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## Southern.

A vicious fight in which brass knucks, knives and pistols figured, occurred during services at Center Hill, in Murray county, Georgia. The fight is said to have followed a quarrel between the two men while the services were under way. One struck the other with knucks, a gun was drawn and the firing began. With bullets flying through the church, the minister and congregation made haste to leave, jumping out of windows and through the doors, the building being soon emptied.

With a total of 30,558 bales, Savannah, Ga., in one day established a new record for daily cotton receipts. The totals in the greatest cotton year in the history of the port are considerably under one million. The movement of the staple is now in heavy volume. The port since September 1 has received 418,231 bales, whereas for the same period last year only 211,704 bales had found their way to this center of distribution.

News received at Valdosta, Ga., of the death of a young wife in one part of this county and of a young husband in another section, indicate that death by their own hands was chosen in each case as the easiest way out of the unhappiness of marital infelicity.

George T. Hannah, a prominent merchant of Gibson, and about 50 years old, dropped dead in the courthouse at Warrenton, Ga., about noon. The superior court was in session, and Mr. Hannah was on the witness stand in a civil case, he being the plaintiff, and had answered two or three questions when he fell over and died before a physician could reach him.

## General.

The Gamboa dike, the last artificial barrier to actual communication between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by way of the Panama canal, was rent in twain by the hand of President Woodrow Wilson. Between three thousand and four thousand people from Panama and Colon cities and various sections of the Canal Zone journeyed to the scene to witness the event of destroying the dike, which was spectacular to a degree and successful in its every detail, some disappointment, however, being evinced because the entire dike was not destroyed.

The failure of Gen. Tracy Aubert to get to the city of Torreon in time to relieve it—a mission upon which he set out from Saultillo nearly a month ago with a large force of Federal troops—is explained by the fact that the greater part of his two thousand men deserted him before he had completed half the journey. He reached Madero, 25 miles east of Torreon, but news reached him of the evacuation of the city. As soon as the vanguard of the retreating Federal troops came into view General Aubert's men fled with all their arms and ammunition and supplies.

Chen, chief of the Pekin, China, mounted police, was arrested while the ceremony of inaugurating Yuan Shi Kai as president of the Chinese republic was in progress at Pekin. He confessed that southern rebels had bribed him to try to assassinate Yuan Shi Kai as the president was taking the oath of office.

Health authorities of Bellingham, Wash., made strenuous efforts to check a threatened dreaded Oriental plague following the death there of twelve children, victims of a mysterious malady. State Health Commissioner Dr. Eugene K. Kelly believes that rats arriving on Asiatic vessels were responsible, and a strict quarantine against the rodents was ordered established.

Destruction of flocks and herds in the mountains of Styria, Austria, by a pack of wolves, lions and hyenas which escaped from a menagerie last month, has been so enormous that the Austrian government has organized an expedition to kill the beasts. Terrified Styrian mountaineers appealed personally to Emperor Francis Joseph for assistance. His majesty directed the ministry of the interior to report to him personally on the best way of exterminating the animals.

Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, a tango dancing mistress, who was shot to death at Wheaton, Ill., a week ago, was the victim of a modern blue-beard, who, according to his own confession, had killed thirteen others.

Nome, Alaska, has been almost destroyed by a storm. Two miles of territory next to the sea was devastated. No lives were lost. The storm that began beating in from Bering sea was the worst ever known here. Men and women worked all night in the icy water to save their household effects. The electric light plant was wrecked and telephone service cut off. The loss is estimated at a million and a half dollars. There will be much suffering, and outside help will be required. Winter is at hand and it will be impossible to get in supplies needed at this time of the year.

The British steamship Kinsea, Captain Husband, from Galveston, Texas, to Hamburg, via Norfolk, landed at Norfolk, Va., the master and ten members of the crew of the four-masted schooner John Twoby of Boston, from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York, lumber laden. The Kinsea discovered the Twoby in distress sixty miles south of Frying Pan Shoals October 7. A first effort to take the Twoby's crew from the schooner failed, and one man from the Kinsea was bareless rescued after being thrown into the sea.

The bankers of the United States again declared their opposition to the proposed Federal reserve plan of reform in the currency and banking system. With one dissenting voice on the final vote, more than two thousand bankers gathered at the first day's session of the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association at Boston ratified the action of the conference of bankers in demanding amendments to the Federal reserve act now pending in congress.

