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Statesville Mascot: A friend of the Mascot says that Mr. Jim Perk of Terrell, Catawba county, has a remarkable fowl, a fit subject for a dime museum. This bird looks like a rooster and crows like a rooster, but lays eggs, hatches chickens and raises the brood, in these last named qualities partaking largely of the nature of the hen.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

The administration is worrying over the news from China. The revolution of the "Boxers" threatens to expose Mr. McKinley's Imperialistic programme concerning China in advance of the presidential election, which is just what he was anxious to avoid. In their anxiety to allay public suspicion at home members of the administration have been doing some word juggling that would be amusing if the matters involved were not too serious to laugh about. For instance, official statements to the press from the State Department have emphasized the alleged instructions to our Minister at Peking, and to Rear Admiral Kempf, our Naval Commander in Chinese waters, to act in concert with European powers for the protection of foreigners and their property but not to join a combination of the powers for any purpose. Our representatives over there must be clever indeed if they can act in concert with the European powers without combining with them.

A marked feature of the political situation, is the genuine scare of the Republican leaders over three states which they have heretofore been claiming as certain to cast their electoral votes for McKinley. These states are New York, Indiana, and Illinois. In New York with Croker to look after greater New York, and Hill to look after the other portions of the state, pulling loyally together, the Republicans realize that the state will be doubtful. In Indiana, the State ticket nominated by the Democrats, headed by Hon. John W. Kern, is so strong that Indiana Republicans have notified the leaders of the party that the State is in danger. In Illinois, the tide has been running anti-Republican for some time, and appeals for help are being received in Washington. This scare is so bad that prominent Republicans are saying that it is useless to consider candidates from other states for the second place on the McKinley ticket; that he must be taken from one of those three states and must be a man who will add strength to the ticket. Mr. McKinley has gone out of his way to make friends with Senator Mason, of Ills., who was anti administration during the recent session of Congress, and has succeeded in getting Mason to promise to take the stamp for him. As Mason isn't the sort of man who can be won over by jollying, it is likely that he has received some definite and iron-clad promises of future patronage.

The Industrial Commission, so called, has provided itself with a pleasant summer junket, all of the expenses of which will be paid by the "dear people." It has decided that the industrial conditions, principally fluctuations

and such, along the Northern Atlantic coast, must be investigated during the summer, and has arranged for meetings of the Commission during the next three months, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the New England states. One of the first duties of a democratic administration and Congress will be to abolish the Republican Government Commission humbug, which has become so rampant, and so expensive, under the McKinley administration.

Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee, has given away the claim of the Republicans that the reason they did not reduce war taxes at the recent session of Congress, was their desire to have that Commission grant hearings and study the question during the recess, so that the right sort of bill providing for the reduction might be reported to the House, by the official announcement that the Committee would not be called together until just before Congress meets. In other words, the question of the reduction of war taxes is to be left open until after election, in order that all the big interests may be taxed for the Republican campaign fund.

Secretary Long has advertised for bids for furnishing armor plate for battleships, under the cowardly law forced through Congress the last thing before adjournment, making Mr. Long do what the Republicans of Congress were ashamed to do—agree to the prices of armor set by armor trust, which will necessarily be the only bidder to respond to the advertisement. True, the law gives Mr. Long authority to reject the bids if he considers the price too high, and to use the \$4,000,000 carried by the act, for the establishment of a government plant to make armor plate, but if he acted upon that authority, the Republican leaders who engineered the cowardly make-shift would throw a few fits; they are figuring on a heavy campaign contribution from the armor trust.

Mr. McKinley and Gen. E. S. Otis have been exchanging tuff. Mr. McKinley has been telling Otis that he was the only real thing in the Military way produced by the Philippine war—many believe that Otis produced that war—and that he would have been glad to have made him, instead of Miles, a Lieut. Gen. but Congress fixed it so that promotion had to go to Miles; while Otis, overjoyed at his promotion to be a Maj. Gen. has been telling Mr. McKinley that he is the greatest of all Presidents. Outside of the White House there has been no attempt to lionize Otis because of the prevalence of the opinion that he has already received more than was coming to him for anything he achieved during his blundering career in the Philippines.

About the only cheap thing that gives satisfaction is a compliment.

The Ghost of Poe's Raven.

Since public attention has been called afresh to Edgar Allen Poe, the following extraordinary fact will be of interest. It was about 1845 that Poe went to New York searching for employment, and became so "hard up" that he sold "The Raven" to the American Review for five dollars. He went out to Fordham, in Westchester county, a suburb of Gotham, to live, and it was here that his "child wife," the Annabel Lee of his most beautiful poem, died and was buried in the village cemetery.

Somewhere about 1881 or 1882 the people of Fordham desired to remove the graveyard, and therefore proceeded to disinter the bodies. A gentleman of New York who had always been a great admirer of Poe heard of this and went out, determined to see to it that the grave of Annabel Lee be not unnecessarily desecrated. He arrived only in time to find the grave already opened and the bones thrown out. As no one seemed to care he gathered together the precious though uncanny relics, and wrapping them in a paper, took them to his own home, where in a box they were reverently kept for nearly two years. After this they were sent to Baltimore to be interred near the grave of her gifted husband.

