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Farmers in Egypt have purchased in Philadelphia 120,000 bushels of seed corn, which they propose to plant in the fertile valleys along the river Nile. The cargo, which is to be delivered at Alexandria, will be taken from Philadelphia on the British steamship Rubenstein. It is claimed by expert agriculturists that the rich Nile valleys which have been unutilized for centuries, will grow as good corn as anywhere in the world.—Ex.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our Regular Correspondent

The nightmare labeled Porto Rico tariff still hovers over the pillows of prominent republicans and destroys their rest. Conferences are held every day with Mr. McKinley by Senators who favor the tariff and by Senators who favor free trade, and the odd thing is that both classes of Senators talk as though they believe Mr. McKinley to be on their side. All sorts of propositions are being advanced by republican Senators to avoid anything like an open rupture in their party on this question, one of them being to continue the debate until the close of the session without allowing the bill to come to a vote, and another to load it up with all sorts of amendments and then defeat it by an overwhelming vote. The dodge in either of these expedients would be so palpable that it is hardly conceivable that the republican leaders will be foolish enough to allow either to be adopted. The republican party is in control of all branches of the government and for it to fail to place itself on record by positive legislation on this question, would be an acknowledgment of weakness that would be absolutely certain to drive the party from power. This is why they will have to patch up some sort of legislation.

It was by a strict party vote, excepting Senator Lind say, of Ky., who voted with the republicans, that the Senate tabled Senator Allen's amendment to the Porto Rico bill, declaring that by force of the Paris Treaty of Peace the Constitution of the United States was extended over Porto Rico and its inhabitants, and the previous talk of some of the republican Senators made their votes somewhat surprising, as a vote to table the amendment was equivalent to a vote in favor of the contention that Congress can legislate for our new possessions, regardless of the constitution. By a coincidence the vote was taken just after Senator Chilton had made a speech, in which he said "Our Constitution goes to Porto Rico. It goes everywhere that the American power goes, and it is a shame to our pretensions that the first act of an American Congress in dealing with our new acquisitions from Spain should be an effort to deny to that people the highest right of free men—the protection of a written Constitution. It seems like a travesty to hold that Congress, which is the creature of the Constitution, can legislate for any body or anything in disregard of the terms of that Constitution."

The Senate amended the House bill, placing at Mr. McKinley's disposal all money collected on Porto Rican products, under the Dingley tariff and all to be collected thereunder, to be spent at his discretion for the benefit of the Porto Ricans, by limiting the money to the amount collect-

ed before the beginning of this year—slightly more than \$2,000,000—public works or for other governmental purposes on the island, and then passed it without a division.

The alleged offer of the good offices of this government to facilitate negotiations for peace between Great Britain and the Dutch Republics in South Africa, was confirmatory rather than other wise of the belief that an understanding exists between the McKinley administration and the present British government. It enabled Mr. McKinley to make an attempt to soothe the numerous republican sympathizers with the two struggling republics, by pretending to do something, and at the same time gave Lord Salisbury just what he wanted as an excuse to serve notice on the powers of Europe, through his answer to the alleged offer of our good offices that no mediation would be tolerated by Great Britain, and that the conquest of the two republics would be pushed to a conclusion as originally planned. If that was not the result of an understanding between the British government and the McKinley administration, it was one of the oddest coincidences that ever occurred. Senator Mason today called up his Boer resolution in the Senate, and something may be said on this phase of the question. The republicans have compelled the resolution to be adopted in secret session, but the talk in secret session has a habit of getting out.

Foreign policies are not the only things this administration is copying from European nations. Secretary Long has created a board that is to be known as the Naval Policy Board, corresponding to general staff of European navies, which will control our navy both in peace and war. Admiral Dewey is head of the new board. Inasmuch as our Navy has got along for more than a century, during which it has won some of the greatest victories ever fought on water, the reason for such a radical departure is not apparent. Less red tape, not more, would seem to be what is needed. As long as Dewey is at the head of the board, no fear need be felt about what it may do, but with a political favorite at its head, it might do much mischief.

Deeming the present session an inopportune time to secure ratification of the sever al reciprocity treaties with colonies of Great Britain the administration has had the time within which they may be ratified extended one year.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure.—D. S. Meakle, General Merchant and Farmer, Matine, Penn. For sale by dealers.

Special Raleigh Correspondence.
Editor Democrat.

A republican of prominence from the eastern part of the State said to-day that he violently opposed his party's having any organization in the East for the August election, and assigned as a reason that to organize would only make the whites more determined to carry the election. This was a delicate way of expressing his belief that the democrats would certainly win.

