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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.

April 29 and 30 and May 1 have selected as dates for the 1914

A list of more than fifty dead, with scores of flood refugees in imminent peril, and posisbly a thousand others maroned and suffering from protonged hunger and cold, was indiwith great speed. The known dead in Texas floods numbered 33 before eports from the inundated territory began coming in brought by men on least twenty morel ives were lost.

Judge Thomas sentenced I. B. Hall and sentenced to be hanged August 22. A stay of execution was granted, pending a hearing before the state sufirmed the verdict of the lower court. With three rivers, the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado and innumerable small streams out of their banks as a result of torrential rains, the flood situation in central Texas has assumed serious proportions. Within a territory 200 miles in length and 100 miles in width, practically all of the lowlands are under water; approxi-

mately fifteen thousand persons have been driven from their homes; scores have been rescued from tree tops and oating wreckage; several railroads have been forced to suspend operations and incalculable damage has been done to property. Fifty eight suits asking \$33,879,397 were filed in the United States court at New Orleans against the American Sugar Refining company, under the

provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, making a total of 130 suits filed within the past two weeks against the same concern, asking for damages aggregating more than one hundred million dollars. This sudden rush to file suits was due to the fact that the statute of limitations was expected to expire. All records as to the number of suits filed against one concern were broken when this suit was filed in the United States court. Verdicts of guilty were returned

in Morganfield, Ky., against the Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain and Ireland and the Imperial Tobacco company of Kentacky, which have been on trial for alleged violation of Kentucky's anti-trust laws. Two separate verdicts were returned, a fine of \$3,500 assessed against each defendant. The two companies were indicted for alleged conspiracy to depress prices paid for tobacco to the farmers of Kentucky.

General.

Denver awakened to find every manner of traffic blocked by more than two feet of snow. Pedestrians made their way with difficulty. Rail- of the country to move the crops. road trains were unable to move from the roads was abandoned.

miliating or degrading to Ulster. Ul- war purposes. The men, instead of ster's treatment must not be different enlisting for a short period as in past or exceptional from that meted out to the other parts of the United Kingtion of the imperial parliament.

probably will be made within the next | hundred million dollars, of which twen- | church.

two weeks. Fairfax Harrison, formerly vice presappointment is appreciated.

Emperor William of Germany has ordered the transfer of the entire garrison at Zabern, Alsace, owing to the trouble between the soldiers and the citizens there. He also directed that the court-martial proceedings in connection with the recent rioting be accelerated. The emperor's solution of the difficulty is regarded in many quarters as a two-edged sword. While EQUAL IN WORTH TO THE AS it removes the danger of further conflicts, the people and merchants of Zabern will suffer a severe financial blow by the removal of an important source of revenue. The matter is causing considerable discussion.

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The fire which cost the lives of twenty-eight homeless men in the Arcadia hotel, a low priced lodging house | Commissioner of Agriculture Graham in the south end district of Boston, Mass., has become the subject of eight separate investigations. Some of these were aimed at determining where lay responsibility for the conditions which made the loss of life so large, and others were directed toward deremnion of the United Confederate vising measures to protect hundreds of Veterans, to be held in Jacksonville, other men forced by circumstances to seek shelter in similar places.

Chicago again holds the record for having placed the largest order for postage stamps. The postoffice department here has received an order of Agriculture. In spite of floods in from the postmaster at Chicago for rated by reports from the flooded Bra- 71.630,000 stamps with a total value gos river bottom in south central Tex- of \$1,808,000. Recently the postmas-For over fifty miles the Brazos ter at Philadelphia placed an order for was three miles wide and running 91,730,000 postage stamps having a so far as the market price is concernvalue of \$1,730,000 which was consided, the most valuable crops ever harerably in excess of the record previously held by Chicago. The new Chicago order will not be as large, but herseback, which was about the only the number of stamps asked for is reliable source of communication. At greater than the recent Philadelphia order by \$78,000 in total value.

