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General News.

Our Own Country.

The prohibition party in Ohio is making extensive preparations for a most vigorous canvass this year. The fur is certainly going to fly in the "Buckeye State," and it remains to be seen which party will furnish the fur.

The newspapers continue to discuss the propriety and impropriety of Gen. Grant's burial place. Most of them insist that Washington City should have been the place of sepulture.

The house in which Gen. Grant was born, at Point Pleasant, Ohio, has been bought for \$7000 and will be removed to one of the parks in New York.

Sir Moses Montefiore, the great Hebrew philanthropist, is dead.

Robert Gibson, Macon, Mo., is said to be the oldest man in the world; he is 119 years of age. He never tasted whiskey in his life.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has been invited and has accepted a position as aid during the funeral ceremonies of Gen. Grant.

Chicago was swept last Monday with the severest rain storm ever visited by it.

The great topic of conversation and newspaper mention in our own country is the funeral and burial of Gen. Grant. Such demonstrations and pomp of woe, have never been seen in this, nor perhaps in any country. Indeed preparations are being made all over the United States, and in many foreign countries, for funeral services the day of his burial, the 8th, inst. In the North and South, at home and abroad the "silent man," the man of deeds, not words, is missed and mourned.

Foreign.

England is stirred profoundly, and the great sensation does not reach the lower and middle classes only, nor chiefly, but the nobility. The revelations of the *Fall Mall Gazette*, of the foul and fearful corruptions of many of their titulated and tony scoundrels have stirred and startled their best citizenship. A committee recognized for its learning and piety, was appointed to investigate the truth of the *Gazette's* charges, and reported them correct. In addition to the sale of girls as sheep in the shambles, it has also been discovered that a fearful and blighting demoralization was wide-spread among the boys. The head of every true man and woman there is bowed with grief, and every cheek mantled with shame. It is earnestly to be hoped that the vigorous measures adopted to correct these evils may be abundantly successful. Meanwhile let this country watch, work and pray, that a like calamity may not overtake us.

Canada.

Riel, who figured so conspicuously recently as the leader of the Indian rebellion, in Canada, has been tried, convicted, and sentenced last Saturday, to be hung Sept. 18th, next. The jury commended him to the mercy of the crown.

Russia.

has been visited by an alarming and destructive earthquake. Two towns were destroyed. A church crowded with people was destroyed and most of the congregation killed. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, etc." The earth opened in a great fissure in Belwoodsk, and many people were swallowed up.

Spain.

is still scourged with cholera, with no signs of an early abatement, and it has at last made its way to

France.

Marsilles has been invaded by the cholera plague, and many are dying. Strenuous efforts are being made to stamp it out.

State News.

Ashley and several other counties are losing hogs with cholera.

Forrest City had two sensations last week—two runaway matches.

The State Teachers Association will meet at Searcy, August 25. A large attendance is expected.

Judge C. E. Mitchel, it is rumored, will be an independent candidate for congress, against Col. McRae.

Dr. Winfield is at the Fayetteville District Conference, and the Junior left just before the paper went to press, for Crowley's Ridge.

Patents were granted at Washington this week, to Stephen A. Nolen, Searcy, Ark., table; and Woodson Mosley, Kingsland, Ark., nail tongs.

We want immediately from every pastoral charge, postal card reports of revivals, crop and weather statistics. Be brief, brethren, and give all room and a chance.

Newport lumber dealers not long ago shipped two car loads of gum timber to Europe, one of them going to France, the other to Germany. Our forests are the very best.

Dixon C. Williams is holding a meeting in Prescott. Forty conversions and four back-sliders reclaimed up to Monday, our last report. We wish him abundant success.

Many portions of the State need rain, and in other parts it is too late to do early corn any good. But still the State generally will make much more than an average crop, we think.

It is stated that twelve hundred emigrants will leave South Carolina for Arkansas about the 12th of Aug. They are expected to settle along the line of the Arkansas Valley Route.—*Jonesboro Times*.

Charbon, the strange and fatal disease which we reported making such sad havoc among stock in Louisiana recently, has appeared in Mississippi and Lee counties, and from which many cattle and horses have died.

Brethren, go to work for the new organ. The one who sends the largest list of cash subscribers and renewals, between this and November first, will get a handsome parlor organ, and large enough for most churches. Up and at it brethren.

Rev. J. F. Hall, P. C., writes: Camp-meeting on Quitman circuit, Arkansas Conference, will commence Friday before the first Sunday in September, instead of the fifth Sunday in August. Dr. Winfield is expected, and the ministerial brethren are invited, and friends generally are requested to come prepared to aid in taking care of the camp-meeting which will be largely self-supporting.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., July 31, 1885. EDITORS METHODIST:—Our revival goes right on. Two full months and there is no abatement in the work. There have been more than 300 conversions. One hundred and three added to the M. E. Church South. Other denominations have shared in the fruits.

