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## STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

COL. ASHLEY HORNE OF CLAYTON  
CHAIRMAN, W. E. SPRINGER  
SECRETARY, ELECTED.

### TO ERECT STATE BUILDING

Clerk Will be Appointed—Site to be Selected—Advertising For Bids For Bonds—Architects Applying For the Job—The State Building Law.

Raleigh.—The state building commission in its initial meet here elected Col. Ashley Horne of Clayton, chairman and William E. Springer of Wilmington secretary. They will later appoint a clerk, who will be in charge of an office that will be opened at Raleigh.

The whole scope of the work ahead of the commission in the location and erection of the \$250,000 state administration building was gone over, both in executive session and with Governor Kitchin and the members of the council of state, with the result that a sub-commission, composed of Col. Horne, Mr. Springer, Mr. Long and Mr. Cox was designated to make special investigation as to site and other preliminaries and report to a meeting of the whole commission to be called by the chairman.

Attending the meeting for organization were all seven members. Col. Ashley Horne, Clayton; William E. Springer, Wilmington; Col. J. S. Carr, Durham; J. A. Long, Roxboro; A. S. Rascoe, Bertie county; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; W. L. Pearson, Rockingham.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy is already advertising for bids for the bonds to be issued July 1.

A number of architects are already "roosting on the trail" of the commission, seeking to secure the appointment as architect to the commission. However, the commission must determine just what state departments are to be accommodated in the new building, and also decide upon the location before there can be any definite work in the actual drafting of the plans for the building. The preamble of the act creating the commission and providing the \$250,000 bonds for the erection of the building contains only this suggestion as to what the legislature desired that the building should be:

"Whereas, the building now provided by the state for the various departments of its government are inadequate for the economical and efficient administration of its affairs; and whereas, valuable libraries, priceless manuscripts, historical relics, many records and much property are housed in many separate and unfit buildings, exposed to constant danger from fire; and whereas it is comparatively necessary that larger and safer quarters be provided and that a fireproof building, adequate for the purpose intended and required, should be erected; now, therefore," etc.

### Missionary Workers Elect Officers.

Three days annual session of the Woman's Home Missions Society of the North Carolina conference terminated with the selection of Weldon for the next place of meeting and the following were elected as officers: Mrs. R. B. Johns, Fayetteville, president; Mrs. B. N. Mann, Durham, recording secretary; Mrs. N. E. Edgerston, Selma, treasurer; Mrs. John C. Angier, Durham; Mrs. Barrow, Elizabeth City; Miss Duke, Durham, vice president; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Weldon, superintendent of supplies, Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, conference editor; Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Elizabeth City, conference corresponding secretary; Mrs. T. W. Costen, Gates, field secretary; Mrs. John Doub, Jonesboro, superintendent of press work.

Winston-Salem.—A new enterprise of magnitude and importance for Winston-Salem is that of the Mengel Box company's plant. Boxes of every kind will be manufactured.

### Wake Wants \$300,000 Road Bonds.

The Wake County Good Roads Improvement council has been formed. A resolution was passed by the council calling on the Wake commissioners to order an election throughout the county, to be held August 31, on the question of the issuance of \$300,000 bonds for road improvement, and stipulating that there be a new registration for the bond election. There was also a resolution to the effect that the council proceed at once with the organization of township and precinct good road councils.

### Native Tar Heels in Congress.

Four members of the senate, Senators Johnston, of Alabama, and Dixon, of Montana, in addition to Senators Overman and Simmons, were born in North Carolina. There are only two states in the Union with a larger representation in the senate than the Old North State.

Over in the house is only one native born North Carolinian outside of the state delegation. That man happens to be former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon. Representative Pou's birthplace is Tuskegee, Alabama.

## A STATE PLOWING CONTEST

Director Williams of the Experiment Station Making Arrangements. Who Can Plow Well?

Raleigh.—Director C. B. Williams, of the experiment station, announces that he has about completed arrangements for holding a plowing match later in the year, either in connection with the state fair or at the state Farmers' convention, which meets during the latter part of August. Liberal premiums have already been secured for awarding to those who enter the contest and show their superior skill in this fundamental operation of farming.

The primary object for holding such a contest will be to impress the importance of deep and thorough preparation of the soil, as well as emphasize the economy of the use of labor-saving implements that may be used in the preparation of lands for different crops. In other words, the importance of the use of double-horse plows will be impressed as none other than these will be used in the contest. A set of competent judges will be selected who will award the premiums to those scoring the highest number of points in accordance with an official score card that will be provided.

