

The death of Ensign Bagley in the bay of Cardenas, Cuba, last week, in an engagement with the Spanish forts of that harbor, has touched a chord of sadness in North Carolina's heart, not unmixed with patriotic pride in his gallant history.

Ensign Bagley descended from a Perquimans family of great respectability, his grandfather, Willis Bagley, having held the office of sheriff of that county for several years, and was distinguished for his gentle and quiet deportment, and great personal popularity. We think he was of Quaker lineage. His father, W. H. Bagley, was a native of Perquimans county, and after reaching manhood, studied law, and having obtained his law license he removed to Elizabeth City to make it his permanent home, where he supplemented his law business by editing a newspaper for a few years before the war between the States. From Elizabeth City he removed to Raleigh, where he became, we think, private secretary of Governor Worth, and afterward married the Governor's daughter, who yet lives. He passed his life thereafter in Raleigh, where he was recognized as a leading and useful citizen, holding for many years the position of Clerk of the Supreme Court.

After the death of W. H. Bagley, his oldest son, Ensign Bagley, received the appointment of cadet in the naval academy at Annapolis. At Annapolis he won a high place in the esteem of his instructors and schoolmates, and after graduating he was soon assigned to the Winslow, having been promoted to the rank of ensign.

There were several dramatic incidents connected with the untimely death of this gallant grandson of the Albemarle section. He was so young, so gifted, with his future so full of promise and the prospect so sun-gilt. His death with his right hand grasping the banner with which his young life was identified. They furnish food for reflection on the ironies of human life. There's food, too, for North Carolina patriotism—Wyatt and Bagley—two protomartyrs in her heroic necrology. Let their honored names illustrate together the pages of her immortal history.

Bagley's last thoughts were of his widowed mother at home. By one mail she received the tidings of her great bereavement. By the next came his last written message to his mother. With the instinct of filial duty, he sought to relieve the anxiety of a mother's love, in his perilous situation.—"I am all safe dear mother, give yourself no concern about me," he said, and then, as if to disarm anxiety by the flame of ambition, he told her how he wished to go into the fight. Alas! Alas! those words of cheer and comfort came to her after the tidings of his death and could give no comfort in her agony.

The venerable William E. Gladstone departed this life at Hawarden, England, yesterday, May 19, at the advanced age of 88 years. A great and good man has gone to his reward.

Robert's is the chill tonic you want because it cures. 25c per bottle. No cure no pay. Pleasant as a Florida orange. For sale at Griggs & Son, City Drug Store and Wood's Drug Store.

THE POPULIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Populist State Convention met in Raleigh on Tuesday at 5 p. m., and was called to order by Chairman Fontain of the Executive Committee, who, after the convention had taken their seats, formally named J. B. Shulken of Cabarrus county, as temporary chairman.

On taking the chair Mr. Shulken made a brief address in which he regretted the opposition existing in their ranks and the failure of the conference to harmonize them. These conferences were to reconcile the two factions of

the party, headed respectively by Marion Butler and Harry Skinner, one favoring cooperation with the Democratic party and the other with the Republican party. Butler favoring cooperation with the Democratic party and Skinner with the Republican.

Then Skinner came to the front amid intense silence, and proposed that the delegates from the several districts get together and select vice Presidents and members for the several committees. While Skinner was presenting his motion, Butler stepped upon the rostrum and took a chair. As soon as he appeared there was an outburst of applause that took Skinner by surprise.

This was the evening of the first day. It was a red letter day for Butler and the Democratic Populists. It was a black letter day for Harry of Navarre. It was a victory for the Knight of the Rueful countenance. The other straws that the first day ignited were: Dr. Babb and preacher Balus, conspicuous on the platform, and Gideon, Exum and Macon orated. Gid looked and swelled. His past filled the measure of his glory. Babb's past overflowed his measure, packed down and running over. Balus is synonymous with Balaam of the Scripture, of whom it is said that he kicked and brayed and was beaten. Exum is a goat-herd and that profession tells its own story. Macon was the funny man and so announced himself, but unfortunately we could not tell where was the place to laugh, and he forgot to tell when. In his outburst of wit the surprise suggested the hearse and the black horses, the mattock and the spade, and Hamlet's soliloquy. We suppose Mac was handicapped by the blood of his ancestor, the great Nat who never said a funny thing and always did a wise one. Here endeth the first day.

