

OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

Australia wants President Roosevelt to visit that country. Everybody wants to see the Big Stick.

Haiti has backed down far enough from war to deserve a place only on the inside page, bottom of column.

Taft laughed when he met Hughes in New York. However, he who laughs last, laughs best.

New York clerks don't mind bidding for a million dollars worth of bonds on the security of a postage stamp and a package of nerve.

Senator La Follette regards J. Pierpont Morgan as the squeezer of his country.

Senator Foraker fears that in the near future he will have to resume saying "May it please the court."

friends."

"There are fewer deaths from hiccoughs in Georgia now," boasts the Atlanta Constitution. Very good; but wait till the snake bite returns for the year are all in.

A sleepy Congress hates a presidential message as much as the ordinary man hates an alarm clock in the morning.

Mr. Clark Howell "lows as how" the Atlanta Constitution will observe a strict if not actually armed neutrality between Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown in the coming Georgia gubernatorial contest. The Constitution's experience last time has somewhat cooled its martial ardor.

The melting of the Fairbanks boom won't cause any spring floods.

In addition to all those bureaus at present the navy seems to need a bureau on defence of our policies.

A New Jersey youth of twenty-one has already married three women. He has evidently elected to gather all the trouble he can before he is too old to enjoy the excitement.

A western boy died the other day from the effects of a bee sting in the ear. Which, alas, reminds us of all the men who listened to the buzzing of the political bee and went to their graves feeling that they were stung.

"If the Night Riders destroy all the tobacco in Kentucky, what is the poor fellow to do?" asks the Louisville Herald. It will have to follow the smokers' example and get used to cabbage.

Chicago will spend \$100,000 to make her schools safe. It would take a great deal more than that to make her streets safe at night.

The principal duty of the Republican orators this year will be to convince the voters that much of the recent panic was purely imaginary.

A fashion note says woman's hats will have tall crowns this summer. Uneasy will rest the man who sits behind the crown in that case.

The Kansas City thief who stole a locomotive will no doubt be railroaded to the penitentiary.

The meteor which fell in Ohio last week may have been nothing but the Foraker rocket coming down.

There is enough excitement over the Duke's engagement to Miss Elkins to warrant the belief that he is going to marry the whole United States.

A Los Angeles firm has been given an order for 750,000 pounds of onions for the fleet. Now the Japs will surely keep away from the Jackies.

A Chicago woman is suing her husband for divorce because he is in jail for attempting to "get rich quick." The fact that he failed is what jarred her feelings, however.

The Buffalo bishop who advised all spinsters of marriageable age to

take two to make a bargain.

The charge that the prohibitionists are approaching the patent medicine manufacturers for a campaign contribution should be well shaken before taken seriously.

Having elected all the Taft delegates, Manager Hitchcock can now begin work on the speeches for the Chicago convention.

Taft is indignant over the idea that he would never think of sending his Roosevelt collar to the laundry.

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