Director Williams states that he expects the contest to arouse much interest in better plowing, especially preparation of the seed-bed for different crops, and hence lead to the production of larger and more profitable yields in the future by many of those who witness the contest.

All North Carolinians between the ages of 15 and 100 who are actually engaged in farming will be eligible to enter the contest.

### North Carolina Honors Noble Deed.

North Carolina did honor to its Confederate dead in fitting and eloquent manner. There was oratory and flowers and revival of tender memories. As a general thing, those selected to make speeches were worthy sons of real soldiers—none more representative than the orators at Charlotte, Salisbury, Gastonia, Shelby, Statesville, Greensboro and other towns.

### A 10,000-Acre Orchard in Hamlet.

The announcement of the chartering of a corporation for the purpose of constructing a 10,000-acre orchard in the eastern portion of Harnett county evidences that gradual steps are being taken to develop the well-nigh limitless fruit-growing possibilities of North Carolina. As briefly outlined the plans contemplate the planting of peach, apple and other trees and the immediate installation of large trucking operations. Fruit growing has been attempted in North Carolina almost since the beginning but in a somewhat haphazard fashion. There are many excellent small orchards in the east—notably in the vicinity of Newbern—and the mountain farmers are beginning to realize the importance of the matter. The establishment of a large enterprise like the proposed Harnett orchard would necessarily attract much more attention to the subject and lend impetus to its advancement. Furthermore, the 10,000-acre orchard may be expected to set an example in the matter of careful grading and sorting of the various fruits and the best methods of packing them for shipment—items upon which it would be difficult to lay too much stress just at this stage of fruit-growing in North Carolina.

### A Blessing to Colored Folks.

The Durham colored hospital, built entirely through philanthropy, in which the late Washington Duke was the chief giver, has done capital work and but ten deaths have resulted during the past year. It has turned out 14 nurses who are well scattered over the country. The institution is governed by both white and colored doctors and has been the greatest single blessing that the colored folks have.

Statesville.—Governor Kitchin entertained the crowd for about one hour and fifteen minutes with a splendid speech, giving a summary of the reasons why we celebrate Memorial Day, paying tribute to the memory of the soldiers of the Confederacy, to the surviving veterans and to the women of the Confederacy.

### Raleigh Hosiery Mill Sold.

Capt. S. A. Ashe and R. T. Gray have purchased the Raleigh hosiery mill, operated for a long while by Captain Ashe and associates. It has been closed for several months and sold under foreclosure for \$12,200.

### Destroyed Twenty-Five Stills.

Deputy Collector J. P. H. Adams of Johnston county says that he and officers associated with him have broken up twenty-five blockade distilleries in Johnston county since January.

### Ray Re-Elected Head of Blind School.

The board of directors of the state school for the blind in annual session at Raleigh re-elected John E. Ray superintendent and made the preliminary arrangements for the school commencement, which will take place June 3. There will be six graduates.

### Meeting Waterways Association.

The Atlantic Deepwaterways association is to meet at Richmond September 12th and remain in session three days.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE TOLD IN A FEW LINES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

### ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record of Happenings of Interest From All Parts of the World

#### Southern.

The German Saengerfest came to a close with a ball in Atlanta. The meeting of the German societies of the South Atlanta League has been a great success. The convention selected the following officers: Honorary president, C. H. Toussaint, Savannah; president, F. H. Hanne, Jacksonville; secretary, Fred Bachman, Jacksonville; treasurer, C. Brickwedel, Jacksonville; attorney, John D. Capellmann, Charleston; first vice president, J. H. Moellering, Savannah; second vice president, G. Mau, Atlanta; third vice president, G. Stecher, Tampa; fourth vice president, A. Morgenstern, Charleston; fifth vice president, Th. Winter, Brunswick, Ga. It was unanimously agreed to hold the next Saengerfest at Jacksonville, probably in April of next year.

Chancellor Thomas M. McConnell dissolved the temporary injunction restraining the new commission, elected to govern the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., from assuming control of municipal affairs. The constitutionality of the new charter is upheld, and the suit is dismissed with costs on the complainants, who were members of the old government. Mayor T. C. Thompson and the four commissioners held a meeting, bonds were signed and approved, and the old government has passed into history.

