

### OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

Like as not, Senator Foraker sent all those Louisiana bears notice in time to get out of the way of Roosevelt.

Evidently, the average canebrake bear would rather be considered a live molly-coddle than a dead hero.

It is to be hoped that the automatic typewriter which is now being perfected will be able to spell correctly.

At least, the president may depend upon the staunch support of Senator Foraker in his effort to prevent a Roosevelt stampede in the next Republican convention.

The rate per carriage for funerals in Macon, Georgia, hereafter will be increased from \$4 to \$5. On the account of the increased cost of dying we suppose.

A Mr. Robb runs the Chattanooga gas works, and the newspapers of that city intimate that he lives right up—no down to his name.

Since Mr. Cleveland is getting better, in spite of the disagreements of his three doctors, he may conclude that it is all due to the luck supposed to dwell in odd numbers.

Count Whatshisname says he loves Miss Gladys Vanderbilt "for herself alone." But she doesn't deny that he needs the money.

A Chicago woman has inherited a large fortune from a Mexican gentleman who never saw her in his life. This ought to teach the average Chicago beauty the advantages of keeping out of sight; but doubtless it won't.

"Put yourself in Swarthmore college's place, which was offered \$3,000,000 to give up sports. Wouldn't you give up athletics for \$3,000,000?" asks the New York Mail. Sure we would; we'd do it for \$2,999,999.

That Black Duck, Minn., hunter who shot a bear with the initials "T. R." in big letters on his side, missed the chance of a lifetime by not capturing him alive and getting him into the Louisiana canebrakes in time.

A Pittsburg exchange claims that the people there have more money per capita, than the people of any other city in America. No mention is made of the wickedness per capita, but that is doubtless as great as the financial showing.

The census bureau is authority for the statement that there are about 20,000,000 women over the age of 30 in the United States. It may be true, but we can't help wondering how the bureau found it out.

The Kansas City Journal prints an editorial headed "Uncle Joe's Football Feat." The genial Speaker seems to have made as big a hit with his football feet as he does every winter with his gavel fist.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon probably spends some of his time these days wondering if his two delegates from Michigan will stay hitched 'til convention day.

Prof. Haupt now asserts that Solomon did not write the "Songs of Solomon." A few thousand years from now some one may have the audacity to claim that George Ade never wrote the fables that made him famous.

A Chicago doctor claims that lazy men are really sick. Now there may be a little less grumbling among the women, who take in washing to support their husbands.

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