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General News.

The difficulty which meets this tyro in news-gathering at the very threshold is, to make a judicious selection out of the vast and varied current events of the past week. It would be easy to fill our space with such matter as would be eagerly devoured by many young readers, but would leave them none the wiser, but worse, from the iniquitous and ruinous repast. The announcement of a bank failure, absconding and defaulting cashier, may still be heard here and there, like a stray and occasional shot after the battle. Thank God, there is one safe bank which cannot be broken, and we trust all our readers will have deposits therein.

The cattle plague is raging at Alexandria, Egypt.

It was intensely and unusually hot in London last week.

The British government is preparing an expedition to relieve Gen. Gordon at Khartoum.

The death rate in Panama is terrible. At San Carlos, near there, the malignant and pernicious fever is raging with ruinous results.

A fearful storm was raging off the coast of Newfoundland on the 10th inst. Also a storm of eleven hours duration at the same time in Pesth, Austria. Many houses were wrecked.

The Franco-Chinese embroglio seems but little changed. Kelung was attacked by the French, and the forts destroyed, after which they retired. The French are much more anxious for that indemnity, than war.

The Peace Congress in session in Berne, among other things, has decided and declared, that international canals should be held neutral. An evidently correct conclusion, but not likely to have much weight with any nation in the event of war that needs, or determines to seize them.

In the United States, the happenings are after the usual order. An occasional blaze, a festive pistol, suicides, thefts, wife-beating and desertion, wandering prodigal boys, weeping fathers, heart-broken mothers. The arch enemy of our race, Alcohol, is abroad, and his slain greatly outnumber those of war and cholera combined.

There were 100 persons admitted to full membership into the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Centralia, Ill., last Sabbath, who had been received on probation six months before. When one of the names of that class was called, she was reported dying at her home in the city. The church militant and triumphant entered at the same time.

New York and Pennsylvania were visited last Sabbath by the shock of an earthquake. It is said to have lasted about long enough to have counted four, deliberately. It is questionable with us, whether a man could do anything deliberately under such circumstances; at any rate, it would have required longer to count four than, than ordinarily. No serious damage done. These throbs and throes of the earth are to us, the footfalls of Jehovah, as he walks to and fro on his footstool. These surges of long pent-up internal fires, remind us of the unquenchable fire which is to burn the wicked.

The presidential situation is the great topic of discussion. We are glad to record a slight cessation at least, in the discreditable mud-throwing in which a great many papers and politicians have been recently engaged. The poisoning of the columns of many secular papers, by reciting the foul and shameful charges that are hurled by one party against the candidate of the other, for political effect, is a calamity. It is a crime against decency, corrupting to our families and ruinous to society. We are glad to know there are many honorable exceptions among the secular press who condemn this as heartily as we.

State News.

Mammoth barbecues at Arkadelphia and Newport, Friday.

The Clear Creek Camp-meeting, near Quitman, will embrace the 1st Sabbath in September.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett visited Ft. Smith last week, and says he never saw as fine corn and cotton growing before, as he saw on that trip. And that the readers of the ARKANSAS METHODIST are pleased with it.

Rev. J. T. Pike writes, that he had a good meeting at Gum Springs, near Searcy, but not so successful as he expected. Had five accessions. He also thanks Revs. Trawick and Reaves, and Bro. Pruitt, for help at Lebanon.

Rev. H. W. Brooks: "The camp-meeting at Centre Point will be held Friday before the 2d Sabbath in September. The women of the Washington District will, at the same time and place, organize a District Missionary Society."

Rev. L. G. Johnson, Gurdon, writes of a nine day's meeting at Center Ridge. Had many conversions and nine accessions, and a new church is to be built there. He is building one at another point. His people are taking good care of him, and they are very far in advance of any previous year.

The Hamburg News speaks of peaches at his town 'measuring twelve inches, and weighing one pound. Also, that there is scourge of typho-malarial fever and dysentery.' It has appeared in many places in the state, and in other states. It is always so, we think, when cholera rages in the East.

Rev. F. R. Noe, Ash Flat, has held two protracted meetings, and is hopeful and cheerful. Crops have been looking well till the last ten days, but now needing rain badly. The S. S. Convention for Sharp Co. assembled in Evening Shade, Monday, and was largely attended and well entertained. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is a welcome visitor on his charge.

