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able to The Times and Democrat,
Orangeburg, S. C., by registered let-
ter, check or money order.Justice Harlan in his dissenting
opinion in the Standard Oil Company
case denounced as "the most alarm-
ing tendency of the day" the tendency
to judicial legislation. Men of pow-
er and wealth, he said, always were
trying to get the courts to do what
congress would not.The Bamberg Herald says: "The
Branchville Journal has just closed a
subscription contest, and now its edi-
tor announces that he is going to
leave and turn the paper over to
others." The contest people took
about all the cream there was in that
contest and left the editor holding
the bag.The State says: "Those in need of
3-per cent. Panama bonds may buy
them, but the same fifty millions
judiciously invested in South Carolina
would net from three to four times
as much to the investors." That is
true. Some of the fifty million could
find profitable investment right here
in Orangeburg County.In the long ago animals were taken
into court in England and tried for
crimes. On one occasion a cock, sus-
pected of witherfall, was burned at
the stake after being found guilty
of the charge of laying an egg. Why
should we be surprised at progress
Japan and other nations have made
in getting away from ignorance and
superstition?"While the woods are full of men
mentioned for the Democratic nomi-
nation for president, nobody in par-
ticular is talked about except Taft
to head the Republican ticket," says
the Louisville Courier. There is a
reason for this, which is that the
Democratic outlook is very bright at
this time, and its nominee is likely
to be the next president of the Uni-
ted States.It is intimated in some quarters
that the reason why Teddy is pre-
tending to be so anxious to lead an
American army of invasion into Mex-
ico is that he is having a hard time
getting space in the newspapers.
Woodrow Wilson and other real re-
formers have almost completely shut
such sham reformers as Teddy and
his kind out of the press, and it
grieves them mightily.The Louisville Herald says on the
"day of Tia Juana battle, the horn-
blowers of the sight-seeing autos
went through San Diego streets yell-
ing: "Two dollars for street trip to
the battle! Two dollars! Piling
begins at 2 p. m." The battle was
promptly on time, too. Something
like this was attempted by the Pan-
thers at the first battle of Manassas,
but never again after that day's ex-
perience.Woodrow Wilson and William Jen-
nings Bryan agree as to the best way
to regulate the trusts. They both ad-
vocate the punishment of the men
who violate the law by forming
trusts, rather than attempt to punish
the corporations formed by them.
This is good sound logic. A jail sen-
tence of six months for John D. Rock-
efeller would be more effective in dis-
solving the Standard Oil Company
than a thousand such decisions as the
United States Supreme Court render-
ed the other day.The Charleston Post says "the
pathetic thinness of the ranks of
Gray becomes more striking as the
years pass, but the glory of the lost
cause only mounts to greater heights
in the perspective of history." Yes,
the gallant men who composed the
invincible armies of the Confederacy
are fast passing to the other side.
Soon the last one will answer his
last roll call, and then they and their
gallant deeds will be a memory. So
let us honor and cherish those of the
gallant old veterans who are still
with us.Justice Harlan gave his brother
Justices on the Supreme Court a se-
vere, but well deserved, rebuke, when
he said in his dissenting opinion, that
they had no right to usurp the func-
tion of the legislative branch of the
government by writing into the statu-
te in reference to trusts a differ-
entiation between reasonable and
"unreasonable." He declared that
congress had resisted all appeals so
to amend the act, and there was every
reason to believe that such an amend-
ment never could be put through the
legislative branch.The United States Supreme Court
has shaken the confidence of some in
its fairness and wisdom by its deci-
sion in the Standard Oil case. In
their great extremity, men represent-
ing great aggregations of wealth, ap-
plied to the court in an effort to
have it construe the law in reference
to trusts in a way that would be a
flat reversal of what it had held on
two previous occasions. The court
unflinchingly reversed itself as the
trusts asked it to do. To his honor
be it said, Justice Harlan, declined
to be a party to such a reversal.

Major James T. Bacon.

