Liberal Contracts will be made.

NO. 28.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MA

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of World.

Southern. At a meeting of cotton exporters and others held at Savannah, Ga., a campaign to eliminate complaints of improper baling of cotton at in-

terior points was decided upon, Accompanied by a number of his friends, Tom Atkinson, who escaped from the state penitentiary over a quarter of a century ago, walked into Governor Brewer's office at Jackson, Miss., and surrendered.

Rev. Royal J. Lellogg of McHenry, N. D., met with a double misfortune while returning north from a trip through Florida, which proves that a Bible is not a safe pocketbook. At Sanford he was robbed of \$190, while eating breakfast during a 20-minute stop. He at once placed his remaining cash, \$65, between the leaves of his Bible and when he arrived at Lakeland he had only some small

change left. Criminal contempt of court proceedings against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association and fifty-nine individuals for alleged violations of the anti-trust decree, entered against the "grocers' trust" more than a year ago. were begun at Birmingham, Ala., by the Federal government.

Although he died last October a pauper by the name of White, in the Maner district, near Waycross, Ga., has until lately been drawing his to a statement made at a meeting of the county commissioners.

With marked money in their pockets, alleged to be the price of their votes in the United States senatorial contest, which is causing a deadlock in the West Virginia legislature, four members of the house of delegates and one member of the senate have been arrested and held in \$5,000 bond.

General

Affairs in Mexico City, the theater for almost a week of an innovation in modern warfare, took a sensational turn when it was announced that Madero had agreed to resign if the senate wished.

of the presidency of Mexico brought | wig-Holstein, a relative of King relief to official circles in Washington, George. in which the situation has been growing more tense hourly.

Robert Webb, automobile bandit and slayer of Policeman Peter Hart of Chicago, has been caught after a desperate revolver battle and hand to

Diaz, in command of the rebel forces, fortified and entrenched in and around the arsenal, had held his ground against the Federals. He had done more than this. He had subjected the city to a terrible bombardment. More than two thousand women who had invested from 10 cents to \$32 in credit stamps of a Philadelphia sup- Bulgarians have won all along the exciting scene in the bankruptcy court

in the Federal building. Brig. Gen. J. N. Allen will retire from active service, having attained his sixty-fourth year and completed forty-one years of military duty.

Senators Chilton and Watson of West Virginia were exonerated of charges of corruption in their election when the senate, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution discharging the elections committee from further consideration of the allegations

against them. Earl Cooper of Fresno broke the 75 and 200-mile automobile records of Georgia. for a one-mile circular dirt track. at

President-elect Wilson has declined to grant an audience to former President Castro of Venezuela, who was recently released by the United States district court in New York City from detention as an undesirable allen, pending decision on a writ of habeas

corpus. Ramon Fernandez Toscano, a native of Cuba, is dead at Tampa, Fla., at the age of 102 yers. He, like many Cubans, was a heavy smoker, preferling long black cigars, but would never smoke cigarettes.

Long hours, with night sessions, are from now until March 4. The meeting at once for the immediate placing in tute for the Feeble Minded; from Wahour is to be 10:30, with a special commission of two army transports tauga and Sampson for increased apagreement that the house recess from | for the transport of troops to Mexico | 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock in the evening for protection of lives of Americans when private bills will be considered. and foreigners. Mrs. Mary McCarey, although 89 years old, walked twelve miles from

killed her in Butte, Montana.

That their babies shall hereafter be taught to lisp "votes for women" the very next thing after they have learned "papa" and "mamma" has been agreed upon by members of the Penn-Sylvania League for the Advancement of Woman Suffrage.

The socalled bathtub trust was found guilty of criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade by a jury in the United States district court at Detroit, Mich.

A street sweeper of New York City swept dust in the face of Mayor Gaynor and was arrested for violating an old ordinance against sweeping the sidewalk after 8 a.m.

According to statements emanating from Columbus, Ohio, there will be no G. O. P. elephant in the inauguration parade.

