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## General News.

### Anglo-Russian Imbroglio.

The little speck of a war cloud that has been seen in the Eastern sky is passing away, and there is very little probability that there will be anything of a serious nature between these two great powers at present. England has enough to do in settling affairs in Soudan and at home, and Russia is not exactly ready for the contest, and so there is an almost certainty of a speedy adjustment, but we agree with the great Architect and Civil Engineer, M. DeLesseps, that war is inevitable in a few years. Russia will spread in the East and England will be forced to resist her encroachments. In the meantime peace has been brought about between England and Germany and all their little differences are healed, though it is certain the Great Chancellor does not admire the illustrious Premier Gladstone. It can be truly said that Gladstone is too much of a Christian to be admired by such men as Bismarck and other great diplomats.

### Soudan.

There has been a report that the garrison at Kassala had surrendered and the whole garrison massacred, but it lacks confirmation. It is further reported that 15,000 Abyssinians will soon move on Khartoum.

### Franco-Chinese War.

The latest is that China is asking our government to become mediator, but our new President does not wish to intervene. We suppose the Celestials think that as Uncle Sam does not wish them as citizens, he might interfere and not let France slaughter them by wholesale and retail.

### Germany.

Is having some home troubles between Church and State. The last meeting of the Reichstag was signalized by one of the greatest efforts of Prince Bismarck's life. He simply went beyond himself, and the effect was strikingly grand and wonderful not only in that body, but will be in the entire nation. He is truly one of the world's great men, but no match in diplomacy for Premier Gladstone.

### France.

Is watching current events with great interest and the Cafe's of gay Paris are all astir with intense excitement over the probable conflict between Russia and England. She has proven too much for John Chinaman, and he is anxious for somebody to take the top man off.

### Our Own Country.

The strikers are pacified and the trains are all moving. It was a great thing on the part of the governors of Missouri and Kansas asking for relief for the strikers, by a return to the wages of last September, and hereafter a notification of thirty days to all laborers on railroads of any reduction in wages. What the railroads have accepted as a compromise should at once become a law. It is not the right thing that corporations can at any moment reduce wages and cause laboring men to work for ruinous wages, or bring great suffering to themselves and their families. We are glad that this formidable strike is at an end, and that trade will resume its usual channels. Our Capital City of Washington is still thronged with visitors and office-seekers. Our new President has dismissed many of the White House servants, our Southern cabinet officers their carriages, and the government is returning to the days of its pristine purity and excellence. We hail with delight all steps in that direction. We have seen awful strides toward royalty in the last twenty years. We hope our Cleveland will prove a real Jackson and that the Augean stables will be cleansed, and our great government present itself to the world as the very paragon of republican simplicity.

## State News.

Our temperance people at Hot Springs slumbered on their rights, and now it is more than probable they will be cursed with whiskey again. Poor Hot Springs! You are to be pitied. Only last year this famous Valley was almost a battle-field through the influence of alcohol and gamblers, and the city rose up to drive the gamblers out, but now they want to invite whiskey back. We do hope the people of Garland county will rebuke this reckless legislation of our Legislature and by a large majority vote license down. Dr. Withers, take the field and whip the enemy out. I verily believe you can do it.

Hon. W. H. Barry, the representative from Garland county, showed himself every inch a man when he stood up and spoke against the iniquitous law resubmitting the question of license to the people of that county. The petition of 900 had no weight to deter him, and the lobbyists could not seduce him, but he stood to his post like a man and voted no. We say three cheers for Barry.

We were glad to find Harper, of Calhoun, right on the Garland county bill. He is a noble and true representative.

Our Legislature are mightily in favor of democracy and the dear people when whisky is to be voted back to Garland county, but they can't see that duty requires them to obey the Constitution and pass that Free Pass Bill. Lookout, gentlemen. You are sworn to obey the Constitution and that document says you shall pass it.

Sad day for Arkansas when Hudgins was turned loose. Baker is rendering himself and the House ludicrous and ridiculous, and Hudgins running away will not add much to the dignity of the Legislature. Baker should be abated and Hudgins must be caught.

We are hardly prepared to say what we think of the New City Bill. In some respects it is an improvement on our present charter and city government, but with the salaried Mayor and Aldermen to be elected by our present population, and then the council to elect the two commissioners and the salaried mayor to appoint all the rest of the officers, we see neither light or hope. We think it only means endless indebtedness and more corruption than ever.

Our Legislature will do well to remember that old-fashioned democracy demands perfect obedience to the Constitution and the laws. Come to the rescue, gentlemen, and pass the "Free Pass Bill." No dodging; but obey the Constitution.

