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THE BULLY AND THE COWARD.

In his speech at Auburn, Nebraska, last Wednesday speaking of the land-grabbing spirit, William J. Bryan said:

The same spirit that carries you to the Philippine islands will lead you to other places and make you hold their people and make them subjects against their will. The same spirit of militarism and imperialism that carried you to the Philippine islands will carry you wherever you can find a people weak enough to be whipped against their will.

This is as true as if it were inspired, and is true not only of this country, but of all countries in this age which are infected with the land-grabbing disease. We say of this age, because there have been bold nations which have pursued the policy of conquest, and made war upon strong as well as weak nations in pursuit of that policy, but the policy of conquest has apparently been abandoned by the nations of the earth and in its stead we have land-grabbing from the weaker countries.

It is not calling into question the bravery of the men who compose the armies and navies of these land-grabbing nations, for in bravery they will hold their own with the bravest, but the land-grabbing wars are not made by the people, but by the men who control the State, and they it is who show the bully, and the bully is generally, when confronted by equal force, a coward. He is assertive and brave only when he tackles the weak, whom he thinks he will have little trouble in overcoming.

A somewhat common thing these days is the so-called ultimatum or something of that sort, but haven't you noticed that invariably the ultimatum comes into play only when the weakness of one party encourages it and the strength of the other impels it? When a strong nation does this to a weaker country, it is whether good or bad, after formal preliminaries if the weaker country does not yield and come to terms an ultimatum is issued and if this fails to duly impress and intimidate the country to which it is sent a warship is sent along to enforce the demand by shooting into some of the exposed seaport towns of the victim nation: We have had several illustrations of this lately. But when misunderstandings arise between strong nations, or one has a claim against another, red tape diplomacy is invoked and there are basketfuls of correspondence and palaver without any ultimatums.

Englandmen are good soldiers. No one will question that, and yet England as a nation, as represented by her rulers, is a cowardly nation. Does any one suppose that if the Transvaal Republic had ten millions of people, instead of less than half a million, it would have been forced into a war by the scheming and aggressions of Cecil Rhodes and Joe Chamberlain? England didn't issue an ultimatum to that Republic but provoked an ultimatum, which gave excuse for the war that was contemplated and planned and soon followed. An independent country in that part of the earth interfered with Cecil Rhodes' schemes of British expansion, therefore the pretext was sought and found to make war on the Boers, grab their territory and put it under the British flag.

Does any one suppose that if the McKinley administration had thought that the Filipinos would have offered even such resistance as they have to our arms that the course of forcible expansion would have been altered? Not a bit of it. If their foresight had been as good as their hindsight there never would have been increase of the army that was first sent to take possession of Manila. This has been admitted by a number of expansionists. Apologizing for being there now and for trying to get a tighter grip they say it is because, in the language of Abram Hewitt, "we have the wolf by the ears and can't let go." But they thought when they saw the people of those islands simple, confiding, people disposed to trust their new friends the

Americans in everything, and even if not, that they were poorly prepared or equipped to carry on a war with us, the expansionists concluded they had a safe soft snap, and that about 5,000 men could do up the job and have a sort of picnic at the same time. That's what influenced the gentlemen who are running this Philippine business and transformed what they once characterized as "criminal aggression" into benevolent assimilation. It was an illustration of the big bully jumping upon the small and weak victim. That's imperialism as illustrated to-day.

MUST MEET THE ISSUES.

Hanna warns his clans against apathy, which he tells them (although he knows better) is the result of over-confidence; but at the same time he informs the campaign contributors that he must have more cash and lots of it, whereby he gives himself away on the over-confidence racket. He admits that there is apathy; others of his associates admit that there is apathy, but they don't admit the cause, for no one is fooled by the over-confidence fraud. The Washington Post, an independent paper politically, gives in the following editorial some of the reasons for the apathy about which Hanna and his lieutenants are so concerned. It says:

"Senator Hanna's appeal to his fellow-Republicans to overcome the apathetic condition into which they seem to have fallen is all very well, as far as it goes. The trouble is that it does not go far enough. Mr. Hanna cannot expect to win in this campaign by merely prodigal his party into activity. Indeed, it is doubtful whether he will be able to infuse energy into the rank and file by such appeals. The apathy in the Republican party will continue just so long as the managers refrain from making an aggressive and spirited campaign. The unsatisfactory platform of the party will continue just so long as the managers refrain from making an aggressive and spirited campaign. The unsatisfactory platform of the party will continue just so long as the managers refrain from making an aggressive and spirited campaign.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Senator Hanna's speech opening the campaign at Auburn Park was startlingly descriptive of his fellow partisans when he said "New Jersey Republicans are like New Jersey mosquitoes—they know their business." The business of the New Jersey mosquitoes is blood sucking, as the victims everywhere know.—Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.

