

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MARCH 6, 1892.

1. "In the ninth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and all his army against Jerusalem..."

2. "In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up..."

3. "And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in the sixth month..."

4. "When Zedekiah, the king of Judah, saw them and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night..."

5. "Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes..."

6. "Then Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people..."

7. "Then Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, led away the captives..."

8. "And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem..."

9. "Then Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people..."

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Late Happenings of Importance By Mail and Wire.

The Gist of Three States' Doings, Carefully Prepared For Our Busy Readers.

VIRGINIA.

A big Masonic Fair is to be held in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, in May. A series of inter-collegiate games have been arranged by the University Athletic Association.

A colored man while out hunting near City Point found the skeleton of a white man.

A bill was passed in the Legislature to provide for the enumeration of towns claiming 5,000 inhabitants with a view of becoming cities.

Paramore's Island, near Onancock, has been recently purchased by a company of Philadelphia capitalists, who will soon erect there a magnificent club house and cottages.

Chester Roach, who was born in the Allegheny county almshouse seventy-five years ago, and who tramped with his parents through the country for years, died in Minnesota last week and left an estate of \$460,000.

Cottonwood is a new postoffice in Mecklenburg county. The Governor's Guard has increased in strength to sixty men.

The Roanoke bottom lands near Weldon will grow rice this year instead of cotton.

S. L. Yount, ex-sheriff of Catawba county, assigned at Hickory. Liabilities, \$11,000. W. H. Williams is the assignee.

A NEW ROAD TO BE BUILT.

One That Will Give North Carolina Another Outlet, and Form a Strong Competing Line.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—C. F. Z. Caracristi, the manager of the Petersburg & Chesapeake Railroad, has been actively engaged in listing capital in the company's project in this city, in Philadelphia and in New York.

Mr. Caracristi states that the proposed road is to traverse a belt of country very rich in mineral resources, especially iron, coal and bog-iron, and also that the timber is all of the finest in Virginia.

The road will connect the Atlantic and Danville, Norfolk and Western, and Powhatan and Farmville roads, with Richmond and the North, and if direct connection can be secured with the Richmond and Chesapeake road a route can be established between North Carolina, Petersburg, Manchester, Richmond and Baltimore, which will be considerably shorter than any that now exists.

State Conventions. The following State Conventions have been called: Alabama, Dem. Montgomery, June 8.

A new Southern railroad enterprise is contemplated in the corporation of the Norfolk, Wilmington and Charleston railroad company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, to build a line from Norfolk, Va. to Charleston, S. C.

Southern Society Presidency. NEW YORK CITY.—The annual election of the Southern Society will take place in a few days, and it promises to be one of the most spirited contests ever held in the club.

The Bananas Good Points. The banana is only now beginning to be appreciated, and will be much better liked when people learn to cook this delicious fruit and prepare it for food as it is used in countries where the plant grows.

Georgia's New Bishop. ATLANTA, Ga. [Special].—In St. Luke's Cathedral, Wednesday, Dr. C. Kinloch Nelson, formerly rector of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa., was consecrated Bishop of Georgia with impressive ceremonies.

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

The St. Louis Convention an Enthusiastic One.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The great Alliance and Labor Congress passed off with wonderful enthusiasm. The second morning Ben Terrell of Texas, Paul Yandevort of Nebraska, and Thomas Wadsworth of Indiana, had spoken appealingly for non-sectarianism, the old veterans all over the hall clasped hands and cheered for the restored Union.

The committee on platform was heard. Then there was a tremendous row over the States and counties now over the eligibility of a colored delegate from Georgia, which was quieted only the entrance of the committee on platform, which reported as follows:

"This, the first great labor conference of the United States and of the world, representing all divisions of urban and rural organizations and industry, assembled in national congress, invoking upon Almighty God, protection of the rights of the nation this declaration of union and independence.

"The conditions which surround us best justify our co-operation. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot box, the Legislatures, the Congress, and touches even the ermine of the bench.

"The urban workmen are denied the right of organization for self protection, imported pauperized labor beats down their wages, a hired standing army, unrecognized by our laws, is established to shoot them down and they are rapidly degenerating to European conditions.

"In this crisis of human affairs, the intelligent working people and producers of the United States, have come together in the name of peace, order and society, to defend liberty, property and justice. We declare our union and independence. We assert our purpose to vote with that organization who represents our principles.

"We charge that the controlling influences dominating the old political parties have allowed the existing dreadful conditions to develop without serious effort to remain or prevent them. Neither do they now intend to accomplish reform.

"We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government, only full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations; a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution, direct to the people, and not to exceed 30 per cent, to be provided, as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system, also, by payment in discharge of its obligation for public improvements.

"We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

dium be increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

"We demand a graduated income tax. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and we demand that all State and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

"We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

"We demand that the natural sources of wealth, the heritage of all the people and should not be monopolized for special purposes, while alien ownership of land should. All lands now held by railroad and other corporations in excess of their natural needs, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlement.

"We demand that the government is the legal tender, and pay the Union soldiers the difference between the price of the depreciated money in which he was paid in gold.

