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Mr. Will Ervin, of the Bert Shoe store, tells us a pet chicken died at his home at Mill Bridge Monday which was about sixteen years old. It was a Bantam hen and was on exhibition when the county fair was held at Mill Bridge a number of years ago.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

The panic of the administration over the situation in Ohio, daily grows worse, and Mr. McKinley tells the Ohio republicans who call on him that the state must be carried at all hazards. He sent a trusted personal messenger to New York to meet Boss Hanna when he arrived from Europe to tell him just how blue things look from the administration point of view; also to impress upon him the necessity of taking steps to see that plenty of money was provided for use in Ohio. It is probably the taking of these "steps" which caused Boss Hanna to stop in New York instead of coming direct to Washington. The matter has been discussed in cabinet meetings, and two members, Post Master General Smith and Secretary Wilson designated to the stump. Mr. Wilson will speak mostly in the agricultural section, his power of persuasion among farmers being supposed to be wonderful, while Mr. Smith will talk mostly to city and town audiences. The ordering of the Civilian Philippine Commissioners home was also influenced to a certain extent, by the Ohio scare. It is hoped to have the next fighting campaign under way before election day, and the civilian commissioners are gotten out of the way so that Otis can have no excuse for not pushing the fighting. So much for the republican view of the Ohio campaign.

Democratic confidence in success in Ohio is even greater than the republican fright. Mr. McLean, who is now in Ohio to remain until after the election, is in constant communication with his Washington friends. He says he feels absolutely certain of being elected Governor, and he is not the sort of man to say so without believing it himself. From other sources comes the same sort of news. The democrats are united and enthusiastically confident, while the republicans are divided into factions, some of which would rather humiliate Boss Hanna whom they have never forgiven for the rough-shod manner in which he kicked them out of the state machine, to make places for his henchmen than to accomplish any other one thing. There is also much more Ohio republican opposition to the imperialistic policy of the administration, and especially to the so far unsuccessful war in the Philippines, than even the democrats supposed existed until recently. Much of this opposition is silent, and will hardly result in direct votes for the democratic ticket, but it will increase the stay-at-homes on election day, which will be the next best thing to democratic votes.

The object of a delegation of Washington negroes, including a preacher and several ex-office-holders, in calling at the White House, was a reminder of reconstruction

days. They seem possessed of the idea that Mr. McKinley has power to interfere with the proposed election law in North Carolina, and they wish him to put a clause in his annual message to Congress, recommending that the proposed election law be declared illegal because of its violation of the 15th amendment. Mr. McKinley is a very strong partisan but he knows too much to attempt to meet the wishes of these negroes, even if they were citizens of North Carolina, instead of being meddlers in what in no way concerns them. The 'nigger' question will never figure prominently again in Presidential messages or in Congressional legislation. If unconstitutional laws are passed in North Carolina, or in any other state, the people can get them passed upon by the proper legal tribunal without either the help or hindrance of the President or any official connected with the executive branch of the government, and the decrees of the courts will be obeyed by the people. The Supreme court of the United States alone possesses the power to declare the State laws unconstitutional.

Ex Senator Joe Blackburn, who has been resting a little in Washington, preparatory to returning to returning to the stump, did not give the story that Col. Bryan would not speak in Kentucky, a chance to get fairly started, before he headed it off by saying: "Mr. Bryan wrote me that he would be glad to speak in Kentucky and would leave the details to me. There was no promise of any number of speeches, nor were any definite arrangements agreed upon. I have written him that we will be ready for him any time after the first of October, and by that time, from present indications the bolting movements in Kentucky will have dwindled away into nothingness, and Mr. Bryan will have a solid democratic party in front of him."

The naval officials responsible for assigning Admiral Schley to the command of the Atlantic Squadron, the most undesirable flag command in the Navy, evidently felt a little bit ashamed, as they took the trouble to give out statements about the intention of the Department to increase the number of vessels in the Squadron, the importance of the command in case of war with Central or South America, etc. The real object is probably to get Schley out of reach of inquisitive Congressional Committees.

Good Enough to Take

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to that of maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. As a medicine for the cure of coughs, colds, lagrippe, croup and whooping cough it is unequalled by any other. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by druggists.

A Formidable List

Typographical Journal.

Charles H. Sticker, of No. 6244 Greenwood avenue Chicago has hit upon a unique method of exposing how the American to day is held in the tentacles of octopus-like trusts. Under the head of "Will You Remember the Trusts?" he has issued a card which he is pleased to term '1899 watchword from 1898.' Here is what appears on the card:

I sleep on a bedstead made by a \$12,000,000 trust.

I put on my underwear made by a \$30,000,000 trust.

I put on my pants that never rip, thread made by a \$300,000,000 trust.

I wear shoes of leather made by a \$125,000,000 trust.

I walk on carpets made by a \$10,000,000 trust.

I wear the collars made by a \$8,000,000 trust.

I wear socks made by a \$30,000,000 trust.

I use the matches made by a \$26,000,000 trust.

I light the gas made by a \$11,000,000 trust.

I eat oatmeal with a spoon made by a \$50,000,000 trust.

I eat oatmeal made by a \$3,400,000 trust.

I use milk in my coffee handed by a \$10,000,000 trust.

I eat crackers made by a \$55,000,000 trust.

I eat bread of flower made by a \$150,000,000 trust.

I eat meat that is made by a \$50,000,000 trust.