The second day of the Populist Convention on Wednesday left nothing to do but to bury the dead and hospital the wounded. The unexpected happened. The veiled prophet gave the victory to the Republican Populists and it was thought that Harry on horseback would lead his forces to an easy victory. But the prophets who turned with their faces turned backward registered a triumphant victory. It led by a two thirds majority, in favor of propositions of cooperation with the Democratic Convention which meets in Raleigh, on the 26th inst. On motion of Hon. Harry Skinner, this motion was made unanimous, and the following committee was elected to make propositions of cooperation to the Democratic convention in Raleigh, viz: Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow, Hal W. Ayer, of Wake, James B. Loyd, of Edgecombe; Z. T. Garrett, of Vance; J. B. Shulken, of Columbus; M. H. Caldwell, of Iredell; E. A. Move, of Pitt.

The venerable William E. Gladstone departed this life at Hawarden, England, yesterday, May 19, at the advanced age of 88 years. A great and good man has gone to his reward.

Consumption
Will SCOTT'S EMULSION cure consumption? Yes and no. Will it cure every case? No. What cases will it cure then? Those in their earlier stages, especially in young people. We make no exaggerated claims, but we have positive evidence that the early use of Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda in these cases results in a positive cure to a large number. In advanced cases, however, where a cure is impossible, this well-known remedy should be relied upon to prolong life surprisingly.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

WAR NEWS.

Synopsis of Events of the Past Week.

San Juan, the capital of the Spanish Island of Porto Rico, was bombarded by the fleet of Admiral Sampson on Friday, May 13, and surrendered after an engagement which lasted three hours. Two American seamen were killed and seven wounded. The flag ship New York was struck, and the Iowa, but no material damage sustained. The Spanish loss is supposed to have been very great.

The Flying Squadron, commanded by Commodore Schley, sailed from Hampton Roads Friday evening with sealed orders, probably to join the fleet of Admiral Sampson and strike a decisive blow at the Spanish Cape Verde fleet, which has at last been spied off the coast of Martinique, one of the French West India Islands. Between Sampson and Schley they will be found and probably brought to a decisive action at sea, and the war is brought to an end, if victory is with the American commanders.

England evidently wants an alliance offensive and defensive with the United States, and such an alliance would either command the peace among the nations or involve them in one awful conflagration, such as the world has never seen.

Major General Wesley Merritt, who was tendered the place of Governor General of the Philippine Islands, declines it unless he is furnished more and a better class of soldiers to occupy Manila and the Islands. The President complains of Gen. Merritt's talking too much.

Great Britain and France are on the qui vive about their national complications, and Lord Salisbury takes a pessimistic view of their relations and fears that their conferences may not be satisfactory and may leave them in an attitude of hostility. All Europe is one military camp.

We are fighting in the dark, both Spain and the United States. Both are making "darkness their pavilion." Spain is a weak power, and like all weak ones, practices the arts of deception. The Cape de Verde fleet is like that insectivorous animal described by that witty Hibernian, which was sometimes seen and then he wasn't. Both powers now suppress dispatches and cut cables, and there is a prospect of the people being overpowered by guess, conjecture and lies.

We all have our eyes and ears open to catch the news of the Spanish fleets and a hostile meeting between them somewhere at sea.

The Spanish and American fleets seem now to be engaged in the laughable nursery farce of "Hide and Go Seek." The Dons have been down in Curacao, a Dutch Island near Venezuela. Sampson's fleet is on the north coast of Cuba, watching for the Spanish fleet as they come west, and Schley's flying squadron is here, there and everywhere, hunting for the Spanish fleet. Sampson and Schley have wide discretion, their only instructions from Washington being to find the Spanish fleet and destroy it. It is confidently expected that their hunt will be over in a few days. In fact it is probably now ended.