A movement looking toward a gento be hanged January 16, 1914, at Tif- eral strike in sympathy with the ten. Ga. Hall shot and killed Dennis teamsters and the chauffeurs' strike. W. Hall, May 10 last. The two fam- was started at a meeting of the Teamilles lived in the same house, but sters' union in Indianapolis, Ind. The were not related. He was convicted strike has been marked by one fatalat the July term of Tift superior court ity. When a crowd interfered with an whom special police powers had been conferred and began throwing bricks preme court. The supreme court af- and trying to prevent the wagon moving, the special officers fired, killing Claud Lewis, a negro, and wounding four other persons, one fatally.

Seven generals of the Mexican regular army are ready to surrender and the backbone of the Huerta dictatorship in the north seems to have been broken. A peace commission in Juarez bearing terms of the surrender. headed by Odilon Hernandez, went from Chihuahua to Juarez bearing a proclamation signed by Gen. Salvador Mercado, Huerta's military governor and commander of the Federal forces in all the north. The proclamation stated that the Huerta government was bankrupt and was unable to pay its soldiers. Along with it came an appeal from the foreign consuls.

Washington.

Hearings before the house committee on rules relating to the proposed creation of a standing committee on equal suffrage closed in Washington. The last hours of the hearing were occupied by champions of the suffrage movement. No action on the resolution which would provide for a house equal suffrage committee was taken. The subject will be considered and a report made within a short time, It has been reported that many members of the rules committee were seriously considering the extension of authority to the present standing com-

mittee on election of president. Secretary McAdoo's first report to congress is largely confined to a review of the achievements of the treasury department in matters that have been of nation-wide interest; to recommendations for increased appropriations for bureaus under his authority, and for legislation, which he declares necessary to the better conduct of the government and the protection of the people. The secretary discussed at length the subject of currency legislation, reviewing the activities in his department related to it. He details the treasury's offer to loan to banks

After a discussion into which Rethe station, and service on most of publican Leader Mann injected the Mexican situation, the house passed The British cabinet, by a royal proc- the Hay army volunteer bill that in lamation, promulgated, prohibited the varying forms has been talked of at importation of arms and ammunition the capital for many years. The bill, into Ireland, for the first time grasped which now goes to the senate, would the nettle of the revolution in Ulster, put war volunteer forces on an equal although the followers of Sir Edward footing with the regular army. It Carson have been advertising their would provide that whenever, in the military preparations and daring in- president's judgment, war is immiterference with them. It is stated nent or exactly exists, the president that the settlement must not be hu- may organize volunteer regiments for

wars, would enlist "for the war." Expenditures of millions of dollars dom. Ulster must retain full protect for good roads was proposed in bills introduced by Southern representa-Chicago women who qualify as tives in congress. They call for vahave to tell their ages. This concessations to run as high as one hundred sion was granted by County Judge Ow- million dollars. Representative Cand-"Legal age" will be a satisfactory an- the construction, maintenance and im- ing this sermon, a discussion on "Sys- deposits from \$11,586,564 to \$13,208,- here for the spread are: Dr. J. M. meeting of the Mecklenburg county of any confession on the part of Achan Ewer to the question concerning age provement of public roads and rural tematic Giving" was participated in 761. The increase in deposits subject Parrott, president of the North Caroqualification. Nearly three hundred delivery routes through the co-operaapplications have been received from tion of joint action of the Federal and Mr. W. W. Ervin of Moubo. Several 192,940. Time certificates of deposit president of the exception of the petition to different action of the petition action women who wish to serve as judges or state governments or counties. His important discussions were partici-

