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HURRAY FOR MC KINLEY

At the turn of the Century there lived on Platt Street in Albion a school teacher by the name of May Morrisey. Her home is presently the V.F.W. Post 4635. She evidently like President William McKinley in 1900 and like many people eighty years ago, had a pet parrot which she had proudly taught to say "Hurrah for McKinley". One hot summer day in 1901, May went to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo leaving her beloved parrot hanging in its cage by an open window on the front porch. Some boys in the neighborhood happened to pass by as the parrot squawked "Hurrah for McKinley". As boys will be boys they decided to see if they could teach the parrot something else, since May Morrisey was out of town. And so they did! Working with the parrot almost all day repeating and repeating the same few select words, their deviltry won over the bird and much to May's dismay. Because upon her return, the parrot hollered, "To Hell with McKinley".