The memory of the late James T. Bacon of Edgefield, S. C., is treasured in the minds and hearts of many friends. He was one of those rare and fine spirits who seemed to reach the sentiments of life and bring back from them some of the sweetness and purity of their atmosphere to freshen the everyday levels of those who read his writings or had the pleasure and good fortune of meeting him for a little passing chat. As the Savannah Press says his gentle spirit still lingers with those who knew and loved him and still exercises a subtle charm and power upon their thoughts. He was a man of brilliant talents and accomplishments, gifted with a gentle and exquisite humor, a literary talent and ability of the very highest order and a temperament for art and beauty in all of its forms. Surely his rare talent must have sounded the lure of fame and fortune and called him, often to a more brilliant circle, but if they did he did not follow. He lived out his life among his own people in the little South Carolina town which was his home, loving better to be loved than to be flattered, spending his life and seeking not to gratify vanity or ambition in a wider field. In the little church in Edgefield a beautiful memorial window has been dedicated to the memory of James T. Bacon. The window illustrates the parable of the Good Samaritan, and to those who know the life and character of this good gentleman and Christian the association seems peculiarly fitting. Generous and full of kindness, he gave unstintingly from his great possessions, but his great possessions were not those of worldly wealth. From his heart and mind and of himself he gave and in company with the Good Samaritan is his memory blessed and honored. He will be missed when the press association meets at Columbia.

A Remedy Badly Needed.

If the United States were to impose an export duty on cotton and arrange to have the government finance the holding of cotton for any price Americans might name, what would the rest of the world do? says the Nashville Tennessean. How would Germany fare if the United States were to impose an export tax on cotton after the manner Germany has discriminated against American farmers by means of its potato tax?

These are questions which students of finance and economics are consider-
ing with great care. Brazil and Germany have used just such a weapon on the United States with in-
difference to protest from this country. All the coffee product from Brazil, which is more than half the coffee crop of the world, is now controlled by a great syndicate which is practi-
cally identical with the Brazilian government. The entire financial and tariff policy of Brazil centers about this crop, the most of which is sold in the United States.

At present Brazil buys but little from the United States. Most of the manufactured products required by Brazil are purchased in Europe, so the United States has little opportunity to adopt retaliatory measures in the case of the South American republic. Americans must have Brazilian coffee, and this government is helpless, apparently, to resent the coffee trust arranged by the Brazilian syndicate unless it prosecute the agents of the trust who handle the business in this country. Some attorneys of note have suggested that the agents of the Brazilian syndicates operating here might well be prosecuted under the Sherman act.

The South as a Pace Maker.

No one can read the Department of Agriculture's statement of farm crops by States for 1910 without fully realizing that Southern agriculture now grows faster than Western and is at last, after many years of difficult adjustment to new but far sounder conditions, coming into its own, says the Charlotte Observer. No State in or near the cotton belt failed to improve its rank except Louisiana; and this one exception is undoubtedly due to conditions created by the boll weevil. Louisiana had almost quit raising cotton for the time being, and had not done much more than offset the loss with other crops. Under the circumstances her showing is as good as that of Texas, which has had time for adjustment to boll-weevil conditions and which now takes first place by a large margin from Illinois.

South Carolina's leap from twenty-first to thirteenth among American States, in contrast with Kansas' drop from fourth to tenth, is the most im-
pressive exhibit of all. North Carolina's gain of 18.3 per cent., or from twenty-second to eighteenth place, was much larger than Texas made and was, in fact, the fourth largest in a fast-gaining South.

This remarkable showing is largely due to the high price of cotton, but let us remember that cotton would never have brought such a price had not the Southern farmer learned to raise, and had he not been provided by manufacturing development, with a market for, various other crops.

Socialism in England.

Although Great Britain is known in history as a monarchial nation, yet she has marched a long distance from individualism to paternalism in government during the last fifty years. The old idea that the internal function of government was mainly to perform police duty is discarded entirely by all sections in parliament. This was conclusively seen in the favorable reception accorded the government measure of insurance against sickness and non-employment by which 14,000,000 of people will be affected. Conservatives, nation-
alists and laborites vied with the liberals in their enthusiastic support. The experiment will be watched with great interest on this side of the water where the question of sickness and non-employment among working people, even if not so pressing as in Eng-

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BIBLE STUDIESTHE SONG OF THE VINEYARD
Isaiah 5:1-12—May 21
"Let me sing to my Well-Beloved a song of my
Beloved touching his vineyard."