The Methodist people have begun to work upon their church building. The brick pillars will soon be placed and the foundation laid. The building is sixty feet in length by forty in width—twenty-three feet between floor and ceiling. Mr. J. B. Gregg is chief director of the work.—Jonesboro Times.—We congratulate Rev. W. R. Foster, and hope it may be speedily completed.

Horse-thieves have been plying their avocation to an alarming extent in this county here of late. Week before last Mr. "Bale" Shumate, living on the Middle Fork of White river, had two fine horses stolen from him, and last week Mr. John Shrum, living five miles west of town, and Mr. Gus Lewis, of this city, each lost a horse by the same process. Mr. Lewis secured his horse, which had been sold in Pierce City by the thief. We need more lodges of the "Knights of the Horse" in the county.—Fayetteville Democrat.

Our brethren have not been restive under the mild restraints we have sought to impose, to-wit: brevity in making reports of their charges; and have shown themselves capable of condensing—reporting much in a small space. This is well for all concerned. We have compared the last two issues of the METHODIST with many other papers, secular and religious, and none of them give as much matter of general interest, from as many different writers and localities, and in the same space as in our "Field Notes." Brethren, you are adding much to the interest of the paper. Let all our preachers report regularly, but briefly.

Personal.

Rev. J. M. Talkington is stirring Cabot this week.

Rev. W. F. Walker, of Jacksonport station, was married this week. We extend congratulations.

Dr. Withers is engaged in a protracted meeting in his charge. We wish him abundant success.

Pres. Edgar, of the Arkansas Industrial University, is visiting different parts of the state in the interest of the University.

Rev. W. F. Harvey is doing a good work in Argenta. Not by his preaching only or chiefly, but by his pastoral visitations.

Rev. J. C. Rhodes requests us to invite ministerial help for him, at his camp-meeting, at Mt. Tabor, beginning on the 29th inst.

Rev. Ed. T. Jones, of Augusta, we were glad to find in greatly improved health, but regretted exceedingly to find his wife sorely afflicted.

Revs. A. D. Milton and Z. T. McCann, brought us under obligations for active and successful work for the METHODIST, last week.

Rev. Dr. Vernor, our indefatigable Bible agent, was in to see us last week, left his appointments, and was soon gone to the mountains of the northern part of the state.

The venerable Rev. John Hogan, of St. Louis, preached in St. John's Centenary Church, in that city, last Sabbath. Text—"Simple, earnest faith, the only requirement."

In the death of Dr. J. G. Wilson, P. E., of the St. Louis district, which occurred last week, that Conference lost one of its brightest ornaments, and the M. E. Church, South, one of its most useful and successful ministers.

Rev. J. J. Johnson, Presbyterian minister, from Walnut Ridge, has honored us with several calls. He is in our city, under the skillful treatment of Drs. Cross and Watkins. We hope he will soon be well.

Prof. E. E. Bernard, of Vanderbilt University, who took no vacation this summer because the stars took none, has won new fame and added additional lustre to that great University, by the discovery of a new planet.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Rev. E. L. Gaddy, of Hamburg circuit. He died on the 9th inst., so we are informed by Rev. C. M. Keith, next week. We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Prof. E. E. Hoss gave us a pleasant call on his return from visiting his sister at Conway. He brings a splendid report of Emory & Henry, and of old Holston. Our readers will be glad to know he promised an occasional letter to the METHODIST.

Sorry to find Rev. J. A. Anderson, of Bayou Metoe circuit, in such poor health. He is suffering from dyspepsia. He is protracting his quarterly meeting, with fair prospect of success. He sends us another list of subscribers. Many thanks.

Rev. E. A. Garrison sent us twenty-three subscribers last week, and will follow it with others, and for which we thank him most kindly. How the METHODIST would prosper if all our preachers would circulate it, and what a potent helper it would be to them.

Rev. J. S. Rrooke, Walnut Ridge and Corning station, sends us a few new subscribers, and six dollars cash, on those sent recently. His thoughtful kindness is appreciated, and if all our brethren will imitate his excellent example, it will help to tide us over the shoals of the present monetary crisis.

Field Notes.

Rev. H. H. Watson: "I have just closed a very fine meeting at Wesley's Chapel. It was one of power."

Rev. James S. Best: "Fine crops; finances low; third quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday—good preaching by the P. E. and Bro. J. L. Hays."

Rev. O. H. Tucker writes: "Just closed a meeting near Bellefonte. About thirty conversions and fourteen accessions. This makes forty-two accessions since Conference."

Rev. J. C. Rhodes writes: Big Springs Camp-meeting will begin at the camp-ground between Cabot and Austin on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in August."

