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year's crop will either be reduced in quality or entirely lost by reason of the impossibility to get labor to handle it. Within twenty years we must house and employ fifty millions of additional population Our one resource is the productivity of our soil. Only half our land in private ownership is now tilled. On new lands in the west where the wheat yield was formerly from 20 to 30 bushels per acre. now it is 12 to 18, attributable to the wearing out of the soil. Agriculture in the most intelligent meaning of the term. is something almost unknown in the United States. Before the middle of the present century, over two hundred millions of people must find room, food and employment in this country. By that time our mineral recources will be exhausted and there must be a revolt against the worship of manufacture and trade as the only forms of progressive activity.

Labor Day has passed. Supposed to be a vacation for the various laborious dulies of the 80.000,000 people who compose the United States, but like most bolidays (Scripps News Association) and vacations it generally takes two or three days to rest up after taking such a cratic convention opened here this forerest. Our ball players especially are of dance of delegates, and every county in

per cent of our population consider prize Only routine matters were transacted fighting as one of the relics of barbarism. during the forenoon, while the principal that is only tolerated in a few cities and work of the convention, the nomination states in the union, and the time is com- of the State ticket will be done in the ing when it will be tabood the same as to be nominated;-Governor, attorney bull fighting, it still creates no small to be nominated; Governor, attorney general, secretary of State, controller amount of interest, when the people have general, chief justice of the Supreme reason to believe that the best man is to Court. State treasurer, commissioner of win. In other words, when the results do Agriculture. State school commissioner, not confirm the suggestion of a fake. The three associate justices of the Supreme Solt vesterifar was certainly all that the Court, one United States senator, one fight yesterday was certainly all that the prison commissioner, one judge of the most blood thirsty could desire and a Superior Court, solicitor general, and reading of the contest cannot but create members of the State Executive coman intense sympathy for the victor, not- mittee.

speak, to Sirius the dog-star and placing General Humidity in charge of the whole procession. The man most responsible for this hot and early discussion of an election that cannot take place until twenty-six more moons have waxed and waned is undoubtedly William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska. He is to biame for it not by reason of anything he was doing or saying when it began, but simply by resason of his continuing to be alive. No one who has read Mr. Bryan's prosy narrative of his tour around the world, as it has been published in installments in the newspapers, can attribute it to the power of producing this premature excitement. That narrative has been hopelessly machine-made and cyclopedic, with hardly a gleam in it all of the "cross of gold" sort. But it furnished evidence that Mr. Bryan was still living, and that fact has been sufficient to account for what we are now seeing and hearing .- Current Literature.

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