An order has been issued by the government forbidding the presence of Sylvester Scovell, a newspaper correspondent, aboard vessels of the navy or at any naval station, on account of his conduct in stowing himself away on board the tug Unacas on the recent visit of that vessel to Havana, he having been refused permission to go as a passenger.

The Department at Washington have adopted the Spanish policy of silence, and has shut out the public from the war news. The supposition is that the first abortive attempt to land troops in Cuba failed because the Spaniards were informed of our purpose to land troops on the island.

Assistance for Dewey.

VALLEJO, CAL., May 18.—The cruiser Charleston got under way for Manila shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. On the vessel are a number of newspaper correspondents, among them being Mr. E. Langtry Jones, who has been ordered to Manila to report movements of the United States troops there for the Associated Press.

The Charleston was heavily loaded with ammunition for her own guns in addition to a large supply of powder and projectiles for Admiral Dewey's fleet. No troops were carried on the Charleston, as she had no room for more than her own crew, 380 men. The cruiser was heavily loaded with coal, but she will not have much left when she reaches Manila.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a power for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. Its greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure of sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Notice to Fisherman. For Gill Nets and Twine, see Fowler & Co.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

Interesting Items from Various Parts of the District.

Letter from Hatteras.

The "dred alarms" of war seem to have very little effect on our people in this locality, and while they are all, of course, deeply interested in the news from day to day, yet it can not really be said that any one is frightened. One would think, however, from our situation down here—being on the immediate coast and absolutely without protection in the way of fortifications or other means of defense—that we would be in constant danger from some prowling Spanish privateer or other armed ship. Our people do not appear to look on it in that way, and we all sleep as peacefully as though we lay behind the most formidable fortifications on the coast. In fact recent developments have demonstrated that Spain has her hands full elsewhere, and we have all settled down to the conclusion that she will never send one of her ships so far from home.

The Coast Signal Service is now in full operation here, and the daily flag practice which is carried on by the station men reminds us of the fact that war is actually on. The signal station is ably manned by four of our young men from Elizabeth City, Messrs. Belanca, Turner, Shipp and White. Mr. Babb, from Wilmington.

All of these young men have already won the esteem and good will of our people by their courteous and gentlemanly conduct, and we step up to say that we welcome them heartily and are glad, indeed, to have them with us. There is a strong bond of good fellowship between Hatteras and Elizabeth City, and the government could not have placed us in a better position. In the Elizabeth City boys down here to look after our interest. Should a Spaniard "heave" in sight the boys will give him a warm reception, and should they get overpowered by superior forces they will have one recourse which will win the day. They can turn "Roscoe" upon them, and we guarantee with his ready wit and eloquence he will soon talk them into submission.

The storm which passed over this section recently was the most severe in many years. The wind reached a steady velocity of 70 miles an hour, and there were frequent gusts of over 100 miles. The tide came up and covered the entire land, drowning poultry and homes, and ruining all truck gardens. This storm is said to be the most severe in 20 years, and many of the older inhabitants claim it is the worst they ever experienced. Hatteras, like all other coast sections, is in many respects, but it also has some of the most delightful weather that any one could wish. Its peculiar situation as regards the ocean and the sound make it at once one of the finest summer places on the coast, and it is predicted that in the course of a few years this fact will be recognized. The Elizabeth City boys have already fallen a victim to the charms of the place, and if the war lasts for any length of time it is possible from present indications that they will be so deeply in love with the place that each and every one will make an application for a continuous assignment at Hatteras. S. L. DOSHER.

Elisha Items.

The truck crop of this section is very good this year, especially the potato crop. The farmers are through picking peas, as the prices are so low.

Many of our farmers had to plant their cotton crop over, owing to the recent heavy rain.

Mr. C. G. Allen, of Elizabeth City, was in our section last week looking for corn. It must be in demand.

Mrs. Elisha Lister returned Monday from a visit to her son, Dr. J. E. Lister, at South Mills.

Mrs. Thos Jennings, who has been on the sick list for some time, we are glad to report is convalescing. SUBSCRIBER.

Weeksville Doings.

Dr. E. W. Lister is kept quite busy ministering to the sick.

D. P. White went to Norfolk last week to renew his stock of goods.

Dr. J. L. Lister, of South Mills, was with us a few days ago visiting his parents.

