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**THE GREAT MEETING IN NASHVILLE.**  
THURMAN AT HIGHEST PITCH AND COR. OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

The programme published in your paper a few days ago of the military meeting and convention in Nashville Sept. 3d, was carried out to the satisfaction of the large audience present. The special train from Rocky Mount, arrived on schedule time, carrying several hundred people besides the military and speakers, and was met by a crowd at the depot at Nashville.

Notwithstanding the rain was pouring, there were some two thousand people present, including many ladies, who occupied seats in the court house where the crowd assembled. Every possible space was occupied, with a large number outside who could not gain admittance. Mayor J. P. Arington welcomed the military to Nashville in a most pleasing speech, which was responded to by President Geo. F. B. H. Bann, who was to present the flag to the company, not having arrived, Henry Blount, of Wilson, performed this duty to the satisfaction of the people. Capt. S. L. Hart, Jr., responded, accepting the flag.

Donsey Battle was the next speaker. Mr. Battle is a Nash county man. His presence among his old acquaintances, among whom he was reared, and among his old comrades in arms with whom he fought through the war, was the signal for a great outburst of cheering and enthusiasm. Mr. Battle spoke to the great delight of the people. His pertinent anecdotes, his eloquence, completely captured the crowd. He spoke of the importance of a well organized military force in every community. Congratulating the county on having such a company as the R. L. I. near at hand in time of danger and emergency. It is impossible to do justice to this address in a brief report. He closed amid the shouts of the people. As a partial result of Mr. Battle's address there were immediately five applications for membership in the company, and at night, when the company returned to Rocky Mount, they voted, in their civil meeting, a vote of thanks to Mr. Battle, and elected him an honorary member of the company.

The other addresses were good and highly appreciated by the company. Gen. W. R. Cox was characterized by speech, calm, dignified and sensible.

Owing to the rain the out-door barbecue was dispensed with, and the military were entertained at the Collins and Wood Hotels.

After dinner the convention to nominate Senators was called to order by Mr. T. H. Battle, chairman. Dr. H. W. King, ex-Senator from Wilson, and James D. Sills, Register of Deeds, were nominated. These nominations greatly surprised the people in the district.

Mr. Sills is acknowledged the most popular man in the district. The nominees accepted in short, practical speeches. Hon. C. M. Cooke, of Franklin, was the next speaker. It is needless to state that he spoke well. He always does. Hon. B. H. Bann having now arrived, he was called out, and made an address on the issues of the campaign. After Mr. Bann's address Donsey Battle, Esq., was vociferously called for, and forced to the stand. He spoke for about thirty minutes, and then Gen. W. R. Cox made a strong speech for the Democracy, and in favor of good government.

Thus ended one of the best days old Nash has ever had. But for the rain there would have been not less than three thousand people present. The citizens of Nash know a good thing when they see it. No people on earth are more hearty, hospitable or happy than these good people. Their devotion to the old friend of their youth, Donsey Battle, is beautiful and striking. They have no gift or honor too costly to confer upon him. The News and Observer is popular and widely read in Nash.

There is universal regret expressed at the departure of Mr. Richard Battle from the State. The Nash people all know him as I love him. Their best wishes go with him to his new home.

**CONGRESS.**  
**PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE.**

**THE CHINESE TREATY VOTED ON IN THE SENATE BUT NO QUORUM PRESENT— TO COME UP AGAIN TODAY.**

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—SENATE.—Mr. Hoar offered a resolution calling the attention of the President respectfully to the resolution of the Senate of the 28th of August requesting him to communicate to the Senate copies of all communications addressed by his direction to the government of Great Britain remonstrating against certain unfair treatment of American citizens, and requesting him to furnish such information as soon as possible in order that it may be considered in acting on pending legislation.

Mr. Vest suggested that the resolution lie over till tomorrow, because it seemed to contain an insinuation of intentional delay on the part of the administration. He presumed that it was not so. It was only nine days since the resolution was adopted. He had no doubt that the Secretary of State could give some good reason for not sending the papers.

Mr. Hoar—Let it lie over. I think, however, that the administration might have got its eyes open in nine days.

Mr. Vest—That remark is exceedingly witty and facetious. I do not know what the facts are.

The resolution was laid over.

The Chinese exclusion bill was taken up and Mr. Sherman spoke for some time in deprecation of the haste on the part of the Senate, calling attention to the fact that neither house of Congress possessed any information beyond a mere rumor that the treaty had been rejected, and expressing the opinion that it would be found that the treaty had actually been ratified. He therefore asked the Senate to let the bill stand over for a day or two till the facts were ascertained. He asked that, by unanimous consent, the bill might be informally laid aside.

