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General News.

Our Own Country.

Cotton is beginning to reach the markets, and additional life and activity are observed in business circles. Now is the time for preachers and stewards to press their collections. Cotton will soon be gathered and gone.

The prohibition amendment was carried by a large majority in Maine. That is very strange! Why, we thought prohibition was an entire failure in Maine. Our enemies repeatedly declare it and stoutly urge it. Still the silly people of Maine will not give it up. It is said that Mr. Blaine did not vote either way. Weak man, at least in that regard; but how does Mr. Cleveland stand on that question? Will somebody tell us? Both of the great parties were afraid to touch prohibition, but prohibition is not afraid to touch them. This is the great and growing question. It will be to the front ever hereafter and the suffering women will never stop till they carry it. The interests of society demand it and it will carry as sure as God is in the heavens.

Franco-Chinese War.

It drags its weary length along and it is very difficult to predict with any degree of certainty or even conjecture at the results. The French are exceedingly sanguine and not at all disposed to submit to any arbitration. M. Ferry, the leader of the French Cabinet stoutly maintains that all the peasantry of France are indifferent; but that the whole French people are ready whenever China will formerly declare. He has ordered that hostilities be at once renewed, and it looks as if he were determined to provoke China to immediate action.

England.

The old country has many troublesome questions to settle. She complains wonderfully that our great political leaders are carrying on such a bitter and vindictive campaign, and resorting to such unworthy means to further their schemes. We knew all this to be true, but then our old mother must admit that her parliament has never set us a very good example. The franchise is a troublesome question, and like the ghost of Banquo, will not down at her bidding. The press is very loud in their denunciations of the armament prepared for the Nile, and declare that the entire fleet is only so much waste lumber. The world is almost condemning her tardy movements for the relief of Gen. Gordon. We suppose the United States will have to undertake that difficult task. Say the word, and our soldiers will bring him home.

CHOLERA—This fearful plague is rapidly spreading. It is becoming very severe in Spain, and is now in nearly every city in Italy, and still lingers in France.

Egypt.

The famous old land of Bible history is still troubled with rebellion, and is every day furnishing the most convincing proofs of revelation. Gen. Wolsely is preparing for his great campaign through this desert region, provided the Nile is inaccessible. Dynamite will be used to explode the cataracts, and if that fails, then they will go through the desert. Thirty thousand camels are already prepared.

Other Nations.

There is a great commotion among all the European nations, and it is certain that at no distant day there will be serious trouble. The equilibrium of nations is disturbed and trouble must come. There is a gradual drawing together between France, Austria and Germany, and a very great vigilance on the part of Russia and England. The Vatican is numbered with things that were, and are not, and which we hope will be no more.

State News.

There was a general jail delivery at Texarkana, on Monday night.

Pope County maintained her good name, and went against license. Well done for old Pope.

Hon. Mr. Butler, of Batesville, would make a good judge. He is a choice man.

Camp-meeting at Salem camp ground begins next Friday night. A great time is expected.

We have never seen any town in Arkansas growing like Pine Bluff; and the growth is solid.

There are but few of the members of the last Legislature, who will be members of the next; only a few ran. Jail delivery at Toledo this week. A negro condemned to be hung for rape, made his escape on the night of the 9th instant.

The death of Hon. E. H. English has produced a profound sensation all over the State. The people mourn the loss of their Chief Justice.

The Woodruff County Vidette says prohibition has not killed Augusta, but she is going forward with her improvements, building, etc.

Only one township in Craighead County voted against license, and that was Big Creek. That was nearly solid, only two votes for license. Good place to live.

Base ball is still all the run in some portions of our State. All right, boys, if you won't play on Sunday. Let Sunday drilling and Sunday playing stop. It is unworthy of Arkansas.

Crops have failed wonderfully for the want of rain all over the State in the last two weeks; but the rain has come at last, and the latter harvest may yet be reaped.

From all portions of the State we hear that many of tickets of both parties only had "for license" on them, contrary to law, you see. We will be ready for you next time, gentlemen.

A railroad line from Ultima Thule is now being surveyed, which will pass the old town of Princeton, the county seat of Dallas County. We hope that it is so, for we love that old town. This Editor was married there.

Gen. S. P. Hughes is elected Governor by over fifty thousand majority. We congratulate him, and wish his administration to be one of great peace and prosperity to the State of Arkansas, and we predict it will be.