Mr. Henry Raper and wife, of Elizabeth City, were the guests of Mr. C. C. Thompson and wife last Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Meads, of the firm of Sawyer & Meads, has been sick for several days, but is now rapidly improving.

Mrs. J. W. Small and son spent a few days at Norfolk last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. John Bateman is in attendance upon the Chowan Baptist Association at Sunnside, Tyrrel county, this week.

Miss Lizzie Cartwright spent last week with Mrs. Pattie Cartwright. X

From Waterlily.

Mr. C. L. Pettit is building a new wharf and pier at this place, which will be a great benefit to the community.

There was a Sunday School entertainment at the M. E. Church on Narrow Shore Sunday, which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. In the afternoon the rain fell in torrents and some had to seek shelter in the public school house, as the church was crowded.

Mr. T. A. Pool, of Corolla, and Mr. W. L. Barco, of this place, left on Monday for Sunnyside, Tyrrel county, to attend the Baptist Association. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Mr. R. A. Griggs, of this place, was the guest of Mr. Charles Bell Sunday, at Snowden.

Miss Marie White's school closed last week and she left for her home in Virginia on Wednesday. She will be greatly missed by the gallants. B. P. A.

Chips from Mumford.

Mr. Tom Williams, of Berkley, Va., is visiting relatives and friends in Newland.

Mr. Henry C. Harris, of Gilmer-ton locks, is spending a while with Mr. Charles Harris, at Rose Dale.

Mr. George Britte, of Berkley, Va., is visiting relatives and friends in Newland.

Mr. J. F. Simpson, of Perquimans, was in Newland last week on business.

Mr. Stephen Harris, of Newbern, has been at River bridge loading with corn.

Mr. Charles Vann spent Saturday and Sunday at Winfall on a visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Maggie Goodman, of Va., spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maggie Askew. Children's Day service at Trinity has been postponed until the 6th Sunday. Nix.

Children's Day at Narrow's Shore.

Last Sunday, May 15, at Narrow's Shore M. E. Church, Currituck county, a vast multitude of people gathered from all the neighboring districts to witness the Children's Day exercise of that church. At ten o'clock the service was opened with singing and prayer, after which the first half of the program was rendered in a most pleasing manner. It consisted of music and recitations of the highest order, interspersed by short addresses to the children by the able pastor, Rev. J. H. Giles, and the ambitious superintendent, D. W. Lindsay, whose patient toiling in the good work, and the cooperation of the members of the Sunday School, made their entertainment a brilliant success. At twelve o'clock dinner was served on the grounds and all were refreshed. Two o'clock found the church filled again to its utmost capacity, to enjoy the afternoon service, which fully equalled that of the morning. Many hearts were touched by the able manner in which Mr. John Hampton rendered two beautiful recitations, one of which was entitled "Home." I. O.

Hertford Personals.

Mr. Jake White and Miss Mae Wilson, of Elizabeth City, were the guests of friends and relatives here last Sunday.

Mrs. I. N. White returned home Saturday, 14th, from a visit to Norfolk and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. E. Trotman has gone to visit her son, Mr. J. Goodwin, Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. Elliott and little girl visit friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Jule White is the guest of Mrs. P. H. Small.

The Junior Baseball Team, of Edenton, came down last Tuesday evening and engaged in a contest with the Hertford Juniors, but they bore away no palm, Hertford coming to the front, 13 to 10. JACK.

Have your Watches and clocks repaired at Selig's.

Souvenir spoons of the Battleship Maine at Seligs. Only 35c. Stirling silver.

If your blood is thin, appetite poor, troubled with night sweats, a bad cold or LaGrippe take Robert's chill tonic. All druggists.

In a number of the News & Observer last week, it has a picture of Locke Craig with the name of C. B. Aycock under it, and a picture of C. B. Aycock with the name of Locke Craig under it. They speak of the irony of fate, and the irony of distinction, but this newspaper irony beats them all. The picture under which the name of Aycock is placed, would do justice to an uglier man I think Charlie Aycock should sue Jo. Daniels for picturesque libel, and we think the action would lie, and if he will hurry up his complaint, we will put on our war paint and toga fori, and wade in with him.

