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Parts of World.

Southern.

That the Southern states issue bonds for the valorization of cotton, in the same manner as the Brazilian government has done with the coffee crop of that country, is a suggestion which Theodore H. Price, the New York cotton operator, will make to the conference of cotton state governors which will meet in New Orleans October 30. Mr. Price, in a letter to the government, points out that the Brazilian committee, by the valorization plan, had advanced the price of coffee in two years several cents a pound.

Eugene Ely, the world-famous aviator, was killed at the state fair grounds at Macon, Ga., when his machine refused to rise from a sensational dip and plunged with him fifty feet to the ground. He fell, in the presence of nearly eight thousand people, the middle of the inclosure of the mile track, almost clearing the machine by a desperate leap that he made when he realized his peril. His neck was broken and he died eleven minutes after the fatal fall.

The itinerary of President Taft's "supplemental tour" was completed, and the date of his return to Washington was fixed for November 12. From Cincinnati the president will go to Louisville, Ky., to spend November 8. He will be at Frankfort, Ky., November 9, and Hodgenville, Ky., November 10. On November 11 Mr. Taft will pay hurried visits to Nashville, Tenn., Sewanee, Tenn., and Chattanooga, Tenn. From the latter city he will directly to Washington.

Miss Madeline Frances Willis of Los Angeles, Cal., the first suffragist who went to Louisville, Ky., from California, to be present at the session of the National Suffrage convention, told that Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, the "mother of woman's clubs," and now 93 years of age, will register at least, if she does not vote, before she dies. She said: "Southern women are more ready for the ballot than are those of other sections of the country. They have, in fact, taken to suffrage wonderfully. Georgia, Louisiana and Virginia have made astonishing records."

Florida's law prohibiting the shipment of immature fruit is to be carried to the United States court on the ground that the law, as applied to interstate shipments is a violation of the commerce clause of the constitution of the United States. This statement was made at Jacksonville by C. H. D. Floyd, counsel for Fred Peck, following the receipt of a telegram stating that in failing to quash indictments Judge W. H. Price has held the state enactment of 1911 to be constitutional.

What is believed to be the largest sale of rough rice was consummated at New Orleans when the Southern Rice Growers' association sold 100,000 bags of the staple to the Louisiana State Rice Milling company at an estimated price of \$2.25 per bag graded as No. 1 Honduras. This rice will be distributed among the twenty-six mills of the milling company.

Publication of one report from Washington to the effect that President Taft will, in all probability, consider the name of Judge Thomas G. Jones of Montgomery, Ala., in connection with the Supreme court vacancy which has been occasioned by the death of Judge Harlan, has been going the rounds in Montgomery. It is known that the distinguished Alabama jurist, who is likewise an ex-governor of Alabama, is admired by the chief executive.

General.

Moving out their entire army of foot soldier, cavalry and artillery, from their intrenchments beyond Hankow, China, the rebel leaders gave battle to the imperial troops of the Chinese war fleet anchored off the foreign concessions. The battle did not end decisively for either side, although the rebels were compelled to retreat, because their ammunition gave out.

Very grave disorders occurred at Segni, a town of 7,000 population, one-half hour by railway from Rome, Italy. The rioting was caused by the action of the municipality in adopting measures to stamp out cholera.

The schooner Bender Brothers passed in at Cape Flattery disabled with 65 people on board starving.

Chairman David A. Ellis of the Boston school committee believes that the young school teacher is a better teacher if she attends a dance or theater occasionally, and he also declares that no school room should object to teachers playing cards.

Persistent reports that Harry K. Thaw's release from the Matteawan insane asylum at Newburg, N. Y., is expected within the next three months are denied by Dr. James V. May, superintendent.

The Farmers' National Congress has just concluded a three days' conference at Columbus, Ohio.

The judiciary of the United States must be brought within the control and answered to the well-thought-out judgment of the people, in the opinion of Theodore Roosevelt, who spoke on "The Conservation of Womanhood and Childhood," before the civic forum in New York City. This control, in Mr. Roosevelt's opinion, should be "exercised more cautiously and in different fashion than the control by the people over the legislator and the executive; but the control must be there."

Bitter criticism of President Taft marked the opening in Chicago of the campaign of the Progressive element of the Republican party, as it styles itself, to nominate Senator Robert M. LaFollette as the Republican candidate for president. Senator Clapp called the chief executive's action in the Arizona statehood matter the "blackest chapter in all tyranny outside of the absolute despotism of an unbridled king."

