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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR CONGRESS. Sixth District—John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover. FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. First District—Hon. George H. Brown, of Beaufort. Second District—Hon. Henry R. Bray, of Guilford. Fifth District—Hon. Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford. Sixth District—Hon. Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir. Seventh District—Hon. Thomas A. McNeill, of Robeson. Eleventh District—Hon. W. Alexander, of Lincoln. SIXTH DISTRICT—Rodolph Duffy, of Onslow.

CALLING THEM TO TAW.

One wing of the Populist party, which, we believe, represents the Middle-of-the-Road patriots, has called a national convention to meet at Cincinnati on the 6th of September, to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President. In commenting editorially on this call, the Progressive Farmer characterizes it as "a suicidal policy" and reads the boys a lecture thus: "We are surprised and mortified. Surely no enemy of the People's Party could strike it a harder blow than those pretended friends of Populism have aimed at it. It is sickening to see the manner in which the affairs of the National People's Party are managed. One wing of the so-called managers seems determined to do all in its power to help the Democratic party, whether or not these Democrats show a disposition to be fair, while the members of the other wing, who know or should know that "divided we fall," are bent on giving the party time to get on their feet. In essentials, there is no unity, in no essentials, but little charity. The Populist Party claims to be the party of the people. The great common sense of the people has seen to it that the people have no right to rule it. This is to serve notice on them that a day of reckoning is coming. At their National Convention in 1896, the people nominated for Vice President, but endorsed the Democratic Presidential nominee, with as we understand, the distinct understanding that the Democratic nominee for Vice President was to withdraw. Yet it seems that certain men in charge of the Populist party failed to have this done. These leaders will find out that the Populist party is a party of the people, and not of leaders. "And now comes the call for a National Nominating Convention next September, two years before election. This is by another band of so-called leaders. If they have the best interests of their party at heart they will withdraw the call. The great common sense of the people don't propose to put a candidate in the field to be shot at by the old parties two long years before they have a chance to shoot any old party candidate. Now that the party is somewhat divided they do not propose to take this step which will only render these divisions permanent. It is plain that the people will be but poorly represented in any National Nominating Convention held this year. Why? Because (1) it is unwise to hold it at this time; because (2) they wish to give the party time to get on their feet; and (3) because they propose to manage things themselves. The so-called leaders may be at the Cincinnati convention but the candidates are not nominated by the people, the people will not support them. The plain voters should quietly sit down on the radical leaders of both wings of the Populist party, and doubtless will in 1900. We don't them."

MINOR MENTION.

The Raleigh Caucasian, Senator Butler's Raleigh organ (he has another Caucasian organ at Clinton) learns that Hon. Harry Skinner is putting up a little job on his own account with the Republicans of his district, and proceeds to skin him thus: "The Caucasian has received information that Skinner and the Republicans have fixed up a deal in the first district. A Republican is to run for Solicitor, and a Republican for Judge, to be supported by Skinner in return for the Republican support for him for Congress. It seems that no one has been consulted in this deal but Skinner. We suppose he has agreed to deliver the Populist votes. "A ticket with Skinner and a Republican for a and a Republican for Solicitor would be practically a straight Republican ticket. Of course the few Populists that Skinner has gotten to take federal patronage in the first district will support this deal. But on the other hand, it is equally certain that the honest masses of the Populist party in the district will smash the life out of it."

Chairman Butler doesn't propose to have any deals made without first consulting him, and letting him fix up the deal, but Harry Skinner, doesn't care a continental for Chairman Marion, snaps his fingers at him and proceeds to do his own dealing. He is looking out for Harry as Marion is looking out for Marion.

It should not take long to decide what to do with Admiral Cervera. He should be promptly paroled, and permitted to go anywhere he pleases within the borders of this country, only binding him on his honor to hold no communication directly or indirectly with his Government unless this Government be previously advised of the contents of such communication. Cervera's conduct and chivalrous treatment of Hobson and his men shows him to be in temperament more of an American than a Spaniard, and makes him one of the few redeeming features on the Spanish side of the picture. It was his good fortune, perhaps, that in his young manhood he spent much time in this country, learned something about it and its people, and

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THE SITUATION AT SANTIAGO.