HOW'S THIS!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Pros., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggist, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Mines Tampered With.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 18.—A United States warship, which sailed from Fortress Monroe since the Government completed the work of planting mines in Hampton Roads is, if the story told the correspondent of the Associated Press to-night, be true, lucky to be afloat to-day.

A man who assisted in placing the explosives in the harbor, and who is still in the service of the government, relates that one of the vessels struck a mine and so seriously damaged it that it had to be taken to a point near the Rip Raps yesterday afternoon and blown up. He says he aided in taking the mine up and towing it to the place at which it was destroyed. The ships keel had made a large hole in it. The same man said that during the day he assisted in bringing to the surface for examination another mine. A Lieutenant named Shultz was present and when the mine was gotten where it could be seen it was found that the wire forming the connection with the electric battery had either been broken or cut near the cap.

We have a Bicycle for you. Call for it to-morrow morning and you can enjoy a pleasant ride before breakfast. This not being dated holds good for seven years. Hathaway Bros. right on the corner.

CURE ALL YOUR PAINS WITH Pain-Killer.
A Medicine Chest in itself.
Simple, Safe and Quick Cure for CRAMPS, DIARRHOEA, COUGHS, COLDS, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA.
25 and 50 cent Bottles.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.
BUY ONLY THE GENUINE.
PERRY DAVID'S

Another Vessel Blown Up!

The Vessel of High Price.

THE DECISION OF THE COURT OF ENQUIRY IS:

The above vessel had been peacefully anchored in the harbor of Elizabeth City for years, and that the Racket Store did willfully go about to work her ruin, and that the Racket Store did apply a submarine mind of sledgehammer bargains which none dare compete with, which did blow this noble old craft into atoms.

JOHN HIGHPRICE,
Signed, PETER GETTALYOGAN,
BETTIE 50 PER CT. PROFIT.

Calico 2 1/2c. up; bleach cottons 3 1/4 and 5c.; writing paper 1c. quire envelopes 1c. package. Other goods equally as cheap.

SAWYER & JONES
Carry one of the largest lines of **CLOTHING**
Ever brought to Elizabeth City.
ALL THE LATEST SYTTLES
that can be had. Made by Strauss Bros., one of the largest manufacturers in the United States. Also a full and complete line of **Shoes, Hats & Gents Furnishing Goods**
TO CORRESPOND WITH THE ABOVE

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY
WITH THE
Southern Stock Mutual
Underwriters' Fire Insurance Co's
Of Greensboro, N. C.
Returns to the Policy Holders 20 per cent. of the Premium if no loss sustained.
T. B. WILSON, Agt.,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
Policy Holders Non-Assessable.

"The Standard of Excellence in Typewriter Construction."
THE **REMINGTON STANDARD TYPEWRITER**
JOHN B. CULPEPER, Sales Agt.,
706 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.

Spain Fights Cuba
Uncle Sam Fights Spain.
But We Fight High Prices

The success of our war on high prices is proven by the growth of our business. It is one of the simplest things on earth, in Spain or in Cuba, to prove that we have the best goods for the least money. One has only to try and to try is to buy. Those who fail to see our goods and learn our prices lose bargains. We carry an assortment of everything usually kept in a first-class

Dry Goods, Clothing
And Notion Store.
The best assortment of men's spring shirts and neckwear. Remember that on account of the rapid increase of our business we had to have more room and have moved into the Mitchell stand on Water street, next door to Melick, and have filled it up with new spring goods. We occupy first and second floors, and have suits of clothes in every size and price. The public are invited to call before buying elsewhere.

J. A. Hooper & Co.
For Sale at a Sacrifice.
The Elizabeth City Net & Twine Co's Wharf Property.
E. F. LAMB.

Lost, Mislaid or Stolen.
Lost, mislaid or stolen, policy No. 86189, issued by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company on the life of Walter R. Hayes. The finder will please return it to the undersigned. Application has been made for the issuing of a duplicate.
WALTER R. HAYES,
Gatesville, N. C.