Mr. Stewart objected.

Mr. Platt said that if the bill were pressed to a vote he would vote for it, but he should do it under protest. He did not like the way the bill had come before Congress, and he wished to say so as emphatically as he could.

While Mr. Platt was speaking one of the President's secretaries appeared and announced "several messages in writing." It turned out, however, that among the messages there was not one in answer to Mr. Sherman's resolution of yesterday.

Mr. Platt then went on with his remarks. If the President had notice, he would have been notified by the government had rejected the treaty, that notice had been studiously kept and concealed from every Republican member of the Senate and from every Republican.

Mr. Gray remarked that if any such notice had been received it had been kept just as studiously from every Democratic Senator. He knew of no ground on which the Senate was authorized to make such a remark.

Mr. Sherman—"A gentleman who has had business with the Chinese legation told me that he did not believe that the legation had information of the rejection of the treaty; that the Chinese minister is on his way here, and that there has been no objection (so far as known) to the amendments of the treaty. On the contrary the minister himself asserted to them at the time they were offered and it was presumed as a matter of course, that the treaty would be ratified. I feel free to say in answer to the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Brown) that no communication of any kind has come to the President of the United States in regard to the treaty."

The debate was continued by Senators Plumb, Brown, Reagan, Call, Morgan and Blair.

Mr. Brown repudiated the idea that the bill was an administrative measure. In some respects it was a good bill, and in other respects it needed amendment. He moved to amend it by permitting to land such Chinamen as having left this country with certificates entitling them to return were now on their way to the United States. To pass the bill without such provision would be, he said, not only great hardship but a cruelty and an outrage, which no political expediency could justify.

Mr. Teller objected to the proposed amendment as not being offered in time and the objection was sustained.

The debate being closed, the Senate proceeded to vote on the passage of the bill. The vote was unanimous—yeas 37, nays none. There being no quorum voting, there was a call of the Senate, when 39 Senators, exactly a quorum, answered to their names.

Mr. Hoar said he had been present when the vote was taken (yesterday and today) but had refrained from voting for the reasons stated by Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Sherman had also withheld his vote on both occasions.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the vote would be taken tomorrow at 1 o'clock, and then the Senate at 5:40 adjourned.

**HOUSE.**

At the expiration of the morning hour the House resumed consideration of the retaliation bill. Mr. McCree, of Kentucky, gave notice that he would call the previous question on the bill tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, then resumed the floor and continued his speech in support of the bill. He devoted himself largely to a discussion of the commercial relations between the United States and Canada (and the effect the pending measure would have on them). In the course of his remarks he declared on the testimony of a witness before the investigating committee, that 75 per cent of the fishermen engaged in the English fishery were not American citizens but came from the British Provinces and were employed because they worked cheaper

than the Americans. The retaliation bill of 1887, he said, as reported to the Senate, was drafted so as to enable the Republican Senators to denounce the President whether he carried out its provisions or not.

At the conclusion of Mr. Scott's speech the House at 6:10 adjourned.

**THE EXPLOSION OF A BOILER.**  
Kills One Man and Injures a Number of Others.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—A special from Seymour, Ind., says: By the explosion of the boiler of a steam thrasher William Bennett was instantly killed. Henry Kearns and Westley Alexander were terribly crushed and scalded and are dying. Five other employees, Geo. McKittish, John Lambert, Basil Weekly, Ross White and Ambrose Thompson, were bruised and scalded, but none dangerously. Charles Dabb, farmer, was hurled 100 feet through the air, but escaped uninjured. The killed and fatally wounded are all married men with families. The boiler was old and worn out.

**ARKANSAS.**  
A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY OF 15,000.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 6.—Official returns from twenty six counties, unofficial, from thirty-four, and fifteen to hear from, give the State Democratic ticket a majority of 15,000.

**Washington Notes.**  
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6.—The bond offerings at the Treasury today aggregated \$85,100. All accepted at 106 1/4 for four and a half and 128 1/2 for four.