Spanish Proposals Submitted But Will Not Be Considered By U. S. Officials.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

Probability That the Bombardment Will Be Carried Out as Originally Intended by the Commander of the American Forces.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, July 9.—A cablegram was received from General Shafter tonight which is understood to make certain recommendations as to action upon the Spanish proposals for conditional capitulation. Immediately after its receipt Secretary Alger, Secretary Long and Adjutant General Corbin went to the White House and are now in conference with the President.

The conference broke up shortly after midnight. Secretary Alger said there had been no reports of firing or action. "But," he added, "there has been some talk of surrender. A proposition to the effect that we will not be considered, and things, I think, will go on about as they were intended." "Do you mean by that," he was asked, "that the bombardment will be carried out?" "I can't say definitely; but that is very probable," he replied.

(Copyright 1898 by the Associated Press.) IN FRONT OF SANTIAGO, July 8, via Kingston, Jamaica, July 9, 9 A. M.—There has been absolutely no change in the situation at Santiago de Cuba during the past twenty-four hours. The Spanish authorities are taking time to consider the proposition to surrender, and no answer will be made before to-morrow. Cable operators at the request of the Spanish officials have been allowed to enter Santiago and the surrender of the city is now being considered with Madrid direct.

The general feeling among the American troops is that the surrender will be made, not necessarily to-morrow (Saturday) but they believe that date will be the beginning of the final negotiations. The Spanish authorities resist the idea of a general communication to them by the Spanish, as the officers who did the translation for us are no longer with us.

Flags of Truce Displayed. Orders have been issued that each regiment in the American lines hoist a flag on the trenches in front of the position it occupies. This gives the Spaniards a means of ascertaining the extent and location of our lines, but it also makes a very imposing appearance. This morning nearly a score of standards were hoisted at various points along the works, which are now nearly four miles long and enclosing the city on the two sides. It had been proposed to have a number of sharpshooters be formed from each regiment and battalion in the army, to be commanded by officers of practical proficiency. It is said that this battalion would be able to clear the region near the army of the Pestiferous Guerrillas, who, from tree-tops or other coverts, make many attempts, some of them successful, to assassinate wounded men as they are being carried to the rear. During the truce, which has now lasted four days, there has been some of this murder business going on; the American officers, therefore, concluded that the guerrillas have been engaged in this miserable work under the direct orders of an able Spanish General. Several commissions from Spanish authorities to act as guerrilla leaders have been picked up on the battlefields of San Juan and El Caney. The story published by a New York newspaper to the effect that the Spanish prisoners have been turned over to the Cubans at any time. Gen. Miles Expected. (Copyright 1898 by the Associated Press.) IN FRONT OF SANTIAGO, July 8, 4 P. M., via Kingston, Jamaica, July 9, 9 A. M.—General Shafter has been advised from Washington, under date of July 6, as follows: "Gen. Miles, with heavy reinforcements, leaves to-morrow. Use the greatest care in investing Santiago." This is believed by everybody here to mean that hostilities will not be resumed by our side unless they are forced to an advance. Spanish supplies arrive. Refugees, many of them starving, although loaded with jewels and money, are struggling along the road from San Juan to Siboney. The bodies of four men were apparently well-to-do, were found on the road to-day. There is no place for the refugees here. It is probable that the Cubans have been forced to camp elsewhere and leave their base of supplies.

CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

First Ohio Cavalry Ordered to Santiago. The First Corps Said to Move. Troops Paid Off.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICKAMAUGA NATIONAL PARK, July 9.—Owing to the disorders in Chattanooga that have followed the payment of the soldiers at this camp, General Brooke has issued a stringent order, allowing only two men from one company, troop or battery, to be absent from camp at one time. This order is being rigidly enforced. The First Ohio Cavalry to-day received orders to prepare to move on Tuesday next, and proceed to Tampa, where they will embark for Santiago. Major Nye, commissary of subsistence of the supply depot at Chattanooga, today that only 360,000 "travel rations" had been purchased and had been shipped to this point. It is understood that this supply is for the First Corps which is under waiting orders to move to the front as soon as transportation can be secured. There are now at the Park almost 25,000 men. There are only about 200 ill at the Letter Hospital. The most serious cases are taken. The paymasters completed their work to-day. They estimate that they have paid out nearly \$3,500,000.

CAMARA'S SQUADRON

Sailed Yesterday from Port Said for Carthage. (By Cable to the Morning Star.) PORT SAID, July 9.—At 5 P. M. to-day the Spanish warships, colliers and troopships sailed for Carthage. MESSINA, SICILY, July 9.—The Spanish battleships Audaz, Proserpina and Osada, belonging to Admiral Camara's squadron, have arrived here from Port Said, on their way back to Spain.

REVENUE STAMP ACT.

Fight on Refusal of Telegraph Companies to Receive Unstamped Dispatches.

Department Rulings as to Other Questions Under the Law—New Telephone Exchange for Raleigh. Raleigh & Cape Fear R. R.

COMPLAINTS WILL BE MADE.

There is to be a desperate fight made here over the stamping of telegrams. The news comes from Statesville—that Railroad Commissioner Caldwell presented a telegram to the operator of the Western Union Telegraph Company, telling him that if it was not sent he would hold the company responsible. The operator telegraphed on instructions stamped and sent the message. This morning a newspaper correspondent here accompanied by several witnesses, filed a message at 11 o'clock, telling the manager that he would again file messages during the day without stamps, and that if they were not delivered promptly he would take the matter to the District Attorney and have the company prosecuted. Manager Edgerton telegraphed to headquarters for instructions. Newspaper correspondents have been required to stamp all messages and this has caused much dissatisfaction among them. A correspondent has served notice that he will bring the matter before the Railroad Commission on July 12th and will test the Commission's jurisdiction. This, he says, he will carry to the Federal Court. Lieutenant Holmes Conrad and wife left here to-day for Wrightsville Beach to spend Sunday. Lieutenant Conrad is one of the Second regiment's most popular officers and his wife, a niece of Judge A. C. Avery, is highly thought of by the entire regiment, for which she has done much good. A report was circulated at the depot to the effect that Spanish prisoners were to be brought through on the S. A. L. delayed train. It caused much excitement, followed by amusement, etc.

ANOTHER FIRE AT McCOLL.

Three Buildings and Several Stocks of Goods Destroyed. (Special Star Correspondence.) McCOLL, S. C., July 8. Fletcher Brothers' stock and ice house and J. S. Bundy's store, in which the postoffice was located, were totally destroyed by fire this morning. The building in which Fletcher Brothers kept belonged to A. R. Odum, and was insured for \$500, value about \$800. The stock was insured for \$1,000, value between four and five thousand. The building in which the postoffice and store of Mr. Bundy were kept was the property of Mr. Luther McLaurin, of McLeansville. From is not known whether it was insured or not. The stock of goods had only \$200 insurance, value not known. The fire in the postoffice were saved, and most of Mr. Bundy's stock. It has been only one month since there was a destructive fire in the same locality. No account of the origin of the fire, in either case, can be given. There is strong suspicion of incendiarism, though the suspicion has fallen upon no one, so far as your correspondent knows.

COMPANY K OF SECOND REGIMENT.

Target Practice Engaged in Friday by Capt. Don MacRae's Company. (News and Observer, July 9th.) The biggest incident connected with the day's routine at Camp Russell yesterday was the prize target practice engaged in during the afternoon by Capt. Donald MacRae's Wilmington company. It was held under the new regulation at Calanette Target, and the marksmanship showed that it would be awfully dangerous for Spaniards to stand in front of the Wilmington boys. The distance was 200 yards, and many of the bullets of the boys penetrated the target. The prize was won by David F. Green, of Whiteville, a private in Capt. MacRae's company, who made 23 out of a possible 25. The entire practice was very creditable and showed the men of the company are good marksmen.

