

# CALAVERAS BIG TREES

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FIRE SCAR IN A BIG TREE

BIG TREES HOTEL

One of the acts of the closing weeks of President Roosevelt's administration for which he will be remembered by the present and coming generations whose privilege it may be to visit the region of the big trees of California was the signing of the bill creating the Calaveras National forest, California. This act saves for all time the most famous grove of trees in the world.

The people of California, particularly the 500 women of the California club, have been working to interest the government in this wonderful grove of big trees for more than nine years, but not until now has it been possible to arrange a plan satisfactory alike to the owner of the land and to congress.

The land to be acquired under the bill includes about 960 acres in what is known as the North Calaveras grove in Calaveras county, and 3,040 acres in the South Grove in Tuolumne county. The North Grove contains 93 big trees and in the South Grove there are 1,380 of these giant sequoias. Any tree under 18 feet in circumference, or six feet through, is not considered in the count of large trees. Besides the giant sequoias there are hundreds of sugar pines and yellow pines of astonishing proportions, ranging to the height of 275 feet and often attaining a diameter of eight to ten feet. There are also many white firs and incense cedars in the two tracts. A government study of the land was made by a field party under the direction of Fred G. Plummer, United States forest service, in 1906.

The Calaveras big trees are known the world over. The North Grove contains ten trees each having a diameter of 25 feet or over, and more than 70 having a diameter of 15 to 25 feet. Most of the trees have been named for famous generals of the United States and others for statesmen

man, "J. P. McPherson," "Abraham Lincoln," "Connecticut," "Ohio," "Grover Cleveland," "Mrs. Grover Cleveland," "Dr. Nelson," "General Custer," "Dr. J. W. Dawson," "General Hancock," "Knight of the Forest," "Two Sentinels," and "Old Dowd."

Perhaps no one is more entitled to credit for saving the big trees than is Mrs. Lovell White, one of California's charming daughters, who has been persistent in her efforts to secure



Mrs. Lovell White.

proper action from congress. Mrs. White is the wife of Mr. Lovell White, a prosperous and conservative banker in the Golden state. She is notable among California's great army of noble women for the uplift of the people, morally and materially. She is the chairman of the Calaveras Big Tree committee, of the Outdoor Art league of California, and of other clubs and public bodies whose chief aims are the civic, industrial and artistic betterment of San Francisco.



Pioneer Cabin. The Hollow Butt is Exposed in the Roof of the Driveway.

and various states of the union. "The Father of the Forests," now down, is estimated by Hittel, in his "Resources of California," to have had a height of 450 feet and a diameter at the ground of more than 40 feet when it was standing. "Massachusetts" contains 118,000 board feet of lumber; "Governor Stoneman" contains 108,000 board feet, and the "Mother of the Forest," burned in the terrible forest fire which licked its way into a part of the grove last summer, contained 105,000 board feet. Each of these trees named grows as much lumber as is grown ordinarily on 15 or 20 acres of timberland. The bark runs from six inches to two feet in thickness. Among the other large named trees in the two groves are "Waterloo," "Pennsylvania," "James King," "Old Bachelor," "Pride of the Forest," "Daniel Webster," "Sir John Franklin," "Empire State," "U. S. Grant," "W. T. Sher-

When she arrived in Washington as a delegate to the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors congress she frankly told every United States senator and member of the lower house whom she met that she "intended to remain here until she had succeeded in inducing congress to pass the Calaveras bill," which had been introduced early in the session by Senator Perkins. Her announcement, made in her characteristically modest and refined yet determined manner, was smilingly received; and, sometimes, she was gently reminded of the fate that befell similar bills presented by Senator Perkins and other California congressmen. "Let us forget the past and its mistakes," was her courteous and apt retort, "and make amends by uniting in this feasible plan of preserving to the world the greatest living marvels now extant in the universe."

## PETER AND CORNELIUS

Sunday School Lesson for April 4, 1909  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 10:1-20. Memory verses 13-15.  
GOLDEN TEXT.—"In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."—Acts 10:35.  
TIME.—38-40 A. D.

PLACES.—Joppa and Caesarea. "The traditional house of Simon the tanner is a typical eastern dwelling, with heavy barred gateways and a forbidding, windowless exterior. The waves of the Mediterranean beat against the low outer wall, while in the courtyard is a spring of pure water which tradition tells us was used by Simon."—Rev. Francis S. Clark, D. D.

RULERS.—Herod Agrippa, king of Judea and Samaria; Caligula, emperor of Rome.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

"The main purpose of the book of the Acts is to untold the broadening spirit and form of the church of God."

—Theodore T. Munger, D. D. "This chapter (Acts 10) is parallel in importance with that which depicted the scenes of Pentecost."—David O. Mears, D. D.

Cornelius was a centurion, corresponding to our captain, the head of a company of soldiers numbering 100 when full. This company was part of the cohort "called the Italian band," because made up of Romans born in Italy.

(1) He was "a devout man, and one that feared God." The words have a technical sense," says McGiffert, and indicate that Cornelius worshiped the God of the Jews, but was not formally a proselyte. (2) He was a good husband and father, and led "all his house" in his own righteous ways. (3) He was liberal, and "gave much alms to the people." (4) He was not only outwardly devout, but inwardly pious, and "prayed to God always." In these secret prayers we may be sure, from the sequel, that he sought for a better knowledge of God and of God's will, for that is what was given him; (v. 4).