ty million annually would be paid. Congress closed the extraordinary To Have Stock Law Election. ident of the Southern Railway com- session, which began on April 7, and pany, and for the last three years settled down to the regular "long" ses. called an election recently on the president of the Chicago, Indianapo- sion, expected to continue into next question of countywide stock law unlis and Louisville Railway company, summer. Only the absolutely neces. der an act of the recent Legislature and Chairman John F. Leeper presid- the demand for clover seed from merof which the Southern is part owner, sary formality marked the ending of to be held January 6. Petitions were ing. A large amount of business was chants has been very great all durwas elected president of the Southern the old session and the beginning of presented by over 2,500 electors re- up for consideration. Ar usual De- ing the season. The cover crop gen-Railway company to succeed the late the new. The currency bill, as com- questing the elections. There seems William Wilson Finley, a special meet- pleted by the Democratic conference- to be little or no doubt about the reing of the directors being held for the was printed and prepared for the sen- sult of the election since Harnett, purpose of filling the vacancy caused ate, and Senator Owen presented it Sampson, Wayne and Wake have the by the death of Mr. Finley. Mr. Har- as a substitute for the bill originally stock law and the people of Johnston reports, which are gone over; the paurison is a Virginian by birth, his home reported by himself and the adminis- have been notified that their cattle per list is to be gone over, the Janu- than 2,000 acres and the demand for being at Belvoir, Va. He is identified tration Democrats of the banking and and stock cannot cross the county ary juries drawn and numerous other clover has come from every section with many Southern interests, and his currency committee. The house con- stock cannot cross the county lines. items considered. tented itself with a brief meeting.

VALUE OF CROPS

SESSMENT OF ALL FARM LANDS.

MORE RURAL CASH NEEDED

Does Not Think Much of Buying on-Credit Plan .- Rather Rural Cash Than Rural Credit.

Raleigh.-North Carolina's harvest this year in value will equal the assessment for a taxation of all her farm lands, estimates Commissioner Graham in his report to the State Board some sections, drought in others and storms of unusual severity and duration, he says there will be gathered, vested in this state.

The assessed value of farm lands is \$230,597,000; the crops Major Graham estimates to be worth \$232,082,-199, and this does not include byproducts. The chief crops and their estimated yields follow:

Corn, including forage, \$65,000,000; wheat, including straw, \$10,000,000; oats, including straw, \$4,000,000; cotton and seed, (800,000 bales,) \$62,-000,000; Irish potatoes, \$1,500,000; sweet potatoes, \$4,000,000; peanuts, \$6,000,000; peas and beans, \$2,000,-000; hogs, pork and stock, \$17,000, 000; horses and mules, \$1,500,000; cattle, \$2,000,000; rye, \$600,000; apples \$600,000; dairy products, \$1.787. 245; poultry and eggs, \$8,098,954. Total \$232,082,199.

This does not include berries, canned goods, vegetables, trucks, buckwheat, honey and molasses.

This remarkable exhibit, says the commissioner, has been produced by the adult farmer, and is the result in a large measure of the teachings of the Department of Agriculture through its institutes and demonstration work. Mr. Graham then states that the minds of this class of citizens are fully developed and must be appealed to through the "show me" method, or object lessons.

After the customary tribute to the state as a farming section which has few equals. Commissioner Graham makes the statement that if "the farmers ever learn that buying on credit is a bad custom and to produce the supplies necessary to run the farm they should certainly prosper. Rural cash is much more to be desired than rural credit.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Climax Manufacturing Company of High Point was chartered to do a furniture manufacturing business, the capital being \$25,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by E. M. Kearns and otners. Another charter is the Everett Estate of Palmira, Martin County, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed for operating the Justus Everett farm. S. J. Everett and others are incorporators.

Unitey Township Gets First Prize. Unity Township, Rowan County, has been awarded the first prize of \$500 in cash for doing the most work on the roads on "Good Roads Days." Cleveland Township takes the second prize of \$300, and Franklin the third of \$200, and the money has been ordered paid over by the County Commissioners. The three townships now have \$1,,000 more to spend in road

Orders Company C to Disband.