The censured dispatches from Manila have ceased to give the causes of the deaths of our soldiers in the Philippines. It is a matter of no small public concern to learn what climate diseases beneath the equator are most fatal to the army which is fighting in the morasses and overglades of Luzon.—Philadelphia Record, Dem.

Mr. Hanna's tribute to Mr. McKinley's devoutness will stir some one to make a list of the scores on scores of devout men whom history has condemned—not for devoutness but for acting under the delusion that the approval of their errors and misdeeds which they get into on their knees came from heaven and not from their own vain, misguided, self-complacent selves.—New York World, Dem.

MR. BATTLE HAS AN EXPERIENCE.

Former Wilmington Citizen Shot at a Burglar in Greensboro. (Greensboro Telegram.) Mr. Lee H. Battle, who resides on East Gaston street, had an exciting experience with an unknown caller last night. About 1 o'clock this morning he was awakened by a noise on the back porch, and looking out through an open window observed the figure of a man. The porch is enclosed by a lattice work and Mr. Battle was unable to get a good view of the man, but he began shooting in his direction. When a servant went down stairs and turned a light on the porch, in order to get his exact location, the fellow made a break through the lattice door and ran like a wild horse, while Mr. Battle did his best to give him a dose of cold lead. Five or six shots were fired, but if the would-be burglar was struck he was not seriously wounded, for he kept running until out of sight.

The children keep a goat in the back lot, and some of Mr. Battle's friends are unkind enough to suggest that offensive Billy was the cause of all the trouble.

The Yaqui Indians, in the State of Sonora, Mexico, who have been at war with the Mexican government for over a year, are now suing for peace and endeavoring to be reinstated on their former reservation and retain their property.

SENT TO MANILA.

The McKinley administration seems to be somewhat embarrassed as to how to proceed with the Chinese question. According to some reports from Washington it is regarded as permanently settled as far as this country is concerned, while others represent the crisis as still "acute," with possible complications that may prove very serious.

Before the capture of Pekin some 4,000 troops had sailed to reinforce the army in China. When the announcement of the capture of Pekin and the relief of our legation came, orders were issued for these troops to go to Manila, instead of China.

The reason assigned for ordering them to Manila was that they would be more quickly available in the event that more troops might be needed in China, which, if true, is proof that the administration is far from believing that the Chinese question may not give more trouble. But may not this be a mere ruse to increase the army in the Philippines which, according to Gen. MacArthur, is not as strong as it should be and is daily becoming weaker from disease, there being now five or six thousand men on the sick list and in the hospitals? It wouldn't do, with a campaign opening, to acknowledge that these fresh troops were wanted in those "pacified" islands and to order them directly there and therefore advantage may have been taken of the opportunity to send these troops to the Philippines and utilize them there. That's politics.

We make the prediction that if it be found not necessary to send these troops to China, they will be kept in the Philippines to help on the work of "benevolent assimilation." According to General MacArthur he has none too many men for the work assigned to him, and according to the reports of observant and well informed newspaper correspondents he has not enough, which doubtless accounts for sending to him those troops intended for China. McKinley and his political counselors are playing under cover, but it does not require a very penetrating eye to see through it. They may fool some of the people some time, but they can't fool all the people all the time.

WILLARD MEETING.

Pender, Sampson and Duplin Democrats Celebrated the State's Great Victory. SPEECH BY MR. BELLAMY. Two Thousand and More People Gathered in Ratification Assemblage. Big Basket Picnic and Dance in the Oak Grove.

The Democrats of Pender, Duplin and Sampson counties were present in large numbers at the big Democratic basket picnic and ratification meeting at Willard Friday. The crowd was variously estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000, and the meeting was thoroughly enthusiastic and characteristic of the good people living in that section of the State. It was a voluntary outpouring of the people in grateful recognition of the wonderful deliverance achieved by them in the beginning of the present month. The meeting primarily belonged to Pender, but county lines could not be observed in a celebration of this character, and it rains on the W. & W. railroad both ways brought many people to the scene of the festivity. Many also came by private conveyance.

