## VALUE OF FARMS

Iremendous Landed Wealth Shown By Census
it runs high into billions Statistics of Oreat and Permanen Value Concerning Our Agricuitural Resources.

Washington, Special.-The censu bureau issued a bulletin giving the condition of agriculture in the Unite
States for the year 1900. It show States for the year 1900. It show
that there were at that time $5,739,657$ farms in the entire country which were valued at $\$ 16,674,694,247$. Of
this amount $\$ 3,560,198,191$, or over 21 per cent, represented the value o
buildings, and $\$ 13,114,492,056$, or ove ands and improvements other of uildings. The value of farm impl 50 , and of live stock $\$ 3,078,050,04$ These values, added to the value of the farms, gives a total value of farn
property amounting to $\$ 20,514,001$, The total value of farm product
or the year 1899 is given at $\$ 4,739$. or the year 1899 is given at $\$ 4,739$,
$\mathbf{1 1 8 , 5 2}$,
an of which amount $\$ 1,718,990$, 21 was for animal products, inclui-
ng live stock, poultry and bee pro The bulletin places the average
size of farms in the United States at ent of the farm land is improved. Th was $\$ 841,2011,546$.
States has increased in every decall
lor the last fifty years, and so rapidl that in 1900 there were nearly four
times as many farms as in 1850 , an
25 per cent moro than in 1890. Th total acreage of farm land also has
increased but up to 1880 less rapidy
ihan the tuin volving a steady decrease in the
1verage size of farms. Since 1880
ind however, the total acreage has in
creased more rapidy than the number
of farms, so that the average size of of farms, so that the average size of
larms has increased. The total area
of improved land had increased in ev ery decade since 1850 . that the most important States in the
lgriculture of the country are, be
sining at the West. Missouri, Iowa,
Illinois Illinois, Indiana. Ohio, Pennsylvania
and New Fork. Together they con-
tribute 44 per cent of the total value of farm property and 38 per cent of
the total value of farm products
Texas leads wirh the greatest num rexas leats wixh the greatest num
ber of farms, 352,190 and also with
the highest acreage 125.807 .017 . But
only a little over 15 per cent of the
tarm lands in Tex tarm lands value of the farm fand in in
and the vas aws less than in Penusylvania
Texas
llinois, being $\$ 962.476 .273$. Misisuri
ranges second in the number of farms
raving 284,886 . Other States having
 $205.261 ;$ Mississippi, 220; $203 ;$ Ne
York 226,$720 ;$ North Carolina, 221,
8o3;
Ohio 276,$719 ;$ Pennsylvania, 224, Iowa leads the list in the percentage
improved lands, more than 86 pe improved lands, more than 86 per
cent of the farm lands of that State
being improved. Ilfnois follows with more than 84 per cent, Ohio comes
next with $73^{\text {per cent, and is followed }}$
by Indiana with more than 77 per cent. Illinois occupies the first pors
tion in the matter of the total value of tanm lands, the figures for the Stat
heing $2,004,316,897$. Other State velues Tennessee. $\$ 341,202,025 ;$ Texas,
$\$ 962,476,273 ;$ Virginia. $\$ 323,515,977$,
The live stock farm lands of the The live stack farm lands of the
country are put down at a value of
$\$ 7,505.2$, 4,273 , or nicre than 36 per cent of the whole; the hay and grain
lands at $\$ 6,378.545 .543$ or 31 per cent of the whoie, darry products over
per cent; coton over 5 per cent There
are 512 coftee farms in the country.
valued at $819329:$.

## To Oppose Swanson

Roanoke, Special.-The Republican
Zongressional convention of the Fifth fistrict met at Rocky Mount and nomiaated Hon. B. A. Davis, of Franklin
sounty, by accla mation, to oppose Hon.
Slaude A. Sw inson present representative from that dis-
prict. Several speeches were made do trict. Several speeches were made de-
gouncing the work of the late constitn-
onal conveation:

## Says Strike Can Be Wo

 Special.-Presideni expects to leave Indfanayolis for Wilksba: te, where de will probablyre-omn stike unarquarter. Thursdey or Friday. . His intention, it is under stood, is to remain in the anthracite -egion until the strike is settled.
Seeretary Wilson says he does not ex. Secretary Wilson says he does not ex.
pect any more large donations until
later. It is understood Mr. Mitchell and his asociates are convinced tha
they can win the anthracite strike ii

EXPLOSION AT ROTEL
scaping Gas Ignites and Serious Re sults Ensue.
Fayetteville, Special.-About, n, which shook up the guests in he reading room on the second floor ad startled people in the stores sev ral blocks away, took to the business fice that the gas, unusual circum tances. Miss Sue Stedman, the ma aess office that the gas, unlighted was escaping in the hallway leadin rom the ladies' entrance on Hay treet; and Dave Monroe, the colored ight watchman, as he went in incauously struck a match. Instantly the Mole hallway was aflame, and Mr ncD. Mathews, who was just enter
ng the Hay street door, was hurle ack, with his hair, eyebrows, mous sufferet much pain last night, but h hoped that he will escape without isfigurement. Ralph Rigsby, Mr. R H. Buckingham's news-stand clerk,
was literally blown out of a window in front of the hotel, though, fortunately was not hurt. Monroe's injuries ar the Marsh-Highsmith Sanitorium fo treatment. The gas fixtures were shat
tered and the double glass door was
wrecked.