CONVENTION ECHOES.

Mecklenburg Delegates Loud in Their Expression of Appreciation. (Charlotte Observer.) The Mecklenburg delegates to the Congressional Convention at Wilmington returned Thursday night. They were loud in their expression of appreciation of the manner in which New Hanover treated them. The delegates showed, in the least, of which was an outing to the coast. "We never have been treated so cleverly," said one of the delegates yesterday. "The people of New Hanover are the most hospitable and cordial ever saw."

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Republican Convention of Sampson County Endorses C. P. Lockey. C. P. Lockey, Esq., who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, received a telegram yesterday from Clinton, where the Sampson County Republican Convention was held yesterday, stating that the convention had endorsed him for the nomination. The telegram also stated that the convention advocated fusion with the Populists.

PIPKIN EXCURSION.

Remember Pipkin's excursion Tuesday, July 19th, '98, to Washington City, Baltimore or Norfolk. Having made arrangements for all to go to Baltimore that would like to do so at same price (\$8.00 for round trip from Wilmington to Baltimore and return.) Remember give you 2 days in Washington City or Baltimore. You pay your money, take your choice and go by July 19th, '98. R. E. PIPKIN, Manager, Goldsboro, N. C.

CANDIDATE BELLAMY.

Mr. John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover, who has been named for Congress in the Sixth district, is an able and able Democrat who rings clear for the principles enunciated in the Chicago platform. He will ably preach the principles of Democracy in this campaign, and will stimulate the party to renewed zeal.

AS A STATE SENATOR Mr. Bellamy made a reputation that was deserved. He will make a Congressman of whom the district and State will be proud, and the many indications that he will rout the enemy will multiply after his campaign of sound doctrine and, thorough conviction. He will preach the gospel in its purity and invite sinners to repentance, and he will also effect a perfect organization so that every Democrat in the district will strike where his birds will be effective.

There has been no truer and more vigorous arraignment of the present disgraceful State administration than is contained in the following extract from Mr. Bellamy's speech of acceptance.

[Readers of the STAR are familiar with the portion of Mr. Bellamy's speech referred to by the News and Observer.]

FIRE AT BENNETTSVILLE.

Furniture Store and Stock Destroyed. Other Property Damaged. BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., July 8.—At 12.30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the store of Gen. W. Waddill's furniture store. The store and stock are a total loss. J. L. Douglas's stock of drugs and building were damaged. T. J. Caple, Frank Covington and Willis Turlington, grocers, sustained losses in moving stocks. All losses fully covered, except Waddill's, who will sustain a small loss above insurance.

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A DELIGHTFUL WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Nyda Hicks, of Faison, to Mr. Carleton E. Weatherby, of Baltimore. (Raleigh Post.) Tuesday morning, July 6th, the Presbyterian church at Faison, N. C., was crowded with the friends who had come to witness the marriage of Miss Nyda Hicks, of Faison, to Mr. Carleton E. Weatherby, of Baltimore. While awaiting the arrival of the bride, the care of the assembly was charmed by the sweet music evoked from the organ by Mrs. B. B. Witherington, and their eyes feasted upon the beauty of the decorations which bore emphatic testimony to the taste and skill of several of our most popular young ladies.