Surgeon General Hamilton returned to Washington last night from a visit to Florida and Georgia. In speaking of his visit to the Associated Press reporter this afternoon he said: "Camp Perry is to be enlarged and arrangements have been made for the erection and furnishing of a number of small wooden houses known as 'railroad houses.' Five will be put up today, ten tomorrow and an equal number from day to day hereafter until a sufficient number have been established to accommodate all who come to the camp. It is proposed to double the capacity of the camp and to improve the service as much as possible. I am satisfied, after personal inspection, that the stories published regarding the condition of the camp are gross exaggerations, based on a desire to break down the regulations requiring ten days' detention. A yellow fever camp has been established about half a mile from Camp Perry for the treatment of such cases as may develop among the refugees. There were two cases under treatment when I was there. There were 145 persons at muster at Camp Perry yesterday morning, and one person was discharged. There were also five persons returned to Jacksonville for inubordination at the fever hospital. If there are any improper characters at the camp it certainly is not the fault of the Government. I told the authorities at Jacksonville that if they sent disreputable people to the camp they could not criticize us for their presence. It seems that while my presence in this matter has been very unsatisfactory to the people of Jacksonville, it has been entirely satisfactory to everybody else. I am constantly in receipt of communications like this one from Mayor Reese, of Montgomery:

"In the name of the citizens of Montgomery, I return you most grateful thanks for the energy displayed in trying to suppress the yellow fever in Florida. Your recent orders in the establishment of refugee camps and hospitals, and requiring all persons to remain therein a certain length of time, meet the hearty approval of the entire State."

Hospital Steward McGuire, of New Orleans, has been ordered to duty at Camp Perry.

**South Carolina Democratic Convention.**  
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 6.—The Democratic State Convention met here at noon in the Capitol building. Jas. L. Orr, of Greenville, was elected temporary chairman. The temporary organization was made permanent. A resolution was then offered looking to the primary election of State officers. J. P. Richardson and W. L. Mauldin, the present incumbents, were renominated for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. A recess was then taken till 7 o'clock this evening.

**Handsome Donation to the Jacksonville Sufferers.**  
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NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—George T. G. White, manager of the Southern Life Assurance Society, today telegraphed to James M. Schumacher, chairman of the finance committee of Jacksonville, Fla., to draw on him for \$1,000, the donation of the society for the relief of yellow fever sufferers in that city.

**Destructive Fire in Louisiana.**  
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NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 6.—A special to the Times-Democrat from Lafayette, La., says: Almost the entire business portion of the town of Baker, including the Southern Pacific depot, was burned yesterday. The fire originated in a double storehouse of Mr. McFarlen.

**New Hampshire Democratic Convention.**  
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**Sectious Fire in Oregon.**  
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PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 6.—A fire yesterday in Baker City, Oregon, destroyed one entire business block. The total loss will reach two hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Partially insured. The whole town had a narrow escape from being swept away.

**A HORROR.**  
**A WOMAN AND FIVE CHILDREN FOUND DEAD**  
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Judge Thurman was attacked with a fainting spell at 8:15 p. m., just as he began his address at Madison Square Garden this evening. He was taken in a carriage direct to the ladies' entrance of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, accompanied by Messrs. Brice and Barnum and Allen W. Thurman, the sick statesman's son. The Judge was carried to his room and was attended by Dr. Goldwaite, hotel physician.

Later, it was said, the patient would be all right in an hour or two. Dr. Goldwaite said the Judge had been attacked by cholera morbus at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and he advised the patient not to exert himself by attending the meeting. Judge Thurman, notwithstanding his advice, insisted on going to Madison Square Garden. Mr. Barnum came out of the sick room in a little while and though he looked worried announced that Mr. Thurman would be all right in a couple of hours. In the sick room remained Mr. Bryes, Allen W. Thurman, his son, Allen G. Thurman, Jr., and the physician.

**THE FATAL BALTIMORE FIRE.**  
Strange Precipitations of Victims.

Baltimore, Md.

The friends of Harry Walker say that he seemed to have a presentiment of his death when he was for two weeks before the fire he appeared to be troubled. Mrs. Preston Weaver, with whom he had been boarding for the past seventeen months at 17 Elm Place, said that about two weeks ago Walker began to act strangely. Very often he would refuse to go to his room at night, but would take his blanket and pillow and sleep on a bench in the kitchen. Several times death was near. He was absent-minded, neglected his meals and when spoken to would start up as if some one had struck him and then ask, "What did you say?" as if he had not understood what had been said to him. Mrs. Weaver questioned him about his actions and he would invariably reply that something would shortly happen to him. To one of these answers Mrs. Weaver replied, "Well, Harry, if you think that is so, you had better prepare yourself to go," to which Walker said, "I know God will have mercy on me."