Capt. Thomas Ross, a well known river man of Pitttsburg, Pa., was found in a shany boat on the bank of the Allegheny river desperately ill from privation and exposure. In an old trunk searcers found a bank book showing that he had deposited \$15,-

878 in a Pittsburg bank. Negroes at Charleston, Mo., frightened by placards posted on their cabins, warning them to leave within 30 days are fleeing in all directions. President-elect Wilson announces

definitely that he will not make public the names of his cabinet until he sends them to the senate for confirmation March 4.

seven-hour battle in the heart of the legislation from Junior Order Coun-City of Mexico. Estimates of the cas- cits of Statesville and Burlington and position. ualties run as high as one thousand. Haywood and Stokes counties; against The dead will be counted by the the House bill restricting sale and hundreds.

Three murderers were executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing (N. Y.) | ford counties; for increased appropriaprison. Two of the murdered were women. All three went to the chair with firm steps and each, as he passed from the cell house to the death chamber, called back a cheerful farewell to those who remained awaiting search Club of Roxboro, Twentieth their end.

Six thousand members of the International Garment Workers' union, who have been on strike, have returned to work. About fifteen thousand still remain out in New York City. James A. Patten, the cotton and grain speculator, pleaded guilty in the the sixth count in an indictment mission consisting of one Senator and charging him with restraint of trade

He was fined \$4.000. Statham, in Jackson county, Geormonthly allowance of \$10, according | gia, has a city ordinance forbidding young men to "talk to school girls or young lady teachers" during the week days on which "school keeps."

Six persons were killed and sixtyfive injured in political rioting at Tokio, Japan. The situation is serious. Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland, the widow of ex-President Grover Cleveland, and Professor Thomas P. Preston were married at Princeton, N. J.

London (Eng.) militant suffragettes raided the West End district known as Clubland. A number of women threw pieces of lead and hard fire-clay balls through the windows of the Carlton, the Reform and other political society clubs in Pall Mall. Several windows were broken also at the resi-The news of Madero's resignation dence of Prince Christian of Schles-

At the Royal Georgraphical Society in London annnouncemet was made of the disaster has overtaken Capt. Robert F. Scott's antarctic expedition, resulting in the death of Captain Scott and the members of his crew. Captain Scott's party were found in Cap-Mexico's capital was torn asunder tain Amundsen's hut with records of a reformatory for women. again by shot and shell. Gen. Felix the south pole. Captain Scott and his companions reached their goal on Jan- | Corporation Commission power to uary 18, 1912, about a month after Captain Amundsen, the Norwegian, had planted the flag of his country

A Constantinople dispatch says that heavy fighting has been going on for two days in Gallipoli, and that the ply company were responsible for an line. Five thousand Turks are report ed to have been killed.

Washington

President Taft vetoed the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill, which would revolution ze the immigration policy of the United States by imposing a literacy test upon all foreigners seeking a home in America.

A hot attack upon the Democrats of the house for their "extravagant" appropriations was delivered on the floor by Representative Roddenberry

With elaborate ceremonies the senate and house, in joint session, canvassed the electoral votes of the various states of the Union and officially declared Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana elected president and vice seeking divorce on Biblical grounds president of the United States for the and the Stewart bill allowing divorce

term beginning March 4. Government ownership or control of telegraph lines is again recommended by Postmaster General Hitchcock | Iredell, Pender, Nash, Rockingham in his annual report transmitted to and Sampson; for compulsory school

ships will be sent to the east coast school; from Anson and Bladen for to be the lot of members of the house of Mexico and orders will be issued

Tammany Hall's cortingent of 100 marchers in the inauguration parade Genesee, Ill., to attend church. She March 4 at Washington will be headcaught a ride back home. Mrs. Ca- ed by 25 real Indians, to be brought rey has not missed a service in 60 from the west, representing twentyfive tribes: each Indian will be garbed Three-year-old Rene Manhire, play- in his distinctive tribal dress. Recenting Indian with his mother, shot and ly an intimation was given that Tammany might wish to have as a feature a live tiger, but this was deemed unwise, and the Indian feature was substituted. Efforts to have the peace congress take part in the suffrage pageant on March 3 probably will succeed, and the suffragettes are congratulating themselves.