Chattanooga commands wide attention, not only throughout the United States but in England and Canada as well. The joint commission representing three Methodist bodies is in session there to consider momentous questions. The 27 commissioners who met have been appointed by the Methodist Protestant church, the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal church to consider the question of unification through reorganization.

Frank B. Hayne, the well-known cotton bull leader, threw the New Orleans cotton exchange into a fever of excitement 20 minutes before the final gong, when he offered to purchase the entire stock of cotton in New Orleans at 15.48 cents. Pandemonium reigned for a few minutes and the days of the great "Sully" pool were recalled. Now there are whispers here of a big "corner" in May cotton, but those believed to be in the deal refuse to discuss the matter.

#### General.

The application of John J. McNamara, for the fixing of bail on the charge of dynamiting, was disallowed by Superior Judge Bordwell in Los Angeles without prejudice and with leave to renew at any time.

Canada will have three trans-continental railroad lines and a fourth road to tidewater by way of Hudson bay, if the announcement of the policies of the Liberal government are carried out. The Canadian Pacific was the pioneer road. The Grand Trunk Pacific is rapidly nearing completion under the government supervision. The third line to span the Dominion will be the Canadian Northern. To insure the completion of the third line the government proposes to guarantee the Canadian Northern's bonds.

Germany has warned France of the dangerous consequences likely to follow the occupation of Fez by French troops. Further than this, the government has taken no step, though watching developments in Morocco very closely. There is no truth in the rumor published that Germany had decided to send three cruisers to Morocco.

For the first time in the history of mankind, the human voice carried 2,000 miles direct over phone wire when New York found Denver. A group of newspaper men in a New York skyscraper, talking to another group in the Colorado city, picked up Omaha on the way and also gossiped with Chicago.

The total dead for the first day's fighting, near Juarez, Mexico, is now estimated at nearly thirty. The wounded will number close to sixty. The casualties of the insurgents and Federals are not known, but five persons on the American side of the line were killed, and at least twelve were wounded.

A monument to the memory of Pocahontas, the Indian maid of Virginia history, is provided for in a bill introduced by Senator Martin. The bill provides for the erection of the monument at Jamestown, Va.

Lord Lansdowne introduced in the English house of lords his bill for the reform of the upper house.

Efforts to compel the girls of the senior class in Radcliffe college to wear "plain and simple costumes" or commencement day has aroused emphatic protests and some of the seniors declare that they will forego their diplomas rather than submit.

Confirmation was received of the loss of the Gulf Refining company's schooner Queen of Tampa, Fla., with the five members of the crew some time during the storm on the gulf two weeks ago.

The American Federation of Labor issued an appeal for funds for the defense of the McNamara brothers, in jail at Los Angeles, for dynamiting. The appeal for funds states that the accused labor leaders are in jail as a result of a "vindictive spirit of persecution."

Heartened by optimistic reports from their attorneys, John and James McNamara, the accused dynamite conspirators, spent a cheerful Sunday in jail at Los Angeles. On the other hand Orrie McManigal seemed despondent, and when Jailer Gallagher asked him what was wrong McManigal replied: "I'm wondering whether my wife has forgotten me. I have not heard a word from her since I left Chicago, and I am suffering for news of her and the children." Mrs. McManigal is expected in Los Angeles soon.

The Colorado legislature, after a bitter fight over the senatorship, has adjourned without making a choice, and the state in which the Democrats are in control of the legislature will continue to be represented in the United States senate by Simon Guggenheim, a Republican, throughout the Sixty-second congress. The new primary law goes into effect in Colorado this fall. Had it been on the statute books now the existing state of affairs would not have been possible.

Mexican gold coin to the amount Gen. Porfirio Diaz issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico, declaring his intention to resign the presidency as soon as peace is restored. In this manner the president has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention. As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto, it will be "when, according to the dictates of my conscience, I am sure that my resignation will not be followed by anarchy."

Of nearly one million dollars has been received at the Federal treasury and assay office here within a short time past. Substantially half the amount has been melted into bullion at the assay office. It was reported that some one who anticipated a crisis had shipped the gold here as a precautionary measure.

It was indicated that indictments for perjury were likely as a result of some evidence given before the grand jury in connection with the Ohio legislature bribery investigation. It also was made clear that lobbyists would be indicted if sufficient testimony can be secured to convict.

