

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JUNE 14, 1891.

14. "Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by Moses." Hilkiah and his brethren were the temple and restored the worship of the true God. He also kept a great passover for all Israel, and many from Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun came to Jerusalem to join in the celebration of it (2 K. xxii, 10, 11). This was followed by a great destruction of idols throughout the land, and thus Hilkiah wrought good and right and truth before the Lord, and did it with all his heart (xxii, 1, 2).

LATE SOUTHERN BRIEFS.

Knowing That Variety Is The Spice Of Life.

We Present to Our Readers All the News News, Fresh, Spicy and Condensed.

VIRGINIA.

Sheep industry is showing steady appreciation in Virginia.

Charlotteville will observe the 18th of June as Memorial day.

The Richmond Dispatch publishes a letter from Prof. Job Atkins, a mining engineer, which contains an unlimited supply of nature's gems within 14 miles of Richmond.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad is looking after its tide-water terminal facilities, and its last proposition to the Norfolk city council, which was accepted, gives to Norfolk, Mahone lake as a park, after it is filled in, and a loan of \$30,000 to be expended in improving streets, returnable in three years.

Among the late sales of iron ore property we note that of the mine bank situated on the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, about 16 miles southeast of Staunton, Va., by the heirs of Isaac Newton, to the Virginia Mining & Investment Co., for \$55,000. It is said that the mine bank covers about 50 acres of solid ore.

A representative of the Piedmont Land Co. has taken up options the company had on the Lewis and Price water-power sites and about 2,000 acres of land along the Roanoke & Southern Railroad. It is reported that \$100,000 was paid for the property, and that E. H. Stewart, of Roanoke, for the company, has secured options on other property.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Trotting and running races for \$500 prizes, will be held in Raleigh on 4th July.

Gov. Holt has commissioned C. M. Jeffrey as quartermaster of the First Brigade of the North Carolina State Guard on Brigadier-General Otton's staff.

Philadelphia capitalists have purchased iron mines in Wilson and Nash counties and will develop same.

At the commencement of Livingston college, colored, at Salisbury, Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, delivered the annual address.

A \$300,000 stock company has been organized for the purpose of developing and utilizing the water power at Lockville, in Chatham county, to erect two cotton mills and establish other industries.

The deal by which the Blackwell Bull tobacco plant becomes absorbed by the American Tobacco Company has positively been consummated, and President J. B. Duke, who came to Durham from New York, Monday on that business has returned.

Gov. Holt formally issued a commission to Prof. J. A. Holmes, of the North Carolina University, constituting him State Geologist in pursuance of the act of the recent General Assembly.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The City Bank at Greenwood has been chartered.

A. W. Ray was elected Probate Judge of Richland county over J. H. Kinler.

Gov. Tillman has decided to pardon Minus Simmons, colored, who was sentenced in 1876 to life imprisonment in the Penitentiary for murder.

A commission has been issued by the State to the Garrett Hydraulic Motor Co. of Marion to manufacture the Garrett water motor.

A party of young men at Laurens visited a white man of that town and administered about 300 lashes. A mulatto woman was ordered to leave in one hour. The white man is a family.

General Wade Hampton is suggested as the next president of the South Carolina university.

Application will be made at the next session of the legislature for a charter to build a railroad from Barwell to Augusta, Ga.

Books of subscription have been opened to the stock of the Chesterfield & Kershaw Railroad Co., chartered to build a railroad from Cheraw to Camden.

The Confederate Veterans Association of South Carolina was formed at Columbia Thursday, and Gen. M. C. Butler elected president. This society succeeds the State Survivors Association.

TENNESSEE.

Two new cases of small pox have been discovered in Knoxville. The whole locality is strictly quarantined.

The students of Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Wednesday, elected a captain, Kentucky, and Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania.

Blaph T. W. Joyce has been re-elected chancellor of the U. S. Grant University, which embraces the Chattanooga college for the degree of bachelor of ugliness. H. E. Bemis, of Texas, received a majority of the votes, and the degree will be conferred June 10.