An order was made by Adjutant General Young, disbanding Company C. Second Regiment, Rocky Mount. The disbandment is because of the failure of the members to turn out in sufficient numbers for drills and to comply properly with other regusome weeks ago and Lieut. H. L. Daughtry was in command at the time of disbandment.

Baptist Union Meeting Ends.

The Baptist Union meeting which

The Board of County Commissioners

HAVE NATIONAL PARK SOON

North Carolina Congressmen Are In terested in Project For State.

Raleigh .- A special from Washingington states that North Carolina will have a great national park before the present administration goes out. Senator Overman and Representatives Gudger, Page, Doughton and Webb are interested in the scheme, Secretary Lane of the interior department would approve such a plan, if it reached him in the proper form, it is believed. The first action to count toward the establishment of such a park would have to be taken in Con-

like the Yellowstone, or other popular Carolina," says Senator Overman. "We have the scenery and the climate to attract thousands of visitors from all parts of the country annually. It within a short while."

stop short of a park.

country. He recently announced that ed for in the Weeks law.

coming enthusiastic over the subject of forest preservation," said Repre- 000. gone unless something is done to pre-

Revenue Officers Capture A Still.

bush demanded that the woman be re | New Bern, \$15,000. leased and the officers found themselves looking into the muzzle of a shotgun. However, they held the woman until they had secured all the information they wanted and then turned her loose.

Both Tweeds Will Go Free.

The council of state recommended a sentence of nine years for murder of the governor's signature is all that erty. The case of Robert and Major Tweed, who were convicted in Buncombe county court after the case had been removed from Madison, is one of the most interesting ones tried in Western North Carolina in a decade. These young men have served nearly half their years and the counsel believes they have suffered enough.

Prepare for North Carolina Day. Rural life and Knapp memorial day are especially treated in the program for North Carolina Day in the public tion to the teachers for use December during the next few days. 19. The program was prepared by N. C. Newbold, associate supervisor of Rural schools and makes a pamphlet of 50 pages teeming with interesting articles and letters designed to center

Winston Salem Poultry Association. The annual exhibition of the Winston-Salem Poultry Association opened several days ago in the old postlations. Capt. L. J. Tillery resigned office building: Judge R. L. Simmons of Charlotte declares the show one of the best of the season in this state. He completed his awards.

Condition of State Banks. An increase from \$83,583,741 to \$91,-100,539 in resources during the past opening sermon was preached by Rev. increased during the past year from the Battery Park Hotel and among picked. demand certificates of deposit.

Gaston Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session for this fall have planted a larger cover December with all members presents crop than in several years past and month in the year. At this meeting monstration Agent W. H. Chamblee, the county officers submit their annual Jr., says that the increase in the

APPROPRIATIONS CARRY THREE QUARTERS MILLION FOR THIS

STATE.

Items Do Not Include Pay Rolls For Government In State or Other Fixed Expenses - Special Amounts Are

Given.

FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Raleigh .- A special from Washington states that departmental estimates on which are to be based the appro-"I am in favor of a National park priations by Congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, carry more national parks in the West, for North than three-quarters of a million dollars of items local to North Carois my purpose to propose such a park way or for maintenance of public improvements already completed. The Being high up in the senate appro- following items gleaned from the estipriation committee, Senator Overman mates do not include the pay rolls can start a movement that would not for the government in the state, or

West fully appreciate the great parks completing building, \$10,000; Rocky This office pays \$1,800 salary, that are visited by thousands of peo | Mount, continuing building, \$27,000; ple every year. The North Carolinians Tarboro, continuing building, \$23,000 are beginning to realize the value of Tarboro, continuing building, \$23,000; their mountain scenery and climate Harbor of Refuge, Cape Lookout, conand to discover the real meaning of tinuing construction, \$300,000 (\$500,- bought at par, less one thousand dol- one, but the result was that the expethe Appalachian Park system provid- 000 used last year); improving harbor lars for commission expenses and at- dition was turned at Beaufort, \$5,000; improving Beau-"The people of my district are be fort Inlet, maintenance, \$10,000: improving harbor of Morehead City, \$2,-

