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General News.

Our Own Country.

The Prohibition party is coming more and more to the front in these United States. Of course there is no hope of success this year; and we thought, and still think it was an unwise step to make nominations and start out on that bare issue; but still, they represent a great principle that will survive the wreck of party organizations, and will control in the councils of this nation. Prohibition is not a mere question of state or governmental policy—or police regulation—but it is a great question of moral right, as well as a constitutional principle, that underlies all government. All laws are more or less prohibitory—and intended to restrain men and prevent evil. If our prohibition friends are wise, and will avoid all entangling alliances with other parties, then they must and will succeed. Steer clear, too, of what is now known as "mud flinging," the last resort of demoralized parties. Stand by principle, and win by advocating the right, and not by personal detraction and immoral subterfuges. The two great parties of the country now stand before the nations of the earth in a very unenviable attitude, following, as they say, their very demoralized and corrupt leaders. As the editor of a religious journal, we mention these in the interest of society, and for the benefit of public morality.

Franco-Chinese War.

This is the great and all-absorbing theme at this time. France, with a population of 36,000,000, has to contend with China, with a population of 400,000,000, and still the contest is not doubtful, though it may be delayed by the inaccessibility and extent of the Chinese territory. The Chinese seem to be brave enough, but they lack discipline and skill. The French are brave, and have a well disciplined army—but now comes the question of allies. France has already lost confidence in England, if she ever had any. The French papers use the following strong language in reference to England: "When France has wept, or France has bled, perfidious Albion has rejoiced." In the meantime, France is transferring her hatred of Germany to England, and war-like politics is making strange bed-fellows among the nations—and Russia and Germany are showing evident sense of sympathy with the French. Italy is not only indifferent, but expresses an utter want of confidence in all the plans and purposes of the French people. England is still harassed with the Egyptian question, and blames France for it, and France has never forgotten Waterloo. The announcement of the English press are all unfavorable to France, and they actually declare that the "Chinese fought with more daring, but less skill, than the French. War may be considered as openly declared, for China has ordered her army to fire upon the French fleet in all her ports. Now, what is to be the result of this strange struggle? On the one hand is the most volatile, voluptuous and vain nation in the world, and as fickle as vain—Infidel or Christian, Protestant or Catholic, as she may chance to choose; and on the other side is the darkest heathen nation on earth. China is a rotten, seething mass of heathen putrefaction, the dread of all the nations. What to do with this mass is one of the great questions that is disturbing the Christian and political world. It may be that this war will break down the infidelity of France and open the gates of China to the Christian civilization of the present century. Our God rules and undue war will be in his hand an instrument to make the wrath of man to praise him.

Prohibition DID PROHIBIT on election day, in this city. Suppose we try it for a year.

State News.

Of course this past week has been one of intense excitement all through the state. Politics has run high. It is certain the nominees of the Democratic party on the State ticket will be elected by an overwhelming majority—and in most of the counties there will also be democratic majorities, and that party will have a large majority in the next legislature, thus giving another Democratic U. S. Senator. In some counties there is great excitement and much bad blood; but when this paper reaches our readers, all will be quiet, and our people will settle down to peaceful work. We hope the temperance people have been active, and that we will have large majorities against license in many counties.

Mr. Siddell, a prominent mill man and merchant of Benton, Saline Co., was murdered a week ago. It was an outrageous murder, and was committed for purposes of robbery. The robber and murderer was dangerously shot in being arrested.

The office of the Saline Courier is for sale. Address Col. S. H. Whitthorne, Benton, Ark.

Mr. J. L. Wadley has taken charge of the Hot Springs News. He was formerly editor of a paper at Mineral Springs. He is a brave and true man.

The St. Francis County News has a splendid Temperance Department, and is a real newsy paper. Brother Fizer is a worker.

The Ozark Democrat calls on the people to support Sadler because he has been the death of "blind tigers." Good; but if you want those animals killed, all you have to do is to administer a dose of Caldwell—it never fails.

Hot Springs has the Government hospital, and now they are moving for the Soldier's Home. It should be there by all means. One of the most beautiful places in gay Paris, is the Hospital Invalides. Here we saw a soldier of the first Napoleon. He was over 100 years old.

We were sorry to see that Judge Cypert had been rudely assaulted by one Walker. We hope it will be amicably settled. He is one of our true men.