The remedy for the poor food supply in the cities is to depopulate them, according to H. W. Wiley, chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, who spoke before a banquet of the Twilight club in New York. "The man who has his feet on the soil is more the aristocrat of nature than he who walks the pavement. Force the manufacturers to leave the city and go to the country, where each man can have a plot of ground about his cottage and at evening can be with his garden and flowers."

The population of Canada, according to the census taken on the first of June and made public, was 7,081,568, an increase in ten years of 1,710,594. The figures are about one million below the estimate made before the census was taken. Montreal leads Canadian cities with a population of 466,167, an increase in ten years of 198,467. Toronto is second with 376,240. Winnipeg has 135,430; Vancouver, 100,333; Ottawa, 85,340; Hamilton, 81,879; London, 46,177, and Halifax, 46,081.

Commandator Simonetti, general secretary of the Italian Anti-Slavery society, which has been working Tripoli since 1899, gives an appalling description of the slavery still existing there, despite the efforts of the society to liberate those in bondage. He says that the society provides the slaves with freedom papers, which the Turkish officials have disregarded. He tells of Turkish steamers engaged in the slave traffic and says that in 1909 the slaves were brought close to Benhazi.

What is pronounced by Sheriff Nat Stewart of Santa Barbara county, California, and W. F. Wines of San Francisco, special agent for the Southern Pacific railroad, to have been a deliberate attempt to dynamite an 800-foot bridge, twenty miles north of here, over which President Taft's special train passed, was frustrated by the vigilance of a bridge watchman, Sheriff Stewart and Mr. Wines returned from the scene and reported the evidence of the plot was complete.

In a "consent decree" handed down by the circuit court for the northern district of Alabama, the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association, prosecuted under the Sherman law is forbidden from coercing manufacturers to sell only to association members or those whom it recognizes as wholesalers and is prescribed against conspiracy to coerce manufacturers to fix limited selling prices. J. H. McLaurin of Jacksonville, Fla., is president of the Wholesale Grocers' association.

Washington.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who reached Washington from Chicago, denied rumors afloat to the effect that he had handled his resignation to President Taft to take effect November 15, or as soon thereafter as suitable. "There is absolutely no justification for the rumor," he declared emphatically. "I have no thought of handing in my resignation any time soon."

Former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island submitted to the national monetary commission, of which he is chairman, a revision of his plan for monetary legislation. The commission may use it as the basis of its recommendations to congress. Briefly the plan still provides for the organization of the National Reserve association with capital of approximately \$300,000,000, in which the United States government and the banks owning shares in the association shall be the only depositors. The plan of dividing the United States at first into fifteen financial districts remained unchanged.

That the next president of the United States would be a Democrat; that Taft would be the nominee of the regular Republicans, with LaFollette the possible nominee of the Insurgent faction, were the views expressed at Lake Charles, La., by Speaker Champ Clark in an address. Speaker Clark said he believed the members of that body had gotten thoroughly together in their work for the first time in 15 years.

A resolution was passed at the Ecumenical Methodist conference in Toronto, Ont., petitioning congress of the United States to take steps to prevent the shipment of liquor from one state into the prohibition territory of another state, in defiance of the law and "thereby bringing the Federal government into complicity with the liquor traffic. Resolutions were adopted affirming the sanctity of the home and commending the fidelity of the Methodist ministers in refusing to marry unwarrantably divorced couples. The opium trade was denounced.

GOVERNOR HARMON OPENED STATE FAIR

OHIO'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS
GIVEN A VERY ROUSING
WELCOME.

THE PROGRESS MARVELOUS

Governor Kitchin Stirs Enthusiasm by
Lauding the States Agricultural Pro-
gress—The Advancement in the Last
Year Exceeds All Others.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin stirred enthusiasm in opening the fifty-first North Carolina fair by high tribute to agricultural progress in North Carolina, the awakening of the public conscience the country over to the extent even of stirring the national government to action in eliminating special privileges, and starting a reversion to equal rights to all in commerce and disintegration of trusts.

Speaking of agricultural conditions and progress in the state, he declared that for years past the progress has been marvelous, but that the advancement the past year has far exceeded the record in any previous year. The wheat crop was great, the corn crop as good as any in the history of the state and the cotton crop is at least an average one. "Even the Commissioner of Agriculture," he declared, "must admit it. He made this reference with a jocular wave of his hand to Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, so much interested in bulling the cotton market. In the midst of the address there was a pause when the reception committee came upon the grandstand with Governor Harmon of Ohio, the people arose and gave a rousing round of applause in his honor.