BOTH BRANCES OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASS ON MANY

WORK OF THE LEGISLATORS

BILLS.

Will Not Ajourn For Inauguration .-Pass Bill For Home For Wives of

Veterans-Both Houses Have Cleared Calendar to Date.

Senate-Monday. Petitions were offered for six-months school from Farmers' Unions of Iredell, Davidson, Watauga, Rockingham, and Wake counties; for compulsory manufacture of cigarettes from tobacco interests of Greensboro and Guiltion to the Institute for the Feeble-Minded at Kinston from Wayne and Wake: for elligibility of women to serve on school boards from citizens of Woodsdale, Pearson county, Re-Century Club of Raleigh; for seach and seizure.

A number of new bills were introduced in the Senate.

House-Monday. The House adopted a joint resolution by Representative Young of Harnett for the appointment of a comtwo Representatives to investigate the books of officers charged with reporting and collection of inheritance and schedule B and C taxes of any counties they may see fit and report their findings to the General Assembly. The people are looking to this General Assembly, the resolution declares, to find a way for six-menths schools without states that for 1911 \$9,000 was collect and for 1912 only \$6,000; that certain counties have not returned any sched inadequate amounts.

Senate-Tuesday.

The senate passed the joint resolution from the House for a commission of one Senator and two Representatives to investigate county officers as to failure to return inheritance and schedule B and C taxes during the past two years.

The Weaver bill, for the protection of municipality-owned watersheds from fire by requiring property owners who cut timber within 400 yards of such water-sheds to remove or destroy all residue from cuttings, passed the Senate.

Senator Bryant introduced a bill for

regulate the crossings of transmission wires was considered favorably by the Senate Committee on Corpora-

House-Tuesday.

Representative Clark's bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in North Carolina received its death blow at the hands of the House alding. Committee on Public Health after protests from the tobacco interests of | Tuesday night.

The House discussed for quite a while the bill to allow the citizens of Jackson county to vote next May on the question of moving the county seat from Webster to Sylvia, with the result that it passed second reading by a vote of 75 to 36. Being a rollthe final reading.

Mr. Williams of Hertford introducers of Hertford county.

Senate-Wednesday.

The senate killed by a very decisive vote the Kellum house bill to put husband and wife on the same footing in after five-years' separation.

Petitions were presented for six months school from Anson, Wayne, law from Iredell, Gaston, Rocking-As a result of a conference at the ham, Wayne and Sampson, from citiwhite house three additional battle zens of Wayne against compulsory increased appropriation for the Instipropriation for Oxford Orphanage; from Junior Order Councils at Statesville Nashville and Elkin for child labor legislation and compulsory school law: from citizens of Carteret relative to fisheries commission.

House-Wednesday.

The house passed on final reading tions against North Carolina. the bill for the people of Jackson | The Senate resolution of gratitude county to vote on removal of the to Mr. Ashley Horne for his gift to county seat from Webster to Sylvia, the state for a monument to Nort' The house voted down 64 to 48 Carolina women of the Confederac he bill to make Sabbath desecration | was adepted by the House by a unar misdemeanor punishable by \$50 mcus rising vote. ine or 30 days in jail, instead of There came form the Education nerely a penalty of \$1 for each of Committee favorable report for

to vote in May on the question of the removal of the county seat from Webster to Sylvia passed final reading after another lengthy discussion, the vote being 79 to 51. The bill to make games and other disregard for the Sabbath a misde-

der police regulation was killed after a long discussion.

meanor instead of a nominal fine un-

Senate-Thursday.