Lonoke furnishes a wonderful blind tiger case this week. Judge Caldwell simply took the life out of him. \$100 fine and two years imprisonment, but the Judge was kind enough to give the erring man a chance on thirty days respite.

Hon. V. B. Tate of Baxter County, is the newly elected Senator from his district. He completed his fourth term in the House last session, and this adds two in the Senate. The longest continuous term of service by election of any man in the State we believe. We congratulate our old and appreciated friend.

Our friends at Hot Springs are startled and shocked by another killing—justifiable homicide this time. The Chief of Police takes the life of one Ed Howell, a gambler, who was said to be drinking. Still they are making a desperate effort to keep whiskey in Hot Springs. People of Garland, you have the law on your side; see that no license is issued. We hope and believe that his Honor Judge Howell will do his duty, and issue no license. It seems to us that whiskey and gambling have shed human gore enough in that town, and that it is time to call a halt.

Personal.

Rev. C. C. Godden is holding quarterly meeting at First Church this week.

Bishop Granberry is on the golden shores of California, and he is winning golden opinions.

Hon. J. K. Jones and his competitor, Hon. C. E. Mitchell, have planned for an arduous campaign in the South and West.

Hon. A. A. C. Rogers is a candidate for congress in this district. Col. Breckinridge will find him a foe man worthy of his steel.

Our Junior has gone to West Point this week, and will return in a few days. He is a worker as well as a traveller.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire, is now senior Bishop of the M. E. C. South. This Editor is his senior, and of course he will consult the older brethren. Not much. Selah.

Bishop Hargrove was in Nashville a few days ago. He has done a fine work this summer, and there is much hard work before him. Hope he will reach Arkansas in good time.

Rev. C. C. Spencer will accompany the party for the Indian Mission Conference. We hope to meet them at Argenta, next Thursday, "en route."

Rev. A. H. Redford is critically ill with typhoid fever at the residence of his brother, in Bowling Green, Ky. The church will not forget him in her prayers.

Rev. J. M. Cline was one of the first callers at our new office, and he is always welcome. Affliction has brought him right under the sweet beams of heavenly approbation.

Rev. A. G. Haygood, D. D., President of Emory College, preached the funeral sermon of Bishop Pierce, at Sparta. It was grand and impressive—a fit tribute to the great Bishop, from his personal friend and admirer.

Hon. Poindexter Dunn has been re-nominated to congress in his district, by acclamation. It is said his speech of acceptance was truly grand. We can well believe that, for he is a grand man, and second to none in the west in point of oratory.

Rev. J. J. Ranson, our Missionary to Brazil, was married on the 2d inst., to Miss Ella Cone, of Puliski, Tenn. We extend the heartiest congratulations and wish them a prosperous voyage o'er the seas to his loved work, and then a safe one to their home on high.

Dr. J. B. McFerrin attended the funeral of Bishop Pierce, at Sparta, Ga., and delivered the discourse at the Memorial Service last Sunday, in Nashville. They were devoted friends—David and Johnathan never loved better.

Mrs. Ober formerly of this city, now of New Orleans, writes a business note, and makes delightful mention of a visit to Bishop Keener. Good place to go. We have tried it. Mrs. O. your friends in the City of Roses would be delighted to see you and your tother self.

Lovick Pierce, Esq., of Sparta, Ga., writes us that the company for the Indian Mission Conference will pass Little Rock next week. He thus writes of his father, the Bishop: "I need not attempt to tell you how bereaved and desolate we feel since we buried our father out of sight. To me he was not only a father revered and tenderly loved, but he was my confidant, my counsellor and friend." Noble son of a noble father.

Now is the time to subscribe to the METHODIST; only forty cents till January 1st, 1885.

Field Notes.

Rev. H. B. Greathouse reports from Morrilton, Sept. 11.—"Meeting closed last night. Twenty-five were converted, and seventeen joined the church; others will follow." Thanks for subscribers, send more if you please.

Rev. T. H. Graham writes from Dover—"Closed a protracted meeting yesterday. It lasted eight days. Had thirteen conversions, and ten accessions; church greatly revived. Camp-meeting for Dover Circuit begins to-night. Grain crops all good. Cotton badly damaged by the drought. Thanks for your kind invitation to visit you. Will come after awhile.