Evangelist May is tireless and full of the spirit. The people love him very much. He has only the glory of God in view. He does not plan. What seems best, that he enters on at once. He has united with the M. E. Church South. Will remain a local preacher and pursue his loved calling. Brethren who may invite him to hold meetings for them will not be disappointed. H. R. WITHERS.

The August number of the *Pulpit Treasury* came to hand with its usual promptness. The subjects discussed, and the ability displayed in their treatment, make this issue what the former ones have been, exceedingly interesting and instructive. We cordially commend it. Price \$2.50; to Clergymen \$2; single copies 25 cents.

Personal.

Rev. D. I. Weems, of Van Buren, is doing full service in protracted meetings.

Rev. H. F. Harvey made Argenta a brief visit this week. He received a cordial greeting.

Hon. J. T. Henderson, of Jackson county, was in this week. He is one of our solid laymen.

Dr. Hill, specialist, made us a pleasant call Tuesday, and reports success in curing the afflicted.

Rev. E. A. Garrison is assisting Pastor Castleberry, in protracting the meeting at Frenchman's mountain.

Rev. W. H. Browning, D. D., preached a good sermon (Friday) at Toledo, during the district conference.

Rev. Dr. C. K. Marshall and family are at our famous Eureka Springs. Mrs. M. is in poor health. Hope they will all improve.

Rev. A. S. Blackwood preached a good sermon in Argenta, Sunday night. His old parishioners are always glad to see him.

Mrs. W. W. Adams, of Little Rock, has gone to Eureka to summer. We were delighted to have the company of our old friend to Fayetteville.

Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., of Tulip street, Nashville, Tenn., was in attendance on the Plattsburg camp-meeting. He is an earnest worker.

Rev. Theodore F. Brewer, President of Harrell International Institute, sends us a catalogue of his school. The *METHODIST* wishes him great success.

Rev. E. L. Beard, Toledo, is protracting his meeting with good results. His earnestness at the district conference justified us in expecting a revival.

Rev. N. G. Nunn, a minister of the C. P. church, at Benton, subscribes to our paper, and has many kind things to say of our Junior, and returns him many thanks.

F. M. Daniel, Salem, Ark., a prosperous merchant, an active and unusually liberal and deeply pious christian, drew us very near to him, while there recently.

Rev. M. B. Umsted, Riverside, is having a splendid meeting at that place. He did not attend his district conference on that account. We thank him for a good list of subscribers.

John W. Glenn, Batesville, a devout and working layman, and one of Batesville's leading merchants, has brought us under obligations this week. We thank our dear friend very kindly.

Rev. J. F. Hall, of the Arkansas Conference, has a reply to the Rev. Wm. Protsman, in the *St. Louis Advocate*, against the change of the name of our church. It is a clincher and unanswerable.

Rev. John Moore informs us of the death of Bro. T. B. Hoy, of Forrest City circuit, on the 31st ult. He died in great peace. We met him last at the district conference, and saw him happy there. Notice next week.

Rev. J. C. Carter, whose name we unintentionally omitted in the list of preachers present at the district conference, has on file in our office some papers on baptism, which have not been published for want, not of merit, but of space.

The Searcy State-Wheel Enterprise displayed its usual enterprise in printing in full the proceedings of the recent State-Wheel Convention. Mr. Loui B. Audgier, the sprightly editor of the Enterprise, was elected secretary, *pro tem*, and came in one vote of being elected secretary for the ensuing year.

Field Notes.

We begin this week with Brother McSwain, and we beg pardon for keeping it so long, but it unfortunately found its way into our pocket and got lost, but it is still good and you will enjoy it: "I have a note from the field to report. Last night we closed a meeting of three weeks duration, which resulted in thirty-nine accessions to our church and the membership greatly revived. Bro. J. J. Jenkins, our P. E., was with us for a week and preached to the great delight and edification of our people. We are also under obligations to the Rev. W. A. Steel, of the Magnolia circuit, and Rev. B. B. McCraw, a local preacher, for valuable assistance rendered. I have not been sending any names for the *METHODIST* lately. It is not because I do not appreciate our paper, but Bro. Steel asked for the privilege of working in my territory, as he expects to work for the Dictionary, and his circuit is rather a poor field to work in."

Then comes Brother Withers, from Hot Springs, in two installments: "Two hundred and fifty conversions; eighty-four joined my church; all the churches increased. Brother May is rough, ready and earnest. He preaches holiness, but does not theorise. He makes enemies and friends. Enemies, because he is plain; friends, because he is true. He is not a "come outer," is not organizing churches, is not very popular. Perhaps it is best that he is not. He is noisy, wordy, fidgety, comical, but under all this beats a true heart, full of the Holy Ghost. The Rev. Harry May, the converted Jew and the useful Evangelist, has united with the M. E. Church, South, at Hot Springs. May God bless our brother and make him more useful than ever. Brother May was an independent Methodist before joining the M. E. Church, South. He is a native of Jefferson, Texas." Now all that is good and our people will rejoice.