(5) Moreover (Acts 10: 22), Cornelius carried his religion into practical affairs, where he was just and fair dealing; and (6) as the result of it all, he was held in high honor by the Jews themselves (Acts 10: 22), as well as by the Gentiles. It would have been impossible to find a better man for God's purpose, or one who would have appealed more strongly to Peter.

"The sixth hour" (noon) was "a set time of devotion with pious Jews."—Geikie. Peter had retired from his comrades in toll, for perhaps he helped Simon in his tannery, and nowhere better than "upon the housetop" could he find privacy and quiet for prayer. The roofs of eastern houses are flat, and often surrounded with a parapet three or four feet high, which would screen Peter from observation as he knelt. He was "very hungry," for he "probably had not yet broken his fast."—Rackham. They were preparing food below, and perhaps the savor of it rose to the housetop, but before it was ready Peter "fell into a trance."

The Greek word for trance is different from the word for Cornelius' vision. A vision is something seen outside one's self; a trance is the condition of one's mind, that sees inner visions. One is not asleep, and it is not a dream, but a peculiar exaltation of the spirit. In this trance Peter saw, let down from the sky, a great sheet, like "the wind-stretched canvas of the craft on the Lake of Galilee."—Lumby. It was full of animals, many of them the wild beasts and reptiles which the Jews considered unclean. Three times a mysterious voice bade Peter rise from his knees and slay and eat the shocking food, three times he refused in horror, three times he was hidden to make nothing unclean that he partake of it, and then the great sheet was lifted and disappeared in the sky.

The messengers from Cornelius "had made inquiry for Simon's house" (the Greek word implies a careful search through the streets), and while Peter was meditating on his vision, they were even then at the gate, and calling for him. Before word of his visitor could reach him, the Holy Spirit in some way made Peter conscious of their coming, and bade him go with them.

The outstretched sheet which Peter saw in his vision signified the whole world, and the four corners symbolized the directions, north, south, east and west, in which the gospel was to be carried. The contents of the sheet showed that all men were to be reached, the lowest races as well as the highest, savage and civilized, poor and rich, ignorant and wise. It was a perfect symbol of foreign missions.

From every nation on earth immigrants are pouring into the United States at the rate of more than a million a year. America is the modern equivalent of the sheet of Peter's vision, full of clean and unclean, men of all languages, beliefs, customs, helpful and hurtful, blessings and scourges. The work of home missions is to believe in all these, love them all, and win them all for Jesus Christ.

Peter obeyed promptly and gladly, taking one step toward fellowship with the Gentiles by entertaining the three messengers over night in Simon's house. The cause of this obedience: (1) The influence of his own vision, (2) coupled with that of Cornelius matching it with evident supernatural design, (3) together with the influence of the Holy Spirit upon his mind, and (4) the memory of Christ's prophecies of the world-wide spread of his church. The character of Cornelius, as reported by the messengers, helped him to a decision. Evidently, also, he consulted with friends.

### A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE

Of Painting Requirements Will Save Much Expense.

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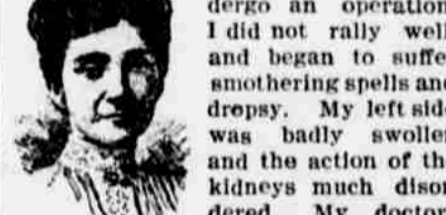
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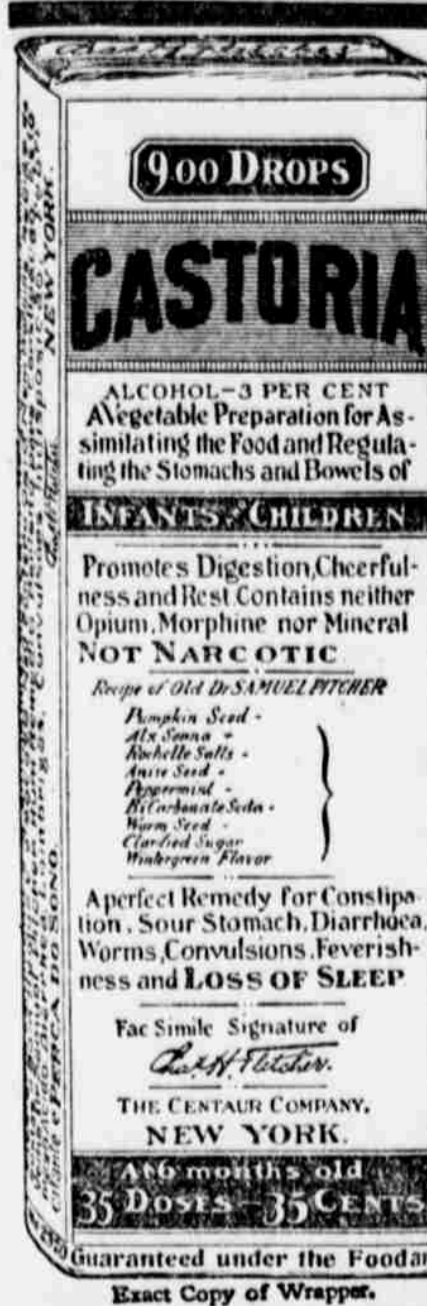
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