Cleveland county has no saloons and the Grand Jury only found eleven indictments. Prairie county has saloons and the Grand Jury found thirty-seven indictments. Facts, like figures, never lie.

Our contemporary, the Gazette, declares in its issue of the 12th, that if three persons had carried Garland county for license, it would certainly favor a new election. Maybe so; but if our able contemporary has ever uttered one word against the liquor traffic or in favor of prohibition we would like to see it. The record of the Gazette is consistently in favor of license.

It is very wonderful that so many small men imagine they can fill the place of Garland. Tomtits often imagine themselves eagles, but one storm cloud will show the little fellows better.

Our House of Representatives acted wisely by attending to their business instead of tramping to Hot Springs. It was well done.

The Legislature voted on U. S. Senator, Tuesday at 12 m. Berry, 38; Dunn, 36; rest scattering.

## Field Notes.

We begin this week with our brother Gay, formerly of the White River conference, but now of the good old North State:

"The METHODIST makes its weekly visits to my bachelor's abode, and they are pleasant visits. Through it I talk with friends dear, though distant, or rather they talk to me. I love to hear from the brethren of the White River conference, with whom I was associated for two years. My love for the State abides, and my faith in the triumph of Methodism in Arkansas increases. Some of the true and tried have been called to their reward in heaven, others have transferred to distant fields, since my name was taken from the roll of the White River conference; but God has raised up others to take their places, and I trust they are worthy. The METHODIST seems to have struck a firm bottom at last, though I can't quite consent to the loss of the Junior from the office of presiding elder in his conference. Success to the METHODIST and love to you both, and as you cannot publish a paper without money I send you \$1 to pay my subscription."

Now that is kind and brotherly from our dear friend, but it hits like a boomerang. He could easily spare this Senior as a P. C., but by no means our Junior as a P. E. No accounting for taste.

But here comes a good boy and a noble, uncomplaining worker, brother T. G. Galloway, on the very borders of Arkansas. Hear him:

"We hope you will not judge our appreciation of your paper by the number of subscribers. If the people had money I could get the dictionary at least. We like it very much. Some pneumonia in our country. Hard times, but I never saw the farmers more cheerful and sanguine of a good crop. They are hard at work; some planting. I am getting on well. The people are supporting us, notwithstanding hard times. Have taken in six members. Several prayer meetings started; now if we only knew how to keep them up. God bless you and the paper."

Step over into Texas and get a few. Those Texas people are in my debt anyhow.

Here is one from Rev. A. J. Johnson, on a mission and a hard place, but with the help of the METHODIST that place will change this year and many will want it:

"I have started on my third round, and though the prospects at first were gloomy, I thank God it seems now to begin to clear up. There isn't a church house on this work. There has been one small box house given for a church and school house. We have moved it and it is now undergoing some repairs, and I think by the first Sunday in April will be ready for worship. Thank God for this much. We have two more talked of. The land has been given, and I think the houses will be built. This is a rich country, and some Christians here, and all the people in a wordly sense are good; but so many are so thoughtless concerning their soul's eternal welfare. I thank God and praise His holy name that religion is looking up. We are going to have a camp-meeting here. It will commence, by the assistance of God, about the 4th Sunday in August or 1st Sunday in September. Will you come out and help us? We are young in the cause, and then it would do us good to see you out here. Oh! that I could see every sinner on Tyronza circuit converted to Christ and marching on from conquering to conquering, is my prayer. Pray for me and Tyronza. May God bless you and the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Long may it do good."

Next comes another of our boys in a hard place, Rev. A. S. Scott in the

hills of Hot Springs. But he has the grit of one Soule called Joshua, and we expect great things from him this year:

"This is a fine day and I can hardly spare time to write. But as I have just received my tenth subscriber to the ARKANSAS METHODIST, will be compelled to order the light of your dear paper to shine upon the faces of our dear brother's family. And set to your seal fifteen more for me, for I am going to have them. Malvern circuit is getting better. God is with us. Seven new family altars erected this year. My people are waking up to a sense of prayer; may God increase the awakening until all shall fall down and pray. And while writing I must say God is blessing my soul every moment. I feel alive to God more now than ever before in my life. While reading that noble work of Hannah Smith's, and more especially chapter ninth, I was moved miraculously to sign a pledge that I would never doubt again. Since that time there has hosts of birds passed over my head, but I have kept them from building nests in my hair. Just so have doubts come and tapped for admittance, but by the grace of God they have been kept out. They have not been allowed to break the seal set to the door of my heart. I have found it easier to work in the Master's vineyard since I have been liberated. O! blessed thought, Jesus saves me from such a sin. My preaching has more effect, and my work is moving up rapidly. Unbelief has been my theme considerably in the past, but belief shall be from this on through life. Our fight is to be a fight of faith. Last year God gave me the victory over the great sin of using tobacco. By faith I was freed from the appetite and by faith we can be freed from any habit. And blessed be God's holy name, by faith our hearts can be kept pure and clean. We are asking much of the Lord this year, that he may give us a blessing our hearts can't contain. Pray that God may give wisdom and power that we reach the hearts of this people. The Saviour is power. May we have Him in our hearts all the time, and preach Him to others. O! glorious words, What a dear Saviour we have found."