The committees in charge did their work with credit to themselves and credit to the people they represented. Nearly a hundred ladies were included in the list of those appointed to arrange the dinner and no one who partook of the sumptuous feast of good things spread out on a large table in the oak grove on the east side of the railroad will challenge the assertion that there was a lack of preparation on their part. The tremendous crowd was fed well and there was enough left to supply most as many more.

The reception committee consisted of Messrs. J. A. Stanford (chairman), W. F. Bowen, C. V. Batts, J. C. Jenkins, E. F. Johnston, Isaac Cottle. That on music was composed of Messrs. J. M. Johnston (chairman), J. D. Alderman, C. Rivenbark, G. J. Powers, W. H. Wells, J. M. Loftin, R. N. Bowen, G. H. Robinson, Oscar Thomas, R. Rivenbark, F. T. Croom, J. G. Blake.

Mr. Bellamy's Speech. The meeting was called to order by R. G. Grady, Esq., of Burgaw, secretary of the Democratic County Executive Committee of Pender. A report had gone out that Governor Aycock would speak but yesterday morning the STAR corrected this impression. The speaking took place from a large stand erected in the grove and Mr. Bellamy was introduced by Mr. Grady, who referred to the speaker's record and his recognized ability in Congress. Mr. Bellamy began his speech at 11 o'clock and spoke for about an hour in one of his best efforts. His speech, in the main, was in accord with the spirit of the meeting—that of joy and thankfulness for the great victory won. He congratulated the people upon their diligent work during the campaign and their culmination in one of the most glorious victories in the annals of the State. Coming to more live issues, now that the State campaign is over, Mr. Bellamy treated the questions in the impending National campaign with great comprehension and earnestness. The imperialist tendency was reviewed and the evils that will accrue if it is not checked were recounted.

He also referred to the good effects of the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment and its incentive to immigration. North Carolina's industrial importance as the third State in the Union for cotton milling was referred to and the betterment of this record under the changed conditions was predicted. He also referred to the incentive to education that would grow out of the adoption of the measure. Mr. Bellamy was accorded throughout this speech great and enthusiastic applause.

MUSIC AND DANCING.

After the dinner hour a large number of the young people in attendance repaired to a platform which had been erected in the grove and a dance of several hours was indulged in. Music was by a string band, which furnished excellent accompaniment for the "dipping of the light fantastic." After the dancing the people departed on the evening trains and through the country.

DIED AFTER AN ILLNESS OF SEVERAL WEEKS.

DR. JOHN GILMAN. Came Across the Continent and Reached Here After His Brother Died. FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE WEST. Lived First in Central America—Then Moved to Tehuantepec, Mexico—For Some Months Past in Texas for His Health.

The STAR is pained to announce the death of Mrs. J. C. Gore, the wife of the head bookkeeper of the D. L. Gore Company. She passed away at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning at her late residence, 519 North Third street. She had been sick for about three weeks with typhoid fever and for some days past it had been seen that there was little chance for her recovery.

Mrs. Gore was before marriage Miss Carrie Stanland. She was born near Lockwood's Ferry, Brunswick county and her parents were Joseph and Martha Stanland, both of whom have been dead for some time. Soon after she and Mr. Gore were married they moved to South Carolina. After living there for a time they came back to Brunswick county and in a few years moved to Wilmington. They have made this city their home for the last thirteen years.

The deceased was a good woman. She was a faithful member of Brooklyn Baptist Church, regular in attendance and always willing to do her part of the church work. She lived a consistent Christian life.

Her husband and five children survive—Earl, Glendora, Wilbur, Ray and an infant nineteen days old. There is also a sister, Mrs. F. F. Lennon, of Brunswick county.

MR. THOS. D. MEARES LEAVES FOR DETROIT.

Will Stand For Re-election as Supreme Master of Exchequer, Which He Has Held for Four Years.

Supreme Master of Exchequer Thos. D. Meares left night for Detroit, Mich., to attend the biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, K. of P. Mr. Meares has held the responsible position of Supreme Master of Exchequer for four years. He was elected four years ago for the first term of two years, and two years later to the second term. He will be a candidate for re-election to a third term.