A claim of 70,000,000 rubles will be soon instituted against the United States government by Laska Burdzinsky of Petrokov, Russian Poland. Burdzinsky claims to be a direct descendant of Pulaski, the Polish soldier, who so materially assisted General Washington in freeing the American colonies from British rule. He bases his claims on the accumulated receipts accruing from the sale of real estate in Chicago, which land was granted to General Pulaski for his services.

Fifty negroes and as many white persons almost caused a riot in the village of Rexco, near Joliet, Ill., when the negroes attacked the wooden jail and liberated Lula Gibson, a negro, who had been arrested for drunkenness. In the fight one negro was killed and the jail demolished.

Miss Ruth Hildreth, daughter of W. E. Hildreth, of New York City, was killed and her sister, Dorothy Hildreth, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Rochester, N. Y., when Lincoln Beachey lost control of a 100 horsepower aeroplane and it swept a number of spectators off a roof from which they were watching the exhibition. To gain a good view the Misses Hildreth and the navy officers climbed to the top of a small building used as headquarters for naval aviators. Beachey recognized the party and dipped his machine in salute. The aeroplane plunged to earth.

## Washington.

Active efforts to establish state branches of the National Conservation Congress and to make the next meeting, to be held in November in Washington, the biggest in the history of the congress, are being undertaken. There is already a state conservation society in Georgia, but the national officers want state branches of the national conservation organization to give fresh impetus to its work. Will H. Shippen of Ellijay has been named vice president for Georgia. E. Lee Worsham, state entomologist of Georgia, is one of the national officers of the congress.

For the first time in the history of the United States a newspaper editor was officially rebuked by the chief executive of the nation. President Wilson sent the editor of the Washington Post a demand for a retraction of an article which charged that the president had said that those who did not support him were rebels. The president vigorously denied the attack and asked that his denial be given prominent space in the publication. The president's demand showed that he has gone on the warpath over various newspaper reports concerning certain statements.

A big horned owl swooping down for a goldfish in the fountain at the east entrance to the white house, became entangled in the water lilies in its beak and was drowned. It was found floating on the water supported by its outstretched wings, which measured four feet. Owls have been heard frequently in the trees on the white house grounds, but attendants said they never had seen one before.

If the consent of Representative Underwood and other house leaders can be secured, a joint resolution will be passed through congress, repealing that portion of the new tariff law authorizing a five per cent. tariff rebate on goods brought to this country in American-owned ships. The decision to ask for the repeal of the clause was reached by administration officials after experts of the state and treasury departments had decided that to carry out its exact terms would mean a reduction of five per cent. in tariff on goods from practically all of the chief exporting countries.

The interstate commerce commission announces that division headquarters for the work of physical valuation of railroads will be located at Washington, Chicago, Kansas City, Chattanooga and San Francisco. In a statement the commission said: "These cities were selected as the most logical and economical points for the headquarters, but as the work progresses there is every probability that additional offices will be located in other cities."

Senator Cummins outlined in part the reform plans of the so-called conciliation committee of Republicans and Progressives which hopes to bring about the holding of a national convention early in 1914. The change in the representation of the Southern states in the national convention is a secondary matter on the program of the committee. With the added support of many Republican leaders who did not participate in the "get together conference" in Chicago they will insist that the control of the national committee over setting of delegates be abolished.

## SOME PROGRESS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE  
STATE LEGISLATURE PASSES  
THE JUSTICE MEMORIAL.

## MUCH WORK IS BEING DONE

Senate Passes Amendment Doing  
Away With Local Legislation.—  
House Votes Down Bible Reading  
Proposal, Initiative and Referendum

## Senate—Monday.

Raleigh.—The senate today passed the house resolution by Justice memorializing congress to investigate the operation of the long and short-haul clause and to take from the interstate commerce commission the power to grant exceptions to this law. An amendment by Lilly of Wake to strike out a feature of the preamble that was construed as a reflection on the interstate commerce commission in declaring that the shippers of the state have "appealed in vain to the commission for relief," was voted down 11 to 27 and the resolution as it came from house passed by a big majority.

## House—Monday.

The house discussed at considerable length and finally passed without opposition the joint resolution by Representative Seawell of Lee county, calling for a joint committee of five—two senators and three representatives—to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in this state and report to the next session of the legislature. The investigation is to bear especially on insurance rates and the commissions paid to agents, with special attention to the work of the Southeastern Tariff Association.