Senator Long introduced a joint resolution expressive of the thanks of the General Assembly to Ashley Horne for donating to the state a monument to the North Carolina women of the Confederacy, and this was adopted at once by unanimous vote. The bill amending the law as to requirements for license to practice medicine as passed by the House, was taken up and explained by Senator Evans of Bladen.

It requires the possession of sufficient literary attainments to pass the entrance examination fo rthe University of North Carolina, or present a certaificate from their county superamination. It was passed without op-

A number of new bills were introduced in the Senate.

House-Thursday. The House bill amending requirements for license to practice medicine was passed providing sufficient literary attainments equivalent to the State University entrance examination, putting this state upon a parity with the other states east of the Rockies. The bill is exective in 1917

The House passed the Sykes bill to penalize telegraph companies for errers and delay in transmission as amended by Miller of Cleveland to reduce the penalty from \$100 to \$50. After a lengthy discussion the bill to promibit the deducting of the weight of bagging and tares from cotton bales, when it does not exceed six per cent of the total weight of the

Senate-Friday.

The Senate Committee on Education took a vote on the bill to provide for a minimum school term of sixmonths in every county in the state and as a result will report the meascrippling our state institutions. It also ure favorably, but several members were not satisfied as to the means by ed in inheritance taxes the state over which the thing could be financed, and Senators Peterson and Bryant reserv ed the right to oppose the bill for that ule B and C taxes, and others grossly reason. Of course, no Senator is against the purpose of the act. Action on the compulsory attend-

> ance bill was deferred. The Senate Committee on Public Health will report favorably the measure to provide for the furnishing of diptheria antitoxin at cost. Senator Pharr's bill to authorize

> the City of Charlotte to subscribe for and purchase stock in the Charlotte Fair Association was acted upon favorably by Senate Judiciary Commit

House-Friday.

The House voted down the bill to create a State Fish Commission, which came up with unfavorable report from the House Committee and has a favor able report from the Senate Committee on Fish and Fisheries.

The bill was voted down 84 to 19. The Committee on Public Service Corporations reported favorably a substitute bill for putting electric power companies, gas companies and public service corporations under the control of the Corporation Commis sion and the bill for uniform bills-of

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Senate-Saturday.

The Senate, by a rising unanimous vote, passed the bill for the establish ment of a home for wives and widows of Confederate veterans, Senator Ivie call measure it had to go over for having withdrawn his substitute for \$15,000 to be appropriated annually for pensions, so that the needy wives ed and procured immediate passage of and widows might be left with their a bill for the relief of the Commission- kindred. He will introduce the pension bill as a supplementary measure

After the adoption of an amendment by Senator Gilliam clarifying the pro en from convicted persons, or those failing to answer, be destroyed the bill was passed on final reading with

out division. Bills passed final reading as follows: House bill providing rural police men for Scotland county.

Senate bill raising age limit from 15 to 19 for prisoners sent to reform

Sampson county to make reports of ment bitterly opposed the entrance of receipts and disbursements. ville school district No. 1 to issue able, in that he refused to answer cer. report just issued by the state depart Eternity alone will reveal the results

House-Saturday.

The House passed the Senate bill placing \$5,000 at the disposal of the Corporation Commission for litigation before the Interstate Commerce Commission against freight discrimina-

compulsory attendance bill, to The bill to allow Jackson county to children from 8 to 14 years

DIAZ REVOLUTION INVOLVES UNCLE SAM IN GREAT DEAL OF EXPENSE.

OFFICIALS ARE KEPT BUSY

Denying Reports That Administration Changed Policy Regarding Mexico and Would Intervene. - Sustains Ambassador.

Washington.-The Diaz revolution in Mexico has now dragged out for over a week; has resulted in great intendent of public instruction that loss of life and enormous damage to aand treasurer. The Federals and rebels fought a school attendance law and child labor they have passed an equivalent ex- property; has involved the United States in a great deal of expense through the dispatch of warships to southern waters, for the purchase of large quantities of supplies for troops peace seemed no nearer than it did partly covered by insurance. a week ago. Military men believe that if Diaz had pressed his advantage that very soon.

