

the restraints of law and order, not so with the west. It needed the guidance of a strong and determined man. Such a man was Andrew Jackson.

He had moved to Tennessee and began the practice of law. When that state's population became large enough, a convention was called and a constitution was formulated. In this Jackson was the moving spirit. He anchored Tennessee to the Union and became her representative, then judge and next her governor.

About this time Jefferson, with one stroke of the pen, added the territory of Louisiana to the domain of the United States. Jackson with a commission from the government, marched into Louisiana removed the Indians west of the Mississippi, broke up the lawless element and rendered the newly acquired territory fit for settlers. His next service was in the leafy everglades of Florida, where he compelled the Spanish authorities to make amends for their violations of the laws of the United States. The negotiations which he opened up with Spain resulted in the purchase of Florida.

The war of 1812 came on. The news that a fleet was advancing upon New Orleans caused great excitement. The veterans of Waterloo, who captured Napoleon and placed again the Bourbons on the throne of France, were coming eight thousand strong, led by the nephew of Wellington. Jackson took command of the American troops. Hasty breathworks were made. The general was every where infusing hope and courage by his untiring energy. His men were rough and untrained volunteers, but within their tawny bosoms beat a heart of invincible valor.

After two repulses the British battal-

ions under Peckenham, moved to the main assault. On they came in awe inspiring columns! But behind those embankments the American soldiers are as cool as the cold steel they clasp in their determined hands. Suddenly at a distance of a few yards, a flood of flame and fire leaped into the face of the advancing foe; musketry rattles and cannon roar. "Stand to your guns; make every shot tell!" said Jackson, as his towering form moved among his men. Two hours passed, and when the smoke of battle rolled upward, like curtains of a theatre, the enemy's legions had melted and "Old Hickory" was master of the field.

A grateful people attested his popularity by placing him in the presidential chair. While at the helm of the ship of state he guided her through troubled waters. But the mist never grew so thick, nor the clouds so black that this heroic man could not land her in the harbor of safety. In the face of great opposition he firmly fixed his policies and however arbitrary they seemed at the time to be, all have united in proclaiming the wisdom of his course.

"Rare combination of soldier and statesmen." A leader of men, both in camp and cabinet. Stern as Regulus, as unbending as Hannibal, yet as sagacious as Cæsar. Whether dealing with cunning savages, or facing the veterans of Europe; whether establishing principles of government, or directing the meditation of an hour, he was the same confident and energetic man. He was one of the few great men who could think correctly and act quickly. It was given to him to both plan and achieve.

Andrew Jackson lived at a time when our country was prolific of great men,