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A Taylorsville correspondent to the Statesville Mascot says; A meeting of the citizens and tax payers with the mayor and town commissioners Monday night voted to employ a mayor and pay him \$50.00 per year and a policeman at \$150 per year, and combine with the duties of policeman that of street and sanitary work, making it his duty to carry with him besides his gun and billy, a wheelbarrow, shovel and pick so that when he was not after violators of the ordinance he could be working on the streets. If a man cannot be found inside the corporate limits that is willing to take this job one will have to be ordered. So if any one should be looking for a job they should come or send their application at once to the mayor or clerk of board of town commissioners.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

After holding it back for many months, Mr. McKinley has issued his much advertised order modifying the civil service rules. It doesn't appear to please anybody over much. It excepts a total of somewhere in the neighborhood of four thousand places from the operation of the civil service rule, but as most of these places are already filled by republicans, it will make comparatively little new patronage for the republican leaders. It doesn't touch the Government Printing office, which so many republicans have been trying so hard to get thrown open to them. So far as the party workers are concerned, the order is likely to do more harm than good to the republican party.

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who stands about as much show as Payne the New York anti-Platt candidate, dropped into Washington a day or two ago and announced that he was a candidate for Speaker. He could not control three votes in the Pennsylvania delegation, counting his own, to save his neck. Bingham is the dummy candidate of the Pennsylvania delegation, and will remain such until Quay decides who shall get the votes.

No surprise was caused in Washington by Senator Platt's flat-footed declaration that McKinley and Hobart would be re-nominated. So far as McKinley is concerned, Platt has been mortgaged since early in the present administration; his endorsement of Hobart means that if he ever had any idea of helping to get Roosevelt second place on the ticket, it has been abandoned, but whether because he wasn't pleased with Roosevelt or whether the latter was not pleased with the idea of second place, is a matter of conjecture, but the former is more likely to be true. The declaration of Senator Penrose, who is Boss Quay's man and mouthpiece in favor of McKinley's re-nomination is nothing more than a bid for administration help for Quay in his contest to get his seat in the Senate. This was doubtless pleasing to Mr. McKinley, whether he means to help Quay or not, as he found Quay decidedly "uppish" towards the administration while he was in the Senate.

The administration was very particular to have the widest circulation given to the report of the Beef Court of inquiry, but it is now discovered that all the \$200,000 set aside to pay for the inquiry has been used up, and has ordered work stopped on the printing of the testimony, upon which the report was supposed to be based, after it had all been put in type. It has all along been contended by many that the administration never intended to make the testimony public, and this action makes it

look as though that convention was correct.

Secretary Alger has been putting his foot in it again. Several days ago he caused the order to be issued by the War Department, instructing the Military authorities in Cuba to give clearances to Cuban vessels under the Cuban flag, and at the same time stating that the vessels flying the Cuban flag would not be under American protection. As there is no Cuban government, there can be no recognized Cuban flag; hence the order strikes the average man as ludicrous. Somebody called Mr. McKinley's attention to the order and he directed that it be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion. This opinion, it is expected, will knock the order out. It might answer for Cuban vessels to go from one Cuban port to another, under such a clearance, but in any port outside of Cuba, the masters of such vessels would be at anybody's mercy; they would have no Consul to appeal to in case of unjust treatment of any sort, and no standing in any court of Admiralty. Alger's speciality appears to be doing the wrong thing.

The Dewey home fund is not growing as fast as it might. It did not reach the \$5,000 mark until today. Unless it gets a move on, it will not be big enough to buy a Washington house by the time Dewey gets home.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor widow, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. Respectfully, Mrs. Mary A. Beard, Claremont, Ark. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

Shelby Star: The whipping post is not gone forever! It is possible that it will become necessary to restore this time honored institution, the abolition of which caused a all criminals to rejoice, and to again enforce obedience to law by the method that some of our modern apostles of civilization would have us believe is barbarous. This sentiment is not confined to "illiterate North Carolina either for the great enlightened state of New York is agitating the restoration of the whipping post for wife-beaters, and the Asheville Citizen truly says that "it will stop crimes as well as this one, and should be adopted. A good whipping humanely but soundly administered, will stop petty stealing more effectually than all the chain gangs ever provided." No, the whipping post is not "gone for good."

Mr. P. Kitcham, of Pike City, Cal. says: "During my brother's late illness with sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

The Veterans of the Sixties

Itinerant in Christian Advocate. It became the writer's good fortune to attend at Charleston the annual reunion of the men who followed Lee, and the object of this writing is not to give a description but only a few observations of the magnificent parade of these heroic wearers of the gray. The soul is dead to patriotism and all that belongs to valor, which can look upon these gray-haired veterans without the profoundest emotions, for the observer saw in those men who marched up the streets of battle-scarred Charleston, the representatives of the noblest band of patriots that ever answered their country's call, and no braver heroes ever charged hostile lines or followed knightly plumes than those sons of Dixie.

