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Uncle Sam, Miss Oklahoma.

"Learn to be a good loser," said Mr. Taft to the Filipinos, and in a voice loud enough to reach Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Taft should hurry home and do something to offset the Platt endorsement of the Taft presidential boom.

Senator Platt's salary as senator is less than one-third his salary as president of an express company. This explains a lot of things.

We shudder to think what might have been our country's fate if it had not been for denatured spelling and reformed mintage.

It now transpires that J. Pierpont Morgan made a very comfortable profit on his generosity in rushing to the financial rescue.

A number of eminent defenders of the national honor who were so vociferous in 1896 are now either trying to keep out of jail or to get out.

"Is Mr. Bryan safe?" queries the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. Speaking from the standpoint of interests very near and dear to the Gazette-Times, perhaps not.

Let's see, how many years ago was it that we heard some severe denunciation from republican lips of a democratic issue of bonds in time of "profound peace?"

A great many concerns that never thought of increasing wages when business was unusually good are reducing wages cheerfully because a flimsy excuse presents therefor.

And just about the time this country gets all that gold over from England, along will come some lords and dukes and such and take it all back again with their American wives.

The Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman announces that hereafter it will decline all liquor advertising, desiring to be in a position to demand the enforcement of every law adopted by the majority vote of the people. Its own preferences are not to be considered. This same spirit manifested by every newspaper and every citizen in Oklahoma along all lines, will make that state the best governed, and therefore the model, state of the union.

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The chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of congress is now able to personally chart a lot of dangerous rocks and reefs in the Cleveland political channel.

The Michigan college professor who advocates a kingship for President Roosevelt may only be playing for a bid to join the faculty of Chancellor Day's university.

The "In God we trust" motto will not appear on the new gold coins. We print this as a matter of information, realizing that a majority of people would never know it from experience.

Some army officers who recently signed a "round robin" are being disciplined by the president. They should have dug up a copy of one signed in the vicinity of Kettle Hill about nine years ago and sent it in.

The Pittsburg Telegraph says: "In dealing with the Indian situation the government will need to proceed with caution." What, is there danger of overlooking something that might be safely taken from the Indians?

The Santa Fe has been caught rebating again, but owing to the fact that there are no cabinet vacancies at present the gentlemen responsible for it will have to remain in the railroad business for a while longer.

A few evenings ago the president and some of his friends witnessed a wrestling bout between two Japanese at the White House. At the same time the country was engaged in a wrestling bout which it did not enjoy.

The Milwaukee Sentinel asserts that the republican party "means to revise the tariff and will so declare unequivocally in its national platform." This, too, in face of the fact that the Sentinel has just lost its humorist.

The Washington Herald complains because a few contemporaries "swipes its paragraphs." The Herald has no real grounds for complaint. Very few men are able to withstand all kinds of temptation, and the temptation to "swipe" Herald paragraphs is among the great ones.

After defending the unspeakable "watermelon rind preserve" the Washington Herald now rushes to the defense of the prune and the dried apple. The gastronomic department of the esteemed Herald is in need of a fearless blue pencil.

The Pittsburg Dispatch makes a few remarks about "the defeat of Mr. Bryan and his theories." The defeat of Bryan, to be sure—but will the Dispatch kindly point out a few of the "defeated theories?" The quantitative theory of money, for instance.

The Chicago beef packers gave a banquet at which every dish served was a duplicate of some well known English dish of the fifteenth century. It will be noted that the packers did not take advantage of the opportunity to advertise their own canned goods by eating them.

The editor of the Canal Record receives \$10,000 a year. The Canal Record is a weekly publication fathered by Uncle Sam and is not in it with a lot of weekly publications fathered by newspaper men who are glad to see the books show a profit of ten per cent of \$10,000 every year.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat editorially says: "Mr. Bryan has just stated in New York that the president's methods may have been responsible in a degree for the flurry." The trouble with the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is that it would rather be unfair and wrong than to be fair and right.

Mr. Rockefeller confesses that geography always did puzzle him. Now for a siege of mnemonics. That large blotch on the lower half of the map is Texas, Mr. Rockefeller; and that little round dot by the side of that lake in the

The Baltimore Sun has made a vicious attack—verbal, not physical—on pumpkin pie. If it has in mind the Baltimore canned pumpkin we concur in all the Sun says. But if it refers to the luscious brand made from the golden globes that ripened in Nebraska's great cornfields then we insist that the court take cognizance of the Sun's mental condition.

upper central portion of the map represents Chicago, the city where Judge Landis sat when he soaked that fine on the Standard. That is lesson No. 1.

A few years ago a lot of republican organs hooted at Senator Peffer because he insisted the people could do business without money. Now they are insisting on the people being satisfied to do it just that way.

If the national banks have sufficient bonds on which they have not issued notes to enable them to take out some \$40,000,000 more in currency why all this talk about the immediate need of an asset currency?

"Uncle Joe" Cannon says he "is in the hands of his friends." And doubtless "Uncle Joe" is perfectly willing that they should let their left hands remain in utter ignorance of what their right hands are doing.

A Colorado man has just been sent to jail for selling a gold mine that did not exist. How foolish of him, when he might have sold non-existent railroads and become a "Napoleon of Finance" or a "Captain of Industry."

The Portland Oregonian says the "silver folly" of 1893 caused gold to hide away. And now, esteemed Oregonian, tell us please what is causing not only gold, but silver and paper money as well, to hide away at the present time.

One hundred millions in "certificates of indebtedness" bearing three per cent interest would certainly seem to demand an apology from a large number of eminent administration organs and statesmen who had much to say about "a bond issue in time of peace" a dozen years ago.

In 1896 with a per capita circulation of \$22 the republican organs insisted that there was plenty of money, the only thing lacking being "confidence." With a per capita circulation of \$34 today they are insisting on an asset currency in order to provide money for emergencies. Have they, then, lost confidence?

United States Judge Grosscup feels terribly hurt because he has been indicted as a director of a railroad that recently had a fatal accident. His judicial feelings might be preserved by resignation. Somehow or other it does not strike the public as being quite the thing for a federal judge to be a director of a railroad corporation.

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president never would come together again.

Yet, late in the spring, when agitation by state legislatures and others against railroads intimidated investors until the railroads were forced to curtail their construction program, MR. MORGAN DROPPED WHAT FEELING, IF ANY, HE MAY HAVE HAD and came to the White House and arranged for President Roosevelt to have a conference with Marvin Hughitt, president of the Chicago and North Western railroad; W. H. Newman, president of the New York Central railroad; C. S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and James McCrea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Morgan sailed for Europe before arrangements for the conference were completed, and it fell through. President Roosevelt at that time said he always felt he could obtain Mr. Morgan's co-operation for the general good; that Mr. Morgan always dealt with him in a frank manner, concealing no hidden meaning or motive behind his words. The president frequently has expressed his admiration for Mr. Morgan's great ability and his breadth of view and action.

This feeling made the conference between Mr. Morgan, his associates, Mr. George F. Baker, Mr. Robert Bacon and the president, a success. Mr. Morgan's statement, when he left the White House, that "everything is being done that can be done, day and night," to help the situation, showed his view of the efficiency of the co-operative policy. MR. MORGAN'S INFLUENCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AS A RESULT IS REGARDED AS VERY STRONG. Secretary Cortelyou possesses the confidence of BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND MR. MORGAN to such an extent that it is believed the entente will be preserved so long as mutual action is necessary.