#### Washington.

There will be no invasion of Mexico as the result of the killing of American citizens in the city of El Paso as an incident of the fighting at Juarez. The statement of President Taft following the reported deaths of a half dozen Americans, and the debate in congress provoked by this occurrence, made plain the future conduct of the government. Senator Bacon of Georgia undoubtedly voiced the sentiment of an overwhelming majority of the senate in his superb analysis of the legal and diplomatic situation growing out of the Mexican hostilities.

The farmers' free list bill was passed by the house by a vote of 236 to 109, the entire Democratic side voting in favor of the measure, and 24 Republicans in addition. It will now go to the senate, and the chances are that it will never see the light of day in that body, but be strangled in the finance committee. The senate will never accept free lumber, boots and shoes and leather. Still the Democratic house will secure whatever credit and political acrobatics may result from this enactment.

Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire was unanimously nominated as president pro tempore of the senate at the Republican senatorial caucus. Twenty of the fifty Republican senators were absent, including nine Progressive senators. The four Progressives in attendance, Senators Borah, Brown, Dixon and Kenyon, voted for Mr. Gallinger. Senator Gallinger was placed in nomination by Senator Warren, who eulogized Senator William P. Frye, the retiring president.

President Taft indulged in some plain talk in explaining to 25 members of the National Doremas that he does not intend to play politics with the Canadian reciprocity agreement, even if the enactment of the measure costs him the farmer vote. The president told his visitors bluntly he was sorry to hear that Republican farmers would desert the party if the agreement goes through, but fear of such desertion would not at all change his conviction as to the wisdom of the legislation.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the "Georgia Peach," and the Detroit team's wonderful batsman, has developed into a political factor. Judge William M. Dumar of Augusta owes several votes which helped to elect him postmaster of the house to the influence of Ty Cobb. Representative Doremas of Michigan (Dem.) told of the activity of the Georgia ball player in inducing members of congress whom he had met to support his old friend and fellow-Georgian, Judge Dumar.

Andrew Carnegie received what he called his greatest mark of honor when twenty-one American republics bestowed upon him a gold medal bearing on one side the words, "Benefactor of Humanity," and on the other, "The American Republics to Andrew Carnegie." According to John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, it was the first time that such a tribute had been paid to an individual. Senor de Zamacona, the Mexican ambassador, made the presentation speech, and Secretary of State Knox and President Taft also spoke.

## VALUE OF CROPS

\$8,926,000,000

AN INCREASE OF \$104,000,000 OVER

1909—TEXAS LEADS, ILLINOIS

SECOND.

### SOUTH CAROLINA JUMPING

Georgia Strides Into Fourth Place From the Tenth—Louisiana and Kentucky Sluggish—Cotton Report to be Issued June 2.

Washington.—The value of wealth produced on farms of the United States was \$8,926,000,000 during 1910 as estimated by the department of agriculture in a statement just issued. This is an increase of \$104,000,000 over 1909.

Texas, with her ten million acres of cotton, wrested from Illinois during 1910, the honor of being the first State of the Union in point of value of her principal farm crops which aggregated \$364,110,000, an increase of 14.9 per cent over 1909. Illinois, with \$290,295,000, dropped to second place, the decrease having been 13.9 per cent. Iowa held her place as third state, while Kansas, in 1909 fourth state, dropped to tenth.

Georgia made a rapid stride in crop production for the year and jumped from tenth to fourth state with a total of \$210,192,000, an increase of 26.5 per cent over 1909.

All the other Southern states made good increases except Louisiana and Kentucky. South Carolina made the largest, 28.4 per cent, or \$140,009,000, jumping from twenty-first to thirteenth state. The other states ranked as follows:

State	1910	1909	Value	In-
State	1910	1909	Value	Per
Ala.	14	20	\$126,867,000	19.7
Miss.	15	18	\$134,401,000	10.6
N. C.	18	22	\$122,037,000	18.5
Ky. (x)	20	16	\$110,731,000	9.3
Ark.	21	24	\$109,753,000	11.5
Tenn.	22	23	\$102,009,000	3.3
Va.	24	26	\$124,284,000	2.0
La. (x)	26	25	\$3,448,000	11.3
Fla.	42	42	\$5,004,000	8.9

(x)—Decrease.

Washington.—Revised figures of the department of agriculture's cotton report indicate the area planted in cotton in 1910 was about 33,418,000 acres, instead of 33,196,000 acres as estimated last June. These figures will be used as a basis in making the estimate on June 2 of the acreage planted to cotton this year. The yield per acre in 1910 is estimated at 17.7 pounds and the area picked 32,304,000 acres.