Next we will put in our good friend and brother, B. A. Morris, from Walnut Ridge. Our brother is a good worker and a true friend: "Perhaps a note from this country would be of interest to some of your many readers. Crops are fine in this section; weather very hot; health bad; flux raging, almost to an epidemic form, and a good deal of other sickness. Pray for us, that our people may be delivered from the scourge. Brother Evans has a fine revival meeting at Lester's Chapel, about 26 professions and 21 accessions, up to last night, (July 20), with an altar full of mourners and a powerful work of grace in the church and community at large. Men are beginning to consider the claims of religion who never believed in the converting power of the Holy Ghost, so the prospects for the success of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, seems to grow brighter and still brighter, and we hope that the saving influence of the blood of Christ may be felt by every heart in this circuit before this year shall end."

Next we bring in Brother Edwards, from Blytheville. Many Edwards, but this J. R. Edwards is a good one and no mistake: "My people are all highly pleased with the paper and you may look out for a long list of subscribers from here this fall. These people love to hear from their old preachers, and since they find the *ARKANSAS METHODIST* is a letter from everybody to everybody and filled with important matter for everybody besides, and only costs \$1.50 per year. They all want it and as soon as we get a little money in the country you may look out for Chickasawba. Bro. Owenby, one of our energetic L. P.'s, has been to Big Lake Island on this work, holding a protracted meeting

with good results—twelve converts and eighteen accessions to the church—that is the kind of L. P.'s we have over here. Father Blythe is home again from the District Conference, happy and ready for the protracted meetings. With the consent of my good people, I will start the 27th of this month to see my old mother, in Ballard Co., Ky., will return August 20. Send me a bundle of *METHODISTS* to Hinkleville, Ballard Co., Ky., and I will get some subscribers up there. Our Sunday-schools are moving right on; we are going to have a celebration soon, I believe." That is surely good.

Here comes another from Malvern Junction, from our brother, A. S. Scott, which is fine: "This brings us to the closing of our third Quarterly Conference. We were blessed with the presence of the much beloved P. E., Bro. H. D. McKinnon. Tolerable good attendance of officials, and finances not entirely forgotten; reports tolerable good. Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, we enjoyed an old-fashioned love-feast, and indeed it was a feast to this writer. I am happy to say, brethren, the Malvern circuit is on rising grounds. God is with us. We had no conversions, but as fine interest as I ever saw for a revival; hope to have a general revival this year. In conclusion, Doctor, I will say I have done all I could to put a copy of the *ARKANSAS METHODIST* in every family. The more I get it circulated the easier it is to get subscribers. My people can't live without the *METHODIST*. I have already gotten my 25 subscribers. I believe if I had begun for fifty I might have got them. So I will have learned the lesson of setting a high mark. I am not going to quit. We will have some money this fall, for prospects are flattering now. I send you five subscribers."

Next comes Brother Jernigan. A grand meeting at Paragould. Read and rejoice: "Meeting growing in interest; about 600 people at church and court-house; had to have service at both places to accommodate. Thank God. Pray for us. Saloons were closed; one or two of them; one man would not close under any circumstances. God will close him up someday. Poor man, God save him."

Then comes our brother, J. R. Steel, from Dover, with a whole budget of good things: "On the 18th of July, 1885, I was 38 and my better half 35 years old. Our wonderful meeting was going on at Dover. That day we had a praise meeting, a glorious time. I was told in the eve, that I would have company at my house at 4 o'clock; at 4 I was there and to my astonishment, instead of some contracting parties, I saw approaching men, old and young, women and children, with flour, hams, coffee, sugar, pickles, soda, &c., table linen, towels, dress goods, a beautiful suit for Mr. Money, I do not know. The best of it was there were many engaged in this birthday and church offering that just a few days before our meeting thought little of such things. The articles were presented by Capt. Rollow, but I could not respond then. The people repaired to our beautiful cedar grove, sang a song, I prayed for them. May God bless them always. I left home on the 18th for London, to assist Rev. G. W. O. Davis, my worthy local brother, he had protracted our third Quarterly Conference by himself with great success. My hard labor at Dover had tired me very much, so I had to return this morning sick. The meeting is still going on; 72 conversions up to last night; 25 accessions; very sorry I was compelled to leave. Revs. J. J. Bowden and A. F. Bowden are succeeding at another appointment. God is working wonders on Dover circuit. Everything works. Praise the Lord." That is so good we close for this week.