The marks of time are upon the old Confederates. These men were young when, bidding farewell to dear ones and the comforts of home, they marched away to suffer the hardships of camp and to brave the dangers of battle, but the more than thirty years has told heavily upon them. But there need be no surprise in this. Remember what was endured during those four terrible years of war. Bear in mind how, under the gloom of defeat, these men returned to homes once bright and prosperous, but now broken and prostrate. The ash heap was all that remained of their possessions, and their shrines had been converted into sepulchers with the cry on every side, "for the touch of a vanquished hand and the sound of a voice that is still." Amid this desolation the soldier, now a peaceful citizen, began a new battle with poverty, and long has he struggled to build again his wasted land. Do not forget these things, and there is no occasion for wonder when we look upon the white hair and wrinkled faces and stooping forms of these noble men.

But here comes the marching columns over which are unfolded the old, tattered, bullet-torn battle flags! And as division after division, and company after company passed, hats and handkerchiefs are wildly waved, while the tens of thousands which crowd street and porch and window, shout and cheer the grizzled veterans. Where was there ever gathered such an interesting and picturesque company? Among them is the old bugler sounding martial notes upon the brass instrument that had often urged his comrades into battle. Over the belgian blocks a blind drummer kept step to the tap of the old drum he had carried through the bloody campaigns. Hundreds of sleeves are empty, for those strong arms have long since mingled with the dust of Virginia or await the resurrection on other fields. The old cripple with crutch and staff managed somehow to keep up with his fellow-soldiers. The father was there with his sons, boys not yet in their teens, but old enough

to don the gray, marched by his side seemingly proud that their father had followed Lee and Jackson.

Some of these men wore the rags of poverty, not a few carried the scars of battle, and youth had passed in to age, but there was still the martial spirit as in days of yore. Unquenched were the fires that burned our storm-swept Gettysburg, or that blazed upon the altars of their patriotic, yet weary hearts, when they formed the thin but strong lines around Richmond and Petersburg which withstood so long the gathering hordes that Grant hurled against them.

But these heroes of the 'lost cause' are rapidly passing away. Every year thins their ranks. May they be kept in high esteem, who by deeds of valor won a renown wide as the world and as lasting as the records of our nation. The legacy which they leave should be held as our richest heritage, and the lives of these patriots should be enshrined in every heart. All honor to the veterans of the sixties!

Presidents Come Rather High.

Boston Journal. Presidents "come high, but we have got to have them." It costs us \$114,865 a year for a Chief Executive.

His salary is \$50,000 and 'found', as our western neighbors say. The President's finding is rather comprehensive, covering about every possible requirement of a family. His private secretary, the clerk, doorkeepers, messengers, and steward, and three other servants cost us \$33,865 a year. Then there is a contingent fund of \$8,000 a year that the President may use according to his discretion.

In furniture and repairs to the White House the sum of \$16,000 more, to be used by the discretion of the President, is provided by the nation, and is always expended. For fuel alone \$3,000 is allowed, and for necessary repairs to the greenhouse there is \$4,000.

Altogether the Presidential "finding" annually amounts to the snug sum of \$64,865, nearly \$15,000 a year more than his salary. The two aggregate \$114,865. This is an imposing aggregate, but it is small when compared with other Presidents. The President of the French republic receives a salary of \$120,000 a year, \$32,480 for contingent purposes, and a handsome house, rent free. So we get our President rather cheaply.

It is a practically settled fact that Asheville will soon have an ostrich farm to add to her large and varied list of attractions and industries. A. Y. Pearson, who was at one time a resident of Asheville, he having recovered his health at the Winyah sanitarium, and who has of late years conducted an ostrich farm in California, will establish a branch farm near this city.—Gazette.

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Dewey and the Ladies.

Leslie's Weekly.

Admiral Dewey, not like Napoleon, a woman hater, although many naval officer's wives are almost convinced to the contrary. The admiral does not hesitate to say that he believes the presence of a woman interferes with a man's efficiency as an officer in war time. Many officers' wives as soon as they became convinced that their husbands would remain an indefinite period at Manila, lost no time in hurrying over to join them, and some 'tis said, even though their husbands cabled 'No' to their petitions. The admiral did not look with favor upon their arrival, for to his mind it meant impaired efficiency in some of his best officers. They came, however, and before the outbreak of hostilities between the insurgents and Americans dances and yacht excursions in the bay and up the Pasig river became quite frequent, even the admiral himself giving a large ball on the Olympia. He however always maintained his position, and no woman was allowed aboard ship when she went to sea or during the subsequent period when the fleet was in battle array around Manila bay.

One young lady, engaged in newspaper work, drew heavily upon the ships' junior officers who fell victims to their charms. It became quite a daily practice among the officers to in turn, take her driving in the cool of the afternoon. As the principal drives of interest lay in close proximity to the firing lines the excursion was not without the element of danger so dear to the hearts of both officers and venturesome women. The admiral looked on for some time in silence, but eventually meeting the fair charmer one day reproached her for taking such risks, thinking perhaps, in this way to stem the practice so rapidly becoming popular among his men. The young lady promptly replied that she was not at all afraid of bullets when protected by one of Dewey's officers.

"Well" replied the admiral, "if you don't object to being killed, I have nothing to say; but I cannot spare any of my men."

The young lady does not know yet whether this was a compliment or a reproach.

Bad management keeps more people in bad circumstances than any other cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take hold of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cts. the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

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