## Senate—Tuesday.

The senate in committee of the whole debated and passed upon various paragraphs of constitutional amendment proposals five today, getting this proposal behind them. It relieves the legislature of local, private and special acts and resolutions. Paragraph five relating to game and hunting elicited long discussion and was finally defeated 25 to 5. All other paragraphs of the section were adopted with some slight amendment.

## House Tuesday.

After discussing the Justice intrastate freight rate bill for several hours the house voted 71 to 23 for the bill, which is believed to reduce the earnings of the carriers 26 per cent in North Carolina.

The Bible proposal was taken up and the vote taken without discussion. The vote was 42 to 55 against adoption.

## Senate—Wednesday.

The senate debated from 8 to 11 o'clock on the proposal of the railroad companies for the settlement of the interstate rate differences in North Carolina and in the end voted 35 to 14, to accept the proposal. The resolution was ordered enrolled for ratification, having passed the house Tuesday night.

The senate spent much time in committee of the whole on constitutional amendment proposals and adopted the proposal for making the dates for terms of state officers to take office and for inauguration of the governor correspond. The proposal as to providing for five or more circuits of superior court judges instead of the present state-wide rotation, came up for discussion and was voted down.

## House—Wednesday.

By a vote of 78 to 37 the house tonight adopted the substitute of Mr. Alfred Johnston to give the Corporation commission a rate expert and clerical help and to authorize the employment of special counsel as needed, this substitute replacing the bill of Mr. Woodard to create a separate public service commission. Devoting their energies to a discussion of the Woodard bill to create a public service commission to take over the larger duties of the corporation commission.

## Caldwell County Poultry Show.

The second annual poultry show under the auspices of the Caldwell County Poultry Association, will be held in Lenoir on December 16 and 17. Already much interest is being manifested in this infant enterprise. The first show, given last year, was a startling success, financially and otherwise and a tremendous impetus was given to the breeding of the birds in Caldwell county. It is an assured fact that the show in December will have many fine exhibits from Caldwell and other counties.

## Davidson County Aids Highway.

The county commissioners in session voted an appropriation of \$600 for the construction of that part of the Davidson-Randolph highway that lies between Denton and the county line. With the large amount already raised this assures the building of the highway. The appropriation is conditioned on the completion of the Randolph part of the highway to the county line, but Randolph has already acted on the proposition and the road is a certainty. This is the first definite step taken by the commissioners.

## 14 M... FOR SEVEN JOBS

What's the Answer? Well, They All Stand Half a Chance.—Anxious Fortnight.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that seven new federal jobs paying \$2,400 annually will go to North Carolina under the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill. They are positions of deputy collector of internal revenue who will gather in the income taxes. Colonel Osborn, commissioner of internal revenue, said he had not yet decided how these places would be awarded. Under the law he is authorized to make the appointments with the approval of the secretary of the treasury. This means they will be named with the approval of Senators Simmons and Overman, the members of the state delegation in congress and Col. A. D. Watts, collector for the district.

How the seven places are to be apportioned among 13 or 14 men Col. Osborn has not yet figured out. Senator Simmons has finally decided not to recommend William Dorch for marshal in the eastern district and Francis Winston for district attorney until his return from the state. He will leave Washington for Newbern and will go from there to his Jones county farm.

Senator Simmons stated he would delay making his recommendations to Attorney General McReynolds for the big federal jobs in the east until Senator Overman is prepared to make his appointments in the west. Senator Overman will visit the state and confer with friends before acting. This will delay final action on state patronage for another two weeks.

P. C. Worley and A. J. Wood, of Selma, were in Washington in the interest of the Selma postoffice.

## North Carolina New Enterprises.

Three charters were granted and amendments to two others filed with the secretary of state. The Citizens' Bank of Franklin, Macon county, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by W. W. Gernett, T. S. Munday and others for a general banking business. The Minella Mills Company of Randleman, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,500 subscribed by N. C. Johnson and others for general grain and milling business. The Ellen Mercantile Company, Ellen, Davidson county, capital \$5,000 authorized and \$1,800 subscribed by J. R. Thomas and others. The Theo. Buebaum Company, Salisbury, reduces its capital from \$25,000 to \$10,000. The Myers Manufacturing Company increases its preferred stock from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and its common stock from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

## Craig Issues Pardon to Two.

Governor Craig issued the following pardons: John W. McFarland, of Guilford county, convicted at the September term, 1913, for the crime of larceny, was sentenced to four months on the roads. Pardon granted on condition that for the future the defendant remain law abiding and an industrious citizen. It is recommended by Judge Thos. J. Shaw and Solicitor J. C. Bower in order that the defendant may attend court in West Virginia as a material witness in a murder trial. Walter Hall, of Cabarrus county, was convicted of manslaughter at the May term, 1911. His sentence was three years. The pardon is granted October 6, 1913, on the condition that the defendant remain law abiding and of good behavior.