Good letter and good work, but don't write on both sides of the sheet any more. This paper don't allow that, my son.

Here is an Arkansas boy that has been waiting long, but it is like old wine the better for this. Our brother Callaway is in a first-rate place, and we will expect first-rate work:

"The METHODIST is at hand, interesting as ever, and more so this week. The Field Notes are very fine, but a little too long. Brethren, give us short notes. We are really glad that you can send out the good news of the rapid improvement of our dear Bishop Wilson. Arkansas may be behind in the support of the ministry, but she gives them the best healing waters in the world. Glad are we to hear that your Junior is now at his place, and if he is half such a worker as you are, the paper is bound to go. I like very much the letters by Rev. S. Cornelius. They are to the point and will do us good. The "Story from the Lost Book," I did not get into the secret of, but may next week. "Paul's Support" is good, especially that part of it which says, "better work than beg or starve," and I for one intend to continue to throw my coat and let in. Your figures on tobacco and liquor are truly humiliating. Let the sermon from the text of "Senate Resolution No. 2," by J. H. McDowell, be long and loud, and may God give it force and speed. Here we are at the fourth page. A glance we see "Enjoying Religion." Well, I like that finely, and the fact is you strike the key note. That is what we must do, if we make the world shake with love and fear before God. I enjoy a letter from M. H. Wells as a usual

thing, but this time I could but sympathize with him in his suffering. Come again, brother Wells. I will be as glad to hear you now as I used to be to see you at the home of my father, Judge J. H. Callaway, Ashley Co. I can never forget the sainted John Pryor and the living M. H. Wells, A. B. Winfield and others, our preachers in childhood days. Well, Dr., you are quite plain about that lecture. I am sure, however, you stick to the truth at the last, and I wish that the Bishop would change the name of their conference. Let it be called Southern Mission Conference. Ah! I am yearning strength for the METHODIST. Great success to you in your work and labor of love for the saloon men and down-town fellows. May God give power to His word."

And our brother J. P. Callaway must be followed by Rev. A. D. Jenkins, the solid, faithful preacher of Carlisle:

"The first quarterly meeting for the Carlisle circuit for this year was held at Carlisle, embracing the 4th Sunday in February. Our good and true presiding elder was with us, doing good work. Financially, Carlisle appointment did well, having reported one-fourth of their assessment, which was \$125, the assessment being \$500. The other appointments did not report, but will further on. Carlisle, as you know is a small place, but does well for their preachers. The membership generally are poor, and the number is not large. I reported 48 at the last conference, and a few of them could not be counted financially; but those who did contribute and what was gathered outside of the Church, there was paid to the Church last year between six and seven hundred dollars. I do not mean to say that Carlisle has done anything more than its duty; in fact, as a whole I think that they have fallen short, but by comparison they do well, yea, very well with regard to the minister's support. And you know it helps a preacher to feel that he is well provided for. The promptness to settle the preacher's claim may be attributed in part to an accommodating arrangement of a brother whose name I need not mention. But enough of the financial and I turn to the spiritual or religious. We had a good love-feast Sunday morning, and the meeting was protracted. The rain and sleet, pressed by a north-east wind, seemed at one time to forbid our progress, but a timely moderation enabled us to proceed and the result is ten have been received into the Church and there are seven more applicants. Some of these have been members of other Churches, but have cast their lots with us. The meeting has been a blessing to the membership, as well as to those who found peace. A brother of the M. E. Church, of Michigan, while on a visit to relatives, gave us three interesting sermons. He closed on the night of the 5th inst. Our Sunday school is interesting and is well attended. I anticipate you, and will answer the question before you ask it, that since the revival the additional subscribers to the METHODIST can be seen after, further on."

## Personal.

Messrs. Emmonson M. & M. Co., deserve to be placed here and made special mention of. They not only sent this Senior a nice package of prairie butter, but said, "Long may the ARKANSAS METHODIST live to brighten the homes and enlighten the minds of the people of Arkansas." This gives a fine relish to the butter, and now the paper will run smoother. Many thanks. Who next?

Rev. J. T. Roscoe sends us four subscribers from his work, and tells us the people are delighted with our paper and that it grows in public favor every day. He talks of getting Webster's Unabridged. We do hope he will