Promptly at 10.30, the organist began to play the exquisite "Bridal March" from Lohengrin, the Rev. Mr. McIntyre took his stand in front of the flower banked pulpit, and the ushers, Messrs. F. I. Sison, E. E. Raymond, Weatherby, Paisi, Pierce and L. Frank Faison, advanced up the aisle followed by a vision of fair women robed in white; Miss Sally Rimes, Miss Annie Hines, Miss Nell De Vane, Miss Isabelle Hines, Miss Lydia Fryar, and Miss Annie Southland won the admiration of all beholders as they glided into view. Then came the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, Capt. L. W. Hicks, and followed by her dame of honor, Mrs. W. C. Galloway, dressed in heliotope and white, a majestic contrast with the bevy of maidens who preceded her. It is often said that all brides are fair by courtesy, but this one was so in truth, her travelling frock of gray being remarkably becoming and throwing the bride's own dress into relief. Willow grace is one of her distinctive charms, and it was never more in evidence. In the meantime, the groom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Charles Weatherby, advanced from the vestry to receive the bride.

The ceremony was impressive, as it always is, when the bride and groom, officiates, and then the party left the church, the triumphant strains of the organ rivaling the pealing of the wedding bells.

In spite of the heat a large crowd gathered at the station to see the young couple off for a Northern bridal trip, and no one who knows the bride and groom would be surprised if a July sun will need further proof of their great popularity.

On Monday evening a large reception was given at the home of Capt. Hicks, where the friends were admitted to view an unusually pretty and valuable collection of presents.

Next morning the bride and groom were in the possession of the Weatherby family for several generations was especially admired for the beauty of its design, apart from its intrinsic value and charm of association.

The occasion was a true gathering of the clans from far and near, and every one had a most delightful time.

CANDIDATE BELLAMY.

What the Charlotte Observer Says of the Democratic Congressional Candidate of the Sixth District. (Special Star Correspondence.) The Observer dips its flag to John D. Bellamy, Jr., the Democratic nominee for Congress in this district. He is known to many of the readers of this paper, and known favorably to all who know him at all. A biographical sketch appearing in another column, tells that he is a native of Wilmington, a graduate of Davidson College, a member of the Wilmington bar, enjoying a full practice. He is as genial a gentleman as the State affords; a man of ability; a man of phlegmatic temperament, and such an one as, being a Representative in Congress, would do for his people all possible for any man to do. We do not choose to compare him with the person who now draws the salary as the Representative of this district—this poor creature has won the charity of silence. There is almost a title comparison between him and his present competitor, the senile, changeable and unsuccessful Dockery—a standing candidate who takes out in running.

Notwithstanding the record of the district in the last election, we believe that Mr. Bellamy is to be elected, as he should be; basing this belief almost as little on comparison as on the people.

Recruits for Company K.

Private H. E. Frazier, of Company K, Second regiment, North Carolina volunteers, who was here last Sunday going out to Whiteville to enlist recruits, passed through the city yesterday going back to camp. He had four recruits with him, as follows: Geo. B. Clark, Norman A. Morrison, and Horace Nealy, of Chadbourn, and A. B. Hardee, of Whiteville.

Commander Morton Placed in Command.

A telegram received yesterday from Commander Geo. W. Morton, at Port Royal, by Mr. Jesse Wilder, announced that Commander Morton was placed in command of the ship yesterday at noon. This news will be gratifying to the numerous friends of Mr. Morton all over the State, who have felt all along that he was kept out of the place that rightfully belonged to him.

Carthage Blade: Constable David Knight, of Aberdeen, arrested Archie McVee (colored) at Sanford Sunday for the murder of Contractor Howie on the Moore county railroad. The murder was committed near Fragroville, just over the line in Montgomery county.

Wilson Times: Wilson now has a new postmaster. Sam Vick, a colored man, has been appointed postmaster of this city, now has charge of the mails here. Mr. Wm. Harris, the former postmaster, was relieved by Vick last Friday. Vick was postmaster here during the Harrison administration.

Don't forget Pipkin's excursion to Washington, July 19th. On that day you can go to the capital city and return two days later for only \$8.00. Or you can go to Norfolk and Old Point and return for only \$3.00. What you will see and learn on this trip will be worth many times what it will cost you.

Messrs. W. L. Jacobs and Arthur Prempert will furnish all necessary particulars.

ON WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.