## Western Carolina Colt Show.

The Western Carolina Colt Show will be held at Mooresville on Thursday, October 23. Arrangements have been made to take care of at least 100 colts, and substantial cash prizes have been offered for the best colts in the three classifications, which are mules, light harness or saddle and heavy harness. There will be no entrance fee and no charges whatsoever. Commissioner W. A. Graham of the department of agriculture has appointed State Veterinarian Flowe to judge the colts. Prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 guaranteed to winners in the first three places in each class of colts.

## State Rexall Club Adjourns.

With the election of officers and the tacit understanding that Raleigh would be chosen for the next place of meeting, the North Carolina Rexall Club, which has been in session at Charlotte concluded its third annual convention with two interesting conferences. Mr. D. A. McLaughlin of this city, head of the local drug establishment of R. H. Jordan & Co., was chosen president of the organization for the coming year, the honor being quite a notable and worthy one.

## N. C. Library Association to Meet.

Signed by J. P. Bredlove, of Durham, president, and Mrs. Mary B. Palmer, of Charlotte, the following notice has been issued: "The North Carolina Library Association will hold its eighth annual meeting. No members will be entertained in private homes. Mr. Geo. B. Utley, secretary of the American Library Association, will be present, and will speak at the opening session. You are urged to attend. The program will be sent you later."

## WILL ACCEPT OFFER

OF RAILROADS.—DEMOCRATIC

CAUCUS, HOUSE AND SENATE

VOTE APPROVED.

## THIS ACTION NOT BINDING

But it is More Than Likely That it

Represents the Sentiment of the

Majority of the State Legisla-

ture.

Raleigh.—House and senate Democrats in caucus voted unanimously to accept the proposition submitted by the carriers for a settlement of the western rates, voted 40 to 37 against creating two new members to the corporation commission of the creation of a public service commission and voted unanimously to provide the commission with a rate expert and additional clerical help.

The action was taken after the governor, specially invited to address the caucus, advocated the addition of two new members as a great need, but not as a reflection on the commission, to which he gave credit for its work in the achievement of the rate proposal.

The action of the caucus is not binding, but it probably represents the sentiment of the legislature. Gov. Craig, who did not hear Chairman Travis, corroborated him many times, in the course of his address, particularly in regard to why an attack had not been made on intrastate rates. Discussing this matter, the governor told the members of the assembly to vote for a bill to reduce the rates if they felt they could do justice to the people of the state and the carriers; but to leave the matter to the commission, if they did not think they could understand the intricacies of the situation within the time at their disposal.

The governor argued for an increase in the number of commissioners on the ground of necessity. Several members gave their views, among them Judge Council, who said he was in favor of a new commission—not as a reflection on the old—but, falling in that, was in favor of giving the commission additional help.

## Aldermen Refuse Petition.

Fayetteville.—By a vote of 6 to 2 the board of aldermen refused the petition of the merchants of Fayetteville that their privilege tax be removed. A great part of the membership of the Merchants' Association appeared before the board and made the protest. The tax against which the merchants objected was passed as a part of a general tax measure by the board May 23.

## Governor Commutes Sentence.

Raleigh.—Governor Craig recently commuted the sentence of Harris Johnson, of Wayne, who is now serving a term of eight years for manslaughter. Gov. Craig does not free Johnson until the prisoner shall have served two full years. There is nothing off for good behavior. The governor's reasons credit Judge J. L. Webb, who tried the case, with recommending the pardon and it is not opposed.

## Supervisor of Farm Life School.

Durham.—Mr. J. M. Gray, formerly connected with the state department of agriculture, has been elected supervisor of the Farm Life school in Durham county, and will begin his duties the first of November. Mr. Gray is a native of Macon county, and is a graduate of A. & M. College. He took the special courses in farming and devoted much of his time to the subject of farm-life development.

## Durham Sold Much Tobacco.

Durham.—During September the Durham market sold 1,805,132 pounds of tobacco, making this the largest month in the history of the market for a number of years past. Not only in the number of pounds sold but also in the prices that were paid was the month a good one, both for the farmers and the warehousemen.