Rev. R. P. Wilson: "We have had fine rains; have good crops; everything prosperous. Have just closed our protracted meeting; ten accessions; a good revival."

Rev. J. H. Cummins, Carrollton, Ark., "Have made no special effort for a revival yet but will soon. Have had plenty of rain, and the prospect good for corn crop; wheat tolerably good, and oats fine."

Rev. Z. T. McCann, of Hickory Plains circuit, sends list of subscribers and says: "We are moving on, with good prospects; but we have to fight for every inch of ground we occupy—the people are almost wild on politics and politicians. I think so many elections are injurious to the people."

Rev. J. R. Edwards: "I am now in a protracted meeting at State Line. Began on the 1st of the month. The prospect is very promising for a good revival of religion. We are expecting you to be at Mammoth Spring. Crops of all kinds, good."

Rev. H. T. Gregory, Jamestown ct. sends a sub., and writes: "We are having a good meeting at Cedar Grove; twenty penitents at the altar last night, and a glorious good time. Will write you the result of the meeting at its close."

Rev. W. W. Anderson, of El Paso circuit, writes, August 5th: "Our meeting at Cypress Valley, is progressing finely. Four conversions last night; twelve penitents at the altar, and many others in the congregation. The Lord is blessing us at every service. A little girl, nine years old, was converted. May the Lord continue to convert the children."

Rev. Jas. T. Jernigan, Vandale Ark.: "Closed a meeting last night at Cherry Valley; sixteen conversions, and more to follow; membership of the church strengthened and encouraged to do more and live better. I did not get to my appointment till late in the meeting; but the fort was held by Dr. J. B. Scarborough, P. E., and other brethren, till my arrival. I was afflicted like the old man of the land of Uz, not so badly, but bad enough. The METHODIST is looking well. Much is expected of you and Bro Dye and your corresponding aids. God bless you."

Rev. P. B. Hopkins, Boonsboro Ct. says: "I am engaged in my first protracted meeting. Two conversions yesterday—not 'dead mourners' either. The Lord is with us; the Church is being revived and girding herself for the conflict; congregations large and attentive. We are looking for glorious results, not only at this point, but all over the circuit. May the Lord send the blessing, and to his name be all the glory. The rains have been very partial with us this summer. In the bounds of my work we have about a half crop of wheat; good oats; about two thirds of a corn crop; plenty of apples, but very few peaches. Apples have got to be the monied crop with us here. Success to the METHODIST—will do what I can for it."

Rev. L. M. Keith, of Hamburg Ct. writes: "Bro. E. L. Gaddy is now lying very low, and would be glad to have the brethren pray for him. He has flux. Our town is fearfully scourged with this malady just now. It is a regular epidemic. Some one sick at almost every house; many very bad."

Rev. W. A. Steel says: "Our meeting at Mablevale lasted three weeks, with forty-two accessions and a back-slidden church reclaimed. I cannot tell the number of conversions—near fifty or sixty. Thanks to Bros. Thos. J. Pritchard, Patrick Scott and A. Walls, for ministerial services. They labored earnestly. May the Lord reward them. Five more meetings to hold. Good crops. "Decks cleared." Come to my camp-meeting."

W. B. Saye, layman, on the West Point circuit, sends eight subscribers and says: "Our meeting closed Monday night, having lasted ten days. There were 27 conversions and 17 accessions to the church. The church is gloriously revived; and the work is still going on at Union School House, three miles south-east of Beebe. The meeting commenced Sunday, August 3rd. Up to this time there have been forty or fifty conversions. A church will be organized there Aug 10. We have had some fine rains."

Rev. C. M. Keith, Hamburg, Ark.: "I have just closed a five day's meeting at Poplar Bluff, Bartholomew Ct., which resulted in a fine revival of the church; two conversions and three accessions. If we could have continued a few days longer, I feel sure there would have been a great work accomplished. The Lord favoring us in that way, we will give them another meeting later; meantime will be operating at other points. Pray for us."

Rev. Ed. M. Wright, Holly Grove circuit: "Prospect for cotton crop is good; corn not looking so well. We held a Centenary prayer-meeting last Wednesday night at Tyndal's Chapel, to pray especially that the preachers might be endowed with power from on high, and that the membership of the church might have this power, so that they may be more active in leading souls to Christ. Result—Many of the brothers and sisters were made happy to overflowing. I feel encouraged to believe that many will be saved. Pray that we may have success."