Benton county, and Bentonville, its county site, we would say are having a real boom, if we judge from the appearance of its county paper, but Enami don't understand Prohibition—he had better write on something else.

The Arkansas Industrial University has a brighter future. Col. George M. Edgar, the newly elected president, is winning golden opinions.

The Centre Point Tocsin speaks very kindly of brother, Rev. H. W. Brooks, and mention is made of a sweet babe. Congratulations are in order.

Russellville has a good factory and a splendid school house, elegant churches, and no whisky shops. A good place to find a home.

Many of our preachers have been doing valiant work in the temperance cause this summer. We notice a good report of our Bro. Crews, in the Booneville Enterprise. That is right, brethren—keep the ball moving.

Hon. R. M. Thrasher, of Malvern, is a candidate for the legislature in Hot Springs county. We are sorry always, to see preachers running for political office, but Arkansas has no better man.

The Arkansas Evangel, published at Russellville, Ark., comes to us this week, with much good revival news. Thank God.

Arkadelphia District, M. E. Church, South, is leading the host, and they are locating a district parsonage.

Personal.

Rev. Geo. M. Hill writes us from Mariana, sending a subscriber and announcing the sad intelligence that his only child is very ill. Our whole office extends the heartiest sympathy. May our God spare the child, if it be His will, but let us say "Thy will be done." We have since learned that it is dead. "All is well with the child."

Rev. Jerome Haralson gave us a pleasant call on Friday. He and his most estimable wife expect, ere long, to leave for California. May God's richest blessing attend them.

Rev. L. M. Keith honored our sanctuary with his presence, at the same time.

Rev. J. M. Cline and family are still "passing under the rod"—but the rod is in the hands of their Heavenly Father, and they are bowing submissively. May the Lord bless and comfort them.

Rev. S. H. Babcock, President of Quitman College, is expected at Big Spring camp meeting.

Bishop J. C. Keener contributes a masterly article on the "Studies of the Forty Days," (by Dr. Lipscomb), to the Alabama Christian Advocate. We hope he will soon favor us.

Rev. A. T. Goodloe writes us a business postal, but we want a letter from his pen.

Our Junior goes to Jacksonport and Pleasant Valley at this week. He is a man of affairs, and does everything well.

Rev. C. C. Godden is at Big Spring camp-meeting at this writing.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry, from Mineral circuit, sends us a splendid communication, which, we regret to say, is too long for the state of our columns, and could not be abridged, so we take the liberty with our special friend, to withhold it. He is in the midst of a most wonderful revival of religion.

Bishop Pierce will pass our city next week, enroute to the Indian Mission Conference. We hope to get a look at him "in transitu."

Hon. Geo. Thornburg has our thanks for several copies of the last session of the White River Conference. A Centenary Address from him will ornament our columns soon.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., the able editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, has been to Chataqua, to deliver an address, and he stopped to hear the thunder of the Niagara. The old Nashville will sparkle now.

Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., has been to Wesley Grove camp-meeting, near Baltimore. It was a grand time. That is a good place to go. We have tried it.

C. M. Lane, of Russellville, Ark., sends a note of thanks for the editorials on Spiritual Power. Glad our friend and brother was pleased with them. We join you heartily in the wish that they may do good. They were written by the senior editor. We write thus in answer to our brother's question.

Rev. H. Jewell "tarries by the stuff" this week, and could not attend camp meeting.

Senator Embry, of Atkins, honored our sanctuary with a pleasant call last week. Of course he subscribed for the METHODIST, as many other great and good men are doing. Our association with him in the last session of the Senate, convinced us of his ability, vigilance, and faithfulness to his constituency and the state.

Rev. Jno. McLaughlin, A. D. Jenkins, Z. T. McCann and A. O. Evans are expected at Big Spring camp meeting. May it be a time of great power.

Rev. A. Hunter, D. D., the Nestor of Arkansas Methodism, and his excellent wife, are in the city.

Field Notes.

Rev. J. F. Pike writes: "The good work increases on, on West Point Ct., The Lord is still reviving his work."

Rev. J. M. Trkington writes from Jacksonville: "The revival interest here is increasing. Quite a number of penitents at the altar last night." Our junior was out there on Thursday, and reported a very grand time, and the interest still increasing.