"Resolved, That we hail this conference as the consummation of a perfect union of hearts and hands of all the sections of our common country. The men who wore the grey and the men who wore the blue are here to extinguish the last smoldering fires of civil war in the tears of joy of a united and happy people, and we agree to carry the stars and stripes forward forever to the highest point of national greatness.

"The convention then took a recess until 2 p. m. On the afternoon session being called to order, Miss Frances Willard submitted her minority report. The first plank declared in favor of universal suffrage without distinction of sex; the second, that the liquor traffic was the enemy of reform, the chief cause of corruption in politics, and that as the States had full authority to legislate regarding this traffic it was the duty of the government to respect the action of those States that had voted the liquor traffic, and that the government should collect no liquor revenue within those States.

How Witches Were Convicted. "One of the theories of the age was that the devil set his mark upon each of his servants that witches were all marked," says Winfield S. Nevins in the New England Magazine.

Roots in Drains. Recently, in the yard of a public school in Philadelphia, a drain from the out-buildings was found to be choked, and on examination a little root of a maple tree had been found to penetrate a very small pore in the terra cotta pipe; yet so rapidly did these roots increase, after they found there was plenty of food at command in the drain, that although the pipe was eight inches in diameter, several bucketsful of small fibrous roots were taken out, and which had completely choked all circulation through the drain.

Strike in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, La.—The strike of the longshoremen is on, and 3,000 are out of work. The demand is an hour's pay for a fractional part of an hour. The ship agents have taken a decided stand by employing stevedores, giving them the time needed to secure new hands for unloading vessels. A number of new laborers have been obtained and it is proposed to put them to work. Trouble with longshoremen is anticipated, and the mayor has been asked for protection.

M. Scullaz, who went two years ago in search of the iocosenandra guttapercha tree in Malaya, has discovered large forests of these trees, and has hit upon practical ways of collecting the gum with out destroying the trees, which the natives inevitably do.



Cleveland a Candidate. TOLEDO, O.—Hon. Frank H. Hurd, who went to Ann Arbor to have a conference with Mr. Cleveland, announced authoritatively that the latter is a candidate for nomination.

Collector for Louisiana. WASHINGTON, D. C.—W. W. Chisholm was designated to perform the duties of revenue collector for Louisiana, vice Wimberly, removed. Mr. Chisholm was the deputy collector.

Suffocated by Gas. CINCINNATI, O.—M. Dugan, of Augusta, Ga., was found dead in bed at the Cincinnati House, having suffocated by escaping gas. Mr. Dugan had been at the hotel two days.

A North Carolinian Pardoned. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President has granted a pardon at the expiration of 18 months' imprisonment to Josiah Stancil, of North Carolina, sentenced December 8, 1890, to two years' imprisonment for violation of the postal laws.

Jay Gould Off on a Jaunt. NEW YORK CITY.—Jay Gould has left the city for an extended tour over his railroads in the West and South. He is intended to be in St. Louis March 28, when the annual meetings of the Missouri Pacific and St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railways are held.

Gen. Morgan's and Green's Monuments. WASHINGTON, D. C.—HOUSE.—Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, from the Committee on Library, reported the bills for erection of monuments to General Daniel Morgan at Winchester, Va., and Nathaniel Green at Guilford Courthouse, N. C. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Killed Four Persons. A special from Smithville, N. C., says: The jury in the case against Waitman Thompson for the murder of one W. W. Peeling, wife of the late John Peeling, and burning their house over their dead bodies on the 23d of December, returned a verdict of guilty, and requested that his sentence be imprisonment for life, the judge fulfilling it.

Charleston Memorializes Against Free Silver. CHARLESTON, S. C.—The chamber of commerce adopted a resolution requesting the Senators and Congressmen from this State to use all their influence in defeating the passage of the bill looking to the free coinage of silver, asserting that the boards of trade of the country can only be maintained on a sound currency.

A North Carolina Colored Professor in Connecticut. MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—A colored man who represented himself to be Prof. C. H. McDowell, of the Onslow Literary Institution, Swainsboro, N. C., was arrested on the charge of swindling. He collected small sums of money from prominent citizens, but a fraudulently headed list, with Mayor Briggs' name down for \$25, led to his detection. He has collected a large sum of money in the different cities near by.

Gave Cleveland a Gourd. FREDERICKSBURG, Va.—Colonel Wm. Rodgers, a jolly and handsome bachelor of Loudoun county, is in the city. Col. Rodgers presented Mr. Cleveland, during his term of office as President, with a long-handled gourd, grown on his place in Loudoun. He did this in conformity with the old custom to present couples with the passing of the wedding, and needless for more than two years ago, when Mr. Cleveland still has the gourd, and baby Ruth delights to play with it in preference to a gold rattle presented by an admiring friend.

Talmage's Tabernacle Under the Hammer. NEW YORK.—Charles T. Willis obtained a mechanic's lien on Dr. Talmage's tabernacle in Brooklyn, and then brought an action to foreclose it, and judgement was rendered in his favor for \$72,216 on the 10th of February. The judgement was signed by Judge Pratt, and it will be enforced by the sale of the property by the sheriff at public auction in one parcel. Willis built the tabernacle, which cost \$400,000. This judgement is the unpaid balance. The sale is subject to a mortgage of Russell Sage.

