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General News.

Anglo-Russian Imbroglio.

Of course our people are more intensely interested in the great European difficulty, than in every other matter agitating the world at this time. The Franco-Chinese war and the Central American affair appear as but the insignificant blaze of a meteor, by the side of this great blaze that is shining through the world. Even the Soudan is passing out of sight and everything is merged into this one great contest of the two most powerful nations of Europe, unless we should reckon the German Empire ahead of Russia. Up to this period the English Lion has not succumbed before any European power for a century, and hence the world is watching with intense interest the quarrel between the Bear and the Lion, both hungry for what appears to us as a very naked bone in the dreary land of Persia, with her images and superstition. It is said that the sun never sets on her Majesty's dominions, and now it remains to be seen how long she can keep the other nations off of her great possessions. The Arabs in the Soudan, and the Russians in Afghanistan, is likely to give the old Mother Country all she wants. England is pressed to protect her interests in India, and Russia knows it full well, and is disposed to take advantage of all complications and entanglements to push her own interests on the Afghan frontier. Our people are not prepared to appreciate this European question. With a vast extent of territory, only peopled with a little over 50,000,000 of people, we can hardly understand the very formidable difficulties in the way of such countries as England and Russia in preparing homes for their millions of people. Russia has certainly outwitted England in diplomacy, and the English people are demanding satisfaction by an appeal to arms. Premier Gladstone is still conciliatory and is sanguine of peace. France expects war. Germany and Austria see but very little signs of peace, and old sick Turkey is trying to be neutral, but dreading all the time the appearance of the Russian iron-clads in the Bosphorus. The great Suez Canal is being closely watched, and the conduct of Russian men-of-war viewed with great suspicion. In case of war Russia will either blockade this great commercial artery by sinking vessels or by blowing it up. Negotiations are still pending, but a general war is imminent. Russia has gained a great advantage by the battle fought with the Aghans, and Gen. Kamaroff's dispatches are discredited. England awaits with great anxiety the final message from Sir Peter Lumsden. A few days will determine great and momentous issues and the commercial world is waiting with breathless anxiety.

Soudan.

Gen. Woolsley is still determined to push his way in Soudan, and says he will capture Khartoum in the next few months.

Franco-Chinese War.

It has been claimed that hostilities had ceased and peace was near at hand, but France is still advancing her troops toward Tonquin, and seems determined to chastise the Celestials.

Central America.

It is difficult to determine at this writing what will be the result of the complications in reference to the great Panama Canal, and what course Mexico is disposed to take in reference to certain matters pending, but in any event it is certain that Uncle Sam is not idle or indifferent, but out of all these complications, as well as the great contest between the Bulls and Bears in Paris, we are marching right forward to the greatest degree of national prosperity, and neither the cranks of Talmage or the wickedness of Beecher will prevent it, for our destiny is that this great Christian Republic will be the overshadowing nation of the world.

State News.

Our people, of course, will want the very latest at all times from the Capital. Here it is: One of the aldermen of the city, Angelo Marre, was brought up before the police judge for keeping his saloon open on Sunday. He admitted it, and the evidence was positive to prove it; and besides he defied the law, and declared he would not obey it; denounced the law and the law-makers. And still a jury of five men brought in a verdict of not guilty. How does that sound for Little Rock, the capital of the great State of Arkansas? Why don't Prosecuting-Attorney Lea have such men indicted for perjury? How do such men find their way on juries? Is it true, as Mr. Marre alleges, that there is a gambling room where the officials and bon-ton meet to play poker on Sunday? We call the attention of Prosecuting-Attorney Lea to this matter. Let there be no partiality, but let the law bear equally on all. Mr. Marre may rest assured of one thing that brother Winfield will never let up till the law is enforced and all law-breakers out of office. We are not in Italy, but in Little Rock, and the law must be enforced. Since the above was written, the circuit court has taken a turn at Mr. Marre. Two indictments sustained; one for showing a gambling device, paco, fined \$100; the other for violating the Sunday law, fined \$25. Another was withheld, with the understanding that Mr. Marre would close his saloon hereafter on Sunday. Now close the Elks and all other such places, and Little Rock will begin to have a Sabbath. This railroad business must stop on Sunday, too.

The Arkansas Democrat thinks the ladies should be allowed to practice law. We think so, too, but it should be domestic law. The people in Arkansas are not ready for Woman's Rights or Woman's Suffrage, and we hope they never will be. St Paul is better authority than the editor of the Democrat, and he thought the women would do better at home. So we think.

The Arkansas Democrat of the 9th inst. had a straight-forward, plain and emphatic condemnation of the jury who acquitted Angelo Marre on the 7th inst., in the police court, at Little Rock. It was simply an outrage, and all such jurors ought to be indicted for perjury.

Walter Hughes, Esq., was elected mayor of Malvern. We congratulate our young friend. His hand are full. Lawyer, editor and mayor—plenty for any one man.