sentative Gudger. "They know what At Bay river, \$1,000; continuing it means to have all the timber cut work of constructing locks and dams Asheville, cutting the mountain for mington, \$91,000; below Wilmington, Revenue Officers Frank Miller and Beaufort, \$28,500; improvements in the putting into effect of the rates. J. B. Bailey returned recently from Northeast, Black and Cape Fear rivman stirring the mush. The man Beaufort inlet, \$4,000; fish cultural away, while the officers held the wo Marien Biological Station, Beaufort, tlement matter. man. A little later a voice from am \$5,000: road to National cemetery at

Appropriation For Survey. Greensboro.-The County Commissioners in monthly meeting voted an appropriation of \$100 to help defray the expenses of a proposed survey of Greensboro and suburbs, with a view of locating future streets, parks, etc., so that building in the future may be the pardon of Robert Tweed, serving done along systematic lines and with in the second degree, and the form the surburbs and provides for parks nellus on the streets of Statesville its back upon its enemies (v. 8). We stands between young Tweed and lib Nolen, of Cambridge, Mass., will prob ed the Mayor's wife, has been placed when we see the church of today give ably be secured to do the work.

instructions received from the Post W. J. Lazenby shortly after the as- strong, yet tender. In verse two we office Department J. S. Basnight, post- sault and asked that he be dealt with are told that Joshua sent men to view master at this place, has refused to as any other citizen would be. reinstate Night Clerk E. E. Smith, whom he discharged recently. Night Clerk Smith wired Senator Simmons that he had received no notice to go back to work. In reply Senator Simmons stated that the order to reinstate him had Leen sent. This action schools of the state just being issued on the part of the postmaster leads from the state department of educa to the belief that he will be ousted

Vote Road Improvement Bonds. Granite Falls.-Lovelady Township recently voted \$25,000 road improvement bonds, the bonds to run for a period of 40 years with interest at the interest of children on rural life. five per cent. The vote on the issue was as follows: For bonds 212, against bonds 14, not voting five. This election was the first held in Caldwell County on road improvement eral other candidates, but only Mr. bonds and means a better system of Ball received any votes. Mr. Gilley roads in the county as other town- will continue as superintendent until ships are expected to take up the December 10, when his successor will fight of better roads.

Buncombe Medical Society Banquet. clerks of elections. Appointments bill called for the appropriation of one pated in by prominent men of the large part o

> Planted Large Cover Crop. Raleigh.-Farmers in Wake county cember presents the largest amount of erally consists of clover, rye, oats business for the commissioners of any and other winter grain. Farm De-

> > of the county.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

Hillsboro .- A horrible tragedy was enacted near here recently as a result of a dynamite explosion. J. M. Dawkins, foreman of the Graham road construction force was killed and a negro boy terribly bruised and cut.

Kinston.-A sure sign of extreme weather conditions in the early future of fishermen say, is the catching of LESSON FOR DECEMBER 14 codfish in considerable quantities off the North Carolina banks now. The fish have been marketed at one or two points, finding a ready sale of course.

Washington.-Representative Steadman recommended W. G. Bradshaw for postmaster at High Point. The post office department has notified Representative Stedman that Mount Airy will be given free mail delivery, if the proper showing is made.

in circulation here the Atlantic Coast paign to safeguard Israel against any Line is preparing to put on a local lina, most of which, however, are for train between Rocky Mount and Fay- tories must in no way seem to be the completing projects already under etteville, leaving the former city in rewards of, nor to be dependent upon, the early part of the day and return- the efforts of their own hands. Spiring in the afternoon or evening. This itual victories are, as we learned last is something that has been wanted week, won by means and upon prinhere for a good while.