Delegates to Congressional Convention Entertained by New Hanover Delegation at Seashore Hotel. Having discharged their business in Wilmington in a manner highly satisfactory to themselves, the delegates to the Congressional Convention devoted yesterday to pleasure-seeking. All were in good spirits, for they felt that Democratic prospects in the Sixth were brighter than they had been in some time. They reported promptly at the Wilmington Seacoast depot in time to take the 10.10 train for the beach. The rain poured down all the way, and many of the delegates, the most of whom were in an open car, had their clothes but not their spirits pretty well damped.

At the Seashore Hotel all the delegates took dinner as the special guests of the New Hanover delegation. Manager Campbell gave them a good meal which was eaten while an Italian band discoursed sweet music. When it struck up on "Dixie" the usual enthusiasm which that air evokes was displayed. It was purely an informal affair, and some of the delegates were in such excellent spirits that they got up from the table and tripped the light fantastic vigorously, much to the amusement of the others.

There were no special toasts made but when John D. Bellamy, Esq., candidate for Congress, entered the dining room there was great enthusiasm. The visiting delegates were much delighted with the hospitable way in which they were entertained by the home delegation.

The train returning to the city left at 2 P. M., and most of all the delegates came up, so as to be able to leave for their homes the same afternoon.

The committee of arrangements to whose untiring efforts the successful entertainment of the delegates was so largely due consisted of Col. F. W. Keechler, Dr. W. C. Galloway, and Messrs. D. C. Love, H. P. West, F. H. Stedman, M. W. Jacobs and J. M. McGowan.

FORT CASWELL.

Government Will Make It One of the Best Fortified Posts on the Coast. Fort Caswell will be made almost impregnable by the time the government gets through with it. It already has four eight-inch guns and preparations are being made for the placing of two twelve-inch guns. With eight mortars and several rapid-fire guns, all of which will be in place in due time, Wilmington will have as good protection as any city on the coast.

New necessities to the force of soldiers are made very frequently, and there are now about 150 regular soldiers of the United States army at the fort.

The following heavy artillery recruits came in from Boston last evening on their way to Caswell: J. J. Sullivan, Jno. F. Fields, Martin Flaherty, James Moylan and Patrick Murphy.

DEATH OF MR. T. E. GARRETT.

One of Red Spring's Leading Business Men—Recently Married. (Special Star Telegram.) RED SPRING, July 9.—This community mourns the death of Mr. T. E. Garrett, one of its best young business men. Mr. Garrett died at his residence at 3.30 P. M. to-day. He leaves a young widow, to whom he had been married only sixteen days.

Robbed of His Money.

David Wood, a colored man living near Acorn Branch, about four miles from the city, was robbed of \$25 and a pass-book showing \$50 deposited in the Atlantic National Bank on last Wednesday. Wood was sick in bed when the robbery was committed and did not learn of his loss until the thieves had made their escape. Certain other colored people in the neighborhood are suspected, though as yet there is no positive proof of the guilt of any one.

From Wilmington to Washington.

Mr. R. E. Pipkin, who is the manager of the excursion from Wilmington to Washington City, on Tuesday, July 19th, was a visitor to the city yesterday. He said that he had never had so many inquiries about an excursion as about this. As a result of the reading notices in the papers many have become interested in a written the manager for full information.

Dr. Hoge on His Way Home.

Dr. Peyton H. Hoge of this city was a passenger on the North German Lloyd steamer Lahna, which arrived in New York on Thursday, July 7th. He has gone first to visit his family, in Raleigh, but will be in Wilmington some time this week and will preach for his congregation—the First Presbyterian Church—on next Sunday, July 17th, after an absence of over five months spent in Europe and the Holy Land.

Critical Illness of Miss Bessie Wiggins.

A telegram received here yesterday announced the critical illness of Miss Bessie Wiggins at Newport News. Miss Wiggins is very well known in Wilmington having been for quite a while a telegraph operator at the Western Union. Her friends hope that her illness is not so serious as it was gathered from the tone of the telegram.