I use wall paper in the house made by a \$50,000,000 trust.

I wear rubbers made by a \$50,000,000 trust.

I live in a house, brick made by a \$8,000,000 trust.

I use ice made by a \$117,000,000 trust.

I want my casket made by a \$8,000,000 trust.

I want my headstone of marble made by a \$20,000,000 trust.

I write this on paper made by a \$40,000,000 trust.

Durham Herald. Hereafter no child under twelve years of age will be allowed to work in the East Durham cotton mill. This rule is to go into effect next week. All of the mills of the city are now practically under one management, and if we are not mistaken this rule already prevails in the West Durham mills. Good schools are maintained in both East and West Durham, and the management of the mills is determined that the children at least shall have the advantage of them. This action, while it may seem a hardship to some of the parents, is proper, and but justice to the children. A cotton mill, or any other mill for that matter, is not a fit place for a child under twelve years old. Let such work as this continue.

The use of the fan originated in China, and sprang from the following incident: A royal princess, very beautiful, was assisting at the feast of lanterns, her face covered with a mask, as usual. The excessive heat compelled her to remove it, and in order to guard her features from the common gaze, she moved it quickly to and fro in front of her face, thus simultaneously hiding her charms and cooling her brow. The idea was at once adopted throughout the kingdom. Catherine de Medici carried the first fan from Italy ever seen in France, and in time of Louis XIV. the fan covered with jewels was worth a small fortune.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

They are simply perfect' writes Robt. Moore, of La Fayette Ind. of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the 'famous little pills for constipation and all liver ailments. Never gripe, coffee pros. Phillips & son, L. C. Reeves.

More About Devil's Island.

In the International Magazine is an account of the Italian patriot, Paola Tibaldi, who was banished during the second Napoleonic empire to the spot that has lately been the prison of Dreyfus. "This accursed island," the Italian says, "throughout its extent of five-eighths of a mile in length, and 1.640 feet in width, consists almost entirely of bare, unfruitful rocks. The arid soil, on which even the grass withers for lack of nourishment, and only a few scattered bushes grow, the foliage of which is parched and withered by the pitiless sun, showed the man who was to live there the sufferings to which he was doomed."

The resident of that island has to fight continually heat prostration and laziness, even in the most scorching days for mental and physical depression means death, and to compete with the lurking fever the drowsiness which attends summer must be constantly fought off. It is so hot during the four months rainless season that stones mar the hand like red-hot iron if touched and eggs brought from the shade into the sun burst on account of sudden decomposition.

For eight months rain pour down, making it impossible to go out of doors, indeed, suicidal, for a fever will result.

A special feature and perhaps the only agreeable one of the island is—or rather was, when the few trees that struggle for existence there had not been felled, the presence of certain very large lizards which lived in the trees and were killed with stones by the prisoners, to be eaten. They were really a delicacy, and when boiled or roasted afforded a rich, palatable dish, somewhat similar to pheasants.—Ex.

Perry Belmont comes out in an interview cabled from London, denouncing as a fake the interview in which it was said he would support Bryan. The Nebraskan is playing in good luck. Mary Ellen Lease and the husband of Sloan's divorced wife will fight him. Now if Coxe, old boy, joins the trio, Bryan will go into the White House on a wave of triumph.—News and Observer.

There is always hope while there is One Minute cough cure. "An attack of pneumonia left my lungs in bad shape and I was near the first stages of consumption One Minute cough cure completely cured me." writes Helea McHenry, Bismark, N. D. Gives instant relief, coffee pros, Phillips & son, L. C. Reeves.

"My son," said the matron olis man, "makes mountains out of mole hills."

"Hanged if I don't wish my son would do it," ejaculated Farmer Hardacre. "I've got all kinds of mole hills around this plantation, an' if they were mountains I'd have no trouble in getting the house clean full of summer boarders."—Chicago News.

E. E. Turner, Compton, Mo., was cured of piles by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve after suffering seventeen years and trying over twenty remedies. Physicians and surgeons endorse it, coffee pros, Phillips & son, L. C. Reeves.

News and Observer.

Senator Pritchard's negro domination organ, the Asheville Gazette, has been hunting through the mountains to find a man who could be induced to write a letter against the constitutional amendment. It has found him in Watauga county and parades his letter as the document of a leading democrat. Referring to the new convert and his letter, the Asheville Citizen says:

"But the declaration of this new convert came out through the aperture left after swallowing an official teat the size of a brandy gauger. He was paid in advance. A brandy gauging job in hand is worth much more than the promise of two or three much more remunerative jobs in the future."

Senator Pritchard can get a few more letters from parties who love office more than country if he will advertise that a brandy gauging job or "something equally as good" goes with each letter announcing opposition to White Supremacy.

[Is this our John L. that has received this blow in the abdominal region with a 'hunk' of the staff of life? It fits him, save in one particular. Guess.—DEMOCRAT.]

An Evanston man, says an exchange, not having gone to the war himself, has felt it his duty to do something for the benefit of the men who are now fighting in the Philippines. Accordingly he has invented and patented a filter that fits inside a soldier's canteen. If the soldier has time, he can filter his water through into his canteen. If he is rushed for time he can simply fill his canteen and then put the filter in place. In this case the liquid will gradually seep through into the filter, from which he can always get a drink of pure water. The inventor claims that with this invention in use half of the danger from climatic disease would be avoided.

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