TO this lesson, as to the last, we have a Divinely-inspired key, for the words were quoted by the Great Teacher and applied by him to the Jewish nation, as indeed the Prophet himself explains. God is represented as having planted the nation of Israel as his own vineyard. He gathered out the stones, or removed the difficulties, and planted in it the choicest vine, the richest prom-
ises—promises of the Messianic King-
dom and the blessing of Israel and all the families of the earth. He provided a watch tower for it in the Prophecies and a hedge about it in the Law and the Prophets and in all the arrange-
ments made for that holy nation.

It was proper that he should look for choice fruitage from so favorably-situated a vineyard, but the results were unsatisfactory. The fruitage was not in harmony with the promises he had planted, but wild grapes, sour, small.

The Beasts of the Field Have Ravished the Vineyard

This condition prevailed until the time of Jesus. Although troubles upon the nation were from time to time per-
mitted by the Lord, the breaches were always healed and the nation was pre-
served. Its walls of Divine protection and guidance were maintained and its watch tower.

John the Baptist was the last of the Prophets. Since his day the Lord has fulfilled to nat-
ural Israel the things mentioned in this prophecy. The hedges have been broken down. It has been laid waste. No care has been taken of it. The beasts of the field, the Gentile nations, have ravaged this vineyard and, by Divine intention,

no rain of Divine blessing, comfort, en-
couragement and fructification have come upon them more than eighteen centuries. Their unrepentance led to the break-
ing down of their entire system. They did not have love enough toward God, nor toward their fellows.

We are glad, indeed, to note from the Scriptures that the time is coming when that same vineyard shall be re-
stored under still more favorable con-
ditions, during the Messianic reign of glory and heavenly power. But it is still in disorder.

The majority of the Jews of our Lord Jesus' day were tainted with selfish-
ness and were not in a condition of mind acceptable to the Lord for con-
stituting the spiritual, the Bride class—except the few, "the remnant," men-
tioned by the Prophet.

Application to Spiritual Israel
"God's dealings with fleshly Israel not only represent the principles of Divine government and requirements, but also the requirements of natural Israel's service, as the Scriptures show, and they typify spiritual Israel. As nat-
ural Israel failed to be ready to accept Jesus at his first advent—except "the remnant"—so spiritual Israel, called "Christendom," will fail to be ready to receive him as the great Messiah at the establishment of His Kingdom.

Note the care with which the Lord planted His Church, gathering out all the difficulties at the time of its estab-
lishment. Note the heavenly, spiritual promises, exceeding great, with which He surrounded the Church, as His vine-
yard.

In the end of this Age comes a har-
vest time for spiritual Israel, as in the end of the Jewish Age there was a harvest time for natural Israel. Here, as there, only "a remnant" will be found worthy of the Kingdom—the great, nominal mass will be found unworthy. And why? Because the spirit of worldliness and selfishness is the prevalent one, in-
stead of the spirit of the Lord, the spirit of meekness, gentleness, love. Only with the few is God first. Only with the few is there a spirit of full consecration to do the Divine will. Only with the few is there love of the brethren and a willingness to lay down life one for another. (John 15:13.) Only with the few is there even business honesty, justice. Today self-
ishness is heaping up treasure and the results, we may be sure, will be unsatisfactory—"a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."—Dan. 12:1.

Moreover, as the Prophet proceeds to show, the accumulation of wealth has generally an injurious effect upon the rich—idleness, music and wine and disregard of things Divine. The "remnant" now will be a sufficient number to complete the "elect." The Kingdom of glory will be established and all the families of the earth will, shortly after the time of trouble, begin to recognize the long-promised blessing.

land, is one of increasing importance. Anyway, the new collectivism with its solitude for the welfare of the masses is infinitely better than the old system which practically ignored them while it favored the aristocracy with its feudal power and usage.

What we need in this country is some more judges like Justice Harlan. Men who know the constitution, and who are not afraid to stand up for it. In the hands of such judges the liberties of the people are secure.

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