CONVENTION IN JULY.

They Will Nominate a People's Ticket.

That Was the Outcome of the St. Louis Conference of Alliance and Labor Leaders.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The delegates to the industrial conference have left, most of them expressing themselves as satisfied with the outcome of the gathering, although the delegates from Georgia, Louisiana, and other Southern States freely confessed that if the platform of the Democratic National Convention covered the financial planks of the platform adopted, the new movement would not cut much of a figure in their respective localities. The Kansas and Minnesota delegates, too, were inclined to be disgruntled over the decision to hold the presidential nominating convention on July 4, and the old politicians that manipulated the conference were soundly berated for their part for making the gathering follow those of the two old parties.

The special committee are considering a place for the national convention, the claims of St. Louis, Indianapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Birmingham, Ala., and Mobile, being presented. The principal contest was between the first three. The committee wanted a guarantee of \$50,000 for the expenses of the affair, but it was not offered. St. Louis offered a decorated hall free of charge, and later agreed to throw in \$100,000. Omaha could not offer money, but its representatives promised to throw the electoral vote of Nebraska to the People's ticket as a reward for the convention. It was claimed that Indianapolis was ready to guarantee the necessary \$50,000 but nobody was prepared to put in black and white. When the committee adjourned for dinner no decision had been reached.

The committee on an address to the people, under the chairmanship of Ignatius Donnelly, agreed to call upon the independent voters of the country to meet within a month in their respective congressional districts and organize. The call includes the platform adopted by the convention. Representative Taubeneck, of Illinois, says Omaha is the favorite in the race. Kansas City has withdrawn in its favor.

The National Committee of the People's party of the United States, acting in conjunction with the following: C. H. Van Wyck of Nebraska, C. W. Macune of Texas, M. J. Branch of Georgia, J. H. Powers of Nebraska, R. R. Humphrey of Texas, L. D. Laurent of Louisiana, Marion Cannon of California, T. H. Maguire of New York, J. H. Williams of Kansas, L. H. Polk of North Carolina, Pierce Hackett of Missouri, M. M. Garrett of Illinois, John Feitz of Ohio, Mary E. Leane of Kansas, Anna L. Diggs District of Columbia, Anna Debra of Texas, A. P. Parkson of Florida and Benjamin Terrill of Texas finally decided upon Omaha as the place for the 4th of July Convention.

A Baltimore Professor Demonstrates Another Use for the Phonograph. At the Southern Homeopathic Medical College, Baltimore, Md., a public demonstration was given of the use of the phonograph for the cure of deafness, a discovery made by Dr. H. F. Gary, a professor in the college. Seated at a phonograph, with rubber tubes in their ears, were a number of persons of both sexes, and an exposition of the principle of the treatment was given. It is the message of those parts of the ear which transmit sound into the brain. The phonograph produces this result by giving continuous and successive vibrations at regular intervals. This it does with certain degrees of intensity and frequency, according to the exigencies of the case under treatment.

In bad cases a series of intensified shocks, at the rate of one to the second, is produced against the membrane of the eardrum, in cases of not over than five years' standing the vibrations are given with more frequency and less intensity. The noises or thumps so made are given by means of depressions made with a stylus at regular intervals in the wax surface of the phonographic cylinders. Every depression causes the little transmitter needle in the instrument to strike the diaphragm connected with the phonograph, and to produce the same distressing noises which a deaf person continually hears within his brain. The intensity of the noise is regulated by the way that the depressions are made in the cylinder and their frequency by the number of revolutions per minute given the latter.

All patients who are under treatment for deafness at the college reported that they are greatly benefited.

A Large Tarpon. The tarpon or silver fish is undisputedly the gamiest inhabitant of the Gulf of Mexico. It affords more sport to amateur fishermen than any other of the fishes of the sea. The trawlfollower of Walton uses the pole, reel, line and hook to catch it with, and the tarpon is the same of his ambition. To boat a large specimen after a drag (by the tarpon of a boat) and an exercise of exquisite skill (by the fisherman with his tackle) from a contest of an hour or so, is a spell of splendid excitement. It is a question of "I win and you lose" to the end. At the "Outrage by the Sea," Pascagoula, Miss., has just been secured a stuffed specimen of this celebrated fish, which measures exactly six feet in length, and when caught weighed 202 pounds. It is handsomely mounted and most artistically preserved. This fish when hooked behaved like an astonished gentleman or an assaulted cowboy; it made fight instanter, measuring its gleaming length above the water in a jump of fully forty feet, clear over the craft in which the ready conqueror stood. The anchor of the skiff was hauled in by an assistant and the boat was thereby set adrift while the wheel was played with dexterous accuracy by the cool and accomplished manipulator with a wind back and a let go, until exhaustion in the endeavor of the tarpon to escape made it a prize to the proud fisherman.—New Orleans News Delta.

London, England, is to have an International Fruit Show.