The latest report was one of rumors and speculations and the State Department officials were kept busy denying that the Administration had changed its policy regarding Mexico

and was about to intervene. With a degree of freedom quite undiplomatic, the reports of Ambassador Wilson and the American Consuls in Mexico, even including caustic comment upon the conduct of the war, were given publicity, so that it is probable that if Congress should adopt any of the pending resolutions, calling for the official correspondence ready has been given to the press by the State Department.

Ambassador Wilson is being sustained and encouraged in his efforts to remove Americans and foreigners from the danger zone in the Mexican fort county line. capital.

Government is rigidly enforcing the ommendations were made to the coun-President Taft several months ago.

Gives Ideas of Judicial Recall. Ambassador Bryce's address at the association's annual dinner was devoted to this subject, although on account of its political aspects, he disclaimed any desire to discuss the

"Hands Off" is Policy of Congress. Washington.-"Hands off Mexico." is the policy of congress—at least under present circumstances, accerding to party leaders at beth ends of the The House made a special order of capitol. To leave the entire improglic that committee had been stormed with the six-months term school bill for in President Taft's hands, without any interference from the senate or house, is the congressional policy generally expressed. Unless Taft, on his own motion, suggests need for intervention to congress, the legislative branch intends to "keep its skirts clear" of the entire situation.

question of "judicial recall."

Congress Honors Sherman's Memory. Washington.-The memory of the late Vice President James S. Sherman was honored in Washington by services in the Senate chamber at the for a day, the Senate and House by special order gave up their sessions to the memorial exercises, icined in vision that all concealed weapons tak by President Taft, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court and prominent members of the Diplomatic Corps.

to come and go in this country at will. Judge Ward, sustained the writ of habeas corpus in his behalf, over-ruling the immigration authorities. Castro has been out on bail pending Senate bill requiring officers of a decision in the case. The Governthe former Venezuelan President, on Senate bill authorizing the Pine the ground that he was an undesir- pounds is the showing made by the choice is brief and yet it is endless."

General Parades.

Federal Jurist Sets Castor Free.

New York.-Cipriano Castro is free

Might Have Saved Scott's Life. came near leaving 10 gailons of oil at here March 22. Diplomas will be arise and to inspect his promised posthe South Pole. The fuel might have saved the lives of Lieutenant Scott high school department of the county vast possessions God has promised and his companions. Captain Amund- work. sen spoke of the oil by chance. "The day was bright and not very celd," according to Captain Amundsen. "There was an inspection of the outfit before we started and for some time I debated with myself whether or not to leave behind two five-gallen cans of oil I did not expect to need. In the end I did not leave the oil."

FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE Latest News of General Interest That

Salisbury.-Sheriff J. H. McKenzie recently raided all the social clubs in Salisbury and Spencer, breaking up

all lockers containing liquor.

Has Been Collected From Many

Towns and Counties.

Raleigh.—Two charters were issued by the secretary of state. The Princeton Pharmacy Company, Princeton. Johnston county, is chartered with \$2,100 capital, subscribed by Dr. Oscar Sessions and others. There is also charter for the Kinston Wood-

scribed by H. A. Prevonga and others. Goldsboro.-The Wayne Oratorical Association met a few days ago and elected the following officers: M. T. Edgerton, superintendent of Freemont schools, president; C. W. Rhodes of Falling Creek school, vice president, and S. F. Teague, principal of Goldsboro high school, secretary is driven from Egypt. Fear is the

working Company, capital \$5,000, sub-

Raeford.-Fire was discovered on the cotton platform several days ago and it was some time before it was put out. About 35 or 40 bales were burned over, and considerable dam. away, and his wife, and all that he age done to it. Almost all that was and the commissioning of transports, burned was the property of Alex Yet officials are ready to confess that Sprunt & Sons of Wilmington and

Raleigh.-The house committee on agriculture, with the senate commitday instead of intrenching himself in tee as listeners, after a rather lengthy the arsenal, he would have prevailed hearing, recently decided to report favorably the bill making it a misdemeanor for a cotton buyer to deduct anything up to 30 pounds for the weight of the bagging. The limit is now 21 pounds.

two military companies at the inaugiration at Washington on March 4th. company already, and the chamber of commerce and the county commissioners have been asked to appropriate \$100 each for that purpose.