Lonoke is making a big fight under the three-mile law to keep prohibition, and they will succeed. Strange to say, many good men are trying to be neutral, but that is impossible. If you refuse to sign for prohibition then you are counted for license. Can any christian man afford that?

"Honor to whom honor is due." We make mention of the fact with pleasure that his Honor, Judge Vaughan, instructed the sheriff never to permit any one of the jury, who acquitted Marre contrary to law and evidence, ever to be called as a juror in his court. Exactly right, your Honor. Now one more step. Please instruct the grand jury of Pulaski county to ferret out all the Sunday gambling dens and let no man escape, from the highest officer to the lowest tramp. Our laws must be enforced, or society has no protection.

Hon. T. C. McRae is announced in our paper to-day as a candidate for the nomination for Congress in the 3d district, made vacant by the election of Hon. J. K. Jones to the Senate. Col. McRae is one of the first men of his age in Arkansas, and worthy of the place to which he aspires.

Hon. H. B. Stuart, the popular judge of the 8th judicial circuit, will probably be a candidate for the Congressional nomination of the 3d district. He is a first-class man in every way.

Personal.

Hon. John R. Thornton, of Calhoun county, was in to see us last week. He was one of the active and progressive men of the last Senate, and the author of the Sunday law, that Angelo Marre calls our machinery. By the way, the wheels have run over Mr. Marre. All right; keep the law.

Rev. A. Monk, pastor of our church in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and formerly, a member of our conference, was in to see us this week. He is enroute to his former station, Camden, to perform the marriage nuptials for Conductor McCoy and Miss Lizzie Stinson. We send congratulations by him, and our blessings, too.

Rev. D. C. Kelley, D.D., our indefatigable Missionary Treasurer, has been seriously ill since his return from Mexico, and is still confined at home. We hope he will soon be well, and be ready for his work and to fill the important place assigned him at every meeting of our General Board.

Rev. T. J. Dodd, D.D., the classical professor of Hebrew in the Vanderbilt, has been greatly honored of late. He has been elected to membership in the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, of Boston; and also to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Hebrew, of Chicago. Honors worthily bestowed.

Dr. R. N. Ross, of Lonoke, was in this week and looked in on us. He reports a warm time in his town. The doctor is a strong prohibitionist, and never falters. We love a man of firmness and principle, and the doctor has both.

Bishop Hargrove is in Alabama holding district conferences, and preached in Tuscaloosa on Easter Sabbath.

Bishop McTyeire has returned from his tour of conferences through Texas and our Western frontier. He is now our senior Bishop, and will soon have to call his colleagues to plan the campaign for the next year.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. of Searcy district, honored our sanctum with his genial presence. Sorry he is so feeble; but we think a few weeks' rest and recreation in the Crescent City will fix him up all right and send him back ready for his heavy district.

Rev. E. E. Hamilton, of the Memphis conference, has been on a visit to his very accomplished daughter, Mrs. Conger, at Prescott, and called to see us and gave our people a splendid sermon at 8th Street church. We were truly glad to see our friend in the City of Roses, and he had a very sweet flower with him called Mattie Sim.

Rev. C. M. Keith, of Alexander, writes us a very kind letter, one full of wise suggestions. Many thanks, my kind brother, and we will adopt what you recommend after awhile. We have crawled a few months, walking now and will run after awhile; then we will be ready. God bless you and all like you.

Rev. A. Hunter furnishes a fine obituary of our mutual friend, Rev. Chas. H. Seay. It was a mournful pleasure, we know. Charlie Seay was a noble, true man, without cant or hypocrisy. He was honest in all his dealings, and upright in all his transactions.

Rev. J. R. Sanders sends us a very friendly and elegant letter, deeply regretting the course of the Gazette on the liquor question. He served a long term of years in that office and feels a deep interest in the paper, but deprecates their advocacy of whiskey. It is the money that is in it, my dear brother.

We are sorry to chronicle the painful misfortune that befell sister Jewell this week. By accident, she had a severe fall and broke her leg just below the knee. She is suffering very much, but is doing as well as could be expected. We extend sympathy.

Field Notes.

Spring is now upon us, and the merry song and spirit of the field hands are heard with the merry song of the birds and the voice of the jolly plowman, and we begin this week's report from that sturdy old worker, T. A. Graham, formerly of the Little Rock conference, but now of the Arkansas conference. He writes from Walnut Tree: "I have been able at last to obtain a few subscribers to the METRODIST, to which I hope to be able to add many more before the close of the year. I wish you to understand I am for Arkansas Methodism and the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Owing to a want of comfortable church houses, our winter's work has been almost a failure. But spring is coming, congregations increasing, Sabbath schools reviving, and prayer meetings being held at most of our appointments. The Lord bless you and yours. Pray for us." We are much obliged to our old friend, and assure him that he is held in high esteem.