Rev. G. W. Matthews writes from Old Princeton Circuit—"I have been engaged in protracted meetings since the middle of July. Have held meetings at six churches, all interesting and with good results to the churches themselves, but with few conversions. Last year was characterized by many accessions, and this year there is much need of discipline and of vital piety in the church. I can not help thinking the modern plan of making so many propositions has lessened the spiritual power of the church. Bro. McKennon was with us one week ago, and did us some fine preaching." Our brother sends us a pressing invitation to visit my first circuit in Arkansas. Would love to come but have out more promises than we can meet.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins reports from Carlisle Circuit—"Closed a meeting the 23rd inst. Had one conversion, and a new organization started. Closed another the 29th with two conversions, and three accessions."

Rev. S. L. Dykes, Center Point, Arkansas Conference, writes—"A fine revival at Hazel Valley. Eleven accessions. A fine prospect for revival at some other points. Finances down to zero." Well, if the revival is genuine, the finances will come up. Mark that.

Rev. J. C. Carter writes from Bethesda Circuit, White River Conference—"I have had some good meetings on my circuit. Not many conversions, however, about twenty in all. Our fourth quarterly meeting we are now protracting at Pleasant Valley. Our Presiding Elder, Brother Granade was with us two days, though he is quite feeble and complaining very much. He needs rest. Crops are short, very much so, in some places."

Rev. W. J. Stone writes from Raineyville—"The tidal wave of salvation continues to roll over the Flat Bayou Circuits. I am now in the midst of a glorious revival at Curlin's School House, a point equi distant from Pastoria and Raineyville. Up to date, fourteen conversions and twelve accessions, and thirty penitents at the altar. The heads of seven prominent families at the altar at once. Such manifestations of divine power were never seen in this country before." Our brother is in the mountain-top surveying the glory of his God. Wish we could come to your help, but we can not. May God bless you and your people more abundantly.

Rev. Jno. Moore writes from Taylor's Creek, Circuit, White River Conference—"I have just closed a meeting at Forrest Chapel, lasting twelve days, and resulting in sixty-four conversions; making in all up to date, one hundred and twenty-eight conversions, and eighty accessions. I felt that God has wonderfully blessed my labors. I commence another meeting on Monday. Pray for me." We won't forget you, and don't you forget us.

Rev. A. P. Melton says—Dear Bro. Winfield: We had a very pleasant surprise at the parsonage last night.

Several good friends came to see us last night after supper, and left a good supply of groceries, money, etc., as an expression of their love and appreciation. Such acts of love always makes us feel good (I guess so), and all my happiness lacks of being complete, is a revival; but I can't be happy without that. Pray for me." We will, and don't you try to be happy without a revival. Pray on, it will come.

Rev. D. J. Weems sends the following notice—There will be a holiness meeting in Ozark, Franklin County, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday, October 9, at 10 a. m., and continuing over Sunday. All in the State interested in holiness of heart and life are invited. I will try to secure the regular railroad courtesy." I thought all our meetings were for holiness and to spread it the chief aim of Methodism. If all were to go interested in holy living, it would take many such towns as Ozark to accommodate them.

Rev. P. B. Summers writes from Danville Circuit, Arkansas Conference, that he is engaged in a meeting of wonderful power; he will furnish notes soon.

Rev. G. W. Cottingham has a fine meeting in progress at Duncan's Chapel, near Lonoke. It is a fine work of grace. Would like to go to his help, but can not.

Rev. J. H. Bradford wrote from Harrison, Arkansas Conference: "We closed a meeting Saturday of eight days on Gaither Mountain, held in the woods under a bush arbor, had 18 conversions—several heads of families, quite a number of family altars erected. Seven accessions. Organized a church with 18 members. Election day was one of great power, the brethren went to the polls and voted and returned to the meeting. We had nine conversions that day at 11, and three at night. Preached last night at Walnut Grove, eight penitents at the altar; four conversions, two additions and more to follow. The METHODIST gets better every week. May God bless you and the paper." All right, send us a long list of subscribers with the cash if possible.

Rev. J. D. Whitesides, of Atlanta circuit Little Rock Conference, writes: "We are having a good time on this circuit. We closed a meeting on Wednesday night at Pleasant Grove where we had a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord. Sinners were converted and the church much revived. Six accessions to the church. We have several more meetings to hold, which we expect to protract three or four days each and we are looking and praying for a revival at each place.