Newbern.-The 12-mile-long railregarding the Mexican revolution there road being constructed by the East would be little additional to what al. Carolina Lumber Company of this city in Pamlico county is rapidly nearing completion. The road begins near Olympia, just a few miles east of Newbern and continues on through Pamlico county to a point near the Beau-

Raleigh.-Lawyers could not settle President Madero, as well as Gen- definitely their method of procedure eral Diaz, is denied arms and ammuni. in the proposed new court house, but tion from the United States. This the majority of opinion was favorable necessarily adds to the desperation of to the erection of the new legal temthe Federal forces. The American ple on the present site and such recneutrality proclamation issued by ty commissioners. They suggested an amendment to the Griffin bill or a

new one drawn. Wilmington.-City council has gone New York .- James Bryce, British on record as opposed to the plan rec-Ambassador to the United States, sug. ommended by the chamber of comgested to members of the New York | merce that the legislature change the County Bar Association that appoint present method of electing the mayor ment by the Governor and appoint by investing this power in the five ment by popular vote were not the councilmen, one from each ward, who only methods to be considered for the will be elected, instead of giving the selection of State Judges. Much of people a direct vote in the choice of the chief excutive.

Raford.-It is rumored that the citibly to make Red Springs, Lumber county. The Hoke county line does not quite touch Red Springs, but it is only a short distance from corpor ate limits.

Charlotte.-The United States farm demonstrators for North Carolina will hold a three days' convention in Charlotte March 11, 12 and 13. Mr. C. R Hudson of Raleigh is state agent and Mr. E. S. Millsaps of Statesville, district agent. It is expected that all the county farm demonstrators in North Carolina will be present at this meet-

Raleigh.-The senate bill for the creation of Jarvis county out of portions of Harnett, Sampson, Cumberland and Johnston counties, with Dunn as county seat, gets unfavorable re- doomed (v. 10) and so today the man Capitol. Abandoning legislative work | port from the senate committee on counties, cities and towns, Senator to Christ makes a bad bargain (I John Bellamy chairman. The hearing continued for three hours and was attended by a delegation of 250 enthusiastic citizens of the territory to be

Raleigh.-One of the most active lit tle school communities in Wake county is that of Shotwell in Mark's Creek township. For several years, this school has had an active Betterment Association with Mrs. L. L. Doub as president. This year Miss Clide Dan

iel is again teaching the school. Raleigh.—That the sales of leaf to righteousness (Matt. 5). Lot soveted bacco on the North Carolina markets success in this life only. Well has for January aggregated 12,438,859 tain questions concerning the internal ment of agriculture, 25 towns having of our choice of surroundings, upon affairs of Venezuela and the murder of reported warehouse sales during the ourselves, upon our families and upon

the form of a county commencement After separation comes fellowship and Chicago.-Capt. Roald Amundsen of the public schools is to be held fruitfulness. God invited Abram to awarded to the pupils finishing the sessions. So may we contemplate the

dell County Dredging Association was fellowship comes true fruitfulness and held here recently and was largely at prosperity, I Tim. 4:18. Abram went tended, the matter before the organi to Hebron (which means fellowship), zation being the consideration of the and there in the midst of Mamre dredging of Davidson Creek, which (which means fatness) he built an alruns through the lower end of Iredell tar unto God. Worship and sacrifice nd about three miles through Meck | go hand in hand today as they did in anburg county.