Revised details by States for 1910 follow:

State	Acres	Acres	Yield
State	planted	picked	
Va.	34,000	33,000	212
N. C.	1,511,000	1,478,000	221
S. C.	2,626,000	1,534,000	216
Ga.	4,970,000	4,873,000	173
Florida	268,000	257,000	110
Ala.	3,623,000	3,560,000	160
Miss.	3,420,000	3,317,000	182
La.	1,075,000	975,000	120
Texas	10,250,000	10,060,000	145
Ark.	2,375,000	2,238,000	175
Tenn.	783,000	765,000	207
Missouri	103,000	100,000	285
Okla.	2,260,000	2,204,000	300
Cal.	10,000	9,000	335
U. S.	33,418,000	32,403,000	170.7

The first cotton report of the department of agriculture this season will be issued Friday, June 2, at noon Eastern time and will give the estimated acreage of cotton planted this year with the condition of the crop on May 25.

### Hot Days Make Congressmen Tired.

Washington.—Although the special session of Congress is but little more than a month old, talk of adjournment has already become general and the suggestions are not all one-sided. Reporters in both branches have been hinting that a recess during the hot months would not interfere with legislation at all, while many Democrats in the house are beginning to believe they will be through with all the legislative program they care to enact within another week.

### Murderer Slays Sheriff's Posses.

Montgomery, Ala.—Two negroes are dead and one mortally wounded, and four deputy sheriffs are wounded, all fatally, as the result of a murder committed by one of the negroes 21 miles south of here and a spectacular battle that followed an effort to capture the murderer. When the posse arrived Benson was barricaded in his cabin, refusing to surrender, and declaring that he would die before he would submit to arrest. The officers then opened fire on him and he returned it.

### Presbyterians at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky.—With an extensive program arranged for the celebration of the semi-centennial of the church, and confronted with some of the most important questions which have ever demanded its attention, the fifty-first General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States (Southern) convened here. Delegates, both lay and ministerial, from every section of the South are present. Three sessions will be held daily, the assembly extending through eight days. This is the fifty-fifth anniversary.

## NEWS SURVEY OF THE STATE

Many North Carolina Towns and Cities Noted in This Column. A Sweeping Review.

Lumberton.—Former Governor Glenn addressed the Confederate Veterans of Willis Pope Camp here.

Statesville.—For some time there has been much complaint of the open violation of the prohibition law at Barber's Junction. Statesville people say they can get booze there without trouble.

Salisbury.—Memorial Day was fittingly celebrated in Salisbury. Senator Lee S. Overman was the orator of the day and delivered a great speech to the old soldiers.

Greensboro.—Work has been commenced on the annex of the Guilford county court house and it will be completed before fall.

High Point.—Edward K. Graham, the dean of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the annual literary address at the commencement of the graded schools of this city Tuesday, May 23.

Statesville.—The postoffice authorities are getting information in regard to the population and nationalities of Statesville with a view to opening a postal savings bank.

Goldsboro.—Goldsboro—as is Goldboro's way—did a magnificent work when a few days ago it raised by popular subscription \$14,639.50 to complete the modern hospital building in that city. It was done in three days.

New Bern.—Craven county has already bought six pairs of mules, wagons and machinery and will at once begin the work to complete the gaps in this county's roads.

Raleigh.—The Lincoln Farmers' Union Warehouse company is chartered with \$25,000 capital for warehousing business under the supervision of the Farmers' union.

Concord.—The winners of the scholarships to Trinity college and the University of North Carolina were: Mr. Albert Norman won the university scholarship and Mr. William Glass the Trinity scholarship.

Durham.—Complaint has been made to the officers that vandals destroyed the tobacco plant beds of W. W. Hamlin, a large tobacco grower in the county. The rascals broke up the covering, dug up the plants and otherwise destroyed the prospects of a good crop.

New Bern.—Already some four or five places in the county are working for the location of the farm-life school and quite a little rivalry has already developed.

Winston-Salem.—A brick fell from the top of a three story building and struck Mr. A. H. Walls on the head. He was attended by a physician, who said that the wound was not dangerous.

Elizabeth City.—The feature of Memorial Day was the unveiling of a most beautiful and magnificent piece of statuary in honor of the heroes who gave their lives for the cause of the Confederacy.

Washington.—The nomination of Frank P. Drake to be assayer and melter of the United States assay office at Charlotte, and George Fort of Georgia to be deputy assistant treasurer of the United States were confirmed by the senate.