Rev. O. H. Keadle, of Bear, Ark., writes: "Our third Quarterly Meeting convened last Saturday and Sunday. Our P. E., H. D. McKinnon, was with us; preaching with great power and good effect. Duty and ill health calling him home on Monday, leaving upon us his blessings and good-humored smiles, and in us the effects of his preaching. The meeting is still in progress, and we are in the midst of a gracious revival. While Christians are rejoicing, the wickedest of the wicked are weeping, on their way to the altar. When and where it will stop, we know not. May the Lord continue with this part of the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel.'"

Rev. C. H. Cary, Oppelo circuit: "I have had one good revival meeting; am on the eve of another protracted effort, and hope for a good revival. We suffered for rain in the beginning of summer. I preached the people a missionary sermon, and told them that if they would honor God with their substance, he would honor them by increasing their substance according to his promise, Lev. xxvi. 4, and Mal. iii. 10. They responded, and I firmly believe that, as a providential consequence, we have had an abundance of rain since; therefore, crops are promising and, although my finances are somewhat behind, I expect to be up with them all by Conference. Pray for us brethren."

Several Field Notes have been left over for want of space.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1884.

REV. A. R. WINFIELD:—Ever since you and your worthy associate took charge of the METHODIST, I have felt greatly relieved. I thought I saw how the interests of Methodism in our State could be damaged by the paper falling into the wrong hands. I knew the Colburn Bros. were waiting to dispose of their interest to some one. I rejoice that yourself and Bro. Dye have the matter so well in hand, and that each issue is an improvement on its predecessors. Let yours be a news paper—not only news of a religious character, but secular as well. Many of the families in and out of the church will only take one paper. These families want news—State and national. If your paper can supply this want, it will meet in this the necessities of the case. The St. Louis Christian Advocate gives one or two columns every week devoted to current events. A reader of that paper, by noticing closely "news of the week," can keep posted as to all that is going on in the world. I commend that paper to you as an example for you to imitate in this respect. I hope the time is not far distant when your subscription list will justify you in enlarging your sheet. This you can do if all who are, and should be, interested in the success of the paper will do their whole duty.

I have felt a disposition to complain of brethren in the different conferences in our state, because they do not seem to take hold of all the interests pertaining to the church here. This has been the case especially with our schools and our church paper. If I made any complaints against transfers it would be in this particular. Spend the money that is sent abroad for educational purposes upon our own schools and colleges and give the ARKANSAS METHODIST the money and subscription list that is sent abroad, and how soon could you send out a paper equal to the best. It is this starvation process that cripples our church interest in this State.

I wish preachers, who come to Arkansas from other conferences, would take Arkansas, like a man takes his wife—"for better or for worse," and if every thing is not methodistically what it was where they came from, go to work and bring it up to that standard. How are you and your associate to succeed if our preachers, in canvassing for a church paper, do not give the preference to our own organ. There are local interests—home interests that never can be met and fostered in any other than a home organ. I have given forty-eight years of my life to the church in Arkansas, and now in the evening time, I feel the same zeal and burning love for every thing pertaining to the welfare of the church of my choice, that I did in the early years of my ministry. With my head and heart, tongue and pen, I say, SUCCESS to the ARKANSAS METHODIST; and let all the preachers in the three conferences, traveling and local, with all the membership say, AMEN.

THE CHURCH IN CAMDEN.

We are going through the regular church forms here, congregations pretty fair—good listeners—tears of penitence very scarce, much cause for weeping. Still we are not out of heart and have strong faith in the grand old Gospel. May this town—this church soon feel its power.

A. HUNTER.

Camden, Ark., July 25; 1884.

DEAR METHODIST:—We have been having such a glorious revival in our neighborhood that I feel like telling you something about it.

Bro. W. A. Steele commenced his protracted meeting at Hopewell church on July 12th; and did good service until he had to leave us to attend to other appointments. Bro. T. J. Pritchard, local preacher, protracted the meeting, he was assisted by Bro. Patric Scott, and Bro. Wall, of

the Baptist faith, preached for us twice. Bro. Pritchard and Scott did excellent service; I tell you they are both workers, as the sequel will show. It has been often said that it was impossible to have a revival at Hopewell, but we did have one, and a glorious one too; the spirit of God was with us in power. At first the meeting lagged, the church was cold, but Bros. Steele, Pritchard and Scott worked hard and faithful; the church began to pray and warm up; the Master was there and we had a glorious time. The church was greatly revived, backsliders reclaimed, sinners convicted and mourners were converted. O, I tell you it was good to be there—it was indeed a heaven on earth—there has not been such a revival here in twelve years, there was forty-two accessions to the church and about 35 conversions. Some of the hardest sinners in the whole country were converted and did good work in the altar. The meeting closed last Sunday, August 3rd, having continued three weeks. May the good work go on. To God be all the praise.