State News Notes
President Winston, of the Agricul
ural and Mechanical College, is in ural and Mechanical College, is in
ormed that 127 applicants for admis sion were examined July 11 in three
ourths of the counties, and that hese 104 passed. The returns from the
ther countius will probably bring th ember up there will be entrance examina-
ions at the colleze. It is expected that these will bring the total number o
tresimen to to 200 and that there will e in all 500 students. It is quite rea-
sonable to belieye that in a few years
of the necessary accommodations ar provided, there will be 1,000 . State Auditor Dixon is sending t
ach register of deeds a list of the hold of bank stock in that particula J. C. Caddell, so well known $\cdot$ all ove
is State, has for six months been sick his State, has for six months been sick
$t$ Wake Forest, his home. Inflamma-
ory rheumatism was the discase. He will soon go to Georgia. where he wil
represent the American Book Com any. Webb Nominated By Acclamation. Concord. Special.-The Democratic
convention of this judicial district wa called to order in the court house at
12 oclock Friday by Mr. J. A. An
thony. of Cleveland cornty. Messrs. J. F. Hurley, of The Tribune, and
B. Means, of The Standard, were th
and secretaries of the convention, an
Mr. W. C. Vawell temporary hair his organization was made perma
nent. Mr. J. L. Webb, of Shelby, wa
ominated by Mr. F. nominated by Mr. F. M. Shannon
house. of Charlotte, for solicttor of
the twelfth judicial district. Th nomination was seconded by Mis. R
B. Witson, of Gastonia, and given Mu
Webb by acclamalion.

James Tillman Called a Liar. Columbia, Special. - At the political
neeting at Gafney, Jim Tilliman wa
called a liar. There was no fight. Wa alled a liar. There was Tho ILedger, in
H. De Camp, cditor of Tho Iticle stigmatized Tillman "liar, a drunkard and a gambler:"
Newberry, after Hub Evans had whip-
ped a newspaper editor, Tillman de carred that it any editor had insults $t$
fiter him, let it be done to his face To lay he was reading to the crowd an ditorial when De Camp mounted the
platform and declared
that Tillman was a liar and that it could be prove
ver Tillman's signature. He then prouced letters from Tillman in respon man for a remittance for an account
due for advertising. De Camp claime spondence Pandemonium broke forth
and as Tillman was the last speake the meeting was abruptly adjourned.
Trowan was not without friends in the

Mr. Bryan in Maine
Augusta, Me., Special.-An immens crowd warmly greeted Mr. Bryan an day afternoon. Mr. Bryan spoke in th city hall and was given a tremendous vation. In his address he referred
the leading issiues which the voters of and election day

Stunned By Lightning.
Greansboro, Special.-In an incip fent electric storm here lightning Butz in two places, on a chimney and the eaves of the house. His three-year-old boy was lying on a rug in
front of the fireplace and was stunnei or half an hour, recovering without apparent injury. The little fellow was
literally black from the soot that was hurled over him, and the chimney was
as. clean as if an electric broom instead of bolt had passed down it. The
lightning striking the eaves of the
house did slight lightning striking the eaves of the
house did slight damage, soon reach-
ing a metal gutter and going to the

## LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS

Many Matters of General Interest Short Paragraphs.

The Suany South.
A negro was burned at the stake
Mississippi for attempted assault. The street railway strike in Rich
mond, Va., was settled by arbitration. Representatives of Japanese gocern-
ment come to South Carolina to study tea growing.
Near Stro
Near Strongtown, Indian Territory
two women and a man were waylaid
nd killed Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, was
nominated for Congress from the 9th Carolina district Former Governor Johnston has on ered the gubernatorial race in Ala
bama, making a four-cornered race. Court enjoined Nashville street rail way company from consolidating. will be invalidated.
A movement is on foot to form co-
perative association of the hatters gents' furnishers an
throughout the south.
Prospectors, supposed to be the rep
esentatives of the Standard Oil Com pany, have secured leases on large
tracts of suposed oll lands near oal

Lightning struck field storage o nd over 50,000 barrels of oil were consumed. The fire began Tuesday, and th
gusher is still burning fiercely. North was an intersting one. Senator Sim mons advocated permarent disfraz-
chisement of the negro. Denunciation of Cleveland by
An engine on Lentz \& Shadler's lumber road, along Laurel ruadler's lum-
above Porterwood, w. Va., thrown
files from a trestle into the creek, 10 feet
and Engineman M. H. Hinkle was
probably fatally scalded. The Merchants' Coal Company has ken nearly 100 foreigners, mostly
talians, Slaves and Polanders, to Tun elton, W. Va., to work in their mines
and at the present rate the full force
will be at work will be at wor
Seven lawyer
Seven lawyers of Amherst, Va., have
addressed a communication to membera of the General Assemity re citing the facts in regard to the recent
assault of Judge C. . Oampbell on Rev C. H. Crawfor
ing the assaul

At The National Capital.
The State Department decided thia
Filipino in a foreign country is en Filipino in a foreign country is en After a visit to New England Secre
tary of the Treasury Shaw says he be believes President
nominated in 1904.