On the night of the fire he was roused shortly before twelve o'clock by the alarm and started for the engine-house, saying that if a second alarm did not come in he would return in about half an hour. He came back soon after, and seemed very much worried. Mrs. Weaver asked him what was the cause and he replied "Kate, I have had some horrible dreams lately, so terrible that I can't tell you what they are. I'll tell you one, though. I dreamed that I saw myself dead and laid out for the grave. A lot of people were around, and some wanted to put my clothes on me, and some didn't." At four o'clock he was awakened by the policeman on the beat, who told him of the fire. He started off, but returned in a few moments, saying that the fire was a big one, and he would put on his old clothes and fire shirt. When he had done so he went out, saying, "Good-bye, Kate." Mrs. Weaver called out, "Be sure and take care of yourself, Harry," and the last words he said to her were, "I'll do the best I can, but I can't shirk my duty."

"WHOSE TURN NEXT?"  
On the night of the fire Patrick J. Ryan, one of the victims, was sitting up with the body of a friend. He was chatting with several persons in the room, and the conversation turned upon death. They talked over the deaths of several of their friends. One of the men remarked, "Well, I wonder whose turn will be next?" and was laughingly replied, "Well, they're too much for me, they'll be all gone next, but I don't want to go." At 4 a. m. he answered the general alarm, and soon afterward he met his death.

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The long spell of wet weather through which we have been passing is yet unbroken. Mud and rain have combined to throw a decided damper on business and mountain touring, and the business population have been much confined to indoor life for the past week. There is this morning, however, some prospect of clearing weather.

Asheville was never healthier than it has been this season. No disease of epidemic form has afflicted the community, and there has been an entire exemption from typhoid fever, a disease that not infrequently visits mountain countries.

Mount Saint Joseph's Academy, the new Catholic convent school in this city, located on French Broad Avenue in the residence lately owned and occupied by Capt. M. E. Carter, was opened for scholars yesterday. About a dozen reported, and the prospect for a steady increase in pupils is very good. The institution is conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, the Mother Superior being Sister Mary Baptist, a lady of distinguished accomplishments and piety.

The first instalment of refugees from Florida arrived yesterday at Murphy. Large numbers are expected. The spirit of hospitality by the citizens of Murphy is an honor to human nature and must forever redound to their credit. It is a rare example of human kindness and self-abnegation.

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Judge Thurman was attacked with a fainting spell at 8:15 p. m., just as he began his address at Madison Square Garden this evening. He was taken in a carriage direct to the ladies' entrance of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, accompanied by Messrs. Brice and Barnum and Allen W. Thurman, the sick statesman's son. The Judge was carried to his room and was attended by Dr. Goldwaite, hotel physician.

Later, it was said, the patient would be all right in an hour or two. Dr. Goldwaite said the Judge had been attacked by cholera morbus at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and he advised the patient not to exert himself by attending the meeting. Judge Thurman, notwithstanding his advice, insisted on going to Madison Square Garden. Mr. Barnum came out of the sick room in a little while and though he looked worried announced that Mr. Thurman would be all right in a couple of hours. In the sick room remained Mr. Bryes, Allen W. Thurman, his son, Allen G. Thurman, Jr., and the physician.

**THE FATAL BALTIMORE FIRE.**  
Strange Precipitations of Victims.

Baltimore, Md.

The friends of Harry Walker say that he seemed to have a presentiment of his death when he was for two weeks before the fire he appeared to be troubled. Mrs. Preston Weaver, with whom he had been boarding for the past seventeen months at 17 Elm Place, said that about two weeks ago Walker began to act strangely. Very often he would refuse to go to his room at night, but would take his blanket and pillow and sleep on a bench in the kitchen. Several times death was near. He was absent-minded, neglected his meals and when spoken to would start up as if some one had struck him and then ask, "What did you say?" as if he had not understood what had been said to him. Mrs. Weaver questioned him about his actions and he would invariably reply that something would shortly happen to him. To one of these answers Mrs. Weaver replied, "Well, Harry, if you think that is so, you had better prepare yourself to go," to which Walker said, "I know God will have mercy on me."