Yours in Christ,

J. H. ROWLAND.

Hopewell, Ark., August 5, 1884.

DEAR METHODIST:—It will doubtless be interesting to the friends of Jesus to know that his cause is prospering to some extent on this, the Gainesville circuit. Our District Conference held at this place July 1st and 2nd—Bishop Hargrove presiding—was a grand success. The services were protracted until the 11th with eighteen conversions and fourteen accessions to our church. Bro. Jernigan, of Wittsburg circuit, was with me, and rendered very efficient service.

Meeting at Beech Grove commenced the 19th and continued with twelve conversions and twelve accessions.

Another meeting at Old Friendship commenced the 26th of July and closed the 3rd inst., with twenty conversions. This was a union meeting—brothers Hamilton and Dickey, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, doing valuable service for the Master.

I am now conducting a protracted meeting at Straughn's Chapel—in Old Camp Ground—three miles southwest of Gainesville. Several conversions and the work going on with fair prospect of a glorious revival.

The METHODIST is giving general satisfaction, and I think I will send you several subscribers as soon as the people are assured of good crops, so as to be sure of means to pay for it. Crops look well, but we are needing rain. Pray for us. Yours &c.,

W. M. WATSON.

Gainesville, Ark. August 5, 1884.

Letter from Rev. E. L. Beard.

MR. EDITOR:—It is with a glad heart, and full, that I send you this item. I closed a meeting at Wofford's Chapel on the 24th ult., after five days labor. The meeting grew in interest from the initial service. The congregations were large and attentive. There were ten conversions—only one addition to our church—the others will join the Cumberland Presbyterians and Baptist, except one which will come to our church. I left nine penitents at the altar, six of them strong, grown men, just entering the prime of life. May the spirit of the Lord mercifully follow them and save them. The Cumberland Presbyterians and Baptists worked with us like true christian men and women, and desire to have their children go with them. Bros. Cason, Hamilton and Coleman of the local work were with me, the two former laboring in the pulpit and in the altar, the latter in the prayer meeting and with the penitents. The young men have a prayer meeting at this place. God bless these young men.

Doctor, Tuesday night of this meeting was one of the best meetings you ever saw, any how it was to this scribe, the glory of the Lord seemed to fill the house; it did fill my soul. Yes, and more than that, Doctor, it run over. We had open communion, free communion, and a feast of love. I cannot describe such a meeting, but I can feel it. I had a meeting at Concord of three days. Several penitents, no conversions; I trust that good was done. Tell the brethren to pray for me.

A Philadelphia man compels his daughter to eat onions every night for supper, and thus assures himself that he can shut the house at 10 o'clock without locking in a strange young man.

The Secretary's Column.

A gentleman who has made three separate journeys to Europe—who has finished a tour round the world—left our office a few moments ago. We were always fond of celebrated travelers and their books. In former years we listened to the lectures of Bayard Taylor and Robert Baird by the week. For two years we have been reading up on all the countries. Indeed there is still a lingering hope within us, that on some fine morning in the distant future, we shall set out to go somewhere. So you may be sure we detained our traveled gentleman until railroad time compelled him to leave.

He was direct from China—had been the guest of Dr. Allen in Shanghai—knew all about the Anglo-Chinese University. The situation is well-chosen. The grounds are large and substantially inclosed. The right wing is finished—an imposing structure built of brick. Likewise two or three buildings in the rear used as dormitories. Two small artificial lakes have been formed where the earth had been excavated. Just across the street is the residence of Dr. Allen—large but not extravagant. It is thought Prof. Bonnell will occupy a part of this building. The outhouses are comfortable—noticeably so. Every dollar of money sent from this country has been carefully and judiciously expended. Our visitor saw no single missionary enterprise in all the East that promised so much as this.