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to secure a part of the spoils of office, which seem to be the last remaining incentive with these so-called leaders.

There is not a State in the Union in which this party had any strength where it is not split into factions, which are fighting each other harder than they fight either of the "old parties," as they call them, although they declare that these old parties are standing monuments of political depravity; but still whenever they get an opportunity to fuse with either of these "monstrosities" they fuse, with the scent of the spoils of office as the impelling motive. We have had a striking illustration of that in this State where these patriots two years ago, failing to secure the terms they demanded of the Democrats, fused with the Republicans and got their pay in the offices they hungered for. The party with which they fused had few or no principles that they endorsed, but still they fused and have since co-operated with these Republicans in fastening upon North Carolina some of the most odious legislation ever enacted in the State. That campaign presented the queer spectacle of men supporting Republicans for State offices and for Congress, some of them running on the same ticket with these Republicans, supporting in the Democratic nominee for the Presidency.

Now after having run with the Republicans in a cheek-by-jowl fellowship for two years and having reaped all the profit in sight by that deal, one of these factions made its plans and overtures to the other "old party," and having failed to meet with a favorable response, is now doubtless prepared to enter into another dicker with the Republican party, if the Republican party prove to be in a dickering mood.

And these are the fellows who prate about and profess to be actuated and governed by principle and to think only of the dear, suffering people. These are the patriots with the powerful scent of spoils, who in the pursuit of spoils have no "unity" and "but little charity."

Otho Wilson would break bread and sop out of the same dish with the devil before he would with Marion Butler, and Marion Butler would have a much higher regard for the Atlantic ocean if Harry Skinner made a hole in it and never came out. These are the Populist leaders in this State and they are a pretty fair sample of the leaders in other States where that party has a tangible existence.

We are, therefore, not surprised at the lecture by the Progressive Farmer, nor is it strange that so many Populists who had been under the impression that that party was "a party of the people," as they were told it was, should have become disgusted with the antics of these so-called leaders and are leaving it and going by the thousand. It is a wrecked party now, and the finishing touches will be put on it in the next election.

The Baltimore Herald says Commodore Schley averted wood for fifty cents a day when a young man. And so did Sampson, who as a boy did chores around with his father, who was a day laborer. From this the Spanish commanders may have learned that it isn't funny to run up against American wood-sawyers.

Lieut. Wainwright, who engaged and did up both of the Spanish torpedo boat destroyers, the Furor and Pluton, with his little Gloucester, formerly the yacht Corsair, is also attracting some attention. The pluck with which he tackled those two indicates that he would have gone for a half dozen of them and made it hot for them if they had been there.

The entire Mexican colony at El Paso, Texas, joined the Americans in celebrating the Fourth of July and President Diaz did the sociable, neighborly thing in sending over two military bands to do the tooting for the occasion.

Sagasta says Spain will push the war to the end. But it seems to be the other fellow who is pushing, and he has Spain jammed down pretty near the end. The push on that side seems to be principally in Sagasta's jaw.

The first intimation the Spanish Governor of the Ladrone Islands had that his country was at war with the U. S. was when the captain of the Charleston sent him a polite request to surrender, with which he promptly complied.

It is said that the Ladrone islands (islands of thieves) which Captain Glass, of the Charleston, picked up on his way to Manila, abound in wild cattle, swine and large game. A pretty good game preserve for some of our rich sportsmen.

If there be anything in a name the new Japanese cabinet with Hons. Tsugunichi, Katsuri, Masuihons, Hagakiki and Staggokakki would be a pretty tough combination to tackle on a warm day.

Admiral Cervera may be a clever sailor man as such things go in Spain, but he showed just sea craft enough to get bottled up, and gobbled up after he slipped out of the bottle.

The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII is reported to have been damaged by fire at Cadiz. But she wasn't as much damaged as Cervera's ships were by the American fire off Santiago.

Minister of War Correa who could hardly "restrain his joyful emotions" when he heard how Montojo did Dewey up, may now give full vent to them.