The Supreme Lodge will meet Tuesday, August 28th. Mr. E. A. Ebert, of Winston, and Mr. C. A. Webb, of Asheville, are the supreme representatives elected by the Grand Lodge, Domain of North Carolina. There will be about 150 representatives present. In connection with the Supreme Lodge meeting will be the encampment of the various divisions of the Uniform Rank. It is estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 Knights in uniform will be in attendance. Col. W. J. Woodward, one of the aides of the ranking officer of the Uniform Rank, expected to attend the encampment, but could not do so on account of the cotton season opening so much earlier than expected.

THE STRAWBERRY CROP.

Mr. T. B. Pierce, of Warsaw, the big crate manufacturer and a man of much experience and observation in the trucking interest, says that the month of August, on account of the prolonged drought, has not been favorable to growers of strawberries, who invariably want to set out plants during this period. A good many sections have been favored with rain, however, and a great number of plants have been set out, but taken altogether the weather has not been favorable. Many growers also put out plants in September but Mr. Pierce doesn't think they do so well when started so late.

As to the outlook for the strawberry crop, Mr. Pierce said it was a little early for one to approach any accuracy in forecast but he was of the opinion that the crop would be large. The outlook for prices, he thinks, depends altogether upon the weather during the shipping season.

LITTLE BOY DROWNED.

Eight Year Old Son of Mr. Clarence Hunter, of Graham, N. C. (Special Star Telegram.) GRAHAM, N. C., August 24.—About three o'clock to-day little Ray, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Clarence Hunter, who is head machinist for the Scott Mearns Manufacturing Co., while fishing in a small lake back of the Oneida cotton mills, fell in and was drowned. The cries of his several companions attracted the attention of Mr. J. L. Teal and a Mr. Penny, who were in the vicinity and who rushed to the lake with all haste possible and dragged the body from the water. Doctor's Long, Golery and Thompson were immediately sent for and arrived promptly, but too late to resuscitate the little fellow.

MAJORITY FOR AMENDMENT.

Some Observations of Returns As Made by Canvassing Board. (News and Observer, 24th.) The State Board of Elections met yesterday and canvassed the vote cast on the 2nd of August on the Constitutional Amendment. The vote stood: For, 128,217; against, 128,285; the majority for the amendment being 53,582. The total vote cast was 256,502. This vote was officially announced because the board canvasses this vote merely for information. The official formal canvass will be made by the Legislature at its session in January. Until then nobody can officially know that the amendment was adopted. The vote this year is 26,468 less than in 1898. We have not yet been able to make an analysis, but there was a large number of negroes who did not vote this year. The vote in 1898 was 336,980. The Democratic judges received 177,449 and the Fusion judges 159,531, giving a Democratic majority of 17,918.

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THE ALEXANDER JONES.

The Cape Fear Towing and Transportation tug Alexander Jones is just off the ways at Skinner's shipyard and is as bright and fresh as a new pin. She has had her bottom cleaned and painted and has been otherwise brightened up. She will be kept up here instead of at Southport for the present.

STABBED IN NEW YORK.

J. Oscar Mills, Former Wilmington Boy, Received Serious Wounds. Jailor George W. Mills has received news from New York of the serious injury of his brother, J. Oscar Mills, who left Wilmington about a year ago to make his home in that city.

Young Mr. Mills was employed in a saloon kept by Jones & Culbreth, Monday night as he was going for his supper to his boarding house, he was mistaken for another man and stabbed seriously in several places about his body by a white man in hiding. He was taken in charge by some one after his injuries and sent to Hudson Hospital. Yesterday a telegram to Jailor Mills said that the injured boy had been transferred to Bellevue Hospital and was in a critical condition. He did not learn whether his brother's assailant was arrested or not.

The most definite news Jailor Mills has received of his brother's misfortune came from Mr. J. J. Barnett, a photographer, formerly of Wilmington. Warrack Property Sold. A deed was recorded yesterday at the court house conveying from Mr. A. C. Sneed and wife to Mr. Jesse S. Williams the place in Masonboro township commonly known as the Warrack property and containing about 95 acres. The consideration was \$1,500. The place was sold to Mr. Sneed by the late Col. W. S. Warrack a short time before his death. The STAR learns that Mr. Williams will make the farm his residence in the future.

ATTACKED BY BOXERS.