The state fair opened in great shape with exhibits that were easily seen in advance of those of any previous fair. The agricultural exhibits, the horticultural exhibits, the cattle and kindred features were the finest ever and the exhibits of farm machinery and commercial enterprises generally were well up to the standard.

Literary Medal Offered Again.

For the purpose of encouraging literary work among the students of the high schools of this and surrounding states, the "9019," a patriotic and literary organization of Trinity College, offered last year a medal for excellence in declamation. The contest will be held again this year Friday, November 25, the day following Thanksgiving, and the representatives from the various high schools of these and other states will assemble to participate in the struggle for the prize. The committees from the organization for the arranging of the event are already at work communicating with the high school principals in regard to sending speakers and a number of schools have signified their intention to be represented.

Waynesville Purists Lose Out.

In police court the cases against George Bailey, the manager of the auditorium and Signor Creatore, for holding a sacred concert in the auditorium on Sunday night to which an admission was charged were dismissed from the court and the warrants ordered quashed. Judge Adams held that he had no jurisdiction in the matter, that it was not properly a criminal proceeding and the \$5 bond put up by Signor Creatore was ordered returned. The warrants were sworn out by Rev. W. A. Newell.

Adjutant General Has Returned.

Adjutant General R. L. Leinster, of the North Carolina National Guard, and the half-dozen North Carolina guard officers who accompanied him have returned from Buffalo, N. Y., where they participated in the session of the National Guard Association and are enthusiastic over the success of their trip and have in mind a number of matters for the good of the Carolina Guard that will be set on foot soon. They made a number side trips before returning.

Discussed His Attitude.

Before leaving for New York to fill his engagements with the Attorneys General of South Carolina and the Virginia Attorney General, Attorney General T. W. Bickett, of North Carolina discussed at length his attitude in the movement he had brought about whereby the Attorneys General of the three states, constituting the bright tobacco belt of the country, are to co-operate in filing protest against the impending plan for the dismemberment of the American Tobacco Company.

North Carolina After Big Prizes.

North Carolina will this year go again after big prizes at the National Fruit Show, where last year we had such wonderful success and got all the best things. It must be borne in mind that the state horticulturist says that it is not such a fruit year as last. Fruit is much less in quantity and the quality not so high. The improvements in fruit culture and packing and shipment are very marked in this state, thanks to the missionary work done by the always energetic agricultural department.

HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION

Governor Kitchin to Deliver Address
at Agricultural Exhibits at New
Bern Nov. 22 and 23.

New Bern.—Governor Kitchin accepted an invitation to deliver an address in this city on November 22, during the big agricultural exhibit, which is to be held here on November 22 and 23. The committee of arrangements wrote to Governor Kitchin several days ago asking if he could deliver an address here on either of those two days. Extensive preparations are being made for this exhibit, which may be the means of reviving the New Bern fair; and there is not the least doubt but that it will be a big success. The large tobacco warehouse located on North George street has been selected for the exhibit building, and already the various booths that will be used by the merchants and manufacturers of this city in displaying their wares are being erected. On one side of the driveway will be placed the stock exhibit. There are some of the finest animals in the state in and near this city, and this part of the exhibit will doubtless be one of the most interesting features. Outside of the building will be located the midway. Here the visitors will have an opportunity of spending an hour or more enjoying the various shows that will exhibit here during the week. It has not been definitely decided yet whether airship flights will be held during the week. The money for these flights will have to be raised by public subscription, and as the amount required is quite large, there is some doubt as to whether the committee will succeed. However, if an aeroplane is not secured, there will be some other special feature to take its place.

Delivered Nineteen Opinions.
The North Carolina Supreme Court delivered nineteen opinions in pending appeals as follows: Southern Investment Company vs. Postal Telegraph Company, Beaufort, no error; Wall vs. Holloman, Hertford, reversed; Battle vs. Rocky Mount, Edgecombe, no error; Harvey vs. Pettaw, Lenoir, reversed; Riley vs. Sears, New Hanover, affirmed; Kivett vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, Harnett, no error; Johnson vs. City of Raleigh, Wake, no error; Johnson vs. City of Raleigh, Wake, no error; Edgerton vs. Kirby, Johnson, no error; Dall vs. Carolina Light & Power Co., Wake, error; Grogan vs. Ashe, Wake, affirmed in both appeals; Berger vs. Smith, Wayne, modified; Wyatt vs. Seaboard Air Line, Wake, no error; Bizzell vs. Roberts, Wayne, affirmed; In the Will of Fowler, Hargett, new trial; Thompson vs. Smith, Wake, error; Entry vs. Atlantic Coast Line, Cumberland, no error; Kochs vs. Jackson, Cumberland, no error; McKeller vs. McKay, Cumberland, new trial; Hocka-tion to rehear dismissed.