other fixed expenses. The amounts tering in the postoffice fight in Linprinciples of human thrift for his sus-Secretary Lane is very much inter for special purposes in North Carolina colnton. At present there are three ested in the national parks of this asked from Congress are as follows: active candidates: Ex-Sheriff John mean the divorcement of the Chris-Gastonia, continuing public build- K. Cline, ex-Register of Deeds H. A. he would bring the attention of ing, \$5,000; Greenville, completing Self and Harris Burgin. There are European tourists to Uncle Sam's building, \$9,000; Hendersonvile, com- several other candidates who are beautiful parks. The people of the pleting building, \$29,000; Hickory, working quietly and saying nothing.

bought the \$25,000 Newton township take possession of the small town of road bonds at the county commission. Ai (literally, "ruins"). The task was torney fees. Twelve thousand dol- rout (vv. 1-6). lars are subject to the order of the township treasurer in Farmers and Merchants bank.

Asheville.—At the monthly meeting and sold. Lumbermen are busy about of the Cape Fear river above Wil- of the members of the board of directors of the Merchants' Association, resests out. Soon, most of them will be \$115,000; maintenance of improve- olutions were adopted starting a movements of Contentnea creek, \$2,000; on ment looking to the enforcement of Fishing creek, \$1,000; Meherring riv. the provisions of the Justice bill and er, \$1,000; Neuse and Trent rivers, the fighting of the Virginia chies \$37,000; New river and waterways to which are seeking to interfere with

Greensboro.-Officers of the Just Montgomery county, where they de ers, \$13,000; in Pamlico and Tar, \$18, Freight Rates Association in their In this, however, he is supremely hustroyed a 30-gallon distillery and pour 500; Roanoke river, \$2,000; Supper meeting recently did not organize man. We of today with far greater ed out 1,000 gallons of beer. In a nong, \$2,000; Shallott, \$1,000; Smith's as had been anticipated, but deferred light are constantly making this same deep ravine they found the still with creek, \$2,000; Swift creek, \$500; action until January. The attendance mistake of accusing God, instead of a woman firing the furnace and a Waterways from Pamlico sound to was not large. Resolutions were adopt finding out and judging our sin. ed condemning Virginia cities for There is, however, an underlying note made a bold dash for liberty and got station, Edenton, repairs, etc., \$3,500; their attitude in the freight rate set- of the master passion of Joshua's

Lincolnton.-As a result of a shooting match at which he furnished the target, a negro employe at the Wright & Johnson camp, 10 miles west of Lincolnton, has been placed in the hospital and two young white men, 'Dimple" Kistler and a companion named Baker, who are said to have stirred up the trouble at the camp are wanted by the authorities.

Statesville.-Mayor L. C. Caldwell, a view of keeping regular streets in who assaulted Will Mayhew of Cor- was amazed when he saw Israel turn in new sections of the town. John E. recently because Mayhew had insult- must beware lest we, too, be dismayed under \$100 bond for his appearance at | way before the world and the devil. Superior Court to answer a charge of | II. The cause of defeat, vv. 10-12. Postmasters Looking For Trouble. assault with a deadly weapon. The Joshua's petition is answered by the Newbern-Completely ignoring the Mayor submitted his case to Justice voice of Jehovah in terms of rebuke,

Winston-Salem .- Rufus Kinnamon, former road supervisor and prominent citizen of the county, was shot and instantly killed recently at his home near Guthrie, five miles from Winston-Salem, and his son John, aged 24, is in the county jail charged with murder. The son admits firing the two gunshots which caused the death but claims self-defense, and his statement is endorsed by his mother and sister, who witnessed the tragedy.

Raleigh .- Mr. J. R. Ball, of Barton's Creek township was recently elected superintendent of the County Home of Wake county to succeed H. G. Gulley, resigned. He received every vote of the Board of Commissioners which was cast by ballot. There were sevtake charge.