An American Woman's Brave Fight—Defended Her Home With a Revolver and Killed Several. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 25.—Mrs. Eugene Crane, of Shanghai, China, arrived here to-day. While visiting at Siau, fifty miles from Wei Hai Wei, Mrs. Crane was attacked by a mob of Boxers at the residence of J. T. Elliston. Mrs. Crane had been visiting at the residence of the British consular agent earlier in the evening, in company with Mrs. Elliston. As they were returning home about 9 o'clock a Russian accosted them, saying he was fearful of a Boxer uprising and that they had better look out for themselves. They accordingly hastened home and had barely entered the house before a dozen Boxers were hammering at the door. They tried to break down the door, but failing in this, one of them secured entrance through a window. Mrs. Crane ran into the next room for her revolver. When she returned the Chinaman was being held by the other men. She and Mrs. Elliston afterwards dragged the Chinaman who had fallen in the house out on the street, where a half-dozen other dead Chinamen were found next morning.

N. Y.'S MURDER MYSTERY.

Another Development in the Scharn Case That May Give a Clue to the Murderer. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) NEW YORK, August 25.—After seven days something has been found upon which the police may go to work in the Scharn murder case. They have learned that Catherine Scharn was in the habit of receiving a male visitor in her flat on Saturday evenings. Also, there is a probability that the girl was strangled with a bed sheet, which has disappeared since the crime was committed, although it was in the flat when the body of the murdered girl was found.

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IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

The Fusion Political Situation is Very Much Mixed. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) SEATTLE, WASH., August 25.—The Fusion political situation, almost on the eve of the State Convention, is much mixed. The leading candidates for Governor are John Rogers and Charles Voorhees. A. V. Fawcett, of Pierce county, is said to be in the race simply to hold together his supporters against Governor Rogers. To-night the opposition to Rogers seems to be uniting on Voorhees. He is opposed by Senator Turner but seems to be in high favor elsewhere. It is about conceded that the Democratic majority of the Democratic convention, but the Populists seem very bitter in their opposition to him.

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Tired and dusty after a hot ride across the continent and annoyed by various delays, Dr. John Gilman, of Tehuantepec, Mexico, arrived in the city last night on his way to Jacksonville, where he was summoned several days ago by a telegram telling him of the critical illness of his brother, Mr. T. E. Gilman, who died Wednesday night of blood poisoning. Dr. Gilman was near Waco, Texas, when the news of his brother's condition reached him. He practices dentistry in Mexico, but had gone up to Waco to recuperate. The news of his brother Tom's dangerous illness was a severe shock to him, for he remembered him as being an unusually well and strong man.

Dr. Gilman didn't learn of his brother's death until he reached North Carolina and picked up a daily paper. Later he received a telegram from his sister telling him that the end had come, Mr. Gilman having died on the very night his older brother left Waco. Speaking of his trip, Dr. Gilman said that it was trying to the extreme, especially as he is something of an invalid. The very worst part of the trip, he said, was between Greensboro and Wilmington, but it had been suffocating ever since he left the prairies of Texas.

ATLANTIC MANUFACTURING CO.

Mr. H. L. Vollers Elected President and Mr. S. P. McInair Manager. The Atlantic Manufacturing Company, which was recently chartered by the Secretary of State with a good capital, yesterday held its first meeting of stockholders and elected Mr. H. L. Vollers president and Mr. S. P. McInair secretary and treasurer and general manager.

BELLAMY FOR CONGRESS.

(Chadbourne Messenger.) At the Sixth Congressional Convention, held in the city of Wilmington last Saturday afternoon, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy was honored with the nomination for a second term in Congress without a single dissenting voice. Mr. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, was chosen Presidential elector for the district.

WILL SPEAK ON CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Rev. Dr. A. G. Voight, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, will leave to-morrow for China Grove to attend a reunion of the Lutherans of the State. He is scheduled to make an address on the Century Movement to raise an endorsement for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, N. C. He will address the Woman's Missionary Convention at China Grove.

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A PRIVATE LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY.

By Mr. W. R. French from Judge Moore of the Eastern District Criminal Court, says he is still quite unwell and will go to the Panacea Springs to recuperate his health.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. A. C. Boggs has started a Belgian rabbit ranch. These rabbits are much larger than other breeds and as said to weigh when dressed from 10 to 10 pounds. They multiply very rapidly and live on the surplus vegetables of a farm. The meat is fine for food.

Mount Airy News: Vegetables are scarce and high, especially beans, tomatoes, corn and cabbage. In fact, the local products along this cut no figure this year on account of the dry, hot weather. The supply in the mountain country is abundant, we are informed.