Rev. R. G. Brittan, of Jacksonport circuit, writes: "My meeting at old Shiloh church was a season of great power. Removal and death had nearly disorganized this society. Was entirely without help. Had all the work to do. Had sixteen converts, and nineteen accessions; and will reorganize with twenty-five or thirty members. Will renew the battlesoon. God grant the old warrior still greater victory." Send us a long list of subscribers, my noble friend.

Rev. W. W. Anderson writes from El Paso circuit: "Had a fine meeting at Salem—12 conversions, 7 accessions, 3 infants baptized and the church quickened. Four Sunday-school scholars, from 8 to 12 years old, were converted."

Rev. W. J. Stone writes: "We have just closed our meeting at Curlin's School house—27 or 28 conversions; 28 accessions, and more to join soon—among these, are 12 heads of families and 6 entire families; Dr. Donaldson, of Pastoria, is prominent among them. This makes 67 or 68 conversions, and 70 accessions to the church, and still the good work goes on."

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1884.

MR. EDITORS—Our town has been again the victim of roaring flames. More than one-half of the business portion of our town lies in ashes and smoking ruins. The fire started this morning about four o'clock, supposed, as before, to be the work of an incendiary.

This fire will affect our church more seriously than the former one and the water, as most of the liberal supporters of our church are great losers. Financially, this preacher is a wreck. Our people have been liberal above their ability; but with fourteen weeks overflow, and more than four-fifths of the business part of the town consumed by fire, all in one year, and a membership of only eight makes rather a gloomy prospect for finances.

The Lord being my helper, I shall endeavor to survive the shock, and share the burden with this people.

E. N. EVANS.

Arkansas City, Sept. 8, 1884.

BENTON, ARK., Sept. 5, 1884.

MR. EDITOR—Here is a question for somebody to answer, not with pen or voice, so much as with his heart and conscience:

A preacher writes: "Had a glorious revival; ten conversions and six accessions to the church; twenty-five penitents at the altar when the meeting closed." Why did he close that meeting? Where does he get his authority for so doing? If God has sent the Holy Spirit to convict those people, does he not desire their conversion? Has the preacher any right to throw away all of that divine work at his will? Brethren, it is time to stop and think seriously about this matter.

"But I have more appointments," says the preacher. I know that my brother, but this one is now on hand. You have gone out to the wilderness to seek the lost. God has gone with you, and put them into your arms. Have you the right to put them down before you bring them to the fold—leaving them still bewildered while you seek for others? Brethren, stop and think about this matter. Has not God shown you his disapproval of this course, by not going with you to the next meeting? And have you not gone back frequently (after being disappointed) to find those you had left, and found them not, though you sought them carefully with tears?

I am not finding fault with you, my dear brother, but I only ask you to sit down and think seriously over this matter, and in the sight of God answer this question: Can I, dare I, on my own account (save absolute necessity, in which the hand of God is seen), leave this meeting?"

L. B. HAWLEY.

MR. EDITOR—These are eventful times. Your attention is called to many things. There is a microcosm around you. You are in proximity with the very ends of the earth; and if I should say to heaven and hell don't think me profane. The nation is moved with another quadrennial political earthquake; it shakes the pillars of government. I trust these convulsions will be less frequent. Whiskey is the explosive power, and to the drinking of it there is no end. The temperance cause is likely to be retarded. Voting on the question for or against license comes at an unfavorable time; party politics swallow up every other consideration. The vote on this question should be when nothing else could eclipse it. The issue should be fair and square. The very gates of hell should be made to quake under the terrific artillery of a powerful temperance movement. In many places the people, the church, the ministry, are asleep on this subject; I have been asleep myself too long. The vote on this question reveals the awful truth, that for license,

carried the day in Eaulkner County. Cadron Township in which live several hundred church members, only about 46 votes out of 820 were cast against license. With five saloons in full blast, we have about 75 houses for rent not occupied; the church not completed, the ministry not much more than a third paid. Business and enterprise greatly retarded. Now with license for two years, making three years, what is to become of us? No conversions yet! Lord save us:

Your Brother in Christ,
I. F. HALL,
Conway, Ark., Sept., 6, 1884.

Death of a Great Indian Preacher and Chief.