Next comes our brother Troy, from the great Mammoth Spring. He is a great worker, and brings us good news: "Say to the brethren through your columns that Mammoth Spring's citizens have recently, through the instrumentality of J. M. Archer, paid the church out of debt, by raising a cash subscription of nearly \$200. We had collected \$382 before. Now the greatest difficulty is surmounted, and work, work, work comes next. Now, by a little more help from the citizens and the amount applied for from the Extension Board, our house will be complete and an honor to the town which is slowly but surely improving. Several good families have come in lately, and others here prospecting. Methodism has the pre-eminence. Our quarterly meeting is just over. We had a feast of bread in the morning, and our thirst was slaked with water in the evening. The eat and drink were a long ways apart, Doctor, but that's Granada's way of doing things. I told you he would bring us a feast of good things, such as bind our hearts in Christian love. I came home yesterday, and Bro. Wesley Traatham's little daughter, Annie, 5 years old, was talking to wife about heaven, and her soul got happy and tears rolled down her cheeks as she clapped her hands for joy. The house seemed full of heavenly atmosphere. There was reality, as none but an experienced heart can know. This is a sweet child and intellectually bright. Praise the Lord. Brethren, pray for us."

We now come to our good work-boy, Rev. W. R. Harrison, at Black Springs. He is doing a fine work on a hard and hither to very unproductive field. It is good and solid: "From a variety of causes we were late getting to our work on Mt. Ida circuit. Arrived at the parsonage the 9th of January, and though not so severely 'pounded' as some of the field hands complain of, was met with a warm and cordial reception. We set about our work as best we knew, being a new beginner, and at this writing feel encouraged to state that the work is moving on with manifest signs of increased spirituality and general Church interest. As an evidence of the fact we have just stated, we mention with pleasure the increasing popularity of your valuable paper among our people and confirm the same by inclosing the names and cash for six subscribers to the METHODIST. You may expect at least four more at an early date, and accept a promise to urge the claims of the paper as long as it exists and your humble scribe is honored with an agency. The greatest barrier to success in obtaining subscriptions for Church literature among our people, is the great financial depression. We are now in the midst of tax-paying season, an ordeal second to none but death, it seems, with the majority

of the people in this country. We hope, however, to pull through and come up to conference next year with a long list of subscribers for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, full collections and, best of all, not less than one hundred happy converts to report as the result of our labors on the Mount Ida circuit this year. For this we are praying, for this we are believing, and we are happy in the possession of such a faith here in the mountain region of Montgomery county, on the Mount Ida circuit, or, as some have been pleased to term it, the "hardest" circuit in the conference, a name that we are not yet prepared to accept." Many thanks, my young brother, and we feel assured of your success.

We next present our brother Berry from Lewisville circuit, another hard field, but with such a P. E. and such a P. C. things will certainly change for the better: "Inclosed find \$2.40; \$1.40 is to pay for 20 copies of minutes of Little Rock conference sent me some time ago; the other dollar is to pay for the ARKANSAS METHODIST to W. P. Parks, of this place, just as long as the dollar will bring it. Bro. Jenkins, my P. E., was with me and held my quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday. We had bad weather, but a very good meeting. Two accessions to the Church Sunday at eleven, and quite a number asking the prayers of the Church at night. Bro. Jenkins did some close preaching, and the people were highly pleased. Many of them have asked me already when he will be back again. He says he will take Lafayette county for Christ this year. Lord help. The Little Rock conference has no better P. E. than Bro. Jenkins. He is thorough and to the point. He has broken one old rule or custom and gone to the top; he says to the preacher in charge, 'Become responsible and collect the Bishop's fund, and I will give my time and efforts to the collection of Foreign Mission funds.' And he is having fine success. Bro. Jenkins first and then Sam Jones." How will that do for the new P. E. and Arkansas? Ahead of Sam Jones! Good for Jenkins.

We next give a very pleasant missive from a lady subscriber. Many thanks to sister Bonner. Read: "Enclosed you will find \$1.50 to pay for the ARKANSAS METHODIST one year from the time my subscription expired. Accept many thanks for sending it after my time was out." Now that is kind and cheering.

And right after it we will put our brother Rutledge, from Sunland P. O., in Craighead county. It is a hard country and needs hard work, but our boy will bring it out: "I have just got home and have been looking over the brethren in all parts of the field, and as I have been going on here in this swamp, I thought I would say something about Buffalo Island. This is a fine scope of country, but I find there is one thing lacking and that is this: You find a host of men and women that are members of the Methodist Church, but talk to them about the doctrines of the Church and they are no Methodists. One thing more and I will close for this time. I want to say to my friends that thought last summer when my health was so bad that I would have to stop preaching, that by the grace of God I am going, and as I go, I go with a word for Jesus, and I pray God's blessing on the work and I ask the prayers of all the brethren." This is our brother J. D. Rutledge, and the other one is at Central Collegiate Institute. Here is brush college against classic halls. We will see how it works. All sorts needed.

Mr. Phil McHenry, the well-known salesman for that excellent firm, Baird & Bright, left last week for southern Arkansas, west Louisiana and Texas.