Presentation and Acceptance.
Amidst applause that echoed and re-echoed through the vast building, the many thousands in Raleigh's great Auditorium heard the addresses of presentation and acceptance of the handsome structure, marking "fix-ins" for the work of the Municipal Building Commission as to the Auditorium and the receiving by the city of a magnificent convention home where it can play hosts to thousands at any time. A unique feature of the addresses was that they were made by brothers, the presentation by Col. Chas. E. Johnson, chairman of the Building Commission, the acceptance by Hon. James I. Johnson, Mayor of the city of Raleigh.

Has Broken Propeller Shaft.
London.—The North German steamer Kaiser Auguste Victoria signaled to the Broadway station that she had passed the Holland liner Sloterdijk about three hundred miles off the coast of Ireland in a disabled condition. The Sloterdijk had broken her crank shaft and requested immediate assistance. Several vessels are proceeding to the rescue.

Predicts Low Temperature.
Washington.—Low temperatures will prevail over practically the entire country, according to a bulletin issued by the weather bureau. Frosts are predicted for the interior of the Gulf States and the Ohio valley and there is a probability of snow in the Great Lake region. "There are no indications at the present time of a disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico or the West Indies," says the statement.

Says Teddy is An Ananias.
New York.—Francisco Escobar, consul general of Colombia, made public a letter written by him to Theodore Roosevelt, replying to the recently published article of the former President on "How the United States Acquired the Right to Build the Panama Canal." The consul general questions the reliability of the Roosevelt article, writing in part, "I am addressing you as an individual and do not wish to reflect upon the government or people of the United States."

This Arrest is a Mystery.
New York.—Mystery with an international flavor enveloped Andrei De Guerrowski, a handsome Russian of aristocratic breeding, who was arrested upon his arrival from Europe on the steamer Philadelphia. The arrest was made through Immigration Commissioner Williams. None of the authorities would tell what was the charge against De Guerrowski, and the Russian himself declared that he had no notion why he was arrested. He said he had been in this country for twenty-seven years.

Charged With Attacking Child.
J. K. Jones, a white married man, is under arrest in Rocky Mount, charged with attacking a 13-year-old girl while she was returning home from school. The jail is guarded to prevent possible violence to Jones. The scene of the attack was remote from any dwelling, but the girl's cries attracted the attention of two men who were driving nearby and they went to her assistance. At their approach the girl's assailant fled. Jones was captured by a gang of section hands.

THEIR SEARCH WAS A VAIN ONE

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PREACHER DOESN'T RESIGN

His Attorney Intimates That Rev.
Mr. Richeson Will Not Take This
Step—He May Be Forced To Do So
Again: His Will.

Boston.—In their efforts to clear up the circumstances of the death of Avis Linnell, the Hyannis Sunday school teacher and music student, with whose murder the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson is charged, the police have been unable, thus far, it is said, to locate the receptacle which held the poison. When the girl took the dose of cyanide of potassium which caused her death she was in the bathroom of the Young Women's Christian Association home, and though the house was searched immediately after her death, the poison receptacle cannot be found.

It was said at first that a piece of paper found beside the body had contained the poison, but this is now denied by the police.

At the time of her death Miss Linnell wore a bathrobe over her night dress but this was buried with her. When the police learned of this fact, they surmised that the cyanide container had been thrust into the pocket of the bathrobe and it was believed that orders would have to be given to exhume the body.

Inquiry, however, revealed the fact that the medical examiner's assistant examined the bathrobe carefully and he declares there was nothing in the pockets of the garment.

Deputy Superintendent Watts said definitely that he has information of a direct character that Mr. Richeson dined with Miss Linnell the afternoon of the day on which the girl took the fatal dose. This information, he said, came from a young woman who is not a member of the Young Women's Christian Association household. She met Miss Linnell on the street. "Miss Linnell told me," said Deputy Watts' informant, "that she had just dined with Richeson and that she was going home, as she was suffering from a headache."