Hon. Samuel Checote, principal Chief of the Muscogee or Creek Nation, died September 3, 1884, the same day of the death of the Indian's favorite Bishop—Bishop Pierce. Checote was a man of great worth. Tall, commanding, quiet, brave and kind as a father; wise in what his people ought to do. He was for many years repeatedly chosen Principal Chief. In the wars which have alarmed the tribe, this man stood above all others, as a brave leader, always having the indorsement of the United States Government, and always seeking peace with all men. But it was as a Methodist preacher that he was best known among the whites. He was a member of the Indian Mission Conference for many years, and both as a pastor and Presiding Elder did much good in the cause of the Master he loved so well. I shall never forget with what a sublime and happy manner he used to assist me in the administration of the Lord's Supper to his people. He was, I think, frequently a member of the General Conference, and was to have represented his conference in the great Jubilee Conference of American Methodism, to meet at Baltimore, next Christmas. Truly a father in Israel has fallen. Affectionately,
H. M. GRANADE.

Quitman College.

Her Presidents have been preachers and Presiding Elders. Men that were needed elsewhere. The itinerant spirit has been in them all. The place has been filled not for honor or wealth but for souls. God bless them all.

Quitman College graduates have been few, but her honorable students are known and read of all men; farmers, lawyers, doctors and teachers have gone out to bless Arkansas, and the rest of the world.

But especially has it been a training school for young preachers. Mountain Home, Clarksville, Russellville, Smithville, Dardanelle Circuit, Point Remove Circuit, Conway Circuit, and Pinnacle Springs Circuit, and other places, all have Quitman College preachers this year. This is home work. Let us have more of it. God bless the boys.

The people whom these men serve, ought to send up to Quitman College this year a five thousand dollar thank offering. Let it come. Let it come now. Let every old student send a gift back to mother. Put your hand deep down into your pocket and just empty out that old purse once in life. The Lord will fill again before the year closes. You need not tell me you are too poor. A man never gets poor working for God and souls. Come boys, do this, and you will honor yourselves, honor God and honor the best school in the State.

PREACHER.

EDITOR ARKANSAS METHODIST—

Your highly appreciated paper has been received. We have had a joyous time since your departure from our district meeting. I wish you could have been with us and seen the father and mother made happy over the return of their erring children. Many souls were converted and made happy in this part of the moral vineyard. Brother Rogers remained over until the 8th inst., and labored with Brother Stone for the conversion of souls to God. And their labors were not in vain, but they were blessed by the conversion of many souls to God. After the departure of Brother Rogers, Brother Stone continued the good fight, having the association of Brother Chaddick; and they are still going on without ceasing. You may rest assured that the church at this place

is alive and at work, and their labors are being blessed with a bountiful harvest of souls to God. Fathers, mothers, children, brothers, sisters, and neighbors, are all made happy by a revival of religion at this place. And still the work is going on. As I remember you saying that you did not like long letters, I will close by saying that your humble writer found good in the meeting to his soul and embraced religion.

Your Brother in Christ,
W. D. RAINEY,
Raineyville, Ark.

DR. WINFIELD—If you see proper, you may give this article a place in the METHODIST, a paper we all love and cherish so much, and hope to see it circulated all over the State of Arkansas, and grand results therefrom. It is a regular and ever welcome visitor to our little home, and oh, how entertaining, so fresh, so pure and edifying in its conversation. God grant that it may find its way to every Methodist family in the State, and to many outside of the State, and o'er them all wield an influence for their everlasting and eternal good. Our new preacher, Brother Harvey, from White County, near Searcy, this State was with us last Saturday and Sunday night; so far we like him very much, and hope he will accomplish much good here. Rev. E. C. Castleberry of the Mineral Circuit, was also with us on Sunday, and preached for us at 11 o'clock, a. m., and out at the country school-house in the evening, and very impressive sermons.

