

THE burial of Ensign Worth Bagley at Raleigh, on last Monday, was attended with ceremonies and honors never before seen in this State at the burial of any of North Carolina's most distinguished sons.

His body arrived there on last Sunday night, and, after remaining at his mother's house until 5 o'clock, when it was placed near the south front of the Capitol, and the funeral obsequies were held in the open air for nearly a church or other building could have contained the immense multitude that had assembled to pay their last tribute of respect.

In this vast audience were our State's highest officers, our most distinguished citizens, and also the peered and humble men and women who had known and loved the dead hero when a boy. All business was suspended in the city and many stores and other buildings were draped in mourning. The largest funeral procession ever seen in Raleigh accompanied the young hero to his last resting place. In it were about 1200 children from the public schools of the city, and in contrast to the peaceful part of the procession were the long lines of soldiers—the volunteers from Camp Greaves—in their bright uniforms and warlike equipments. And in the procession were old Confederates and old Union soldiers marching together and uniting the "Blue and the Gray" in doing honor to this son of a Confederate soldier who had died under the stars and stripes.

The floral offerings were more numerous and beautiful than ever before seen at any funeral in this State. And they were sent not only from towns in this State but some were sent from other States. At the close of the solemn exercises and after the military escort had filed the last volley over the hero's hallowed grave, the bugler stood by the new masonry grave, and as the last rays of the setting sun were descending into twilight, amid profound silence he "blew taps," which sounded like a nation's will or last lament over its dead young hero.

The Populist State convention met at Raleigh, on last Tuesday afternoon, and it was anything but a love feast. Quarrelling began as soon as it was called to order, and with a recess for supper, continued nearly all night trying to elect a permanent organization. Butler and Skinner were the leaders of the two factions.

One very striking and significant feature of this convention was the prominent part played in it by Congressman Harry Skinner and the "Pritchard Populists," who last year were so bitterly denounced by their leader Populists. After Skinner had succeeded in getting nineteen Populist members of the last Legislature to vote for Senator Pritchard, he and they were denounced by the other Populists as traitors and unworthy of further fellowship with true silver Populists. Indeed they were "read out" of the party by Butler and his followers, and yet it now looks like Skinner and the Pritchard Populists have more influence with the Populist party than Butler and his followers!

There was probably never before any State convention of any party so completely controlled by selfish officeholders. They chiefly composed the delegations of many counties, and controlled the proceedings of the convention from beginning to end. The hard working taxpayers of the country seemed to be unknown and unrepresented. And get our Populist friends were once so bitter in their denunciations of political bosses and ring rule!

A monument will be erected in memory of Ensign Worth Bagley by popular subscription. As soon as the wires flashed the sad news of his death a popular subscription was begun at Raleigh to erect a suitable monument in his honor, and from all over the State subscriptions poured in. No one was allowed to contribute over one dollar, and many children contributed their nickels.



ENSIGN WORTH BAGLEY From a Photograph taken at the Naval Academy in 1894.

The mother of Ensign Worth Bagley, severely tried thoughts.

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Yes, Henry Wood at Ball's and Worth Bagley at Greaves, were the first victims in our war, and both are North Carolinians!

Another thought was sent to the mother of the hero, as he lay in the arms of the mother, his having been the son of a Confederate officer. This thought is illustrated by the old man's face, which was pale and his eyes were dim.

They said that when Ensign Worth Bagley was killed, a young man was standing near the grave, and as the last rays of the setting sun were descending into twilight, amid profound silence he "blew taps," which sounded like a nation's will or last lament over its dead young hero.

A good naval battle was fought in a day or two. It is hardly likely that the Spanish fleet, which has been quite numerous, indicating an attempt to avoid battle. News from the Cape de Verde Islands are English that the Spanish fleet, and it would be a pity if they were not. It is reported that the Spanish fleet, which is supposed to be somewhere in the Caribbean sea.

The House of Representatives has adopted a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, by which Senators will be elected by a direct vote of the people.

The Stollen Star says that the seven old son of Jack Bradford of Polkville, supposed to have been bitten by a snake, was found last week and is now in the child, lived in great agony three days and died.

Our First Victims.

Key West, May 12.—When the United States gunboat Hudson came up to the government boat at Key West, the morning of the 11th, the two vessels were lying under way. They were the remains of a party of 100 men, and four were killed in the attack. The remains of the party were scattered in the bay and on the shore. The bodies of the four killed were found in the bay, and the bodies of the others were found on the shore.

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