Greensboro.—It may be said with some degree of truth that the commission government was adopted on account of the many who opposed the blue laws. This does not mean necessarily that a majority of the commission laws. However, it appears that if it were to come to a vote the commissioners would not adopt a Sunday law in the same shape as the one at present.

Raleigh.—Editor J. C. Hemphill of The Richmond Times-Dispatch delivered a splendid address here in connection with the Memorial Day celebration before a great throng of people assembled in the Confederate cemetery. He paid high tribute to the valor and honor of the Confederate soldier and eloquently portrayed the victory that has arisen out of the apparent defeat of the Confederate cause, the Supreme Court of the United States having affirmed the contention of Southerners for states' rights, the great principle really involved in the civil war. The reunited country and the loyalty of the whole people to the fundamental principles of the republic came in for forcible treatment.

Winston-Salem.—One of the most inspiring scenes that ever has been witnessed at the old college was presented at the chapel exercises when the students and faculty of the institution came to the aid of the endowment fund now being raised, with a total amount of more than \$1,000.

Greensboro.—Observing the fact that everybody else in creation was organizing and determined not to be left in the lurch by any of them, the assistant postmasters of the state held a meeting in Greensboro and organized the North Carolina Assistant Postmasters' association.

Winston-Salem.—Dr. John Bynum was elected superintendent of health for the county at a meeting of the commissioners at a salary of \$70 a month. He is to act also as quarantine officer of the county with the power to appoint deputies.

Durham.—Superintendent W. D. Carmichael left for an extended trip to schools in the middle West, which he will visit with a view to examining their commercial systems. The ultimate end of this visit is to find a system that would be a good one for Durham to take up in the regular courses of study.

## SONG OF THE VINEYARD

Sunday School Lesson for May 21, 1911  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 61:1-12.  
MEMORY VERSE—11.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"Woe Unto Them That Are Mighty to Drink Wine, and Men of Strength to Mingle Strong Drink."—Isa. 5:22.

TIME—Probably near the beginning of Isaiah's long life as a prophet, which was inaugurated in the year when King Uzziah died, B. C. 756 (Beecher), or B. C. 749 (Hastings).

PLACE—Isaiah prophesied in Jerusalem. KINGS—In Israel, Menahem; in Assyria, Ashur-dan III. PROPHETS—Hosea, Micah.

Isaiah, like all great teachers, was obliged to speak many stern warnings. Individuals and nations are best pleased with leaders that praise and flatter them; but such men are enemies rather than friends, demagogues rather than statesmen. In our own nation we have many braggarts, and many easy-going, over-sanguine citizens; but the wise men are like Isaiah, clear-eyed to perceive national and personal sins. Vigilance against these is the only price of liberty in a nation and peace in an individual. The old Greek maxim, "Know thyself," is still the foundation of true knowledge and wisdom. In our lesson the great prophet warns his nation against three national evils: National ingratitude to God; the menace of ungodly and unphilanthropic wealth; intemperance the great peril of the nation.

We can look back over a history full of deliverances. America was settled by men escaping from civil and religious oppression. The colonists had many marvelous deliverances from the Indians and other foes. The Union has been saved by the greatest civil war in all history. We have had among our leaders some of the world's chief men—Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Jefferson, Franklin. The world's greatest oceans preserve our country from attack. We have a vast territory, wonderfully rich in minerals and producing harvests abundant enough for us and for other nations.

The natural fruit of a vineyard, carefully prepared—fine, cultivated grapes, and a full crop; that is, he expected obedience to his commands, and love and gratitude and worship. Instead, he got nothing but wild grapes, small, sour and hard—such results as a nation might show that had received no special benefits from Jehovah.

Isaiah next comes to particulars—the two great fundamental sins of his people, and of all nations. It is with remarkable persistence that in every civilization the two main passions of the human heart, love of wealth and love of pleasure, the instinct to gather and the instinct to squander, have sought precisely these two forms denounced by Isaiah in which to work their social havoc—appropriation of the soil and indulgence in strong drink. Every civilized community develops sooner or later its land question and its liquor question.

Is the land question an American question also? In its essentials, yes. But what, back of the land question, is the fundamental difficulty? The menace of ungodly and unphilanthropic wealth, in any form—land, or railroads, or mines, or mills, or houses to rent, or stocks and bonds, or money to lend. There is more