The Harbison Boom Co. will construct a lumber boom on Emory river to control 20,000 acres of stumps.

GEORGIA.

Charles Andrews, a negro telephone lineman, is suing the Augusta Electric Railway Company in the city court for \$10,000 damages from injuries received from an electric shock from the railroad's electric wires.

The people of Savannah favor dividing the first congressional district and say that "the seacoast of Georgia needs, and should have, two representatives in congress."

The Rev. F. R. Carwell, a Baptist preacher, of Atlanta, has been figuring on the prophecies of Daniel, and he brings out the year 1901 as the time when time shall be no more. His calculations are said to have impressed a number of people.

Ex-Governor Bullock, of Georgia, has suggested that an Ex-Confederate soldier be placed at the head of the pension department, on the ground that no one could then accuse the commissioner of impartiality.

The South Georgia Teacher's Institute, in session at Thomasville, has finished its labors and adjourned. It was a highly interesting and instructive session. Gov. North and State School Commissioner Bradwell were present and made addresses.

FLORIDA.

Fire at Liverpool did \$12,000 damage. A railroad will be built from Oviedo to the Indian river at Coquina.

The old city jail at Jacksonville will soon be turned into a laundry and fibre factory.

The legislature has incorporated the town of Orange Park.

Tallahassee is congratulating herself on the rich find of phosphate upon her western borders.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature entitled "an act to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 out of the general fund of the State of Florida for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a suitable building for the Confederate Children's Industrial school for the needy descendants of Confederate soldiers and sailors of the whole South in the town of Springville, St. Clair county, Ala."

The Confederate Corps of Veterans of Brookville had its annual reunion last week. It was attended by an unusually large concourse of people. The ladies provided a most elaborate and sumptuous banquet, at which the old veterans and those assembled regaled themselves after the speech-making at the court house, where Gen. Dickerson addressed the people. Col. W. French, of North Carolina, made a stirring speech.

OTHER STATES.

S. D. Ford, while resisting arrest at Bell, Tex., was shot and killed by Constable Russell.

Fully 2,000 persons assembled at Raymond, Miss., Thursday to witness the execution of Anderson Harris, col., for the murder of Hon. Gillie M. Lewis, mayor of Clinton, on the 10th of last October. Harris made a speech from the gallows, acknowledging his crime.

The biggest orange tree in Louisiana is claimed to be in Terrebonne Parish. It is 15 feet in circumference and 46 feet high. Its yield this year is expected to reach 10,000 oranges.

Texas is now offering temptations and donations, and enterprising companies are not only advertising inducements but are coupling their profers with decided violence of faith. The New Birmingham (Tex.) Iron and Land Company announces that, knowing the hidden wealth of the city, to any legitimate manufacturing concern will be donated a site and a loan upon the plan to be erected of 50 per cent. of its cost.

Longevity in North Carolina.

Pikeon River, N. C. [Special].—Not long since a paper contained a notice of the death of one who was claimed to be the oldest person in western North Carolina, in Alleghany county, at the age of 102.

In justice to the remarkable longevity of some of the inhabitants of this "Sky Land" region, it should be mentioned that Peter Mason, a blacksmith, died only a few weeks ago at the age of 107. On the Saturday before his death (Wednesday) he took a turn to the mill, a distance of two miles. His health was good, and he worked more or less to the time of his death.

Uncle Elisha Phillips has seen the sunshine of 104 summers. Not long ago William Hampton died at the age of 113 in this county.

There are, no doubt, many other such cases in western North Carolina, but these are all from Haywood county, and are known to be correct from good authority obtained by the writer.

Bought His Own Family.

CHARLESTON, S. C. [Special].—Rev. Jacob Mills, a notable colored negro preacher in the United States, died Monday. He was 91 years of age, and had been an exhorter even in slavery times. He named half the colored people in Charleston, and was the spiritual adviser of four generations of negroes.