Statesville Landmark: The heat and the drought continue. The heat is almost unbearable at times and the drought adds to the burden. There were a few showers in this section last week, but not enough to afford much relief. The crops are almost past their little if any growth. A rainfall now would do them little if any good.

Clanton Express: The weather is still exceedingly dry in many places. The corn crop is almost destroyed in sections of Bladen. Peaches, of which there was a good crop, are stunted and stunted, not being able to get their growth. The sun shines down with such force that in places the cotton bolls are blackened and the vitality of the side next to the stalk is destroyed.

Greenville Relector: There was a general "free for all" fight between some of the prisoners confined in jail Monday. Deputy Sheriff Leon Tucker went to the jail to stop the fight when some of the prisoners attacked him. With the help of the Chief of Police and one or two others the prisoners were soon tied and put back into their cells.

Tarboro Southerner: It is no exaggeration to say that in many sections the crops are literally cooked and worthless. Great forest fires are raging in a tier of the eastern counties. The smoke from these widespread conflagrations was viewed from the sea Saturday afternoon and formed a vast bank which nearly obscured the sun. Swampy areas were visible, but which never in man's memory were so before.

Columbus News: Sarah Davis, a colored woman, who hailed from Bogota, died suddenly at the depot last Monday. She was on her way to drink freely of water near by, and after drinking she walked up the railroad a short distance, sat down on the end of a cross tie and died. It is supposed a few minutes later. It is supposed that she was overcome with heat and drank too much water, the cause of her death.

Sanford Express: The farmers are busy cutting their corn. The early corn will not make a full crop as it was cut off by the drought. This has been a busy summer for the farmers. The Superintendent informs the Express that since the opening of the season they have shipped six thousand crates of peaches to the Northern markets. Besides this they have marketed six hundred bushels of blackberries as well as large quantities of grapes and other fruit. The farmers pulled a watermelon that weighed 75 pounds.

Mount Olive Advertiser: The strawberry growers are having a hard time of it. The long continued spell of hot weather has dried up the soil and the plants have succeeded in the effort to increase the acreage, even after repeated re-plantings. Old patches have been plowed up and a scarcity of plants prevail that handicaps those desirous of preparing their land for this crop. Unless there is a change in the weather, the outlook is not bright for the next season's crop will be less than usual. Lucy McClamb, a colored woman, who has 101 years to her credit, was in town last Saturday. She is well known to all who have a little attention. Before the war she belonged to Mr. Whitney Royall of Sampson county, an uncle of Chief of Police Royall. She is said to have been a little boy that Aunt Lucy was considered quite an old woman.

Weldon News: Cotton is beginning to open in this section. Too many of the farmers are going back to the Western corn crisis. That means poor horses and cattle and no hogs. Peter Harris, who lives on one of Major T. L. Harris' farms, has his hogs all in a row when the storm came up last Thursday. Lightning struck the pen and killed four of the hogs, which weighed over two hundred pounds each. The other hogs were knocked down, but recovered and appear all right now. The excellent prospect for a good cotton crop in this section is all but lost short by the long drought, and corn is almost entirely ruined. A well known farmer remarked to us this week that there will be one of the smallest cotton crops in the history of the State. Peanuts in some sections are said to be good. The only hope for the farmer is ten-cent cotton this Fall, and many people believe it will be even higher.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligence: The cotton crop in this section is being ruined. The matter more serious, corn is almost a complete failure. Unless our farmers realize at least 9 cents a pound for their cotton, they will not be able to make any money. The matter more serious, corn is almost a complete failure. Unless our farmers realize at least 9 cents a pound for their cotton, they will not be able to make any money.

From the first the police of the central office have insisted that the murderer was due to the jealousy of some man. The new discovery is the first thing they have learned that bears out this theory. They are now directing their efforts to locate Miss Scharn's regular Saturday night caller.

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IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

The Fusion Political Situation is Very Much Mixed. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) SEATTLE, WASH., August 25.—The Fusion political situation, almost on the eve of the State Convention, is much mixed. The leading candidates for Governor are John Rogers and Charles Voorhees. A. V. Fawcett, of Pierce county, is said to be in the race simply to hold together his supporters against Governor Rogers. To-night the opposition to Rogers seems to be uniting on Voorhees. He is opposed by Senator Turner but seems to be in high favor elsewhere. It is about conceded that the Democratic majority of the Democratic convention, but the Populists seem very bitter in their opposition to him.