The Imperial Army Beaten.
San Francisco, Cal.—The main army of the Chinese government under War Minister Yin Tehang, said to number 20,000 men, was defeated at Kwang Shui, Hu-Peh province, according to a cable received by The Chinese Free Press of this city. The rebel army of 15,000 under Li Yung, it is stated, captured artillery, baggage train, and ammunition of the Imperial army, which retreated to Sho Got. The cable stated that the Imperial forces were completely routed and abandoned their supply trains during the retreat. The mountain passes at Kwang Shui, said to be of great strategic value, now are reported to be held by the revolutionists, giving them control of the Hankow-Peking Railroad.

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LAND OF THE LONGLEAF PINE

Column of General News Collected
With Care by the Editor From
Many Towns and Counties.

Elizabeth City.—With the aid of a forked stick in the backyard of his home, John Munden, a prominent farmer of Woodville, Perquimans county, shot and killed himself.

Duke.—Rev. J. K. Hall was installed as minister of the Presbyterian church here. The visiting ministers were Rev. A. R. McQueen of Dunn and Rev. T. H. Spence of Smithfield.

Gastonia.—Work is to begin at once on a new school building for the Clara and Dunn mills. It will be a two-story building erected on the east side of the C. & N. W. Railroad.

Durham.—The joint committee on correlation of schools, appointed by the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Greensboro.

Raleigh.—The term of the Federal Court, set to be held in Wilmington on November 7th, has been postponed until after New Year, Judge Connor being compelled to be in Richmond to sit on the Court of Appeals.

Durham.—A number of Durham lawyers went to Hillsboro for Orange court, ex-City Attorney R. O. Everett going as the attorney for the Law and Order League of that place to assist the solicitor, S. M. Gattis, in the prosecutions.

Duke.—There has been considerable over two thousand bales of cotton bought on the local market this season which is nearly six hundred bales more than was bought up to this date last year, for which the highest market prices have been paid.

Goldsboro.—In the Superior Court Judge Peebles pronounced the death sentence upon Cleveland Garner, the negro convicted here for the murder of a negro girl, near Mount Olive, but at the same time his honor gave notice that he would join with the solicitor in a plea to Governor Kitchin for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment, because of the element of serious doubt as to the guilt. There seems to be very grave doubt in the minds of many and time may develop the suspicions into facts.

High Point.—It is stated that in all probability the Globe-Parlor Furniture plant which was totally destroyed by fire will be rebuilt. This concern was incorporated under the laws of North Carolina in 1906. During this time the business had grown considerably and the last year has proven the best in the history of the company.

Duke.—There were three lots of chickens shipped from here for the Raleigh fair. Mr. E. M. Henly sent up a lot of Rhode Island Reds, so did Mr. J. W. Lockamon, and Mr. E. S. Yarbrough sent a lot of Single Comb White Orpingtons. Both Mr. Henly and Mr. Yarbrough had exhibits there last year and each took several prizes.

Randleman.—The back home movement among the cotton mill folks, while quiet rapid has not yet been sufficient to put in operation all of the machinery. Great masses of the operatives moved away from town during the period of stagnation after the bankruptcy of the old Randleman and Naomi Falls Manufacturing companies.

Duke.—The Erwin cotton mill has been running on full time now for several months and the prospects seem very bright for it to continue on a full schedule for quite a while. For several years past the mills have been stopping one or two days during fair week so those who wished to might attend the Raleigh fair, but this year they did not stop at all and this is considered a good sign for full time for a long while.

Raleigh.—The approaching fall reunion of Carolina Consistory, No. 1, Ancient and Accepted Order Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Orient of North Carolina, Valley of Charlotte, November 14, 15, 16 and 17, promises to be largely attended. The co-ordinate bodies of the order derive their charters from and acknowledge and yield obedience to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States (Mother Supreme Council of the World).

High Point.—The large Pickett Cotton Mills in the western part of the city are fast nearing completion. Eighteen carloads of machinery, such as looms, etc., have been received and will be installed at once. It is expected that the mill will be running by the first of the year.

Statesville.—The board of trained nurses of North Carolina will meet at Watts hospital, Durham, October 25-26-27, 1911. All graduate nurses are urged to register. Application blanks may be obtained from the secretary, Miss Anne Ferguson, Statesville.