But this is not the most extraordinary part of the story, the facts of which can be verified, together with the names of the actors. In the same room where were kept for so long the bones of "Sweet Annabel Lee" was also jealously guarded the manuscript of "The Raven," which latter was placed in the cornerstone of the monument erected to Poe's memory.

Late one summer's day a raven flew through the open window and rested on the portfolio containing the precious manuscript. The occupant of the room was at first startled, and the weird connection between the funereal bird, the manuscript beneath its feet, the ghastly contents of the box near by, started into uncanny prominence. Upon approaching the bird it was found to be gentle, and evidently somebody's pet. Lacking for accommodations for so unusual a guest, the gentleman deposited the ebony bird with a druggist near by; and as no advertisement appeared to recall him to his lost home, he was finally given to a prominent society woman who had expressed a desire for a tame crow, but who gladly accepted this raven as a more dignified and poetical addition to her household.—Frances H. Howard, in Woman's Home Companion.

J. Q. Hood, justice of the peace Crosby, Miss., makes the following statement: "I can certify that One Minute cough cure will do all that is claimed for it. My wife could not get her breath and the first dose of it relieved her. It has also benefited my whole family." It acts immediately and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung troubles. Coffey Bros, Phillips & Son.

IT IS ALL OVER.

The Boers have fallen. With Pretoria in the hands of the British, the last hope of the Transvaal will vanish. In this, their hour of gloom, the sympathies of the world go out to them. Before the mighty the weak have succumbed. Within a few years all will be forgotten and the world will have resumed its old way. The stronger and fitter has survived. The weak have perished.

More than a half century ago Darwin established the theory of the survival of the fittest as applied to man and beast. At this time it would seem that he might have gone further and applied the same law to nations, for one by one the little nations are disappearing from the map, merged into the greater. Nor will this great change stop with the Transvaal. In time, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Portugal and the South American principalities will cut no figure in the world's history. There will be four or five great nations, and they are easily named, and these, when there are no other worlds to conquer may dwell together in peace or fight it out among themselves. Of course, this is but surmise, but history justifies the supposition.

But there is no reason to imagine that the world will be of the worse for the change. The domain of liberty is widening day by day. England is almost as free a country as America. France is republican in form and in fact. The liberal sentiment is growing in Germany and in despotic Russia there are signs of the dawn. If the earth and the fullness thereof is to be controlled by the quintet when A. D. 2000 is written, there is no reason to imagine that the inhabitants thereof will be any worse by reason of the great change. And, in fact, they may be better. The Transvaal and the Orange Free State will be better off in a few years hence than they have ever been in the past. There will be greater freedom, more liberal commerce and greater prosperity. The old Boers will mourn for the old days, but the younger generation will soon be reconciled to the change.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Winston Republican: The love of the noble red man for "fire water" will only perish with the extinction of the race. As a reminder of this fact "big injins" cherokees, in Swain county, have been indicted for selling whiskey with out license and have gotten into Uncle Sam's clutches and will answer to the charge at November term of Federal court at Asheville. Their names are To no la, Wildcat and Ti hu Guiney.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to say that I feel under lasting obligations for what Chamberlain's cough remedy has done for our family. We have used it in so many cases of coughs, lung troubles and whooping cough, and it has always given the most perfect satisfaction. We feel greatly indebted to the manufacturers of this remedy and wish them to please accept our hearty thanks.—Respectfully, Mrs. S. Dory, Des Moines, Iowa. For sale by all dealers.

A Historic Point in Favor of Mr. Bryan.

Four times has the occupant of the White House been a candidate for re-election against the man whom he defeated four years before, and never yet has the President been successful in the second contest. In 1800 John Adams defeated Thomas Jefferson, but in 1804 Jefferson defeated Adams. John Quincy Adams defeated Andrew Jackson, but four years later Jackson defeated Adams. Martin Van Buren defeated William Henry Harrison, but four years later Harrison defeated Van Buren. Benjamin Harrison defeated Grover Cleveland in 1888, but in 1892 Cleveland defeated Harrison. In 1896 William McKinley defeated William J. Bryan. Every indication points to the fact that these men will be the opposing candidates in 1900. And the indications are that the history given above will repeat itself in this same year 1900.—Omaha, Neb., World-Herald.

State Journal, Rep., Organ: According to Senator Pritchard's statement; there are twelve counties with negro majorities. With honest elections the negroes can and will dominate in these twelve counties. To vote for the Amendment relieves these 12 counties from negro rule, to vote against it continues them under negro control. Is there a white man in North Carolina who believes this state of affairs ought to continue?

Davis Times: Considerable excitement was created at Fork church last week on account of some unaccountable freak of nature. On Wednesday night there was a hard rain and on the land of James Carter there was a spot about 13x18 feet that did not get a drop of rain and was perfectly dry though the ground was wet all around.

Landmark: There is some profit in strawberries in Ireland if properly handled. Mrs. P. B. Key had a little over 1/2 acre in strawberries this year from which was marketed 1700 quarts of berries. This would mean that about \$250 to \$275 per acre was realized for the crop.

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All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers; they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

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