Since the close of the war he has been connected with the Centenary church, which is in the northern Methodist connections. The funeral took place in the afternoon, and took the form of a public demonstration. Mills was given his freedom when quite a young man. His master and mistress died soon after, and Mills wife and five children were put upon the auction block to be sold to settle the estate. He bought them himself, and paid for them out of his earnings.

Swept by a Scorching Whirlwind.

WATERBORO, GA. [Special].—The whirlwind that passed over the Powell place, at Shell Bluff, recently, had many curious features and resulted strangely and disastrously. It was so severe and of such a dry, parching nature that it destroyed between four and five acres of cotton. After the wind passed the cotton weed, which before was growing vigorously, would crumble to powder in the hand when handled.

Harvard University has 303,000 bound volumes in its library; Yale has 200,000; Cornell, 150,000; Columbia, 90,000; Syracuse, 75,000; Dartmouth, 68,000; Lehigh, 67,000; Brown, 65,000; Princeton, 50,000; Union, 40,000; Bowdoin, 34,000; University of Virginia, 40,000.

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

News of the Order From Many Points.

An Alliance Exchange Established in Richmond.—The East Tennessee Farmer's Convention.

Hon. Jerry Simpson addressed an outdoor meeting of the Farmers' Alliance of Loudoun county, Va., at Aldie, May 23.

Hon. J. S. Bell, of Asheville, has been appointed lecturer of the 9th district in North Carolina.

The State of Oregon had last week eighty-six sub and four county Alliances, and the brethren notified Secretary Turner that they want to organize the State Alliance early in June.

The Raleigh, N. C., Progressive Farmer says: "Brother Worth, our State Business Agent, tells us that he shipped more than seven loads of sugar to the brethren during the month of April. The Agent perpetrated some elegant witicism about sweetening in telling us about his success, but we were too stupid to understand it."

RICHMOND, VA., [Special].—The executive committee of the Farmers' Alliance was in session at the office of Major A. R. Venable, the secretary of the exchange. The question of capitalizing the exchange was discussed at some length, and was finally decided in the affirmative. The establishment in Richmond will be the central office or distributing point for the local exchange through the State.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., [Special].—The East Tennessee farmers' convention assembled here Tuesday, in sixteenth annual convention. There was a large attendance and many questions of interest to southern farmers were discussed, among the leading topics "Sheep Raising" and "Is the Trotting Horse a General Purpose Horse?" The opening papers were read and were followed by a general discussion. The opinion of the farmers seems to be that the native American trotting horse is the best general purpose animal.

The House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania Legislature has, by an almost unanimous vote, adopted a concurrent resolution looking to the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, now in Washington, says that he learned from his inquiries in New York that "perhaps 80 per cent. of the farms in that State are mortgaged for more than they would actually bring if sold now."

The Farmers' Alliance was organized in North Carolina in 1877, the first charter being granted in Shelby county in Anson county, with a membership of five. To-day, four years later, the number of Alliances is more than two thousand, and the membership is over 100,000. Notwithstanding this marvelous growth the order is increasing every day. Every county in the State is represented, and the power of the order for good or evil is immense. A new lodge was organized in this county a few days ago, making about twenty-five, with a membership of nearly 2,000. There is also about a thousand members of the colored alliance in the county. The two do not affiliate.

ATLANTA, GA., [Special].—A party of farmers were discussing the viciousness of Jersey bulls, in the agricultural department yesterday afternoon, when Dr. Hunnicutt, of the department spoke up: "The common old Georgia bull is about as mean as any," said he. "I had an experience in that line. I was a young man that I never shall forget was a neighbor's bull in my cornfield one day and went in to drive him out. I had nothing except a stack with me, as I did not fear an attack. But judge of my surprise when I went up to the bull and struck him to see him wheel and charge at me. I had no time to get out of his way. He struck me in the back, knocked me down and pinned me to the ground with his horns, one grazing my leg and the other resting immediately against my side. Had it not been for a big crowd of men, near at the time, he would have killed me. The dog, however, attacked the bull, catching him by the nose and dragging him away, thus saving my life. But I have never recovered from the wrench to my leg, which is the cause of my present lameness."