On the night of the fire he was roused shortly before twelve o'clock by the alarm and started for the engine-house, saying that if a second alarm did not come in he would return in about half an hour. He came back soon after, and seemed very much worried. Mrs. Weaver asked him what was the cause and he replied "Kate, I have had some horrible dreams lately, so terrible that I can't tell you what they are. I'll tell you one, though. I dreamed that I saw myself dead and laid out for the grave. A lot of people were around, and some wanted to put my clothes on me, and some didn't." At four o'clock he was awakened by the policeman on the beat, who told him of the fire. He started off, but returned in a few moments, saying that the fire was a big one, and he would put on his old clothes and fire shirt. When he had done so he went out, saying, "Good-bye, Kate." Mrs. Weaver called out, "Be sure and take care of yourself, Harry," and the last words he said to her were, "I'll do the best I can, but I can't shirk my duty."

"WHOSE TURN NEXT?"  
On the night of the fire Patrick J. Ryan, one of the victims, was sitting up with the body of a friend. He was chatting with several persons in the room, and the conversation turned upon death. They talked over the deaths of several of their friends. One of the men remarked, "Well, I wonder whose turn will be next?" and was laughingly replied, "Well, they're too much for me, they'll be all gone next, but I don't want to go." At 4 a. m. he answered the general alarm, and soon afterward he met his death.

**Lester Wallace Dead.**  
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Lester Wallace died at Stamford, Conn. this morning.

**St. Nicholas for September, 1888.**  
St. Nicholas for September has a dainty summary frontispiece, the original of which may be found in almost every country place, showing that "More near than we think—very close at hand, in the golden fields of Sunshine Land," as Miss Edith M. Thomas tells us in the poem which opens the number. Then come the "Two Little Confederates," "Some Stories about the California Lion," and "What Pors Do," "Knot-Holes," and "What Dors Did," a true story of a Dakota blizzard, by Estelle Thompson; several stories about birds, &c., &c., &c.

The pictures, jingles and short verses are unusually abundant, and the departments contain the customary amount of interesting information for the young people.

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Cor. of the News and Observer.

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**SEVEN DEATHS**  
And Twenty-one New Cases at Jacksonville.

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 6.—Twenty-one new cases and seven deaths were the official report of the Board of Health for the 13 hours up to noon today. The dead are Miss Pauline Wolf, Mrs. Charlotte Monsonberger, Edward Louisa Charles A. Peterson, Jr., F. Lawler, Mrs. A. Lorimer and Miss Castellow. President Mitchell, of the Board of Health, announced to the citizens' meeting that there had been several deaths directly due to the want of competent and faithful nurses. Most of the negro nurses here are incompetent and unreliable and neglect the patients. Good nursing is esteemed of more importance than medical attention. In the executive committee of citizens assembled this morning a committee consisting of J. M. Schumacher, J. E. McMurtry for formal charges appointed to preclude of Surgeon-General Hamilton in connection with yellow fever in Florida.

**Another Fatal Explosion of a Boiler.**  
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.

LENDLEADE, Dak., Sept. 6.—The boiler of Goulette & Letson's threatening outfit exploded last evening. A crew of ten or twelve men were engaged near by, and of this number eight were killed either outright or badly injured. O. J. Goulette, one of the owners, was blown six rods, but not fatally hurt. An old man named McLeon was instantly killed. Two young men, named McKenzie, Johnson, and Griffin, and a woman, of prominent citizens, are terribly wounded and will hardly recover. The explosion scattered fire in all directions and in a few minutes the grass was blazing around the victims of the disaster, some of whom would have perished but for the arrival of assistance. The exact cause of the accident is not known.

**Damage by the Rain.**  
Special to the News and Observer.

SHELBY, N. C., Sept. 6.—For the past ten days rain has fallen every day. During the last 24 hours the fall has been almost constant. Small streams have overflowed the banks, flooding the corn bottoms. It is impossible to estimate the damage now. So far as heard no county bridges are washed away. Cotton is retarded by the continued unfavorable weather. Trains on the Carolina Central and Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago roads arrived nearly on time this morning. About noon one hundred feet of the fall, twenty feet deep, at Beaver Dam creek, six miles west of here washed away, and trains will stop here for the present.

**Spirit of the State Press.**  
The State election possesses far more interest to North Carolinians than the national contest, and their efforts should be directed in this line more than any other. For our part, if either Cleveland or Fowie is to be defeated here on the election of Fowie by all means. Either event would be bad enough but we prefer that a distant relative, as it were, should be disgraced than that the black shadow of shame should fall across our own dear family hearthstone.—Madison Leader.

Now, there was an incident here that seems somewhat significant, when it is remembered that the third partyists are charged with juggling with Republicans, and it is this: A leading Republican introduced Mr. Walker and others drew near, and notably a Republican candidate for office in this county (and it must be remembered that the third partyists