Capt. Putnam Bradlee Strong disa peared in New York, leaving note President Roosevelt entertained
Mayor Low, of New York City, at Oys. Mayor Low, of New York City, at Oys
er Bay, L. I. Ohio's Attorney General bezan a
ction to oust the Cleveland Cit
Hugo Poppenhuesier, a Philadelphia
drus clerk, shot and rug clerk, shot and captured a bu
lar who had broken into his room. United Mine WVorkers, in conven-
tion at Indianapolis, declared against general strike and adopted a pla
0 aid the striking anthracite workThe steamer Betgenland, from Phit adelphia, brcke her shaft at sea, and
after driting four days, was towed
into Halifax by the steamer Scholar.

## From Across The Se

The Czar and President Loubet are
xpected to visit King Vietor EmmanPresident Castro abandoned his
plan of fighting near Barcelone ven uela, and will return to Caracas. severe earthquake shocks were
again felt on the island of St. Vin-
cent.
Luverdor rart at rome mentionee
he name of Bishop George Montgonaery, of Los Ang
gate to Manila.
The Sultan of Bacolod, Philippines,
who threatened to begin tion in August, has wegin'an insurrec-
a friendly The Paris Temps thinks the Vatican. eply to Governor Taft's last note on of the American offer.
M. Combes announces that he ac,
cepted the French Premiership in order enforce the Law of Associations. King Edward attended religious ser-
rices which were conducted aboard the rices which
Salisbury's resignation is said to
have been a surprise to the have been a surprise to the King, the Premier declaring that he resigne
cause he was losing his mempry.


## VANDERBILT AS A COMPETITOR.

 Mountain Farmers Sald to Be Jeal ous of the Millionaire.$\qquad$ A Henderson county man has given
some interesting information of work
being done on the Biltmore estate,
particularly about the Mount Pisgan India
unions. San Fra
organized The pay of the German solde
only six cents a day. Boston (Mass.) lathers are
demand an eight-lour day Laws prohibiting labor unions
passed in England in 1799.
The colliers of Cyfarthia, The colliers
have resolved to His country are "
It is estimated
25,000 harvesters a

## toba.

In 1900 the number of workinen
ployed is the mines of $178,894$.
The threatened strike of the
phone girls at San Diego, Cāl., hais
averted The teachers' societies of Miran
Italy, have unanimously decided ioin trade umions. The sum of \$27,084,7
annually for wages of
class industry in this Wiseonsis dairy industry emp
1zoo hands at an annual cost for $\boldsymbol{T}$ of nearly $\$ 1,000,000$.

## artions were formc Franee and England.

Seven thousand workmen are
strike for higher wages and sha
hours at Manila, Philippine

## Eight hours a day and twenty cents an hour guaranteed 2500

 at Boston. Mass., are expected topeace in the building trade for a
$\qquad$

Forty Houses Burned Birmingham, Ala., Special. Wrich broke out Tuesday mornim
brookside, a town of 1,000 inhabi trom Birmingham, destroyed a na of houses and about 40 resid burned buildiags was saved, but siderably àamaged

Tillman Withdraws Charges. Washington, Special.-Lient
Governor Tillman, of South Car Governor Thiman, of
has telegraphed Fourth Assi
Postmaster General Bristow that vithdraws the charge that lis had been tampered with in the
office at Pickens. . .C. The
alleged that valuable political addressed to Mr. Tillman had had be
adined froun the Pickens tained from the Pickens po
an unknown rarty. The ca
in the hands oo postoffice for investigation, but no
keren received frem them.
 Wednesday moraing destroyed
bulldings. including St. Martin's $Q$
man Lutheran church. and the $l$ in geperal store of h . J. Ewell and
a loss estimated at $\$ 50,000$. Th started in the confectionale. An
B. Wlegard, in State Circle. An heated baze been the cause.

## Teachers killed in Cubs.

 Washington, Special.--The Trar partment has receiv cableg.amers who h
June 10th:

## gomery avenue, Providelce. R. L.

 his cousin, Louis A. Thomas. s3 dress; Ernest Heger, 1413Cincinnati, O.; Clyde A. F ladrones. Bodies recovered
the murdees killed; eight
tured by the constabulary.

Fatal Fire at Albany.


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 dying, one in a number serifuslyin addition to a In addition to
ed at $\$ 250,000$, whieh broke out in
business district,
o'elock this morning.
man is $D$. $K$. man is $D$. K. Bishop, a
member of the insurance prominent in
anctal circles.