The fact is that the republicans so far have no plans and no candidates. It is always their custom to select their men before hand, make up a slate in fact, but this year they are at sea, and offices appear to go begging. They know democratic nominations are equivalent to election. Not a republican can be found who has any idea who will be his party's nominee for Governor. Out of a dozen asked, not one has answered with any degree of positiveness. Some say in a vague way, Richmond Pearson, while others say he does not want the nomination but wants to Congress from the Ninth District.

Complete as was Chairman Holton's downfall and collapse two years ago, republicans are saying he will be re-elected Chairman.

Speeches are in many counties and wildly scattered. The amendment is the sole topic. The plan to make all else subordinate to it is being carried out by the democrats. The republicans are putting some speakers in the field, but they do most of their work by bushwhacking, taking single voters or very small groups. It will be a costly campaign for them, but of course their National Committee will help them, as it did in '96, when it gave \$60,000 for North Carolina. In a few cases populists are speaking, but a very few. Senator Butler is practically the only populist to make any sign, barring the nine members of the State Committee who met here in January and formulated against the amendment.

A populist, who in 1896 was of State prominence says Senator Butler is dealing with the republicans as if he could command, or command, 60,000 populists, whereas he does not control 10,000, and that the populists who will vote against the amendment would do so any way, Butler or no Butler.

Some of the populists, who in 1896 and 1898 were prominent in politics, will this year retire. State Auditor Ayer, ex Chairman, will be one. The populists who are trying to drive their people against the amendment have discovered that they can not carry out their plans. Enough hints have been dropped to show them what the Committee will do—that is, leave the amendment to the individual view of the populists.

If one asks people from the country in Eastern or Central North Carolina the ques-

tion "What do you hear the white republicans saying on the question of the amendment?" the reply is, "They are divided; some for and some against it." A politician would declare they were all against it.

The attitude of the negro on this question is interesting. It is passive. He sees what is sure to happen. Jim Young says the negroes care nothing about registering or voting, feel little or no interest in the election, and want the white people to settle the franchise matter, the negroes merely wishes to be let alone. The white republicans want the negroes to keep out of the conventions, keep in the background in fact, but to register. Young, speaking for the negroes, says there will be few if any in the conventions. The question is whether this is of their own motion, or whether it is not a following of the wishes of the white republicans.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. In Albany, N. Y., a dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child that was very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. G. Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by dealers.

The Elkin correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that Thomas Bizzell, aged 18 years, a student of Booneville Academy, Yadkin county, died at that place last Thursday night, after an illness of only four days, of pneumonia. The young man was a slave to the cigarette habit and his physician says that his lungs were so badly affected from this cause that nothing could be done to arrest the course of the disease.

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa., says. As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup and sore throat Chamberlain's Cough Cure is unequalled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung disease. It will prevent consumption. Coffey Bros., Phillips & Son.

A young lady in New York has asked for injunction and heavy damages from a firm for using her face as an advertisement. It was a cheeky job to say the least of it.

Wm. Orr, Newark, O., says. We never feel safe without One Minute cough cure in the house. It saved my little boy's life when he had the pneumonia. We think it is the best medicine made. It cures coughs and colds and all lung diseases. Pleasant to take, harmless and gives immediate relief. Coffey Bros., Phillips & Son.

How the Negro Wields Great Power as a Voter.

Chatham Record.
Although the negroes compose only about one-third of the population of this State, yet at elections they hold the balance of power whenever there is any serious division among white men. They vote in a solid mass just as they are told, and do not divide their votes as the white men do. Thus, by a division among the whites and by the solidity of the negroes, the latter wield a political power far greater than their numbers entitle them.

And so it happens that, although there are twice as many white voters in North Carolina as there are negro voters, the latter have always been, ever since they were enfranchised, a disturbing and dangerous element in our State politics. The solidity of their votes—their voting as a solid mass—enables a small minority of the whites to outvote and defeat a large majority of the whites.

For instance, there are about 230,000 white voters in this State and 120,000 negro voters, and yet, if one-fourth of the white men vote with the solid mass of negroes, it enables the latter to outvote and defeat the other three-fourths of the whites. In this manner one white man, however mean and contemptible he may be, is enabled to outvote and defeat his three white neighbors.

Is this right? Is this white supremacy?

Those who think it is not right will vote for the suffrage amendment and thereby eliminate the negro from politics, and no longer permit one-fourth of the whites with the solid mass of negroes, to outvote and rule over the other three-fourths of the best white people in our State.

Charlotte Observer: Congressman Bellamy has made no report as to the progress of the bill to create a Federal clerk in Charlotte. There is a very strong opposition to the measure, and the indications are that Col. Henry C. Cowles, of Statesville, will continue to run the machinery of the district court at this place.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.