough water was forced out of stocks last week to fill the Panama canal.

"Chicago must move," declares the Chicago Tribune. Would it be cheaper than cleaning up?

Pity that Wall Street could not have used some of the ballast those balloons threw overboard.

Japan is now talking of a great international exposition at Tokio. Ah-ha! Revenge-e-e-e!

"New York takes a hopeful view," says an exchange. That's about all left for New York to take, isn't it?

The international balloon races were pulled off without an accident. Managers of American railways please take notice.

It appears that the government dumped more money into Wall Street last month than it removed dirt in Panama.

A physical director in Cleveland says cigarettes are harmless. To be sure. It's the smoking of them that hurts.

When Secretary Taft returns he will find the Oklahoma constitution in operation and the people happy that they did not postpone.

By the way, during the "free silver scare" was there any trouble about cashing a good check at any bank west of Manhattan?

A scientist informs us that the spine controls 3,000,000,000 nerves. A lot of financial spines seems to have lost their connections recently.

It seems that Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller rushed to the rescue with bundles of money that the people had deposited in the banks.

The attention of a lot of erstwhile Wall Street financiers is called to the fact that Nebraska and Kansas are in need of a lot of corn shuckers.

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Now that Japan has manifested a "don't-care-a-cent" feeling about that fleet rendezvous in the Pacific perhaps the president will no longer deem it necessary.

Now that Secretary Cortelyou has discharged the obligation, will Chairman Cortelyou please come through with the facts about those campaign contributions?

The Boston Daily Tribune has suspended publication, giving as its reason the fact that the man who owns it does not want to publish it any longer. The reason is valid.

Oklahoma's birthday will be November 16, just twelve days before Thanksgiving. How would you like to accept an invitation to eat Thanksgiving dinner with Oklahoma this year?

A lot of republican organs that gleefully egged on the "democratic panic" of 1893 are yelling lustily for "confidence" and "coolness" during the "republican panic" of 1907.

Iowa claims to have raised pumpkins enough to make a pie for every man, woman and child in the United States. We'll not be happy until we get the one due us.

Secretary Taft and General Wood should get together. While one is telling us how peaceful and quiet things are in the Philippines, the other is asking for ten more companies of scouts.

The Englishmen who bought Barnum's circus for \$2,000,000 and sold it for \$400,000 are in a position to sympathize with several eminent promoters of watered stock companies in Wall Street.

The Philadelphia Press declares that the republican party in Pennsylvania is thoroughly united. This completely refutes the rumor that the capitol graft exhausted the cash resources of the state treasury.

The newspapers that are praising certain eminent financiers for rushing "nobly to the rescue during the crisis" would doubtless sing the praises of the man who applied the torch and then turned in the fire alarm.

Mr. Harriman says there is plenty of money in the country, the trouble being that it is not circulated fast enough. The newspaper paragraphers are doing their best; now let Mr. Harriman step forth and lend his valuable assistance.

ELECTION RESULTS

The elections of 1907 passed off quietly. Tom L. Johnson defeated Burton for mayor of Cleveland. Mayor Whitlock was re-elected in Toledo. Republican candidate for mayor in Columbus, Ohio, probably elected. Democrats have probably carried Kentucky. Republicans carried Nebraska.

The Associated Press gives this report:

Massachusetts re-elected the entire state ticket headed by Governor Curtis Guild, Jr. Henry M. Whitney, the citizens democratic candidate for governor, polled a heavier vote than Charles W. Bartlett, the anti-merger democrat.

Pennsylvania elects John G. Sheatz, republican, head of the ticket, for state treasurer, by a large majority.

New York state elects Edward T. Bartlett and Willard Bartlett, joint candidates on the democratic and republican tickets for justice for the court of appeals, over the candidates of the independence league (Hearst). New York City elects the Tammany candidates by a considerable majority over the independence league candidates.

New Jersey is claimed by both sides. The early reports indicated a plurality for Frank Katzenbach, Jr., candidate for governor, but later returns show John Franklin, republican, making large gains.

The Maryland contest for the governorship is in doubt, owing to the lateness of returns.

The Rhode Island returns indicate the re-election of Governor James H. Higgins, democrat, over F. H. Jackson, republican, by a plurality of about 1,500, showing a democratic gain from the plurality of last year.

In Mississippi the election of Noel, democratic candidate for governor, is assured, as he had no opposition.

Paragraphic Punches

The possibility of a parcels post will give Senator Platt a further opportunity to do some of what he considers his best work in the senate.—Indianapolis News.

Now, if Roosevelt would only order General Apathy out for a fifteen-mile ride with the "fat colonels," perhaps the old warrior would get shaken up a bit.—New York Mail.

Europe is getting ahead of us in the balloon industry only because the war office over there doesn't care what it does with the taxpayers' money.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Perhaps the reason President Roosevelt moved his camp from Stamboul, La., is because it occurred to him that Dr. Long lives in Stamford, Conn. Too stam much similarity.—Ohio Sun.

Although "Uncle Joe" Cannon kicked off in the Galesburg game he managed to get off the field quickly enough to prevent his boom from being damaged in the scrimmage.—Indianapolis News.

The president's Louisiana host is a manufacturer of tobacco sauce. While he is down there he may learn of a few more ways of putting hot stuff into his message to congress.—Washington Herald.

The fifteen miles ride failed to disqualify the fat colonels of the army. There is nothing for the war department to do now but make the supreme test: set them at crossing their legs.—Cleveland Leader.

With Mr. Roosevelt in the Louisiana swamps the government can go on running, but who is there to run the capvass of Secretary Taft for the republican nomination for president?—New York Press.

"I believe tariff revision is inevitable," said Congressman Philip Pitt Campbell, "but I am opposed to a wholesale cutting of rates." Hooray for Campbell and a reduction of the tariff that fails to reduce.—Kansas City Star.

Must have been something the matter with J. Pierpont Morgan when he lost his temper over a little thing like being seated behind a post at the Episcopal convention. Why didn't he buy the post and have it removed forthwith?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

We do not mind informing Milwaukee that the time of the year is approaching when Louisville's claim for the democratic convention appears to be more fetching than Milwaukee's and that the matter is likely to be decided in the winter time.—Houston Post.

The odds of 10 to 7 on Mayor Johnson in the Cleveland mayoralty race against Secretary Loeb's candidate may be due to a lack of funds by the Burton forces. Is the contest not worth the attention of some Ohio collector of campaign contributions?—New York World.

The press is printing columns of sarcasm at the expense of the Newport society girl who rises at daylight to milk five cows. Certainly it is to the young woman's credit that she prefers playing the dairymaid to dancing attendance at monkey dinners.—Rochester Post-Express.

After having spent his summer vacation in telling the country of the great work done by republican liberators in the time when he was "no spring chicken," Uncle Joe Cannon is now preparing for his winter's work of suppressing the house of representatives.—St. Louis Republic.

George Washington is in a fair way to again become popular as the model to be held up to the sons of the rich. Some nousey individual has unearthed a presentment against George charging him with having dodged his taxes, and undervalued his belongings.—Nashville American.