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Concord, N. C., Friday, July 7, 1911.

Four sellers of cocaine were convicted in the Greensboro municipal court Thursday and given by Judge Eurs a sentence of six months each on the Guilford county roads. The Record well remarks that these people belong to the "worst class of citizenship." That paper further says: "There were nearly a dozen of these people, denizens of the woods on the outskirts of the cities, or to be found at any hours silently skulking about the silent streets or frequenting the dens of vice, anywhere, everywhere that they may chance upon a customer who uses or may be induced to use the poisoning drug. It is said that the use of cocaine so affects the human mind as to blot out all instincts of good and that the word of such a person is never worthy of belief. Under its influence negroes and whites congregate together on planes of equality and spend hours with the worst of associates in the dreamland produced by the fumes of the magic chemical. Policemen Helper and McFarland found a user of the drug who was willing to "peach" upon the sellers of the cocaine and a round was made last night with him as an assistant in which the arrests were made. It is naturally hard to catch and convict cocaine users, because the drug produces a certain cunning which enables its slaves to avoid the law and the craving for the stimulant is so great that they are unwilling to take any steps to help stamp out its sale. However, this morning despite the rosy tales of explanation, the defendants in the cases tried were convicted and several will be tried at a later session of court.

Senator Simmons Thursday introduced in the Senate an amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill providing for putting flour as well as wheat, and fresh meats as well as live stock on the free list. He will address the Senate in support of his bill next Monday. Senator Simmons outlined at some length his views on the subject of the pending reciprocity agreement because of the report being circulated in some sections that his opposition is based entirely upon the argument that the pact proposes to remove the duty on lumber. The Senator says the pact is unjust to the farmers and the landowners, who will be made to suffer by the free imports of Canadian products. If the pact is amended by putting meat and flour on the free list, and also agricultural implements, so that the farmer may be compensated in some manner for what he loses, the Senator will vote for the bill.

A statement to the effect that President Taft would have no opposition for re-nomination was recently given out by the White House Press bureau as printed in all parts of the country. The statement was to the effect that all of the progressives with the possible exception of LaFollette would support Taft. This untruthful report made the insurgents angry all through, with the result that if they ever had any idea of supporting Taft for re-nomination, they have abandoned it and will support LaFollette. The only progressive who is avowedly for Taft is Kenyon of Iowa.

WHAT JOE KING THINKS.

Paragrapher of the Durham Herald. Some Bay Comments from the Bright. The day of the near-beer tiger is not as long as it has been. Remembering what happened in Charlotte and Greensboro we are naturally wondering how long Raleigh will be able to keep that auditorium. As the near-beer stands usually ignore all other prohibition laws there is no reason to believe that they will have any more respect for the latest one. But wonder does Charlotte record intend to make a distinction between the tube that do a liquor business on the side and the club that were organized for that purpose?

ROCKWELL.

Walter Choate, manager of the Livory stable here, had the misfortune to lose a real fine horse yesterday, which he valued at three hundred dollars. Its death was due caused by being fed twice, one time through mistake.

Arthur Davis and wife, from Thomsville, were welcome visitors at Wm. Ridenhour's last Saturday night and Sunday.

Harry Fesperman will begin a subscription school at the Rockwell school house next Monday. He is a student of Catawba College at Newton and a bright young man. There will be quite a number of our small boys and girls to attend and it will be far better for them than daily idling their time away.

George Bager, of China Grove is visiting at Albert Peeler's.

The writer had the pleasure to shake hands with Sidney R. Wyatt a few days ago. Three and one-half years ago he enlisted in the Standing Army and served three years in Maine. He enlisted again last January for three more years and is now stationed at Fort Caswell, near Wilmington, but he says he does not like it as well as he did in Maine. He left at the age of eighteen and this is his first furlough home to see his father and friends.

The funeral of Mrs. B. A. Fesperman took place last Wednesday at the Reformed church of which she has long been a member. Her pastor, Rev. J. E. Yearick, preached a most excellent sermon, which was listened to by a full church of people and there were many on the outside who were unable to get seats. Indeed it was the largest crowd ever assembled at this church on any occasion like this. She was one that loved everybody and claimed everybody as her friend and everybody was a friend to her. She was one of our leading women as a Christian and was always interested in church work and at all times did much to aid and help it on. She has raised four sons and six daughters who are very bright and prosperous in every walk of life. She was 43 years, 4 months and 24 days old. The heart broken family has her prayers and sympathy of the whole town and surrounding community. Rockwell, July 4, 1911.

SANDY.

NO. 7 TOWNSHIP.

Mr. L. M. Misenheimer and daughter, Miss Mae, of Richmond, Va., visited in this community recently.

Corn and cotton is growing rapidly but is in need of rain very bad.