Newton.-Not for many years past have the farmers had such favorable as the individual, needs to judge its Asheville .- Monday night, Decem- weather for gathering in their fall sin and to set itself apart unto God. ber 15, has been named as the date crops and sowing small grain as has ly attended. This is the first time in year is shown by the statement of the for holding the annual banquet of the been for the past few weeks. Corn is query arises what sort of bonfire several years that Newton has secur- condition of state banks at the close Buncombe County Medical Society. practically all gathered and only a would the church have today were all

\$9,984,652 to \$11,018,271 and savings the out-of-town guests who will be | Charlotte.—At the regular monthly however, that there is no suggestion

Washington.-Representative Stedman recently recommended J. W. Mc- this text were uttered by Moses to the Cracken for postmaster at Graham. two and a half tribes who settled on Ernest P. Page of Charlotte, who has the east of Jordan, that in case they been appointed page of the house refused to come to the help of their press gallery, by Representative Webb | brethren in the conflict necessary to is at work.

here, having received his commission A sin against God results in injury to a few days ago from Collector Watts. your neighbor. It is a sin not to help His bond for \$5,000 was promptly giv. your neighbor and conversely to inen, and Mr. Dale W. Starbuck, who dulge in any act which results in administration, turned over the books, those with whom we associate, is papers and other effects of the office | also a sin.

INTERNATIONAL

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

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THE SIN OF ACHAN.

LESSON TEXT-Joshua 7:6-15. Read Joshua chapters 7-11. GOLDEN TEXT-"Be sure your sin will

find you out."-Num. 32-23.

Before proceeding against Jericho, God, through his servant Joshua, had given strict injunctions as regards the taking of anything from the city for self-enrichment, ch. 6.17, 18. It was Fayetteville.-According to a rumor necessary at the outset of this camsuch motives. The fruits of their vicciples utterly foolish' and inadequate Lincolnton.-Great interest is cen. in the view of human wisdom. Nor is the Christian dependent upon the

tian from those principles. The story of Achan is an illustration. While his sin was individualisti yet it was national in its results (v. 1.) After the fall of Jericho, Joshua sent, Newton.-The two banks of Newton a detachment of 2,000 or 3,000 men to

tenance or enrichment. That does not

Achan's Sins Revealed. The stages of the sin of Achan are wonderfully revealed in the confession (v. 21) which was finally wrung from -- "I saw . . . I coveted . . .

I took . . . they are hid." I. Joshua's error, vv. 6-9. It was right and proper for Joshua to bring his difficulty to God, but it was not right for him to lay upon him the blame for his defeat. Moses before him had made that same mistake (Ex. 5:22, 23), and it would seem that Joshua should have profited thereby. heart, that note which had so governed the heart of his predecessor, Moses. It is expressed in the last note of his complaint, "What wilt thou do for thy great name?" v. 9. This complaint and petition sounds very much like those of the preceding generation uttered in the wilderness. For us to wish ourselves to be "content to dwell beyond Jordon," when the testing times of our Christian life come, when the calls come for an advance, is to doubt his wisdom. No wonder Joshua

Ai. Why? Because in the language of verse one "the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing." Joshua wanted the people to know that the sin of Achan and its results was the sin of the whole nation. God brings the essential oneness of the nation before us in verse eleven; for an illustration, see I. Cor. 5:1-7 and 12:12-14, 16.

God's Instructions. III. The victory of defeat, vv 13-15. It is a testimony as to the spiritual condition of this nation that the fraud was so soon located. The early Christian church had a parallel incident in the case of Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11. In each case the evil was quickly judged and reveals the closeness of God to his people. In the process of years Israel passed from that condition; has the church of today so passed? God had given explicit instructions as to the spoil (ch. 6:18 R. V.). God commands Joshua not to cry unto him, but to "sanctify the people." The church of Christ, as well

It was a stern judgment and the

IV. The Golden Text. The words of the possession of Canaan, their sin Greensboro.-Maj. W. W. Wood re- would discover them. This lesson warcently took the oath as stamp deputy | rants the application of this principle. neld the place under the Republican the defeat, moral or otherwise, of