## Sentenced To Two Years.

Hendersonville.—Jules Collins, charged with the murder of Joseph Israel a year ago, was sentenced to two years on the Henderson county chancery. The jury deliberated 36 hours before returning a verdict. Israel was a well-known business man here. In a dispute with Collins over a woman he struck Collins with a whip-stick. After the blow Collins drew and fired, and Israel died the next morning in an Asheville hospital. He left a widow and several children. Collins is unmarried.

## Presbyterian Synod Centennial.

Greensboro.—Recently on the same spot where 100 years ago the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina was organized the denomination celebrated the centennial of the governing body in this state. More than 1,000 people gathered on the historic churchyard of Alamance Presbyterian church, six miles southeast of Greensboro, and heard the masterful address that had been prepared on the church's history of the century by the leading men of the denomination in the South.

## HELP FOR STOCK RAISERS

Live Stock Exchange Begun By the Southern Railway to Develop Industry in the South.

Atlanta, Ga., October 5.—As a part of its work for the upbuilding of the live stock industry in the Southeast, the Live Stock Department of the Southern Railway periodically issues a bulletin telling of stock for sale or exchange and of stock desired to be purchased. The bulletin is compiled from information furnished by stock owners and copies are mailed to over 15,000 farmers and dealers. Through this bulletin a large number of sales have been made and many farmers have been enabled to get stock of just the type they desired. Instead of sending good sires to the slaughter house after serving their allotted time with one herd, many owners have through this bulletin been enabled to effect an exchange whereby each added years of usefulness to the life of a good animal.

The entire expense of issuing the bulletin is borne by the Southern Railway Co. F. L. Word, Live Stock Agent, Atlanta, Ga., will be glad to send copies to any farmer or to include in the bulletin information in regard to stock for sale or exchange.

## Declares For World Peace.

Louisville, Ky.—Speaker Champ Clark of the national house of representatives, declared for international disarmament as the surest means of guaranteeing world peace in an address delivered here recently at the Perry centennial celebration. He praised the valor of American soldiers in the war of 1812 and declared the crowning glory of their heroism was the 100 years of peace that have followed between Great Britain and the United States. The speaker said that both President Wilson and former President Taft deserved praise for the spirit of forbearance displayed in dealing with the delicate questions presented by the revolutionary troubles in Mexico.

## Ask For Friendship.

Tokio.—Buddhists in a mass meeting in a temple here adopted a resolution in the form of a message to President Wilson of the United States bearing on the Japanese-American relations. The message reads: "For the sake of universal peace and the progress of humanity which are the ideals of Buddhism, we in paying homage to the president, earnestly wish for the development of a friendship between Japan and the United States based on liberty and justice with the exclusion of religious and racial prejudice. Three thousand Buddhists were present. M. Oishi, leader of the Progressive party, declared only by war could Japan obtain a solution of the California land question."

## To Investigate Dynamite Charges.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The United States grand jury venire for the November term of court was drawn on the order of Federal Judge A. B. Anderson. The grand jury which will meet here November 11 will investigate the latest phases of the dynamite conspiracy as brought out by the confession of George E. Davis, alias George O'Donnell, who was arrested recently in New York. The names of the grand jurors were not made public. "We expect to make a thorough examination of everything which resulted in the arrest here of Harry Jones, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers," said United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, "and we hope to have our report ready when the grand jury meets."

## Was Not a Millionaire.

Berlin.—An authoritative denial was issued recently of published statements that the late August Bebel, Socialist leader, was a millionaire. His estate is valued at about \$100,000, of which he bequeathed \$5,000 to the Social Democratic party and \$2,500 to the labor press. It had been reported that he left half of his estate to the party. An accusation that Bebel was a tax dodger and had invested his property abroad in order to escape German assessments is also denied.

## Will Have Four Camps.

Washington.—Encouraged by the success of the two student military camps held last summer at Gettysburg, Pa., and Monterey, Cal., the war department has decided to have four camps next summer. They will be located in centers easily accessible to college and university students. One camp will be in New York, probably on Lake Champlain; another one of the Northern Central states; the third in the Virginia mountains or perhaps farther South and the fourth on the Central Pacific coast.