For want of room the school is limited to two hundred students. He saw them all. They are from every part of the Empire, and from every circle of society—the sons of mandarins dressed in silk, and the sons of shopkeepers in blue cotton. They all pay their expenses, just as students do in this country. So the Institution is self-supporting. Dr. Allen wants the Church to finish paying for the grounds, building, and furniture during the Centenary year, and this we have pledged ourselves to do. Indeed the last payment is due Aug. 23. How will our Treasurer feel—what will our Treasurer do—if all the money is not sent in? Borrow at 8 per cent., and then get censured for it? No, brethren! We hope the funds will be here in ample time to pay the last dollar. This and more. The contributions of the Centenary year ought to finish up the Mission Headquarters in the City of Mexico and the Girls' College in Rio. We believe they will.

Our visitor was present one afternoon, and witnessed the closing exercises of the school. All present and on their best behavior? The Bible was read. The scholars sang, "Jesus loves me," first in Chinese, then in English. Dr. Allen closed with prayer. In the evening a prayer-meeting was held at the residence. The attendance was voluntary, but every seat was occupied. A gospel-meeting in one of the street-chapels was witnessed—at first somewhat amusing, but afterward convincing and edifying. Dr. Lambuth, the presiding elder, is abundant in labors—traveling, preaching, organizing all the time. Favorable reports from our work in Soochow and Nantziang were also heard.

Our visitor has been connected with the press for the last fifteen years—has made full sketches of all his observations—will be ready for the press in about one year. He was so much pleased with the mission work in China that he promises the entire profits to it.—[R. A. Young.

Bishop Wilson.

This office had a pleasant surprise to-day. Our predecessor, Bishop Wilson, walked into our midst. He is on the way from a District Conference to a camp-meeting in Kentucky. The Bishop has been out on duty since the first of last March. He has "a good work," and plenty of it.

Renew your subscription to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

Agricultural.

MR. EDITOR:—We appreciate your kindness in giving us clod-knockers a corner in the METHODIST. There is not enough system and rule on the average Arkansas farm. Too often there are no good cross fences, and convenient gates; barns and other outhouses are not commodious. Without these and other conveniences the various product of the farm cannot be properly utilized. As a class we are too careless, if not in some cases, a little too lazy. Just the other day we passed a neighbors house and noticed that his plows were where he had last used them; and we have no doubt but that some of them will remain the rest of the year; and when wanted will not only be out of place, but badly injured or ruined.

We see that agricultural societies are being formed in some parts of the country. This is well, provided they are properly managed. The prime object is to promote the interest of the farm. Therefore we think politics and religion, as such, should never be allowed to enter these societies. Only farmers of good moral character should be eligible to membership in these clubs.

We should diversify our crops more than we do. Under this system we do not handle so much money as the cotton planter, but still we can make money in the end, and have more time for the improvement of home and farm. Let us stop clearing land and fertilize the best we have in cultivation, and by strict economy and industry get back to the good old cash system. Then, by co-operation, let us buy in bulk, and we will be better and happier men, and lay up a dollar for a rainy day.

Our oats are good and we think our country will make plenty of corn. Fine season this week. Success to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

RACKENSACK.

Annover, Ark., August 4, 1884.

Farming is a question for this Southern country more important, more worthy of thought and study, than tariff or any other question now agitating the political world. For the "sons of toil" it is more important to know how to make "two blades of grass grow where one grew before," than to know who will be the next president. Civil service reform, tariff and taxes are all good in their way, but nothing is more important to the farmer than the study of agriculture as a science. It requires more brains to run a farm successfully than it does to run a bank. No man should be ashamed of being a farmer unless he is an old time clod-hopper, who is too lazy to study and improve, to such there is no progression, and he will be a slave to ignorance and poverty to the end. But to a live, progressive farmer, one who reads and keeps posted, there is success ahead. Take the papers and agricultural journals and read them, the money paid will be your best investment. The ARKANSAS METHODIST has a column devoted to agriculture which bids fair to become a leading feature of that worthy paper. That column alone is worth the money asked for the paper.

YOUNG FARMER.

Lincoln county, Ark., 5, 1884.

A flood gate has been patented by Mr. James M. Metcalf, of Enfield, Ill. The gates are made to stand sufficiently above the bed of the stream to allow the ordinary flow of water, and in connection therewith are braces, check cords, or chains, strong posts, and a supporting frame, to allow of the gates being swung open as desired.

A vehicle propelled by compressed air has been patented by Mr. Daniel S. Troy, of Montgomery, Ala. The axel or axels and reach are made hollow and connected to serve as a reservoir for compressed air, as is also the body of the vehicle, the reservoirs being adapted to be changed at a station, whence the vehicle may be sent out as a self-contained motor.

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