Hickory.—Through the active agency of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce a new manufacturing plant to be known as the Hickory Chair Manufacturing Company, with an authorized capital of \$150,000 will soon be in operation in this city.

Greensboro.—Charged with purloining and carrying away a mail pouch of the United States government, Dock Bass and Ernest N. Ring were arrested in Burlington before United States Commissioner W. A. Hall both were held in bonds of \$500 each. The preliminary hearing of the case will be held before Commissioner Hall.

A Psalm of Deliverance

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 29, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 88.
MEMORY VERSES—19-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
—Ps. 125:3.

PLACE IN HISTORY—Just when this Psalm was written is unknown, but in its spirit it belongs to the return from the exile, the times of our last two lessons. Psalms 121, 122, 125, 130 are among the Pilgrim Psalms.

"Psalms of Deliverance" came as a vivifying power into the hearts of the returned exiles, who in the midst of their joy were overwhelmed with difficulties, and hardships and discouragements. The reality was far different from the ideal pictures in their minds. They had seen Victory glorious in the distance, but were not plunged into the turmoil and smoke of battle. They were tempted to say to the prophet that Habakkuk in the Slough of Despond, angrily said to Christian who had urged him to go on the pilgrimage to the Celestial City: "Is this the happiness you have told me all this while of?" But songs of deliverance keep the celestial hope ever in view. They point out the way to the things hoped for, and show "the evidence of things not seen."

"Thou has been favorable unto thy land," shown by bringing back the captivity of Jacob. This was a most marvelous event and not even to be hoped for in the natural course of things.

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion," caused the stream of captives that flowed to Babylon to turn back and flow to Zion; "like the streams in the south," in suddenness and overflowing fullness.

The loving kindness of God proves that he has forgiven their past transgressions. "Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people." Canceled it, as an account of debt is canceled, or taken away as a heavy, crushing burden. Covered all their sin. Blotted out of sight, covered it with a mantle, so that they were in God's sight as those who had never sinned. We need forgiveness as wide as the sin. And we find in the Bible as many terms expressing forgiveness as we found for expressing sin—Forgive, Remit, Send away, Cover up, Blot out, Destroy, Wash away, Cleanse.

The returned exiles gained a new knowledge of God's Word, a new world experience, they lost the independent nation, but gained the independent church, from which blossomed the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. The old, eternal law of sin and death was irrevocable, never ceased; but the changed character permits a new law to override the consequences. In the words of Dr. John Thomas of Liverpool: "Every man who knows anything knows that one law can be neutralized by another. There is a law of gravitation which keeps this Bible here upon the desk. That law cannot be altered, it cannot be stopped; it will draw, and draw, and draw, whatever you may say or do, but it can be neutralized by the law of my will. I can lift the book and make the law of gravitation to appear as though it were not. That is exactly what we say about the pardon of sin and the arrest of its consequences."

God has done much for them, but they longed for more. So many evils remained, the nation was yet so imperfect, so far from what it might be, illustration from Dr. Chapman's "Remember, friends, that it is God's standard your life and mine must come up against. A friend of mine went to see an old washerwoman, and as he entered the house the sheets hanging on the line in front of the house impressed him as especially white, spotlessly white. He went into the house, and was there for some time. It had commenced to snow in the meantime. When he came out, he noticed that the snowflakes had been falling on the clothes, and that the sheets did not seem white at all, but yellow rather. Why, what's the matter? They looked so very white when I came in, and now they don't look white at all." The old woman said: "What can stand against God Almighty's white?"

There is a charming little booklet called "Expectation Corner," an allegory on prayer almost as good as "Pilgrim's Progress." A poor man in Redeemed Land mourned over his poverty, and was taken at last to see the Lord's treasure houses. There he found a room called the Missed Blessings Office, full of blessings marked for him which his weak faith would not expect, so that his door was closed when they were brought. He saw another storehouse, called the Delayed Blessings Office, full of good things for which the receivers were not prepared, or which were not fully ripened for their best use. They were growing and would be sent in fullness of time.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, from men on earth, as plants grow from the ground. They seek God "in sincerity and in truth," and such prayers receive the answer of righteousness from heaven, a right heart, a right life, inspirator to righteousness, and guidance in the right way. "They that sow in tears" of sincere repentance and toll, "shall reap in joy."

As Haggai told them that drought, and mildew, and meager crops were the punishment for their sins and irreligion, so now the blessings of prosperity are promised as the visible reward and sign of God's favor.