Farmers are bidding their fields of Corn and cotton adieu with the cultivators and plows. Wheat about half threshed. Mr. J. A. Ritchie and Miss Ada Plyler were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father. Mr. J. D. Plyler, of Misenheimer. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie left Thursday for Salisbury where they will live in the future. We wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. Fred Moore, who is working at Kannapolis spent several days at home recently with his father, Mr. A. L. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Honeycutt spent Saturday in Concord.

Mr. C. E. Smith is on the sick list we are sorry to say.

The people who attended the various picnics during the 4th report it good. Some were in Salisbury, Albemarle and Misenheimer White Sulphur Springs.

Messrs. J. H. Honeycutt, Jacob Eudy and Adolphus Culp were in Concord Saturday on business.

Wonder who was at Reno Nev., the 4th. Guess Jack and Jeff were not. But it looks as if HUSTLER and SANDY will have to bill an engagement over their ball teams.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson III.—Third Quarter, For July 16, 1911.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, 11 Chron. xxxiii, 1-13—Memory Verses, 12, 13—Golden Text, Isa. 1, 16, 17—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

That Heneklah, who was such a good king, should have had such a bad father as Ahas and such a bad son as Manasseh is one of the—to us—seemingly strange things. In the case of David's sons and Eli's sons the trouble seems to have been lack of home discipline, for it is written of the former concerning one of his sons that his father never displeased him and never said to him as much as "Why hast thou done this?" (1 Kings 1, 6.) Of Eli it is written that "his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not" (1 Sam. iii, 13). As Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign in the stead of his father he must have been born three years after his father's recovery from his illness of which he would have died had not the Lord added fifteen years to his life.

His words were very humble after his recovery from that sickness, but later there was much pride and self assertion, especially when the ambassadors came with gifts from Babylon (Isa. xxxviii and xxxix). Would it have been better for Heneklah to have died at what seemed to be his appointed time rather than to become the father of such a son? Let those tell who know, but let us in all things be wholly subject to God.

Verses 9 and 10 of our lesson summarize his iniquity in these words: "So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel. And the Lord spake to Manasseh and to his people, but they would not hearken." Note the love and compassion of Jehovah in His speaking to him to warn him and turn him from his evil ways; note the worst phase of his sin in his refusing to listen to God. The special phases of his sin are mentioned in the previous verses as manifold idolatry, building idol altars even in the house of the Lord, using witchcraft, dealing with familiar spirits, etc. It was a foreshadowing of the still greater wickedness which led to the captivity of Judah when they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and misused His prophets till there was no remedy. Although God is so long suffering, there is sometimes a limit, and the time came when God allowed Manasseh to be taken prisoner, bound in chains and carried to Babylon (verse 11). It was a grand thing for him to be thus afflicted, for in prison he became truly penitent and humble and prayed earnestly to God, and the Lord heard him and saved him and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom (verses 12, 13). The Lord is not willing that any should perish, and He does everything to prevent people from going down to the pit (Job xxxiii, 29, 30). Even the judgments of the great tribulation period, after the church shall have been removed, will have as their object the repentance of the ungodly (Rev. ix, 20, 21; xvi, 9). Who can tell how much his mother's prayers had to do with his turning to God? Her name was Hephzibah, and she seems to have been a godly woman. If she was on earth when he was carried to Babylon she might have said, as Jacob did, "All these things are against me," but in her case, as in his, Rom. viii, 28, was true.

After he turned to the Lord and was restored to his kingdom he seems to have done what he could to undo the evil he had done before by removing the altars and the strange gods, by repairing the altar of the Lord and offering sacrifice thereon and by commanding Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel (verses 14-16), but there was no lasting result in the kingdom from his reformation, and his son Amon walked in the wicked ways of his father (verses 21-23). It seems more easy to lead people away from God than to lead them to Him, to do evil than to do it, but there is nothing too hard or wonderful for the Lord.

The salvation of the thief on the cross, Saul of Tarsus and the jailer at Philippi are notable Bible illustrations of the grace of God. Our lesson chapter refers to the prayer of Manasseh and the words of the Lord's servants to him, but we have no record of them. In the Apocrypha just preceding the first book of Maccabees there is a portion entitled "The prayer of Manasseh when he was holden captive in Babylon," in which he confesses, among other things, that he had sinned above the number of the sands of the sea, and he says that if God will save him he will praise Him forever all the days of his life. But even if this be a correct record, which is doubted, it is neither his prayer nor his promises that we should consider, but the great mercy of God toward one who had been so great a sinner.

All mercy to all sinners can only be because of the great sufferings of Him of whom we read in last week's lesson who was set apart before the foundation of the world, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (1 Pet. i, 20; Rev. xii, 9). He was the only sacrifice that could take away sin, foreshadowed in Gen. iii, 21, and in all true sacrifices ordained of God and fulfilled on Golgotha (Acts iv, 12).

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