C. W. H.

Argenta, Ark.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK., Sept., 6, 1884.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I write you, by request, a short account of the revival at Morrilton. Bro. Greathouse began service Aug. 17, intending to protract at least a week or two. I went down to assist him Aug 18th, and was with him most of the time until Aug. 29th. The meeting was one of the best I ever attended. Monday night, the 18th, the Holy Spirit came down upon the people, and we had a "time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." And He never departed, but His presence was manifested at every service, and His gracious influence was felt in the intervals, so much so that scarcely a christian in the place was left untouched and unrefreshed. Many backsliders were reclaimed and gave themselves afresh to the service of God. Many sinners were convinced of sin and asked the prayers of the church, and up to the time I left, Aug. 29th, twelve had professed faith in Christ and twenty-seven were still at the altar seeking Christ in the forgiveness of their sins. There were two features of this meeting that were particularly noticeable and I think accounts for its success, viz: activity and unanimity. Bro. G. had marshaled all his forces, and had his army fully equipped and ready for the attack, and they were active from the beginning. And there was a unity of feeling and action upon the part of all the christians of the town. All seemed to feel that a revival was needed now, and all acted upon that principle. They were indeed "of one accord" and "of one mind." And this principle of unity was not confined to Methodists, but reached christians of all denominations. The Baptists and Presbyterians were constant in their devotions to the work. And it was gratifying to us to see the pastors of those churches working so harmoniously with us, and I know it was pleasing to God. Truly it is "good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."

God will always honor such work. Oh! that the christians of every other town in Arkansas would go and do likewise. The meeting was still going forward at last accounts. Several others had professed conversion and fourteen had joined the church, while many were convinced of sin and were being moved to action, and the end is not yet. To God be all the glory.

ALFRED P. MELTON.

P. S.—Bro. Smith, the Presiding Elder, was with us three or four days doing good work. A. P. M.

Don't forget to pay your preacher, he needs it.

Agricultural.

Garner the Grain.

Losses which farmers of this country sustain annually, through neglect to garner their grain at the proper time, amounts, in the aggregate, to an enormous sum. Injury to wheat and other cereals is sometimes unavoidable, through the coming of a sudden and long continued storm, interspersed with now and then a few hours of hot sunshine. Wheat will grow in the shock under such circumstances, and he is a wise man indeed who can prevent it.

Where such a condition of things exists once, grain is injured fifty times by neglect. It is shocked and allowed to stand day after day through the excuse of having something else to see to, and at last damaged by storm or allowed to become so dry that loss is sustained by the grain shelling when handled. Nothing but an emergency should prevent the farmer storing his grain just as soon as it is fit to go to the stack or mow.

If the wheat is ripe, or so dry that it shells easily, see that you have a suitable man to do the loading and stacking. Some men will tread out more grain upon a wagon or stack than their services are worth. The loader should occupy but two positions when building up—one near the front, and the other near the rear of the wagon, and, when he does move, should be careful to step upon the bands instead of the heads of the bundles. Some claim that there is no great loss from shelling grain, as the loose kernels will go into the rack-bed, or upon the barn floor. But they are mistaken. Grain will rattle from a load of overripe wheat while the same is being trunneled to the barn, and that which falls into the rack shakes out when returning to the field, as no hay rack which we ever saw had a tight bottom and sides. The grain also which falls upon the barn floor is spoiled for family use by the wagon wheels crushing the kernels or the grain being mixed with the droppings of the horses or dirt of the floor. Besides all this, there is a loss again by shelling in the mow.

Our advice is to garner the grain just as soon as it is ready for storing, and let no other work prevent.—Tribune and Farmer.

Chilled Potatoes.

Prof. H. P. Armsby, at the Wisconsin Experiment station, has been making investigations into the causes of sweet potatoes that have been exposed to low degrees of temperature. He finds that it is not freezing, but chilling, of potatoes that causes them to taste sweet, as a potato that freezes rapidly does not become sweet.

In a letter to the Country Gentleman he endeavors to explain the cause of these peculiarities. He contends that all live potatoes, during the season while they are stored in our cellars for winter use or for planting in spring, have certain vital changes constantly going on; in short, that potato tubers breathe and use up oxygen and carbon, as do the lungs of living animals. There is a constant conversion of the starch of the potato into sugar and as constant a burning up of the sugar, through the breathing of the potato. If a potato is exposed for several days to a temperature between 27 deg. and 28 deg., or just above the freezing point of potatoes, the oxidation of the sugar is stopped, or greatly retarded, though the conversion of starch into sugar still goes on; consequently the sugar accumulates to a degree that is plainly observable to the taste. The practical point gained from the experiments is that chilled potatoes, not frozen, but too sweet to be palatable, if kept for several days in a temperature between 70 deg. and 85 deg. F., lost their sweet taste, and became perfectly palatable. The excess of sugar was burned up by the breathing of the potato.

Let every farmer proceed at once and plant as many turnips as possible; they are good for man and beast. Plant peas, too; they make fine hay.

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