## Expect Rate Decisions October 20.

Washington.—Important rate decisions are expected from the supreme court in its first decision day, October 20, although the court has given no indications of its intentions. Justice Hughes is expected to clear up the so-called state rate cases by announcing a decision in the Kentucky rate case, involving rates on distillery supplies from Ohio River cities to distillery centers in Kentucky. It also involves the validity of the McChord Act, enabling the state railroad commission to fix reasonable rates.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

## LESSON FOR OCTOBER 19.

REPORT OF THE SPIES.

LESSON TEXT—Numbers 13-15, 25-33. GOLDEN TEXT—"If God is for us, who is against us?" Rom. 8:31.

Kadesh Barnea marks the place of the Israelites' first great defeat. Long and bitterly did they regret that day of unbelief and not till a new generation was reared did the nation as such enter into the land of promise. The act of that day was the culmination of a whole train of unbelief, and truly they chose death rather than life. (Josh. 24:15.)

I. The Spies, vv. 1-3. God had commanded Israel to possess the land, now as a precautionary measure their went about to "investigate." This act, which was not a part of God's program, but by divine permission, was a reflection upon God's word about the character of the land. (See v. 19.) The eternal questions of man are to know the why and the how. God told Moses to send these men as a concession to their lack of faith, but it cost Israel forty added years of exile. The inheritance prepared for the faithful are always conditioned upon the obedience. (Heb. 11:8, etc.) This act, commanded by God at the request of the people, was a means, an opportunity, whereby they discovered themselves.

## A True Type.

II. The Majority Report, vv. 25-29. Though these spies spent forty days in conducting their investigation (a modern form of political graft), yet every step was a corroboration of God's word and the years of desolation which followed correspond to the number of days they were absent from the camp. The first of the affirmative part of their report was fine, but the negative was so exaggerated as to turn the twelve tribes to an act which amounted to a catastrophe. This land and this report is such a true type of our Christian experience. They brought back the evidence of the truth of God's description of the land. (Ex. 13:5 and Deut. 8:7-10) which was to be for them a resting place after their wilderness journey. (Heb. 3:8-11, 4 and 4:8, 9.) But these spies, who were so true to the things, things to discourage, viz. mere strong men, entrenched men (v. 28). They saw those tribes God had said they would find (Ex. 13:5). They not only saw all of this, but, like all unbelievers, they magnified their enemies. Today we see evil entrenched behind special privilege, we see the forces of evil that appear to us as giants and unbeliever cries out, "Who is sufficient?"

## III. The Minority Report, vv. 30-33.

Majorities may rule but minorities are more frequently right with witness history. A great cry of despair (Ch. 14:1) greeted this report. Caleb stilled the people (v. 30) that they might get the other side of the story. His report agreed with the majority as to the desirability of possessing the land; indeed, we surmise it was Caleb and Joshua who brought their evidence with them (v. 23). Their report differed, however, in its conclusion. To the picture of the strength of those scattered throughout the land Caleb bluntly replied, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." (Ch. Rom. 8:37; Phil. 4:19.) Ten men looked upon man, a God who was able. The ten lost their lives even as they feared, whereas Caleb and Joshua lived to enjoy the fruits of their vision of faith. (Ch. 14:6-9, Josh. 15:14.) Unbelief cries, "We are not able," of course not, for "vain is the help of man," but belief, seeing God, in the words of Caleb cries out for immediate action. "Unbelief shuts itself out of promised blessings (Heb. 3:19); it always has and it still is doing. Unbelief exaggerates and contradicts."

## Must Consider Entire Story.

IV. The Sequel, Ch. 14. No teacher can properly present this lesson without considering the entire story. The amazed people (14:14); the solemn protest of Joshua and Caleb (vv. 6-11) was met with threatened death and God interviewed to protect his faithful ones (Ps. 34:7). The unkind anger of Jehovah (v. 11, 12) is met by that magnificent revelation of the beauty and strength of the character of Moses (vv. 12-19). He based his appeal upon the necessity of maintaining the honor of God's word and pleads for mercy and compassion. This appeal was answered by a gracious pardon for the people, but with it came a declaration that discipline was necessary.

We must remember that these Israelites had the benefit of the full revelation of the law, yet we see its insufficiency in producing a perfect character. Laws will not cure the ills of the body politic. Sinning men must enter into that fellowship with God that is the result of a life of obedience if they can enter that delectable land of peace, plenty and power which lies before them. Failing in a knowledge of him and his resources, difficulties are magnified and our strength is minimized. To view people as giants and ourselves as grasshoppers is to court defeat.