NORTH CAROLINA DOCTORS.

Asheville's Cordial Hospitality to the State Medical Association.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., [Special].—If Asheville has ever hitherto shown her self generous in the entertainment of her guests it is surely not so in the case of the present assembly of the State Medical Society. After the session Tuesday afternoon the doctors were tendered a most delightful entertainment by Dr. Von Ruck at the Winyah House. A more charming affair can hardly be imagined. Everything needed to make a charming evening was at the disposal of the distinguished guests.

The feature of Wednesday's programme was the management of the Oakland Heights Sanitarium, which was simply perfect in detail. The crowning feature of the session, however, was the excursion to and banquet at Hot Springs, Thursday afternoon. This was undoubtedly the handsomest affair ever given to a convention in this section of North Carolina.

Death of Congressman Houk.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., [Special].—Congressman Leonidas C. Houk [died] here early Monday morning, from the effects of an overdose of arsenic, taken by mistake. Judge Houk had been suffering from heart disease. Sunday he went to a drug store to get a prescription put up. The druggist made it up and put it down in a glass near another containing a strong solution of arsenic and took the latter by mistake. Under medical treatment he seemed to be recovering, but became worse towards morning and died at 7 o'clock. The druggist has been exonerated.

Judge Houk was the leader of the Southern Republicans, and was a man of much intelligence and force of character. He was the most careful and thorough manner, and as a rough and ready humorist occupied much the same place on the Republican side of the House that John Allen of Mississippi does on the Democratic side. He was on terms of friendship with public men in Washington without regard to party.

George E. Olmstead, a Brockwater, Pa., boy just out of knee-breaches, has been offered \$40,000 for a fire-escape he has patented. Like a sensible boy, he is going to take the money and give himself a good education.

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The details of the plans for raising the necessary money may safely be entrusted to different Confederate associations, bivouacs, camps and local organizations, but the committee appointed by the Southern Press Association, itself largely composed of Confederate veterans, has issued a call for the people to meet on June 18 next, to take proper steps toward the course of voluntary contributions or other methods which they may deem best. This seems to be both opportune and wise. I thereby most respectfully and earnestly urge all Confederate organizations to meet on that day for this purpose, and all Confederates with the people assist the movement in their respective localities.

Funds raised by the special efforts of Confederates may be sent to Judge W. L. Calhoun, Atlanta, Georgia, who will act as treasurer, receipt for all remittances, and place the same in bank to the credit of the Davis monument fund.

Commander U. S. Confederate Veterans. The co-operation of the sons of Confederate veterans, and especially patriotic Southern women, is invited and assured. J. B. Gordon.

Rapid Transit in New York.

NEW YORK CITY, [Special].—The rapid transit commissioners to-day approved the plan for an underground four track railway under Broadway, from South Ferry to 59th street, under the boulevard to 160th street, under 14th avenue or under private property immediately to the west thereof, thence by viaduct across Spuyten Duyvil Creek and by tunnel or viaduct to the city limits. The motive power is to be electricity, or some other power not requiring combustion with the tunnels.

Going to Stop His Biggest "Ad."

WASHINGTON, D. C.,—President Harrison will be associated and re-elected, but he shall not be his Postmaster-General in his second term. On the 3rd of March, 1891, I shall hand him my resignation, and nothing would induce me to take this or any other Cabinet office again," says Postmaster-General Wamseller to his friends, as I have heard several times in the past six months, and the remainder of all in the past six days, since the return from the tour.

The South at the World's Fair.

The determination that the South shall be well and notably represented at the World's Columbian Fair, at Chicago, in 1893, appears very decided, and the convention to be held at Pulaski, Va., July 13, 14 and 15, is already receiving its proper foundation in sterling efforts for success. A stirring call has been issued, and prominent gentlemen directly interested in a full and fair exhibit of the State's resources are aiding and urging every endeavor. The field for their enterprise is broad enough to demand every available assistant.

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