NTERNATIONAL

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 23 ABRAM AND LOT.

LESSON TEXT-Gen. 13:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT-"The blessing of Je-

sorrows therewith."-Prov. 10:22.

hovah, it maketh rich; and He addeth no

During the time that intervened between this and last week's lesson we read of Abram's journey "down into Egypt," a story that is rich with suggestive typical lessons. Abram's deceit is discovered by Pharaoh and he root of unbelief, and when we fall we are sure to carry some one with us. But a man's sin is sure to be discovered, so it was that "Pharaoh commanded his men, and they sent him had." Egypt, a type of the world, turned Abram out (12:20) when he tried the "good Lord good devil" mode of life. Compromise and separation

are not compatible. Lesson's Picture. I. "Up Out of Egypt," vv. 1-5. Again we have presented the lesson of separation. This portion is a great picture of repentance. Abram carried with him not only his own possessions but also those of his nephew Lot. Notice, Abram's wealth did not make him acceptable in Egypt. The world Goldsboro. - Goldsboro has strong desires not alone the wealth of a man,

hopes now of being represented by its but also the man back of the wealth. Again Abram turns from conflict unto Bethel, the house of God, that place The city has appropirated \$50 to each of confession, of consecration, and of

These returning pilgrims were not ordinary men, no more is the man who is in Christ, and God was already given evidence of the blessing promised to Abram (12:2) and of that material blessing so definitely promised to the descendants of Jacob. We read (v. 6) "their substance was great." But there is far greater danger however in material prosperity than in adversity. This was a greater danger to these pilgrims than that of

the Canaanites who dwelt in the land. II. "And There Was Strife," vv. 5-9. The evidence of this danger manifested itself when it was found that the land could not support both Abram and Lot (v. 6). Paul calls Timothy's attention to this same danger (I Tim. 6:9), and we are constantly seeing it

Illustrated all about us. Lot's History. Lot was journeying with Abram rather than with Jehovah (12:3), doubtless in a great measure he was governed by cupidity and selfishness when he beheld Abram's prosperity. Millions in America profit by the security and the prosperity of this which so nearly approaches a Christian nation and yet in scorn or in neglect refuse to believe in or to serve the God who sends the blessing. The whole history of Lot is one of selfishness. which later resulted in sorrow and zens of Red Springs are circulating sadness and in his being shorn of all petitions which will be sent to the of his selfishly acquired prosperity. legislature asking the general assem. Lot had no particular claim upon Abram nor have we in our own right, Bridge and Shannon a part of Hoke or because of our own merit, upon or be causeof our own merit, upon God. There is so little that divides most of us and so much that we hold in common that it is but little short of criminal to waste our energy upon that which is ephemeral or of slight importance. What a difference in the choice of Lot and that of Abram. One entered into the path of the wicked, Prov. 4:14, 15, while the other into the path that "shineth more and more

> unto the perfect day," Prov. 4:18. III. "And Lot . . . Beheld All the Plain of Jordan," vv. 10-13. Lacking the counsel and guidance of Jehovah Lot followed the choice that which was pleasing to the eyes and made a sorry mess of it, for in the end he was a great loser. Already the land was who chooses the world in preference 2:17) and the greater condemnation is his for he makes his choice in the blazing light of nearly twenty centuries of the Gospel. Lot made a willing compromise, a superficial choice and came near losing his own soul, Matt, 16:26, 6:33. He deliberately entered into danger when he "pitched his tent towards Sodom." The believers peril is worldliness. Lot's journey (v. 11) led at last to Sodom v. 12.

> Abram aspired to know God, Lot had an ambition to possess the things of time and sense. Abram coveted Goethe exclaimed, "Choose well; your

our friends. Monroe.—An education rally in IV. "Lift Up Thine Eyes," vv. 14-18. us in Christ Jesus, Rom. 8:17, 2 Cor. Mocresville.-A meeting of the Ire 4:18. After our separation and our ages past.