Rev. John R. Sanders sends the following cheering and clever note from Washington circuit: "Every issue of the ARKANSAS METHODIST seems to be better and better. I am delighted with your editorials, especially those on "Spiritual Power." Sorry to hear that you are sick. We join your many brethren in praying for your recovery. I have been holding a meeting at St. Paul's church, near here, for about ten days, which is still going on. Three conversions so far, and yesterday was the happiest day of my ministry I believe. My 11 o'clock services continued until about 2, p.m., after I had dismissed at 12:30. Such a display of spiritual power as I have not seen but a few times in life. Penitents would not leave the altar, and Christians were shouting in all parts of the house. The church is surely greatly revived, for some 12 or fifteen families covenanted yesterday, to take up family prayers, who have formerly neglected it, and there were more to-day. As a result, I am looking for a great moral revolution in this community. Will write you again." Our brother sends the following additional postal: "I closed my first protracted meeting in the country, at St. Paul's church last night. The meeting continued nearly two weeks. Result—some 15 conversions, 13 accessions to the church, 14 children baptized. The church was greatly revived; 20 penitents left at the altar. The whole community felt the power of the meeting. Crops are excellent in the black lands. Our people promise to take the METHODIST." That is a splendid report, and very cheering and the kind words and sympathy very highly appreciated. We are again at duty. Don't let them forget that promise.

Rev. Thomas Vincent writes from Newberg: "We commenced a meeting at Newberg last Saturday was a week ago. We had a hard and long pull—but last Monday night light began to dawn, and last night the clouds gave way, and the power of God came down. We had eight conversions, several backsliders were reclaimed, the church greatly revived, and the meeting continues with increasing interest." Thanks to God.

Rev. C. B. Hunton sends the following: "We have had some glorious times on the Shiloh circuit this year. We are behind in several respects, but claim to be doing something. We have on hand \$25 in cash and subscription as a thank offering. We have held three protracted meetings. The first, at Trinity; this was a glorious meeting; 12 professed conversion, and 11 joined the church, and the membership was greatly revived.—Second, at Shiloh; here we had a good time also—had 8 conversions and 5 accessions to the church. Third, at Caldwell's Chapel—this was an interesting meeting, and we hope profitable. Two others to hold. Pray for us, as this is a trying time with me. Success to the METHODIST." Thanks. Send the subscribers.

Rev. A. P. Meltan writes us on business, and tells of a glorious meeting at Morrilton, where he is assisting Brother Greathouse. God grant them a great revival.

Rev. J. F. Hall writes from Conway, of a fine meeting in progress. Presiding Elder Smith and Rev. Jerome Haralson were assisting the pastor. We hear that a fine revival is in progress at this place. Send the notes, brethren.

Rev. V. A. Walker writes from Little River circuit, Little Rock Conference: We commenced our camp-meeting Friday, 22d, and closed this morning. Our P. E., Rev. D. T. Holmes, was with us all the time, preaching with the spirit and power; also, Bros. McCane and Wilson, from Sevier county, did good preaching, and our noble band of local preachers were on hand part of the time, and did faithful service. The attendance was good, from the beginning. The power of God's Spirit was present from the commencement to the close. The church is greatly revived—indeed we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. There were five or six conversions, six accessions to the church, and more to follow. The church covenanted to lead a more consecrated life. The meeting closed with 35 or 40 at the altar, and nearly all the congregation promised to lead a better life. All praise to God, and may the heaven continue to work until the whole is leavened. Pray for us." Don't you forget the METHODIST, my brother.

Rev. J. H. Riggins; P. E., of Pine Bluff District, L. R. Conference, sends the following: "I propose to give them an extra Sabbath in Pine Bluff, the 2d in September. It may be expedient to protract the meeting, and I am burdened with anxiety to see a revival in that city. Could you not come down on Monday and spend a few days with us? We would be glad of course, to have you on Sabbath, if you could come and leave your charge. Please write me that you will come. We have had one of the most precious meetings at White Sulphur Springs, the last three weeks, that I ever attended. Every child nine years of age is converted and in the church, except one young man, who is sincerely penitent, and every grown person in the community converted or seeking religion, except three or four. The members of the church and the young converts; male and female, young and old, will pray in public and talk in experience meetings." That is glorious! We hope to join you at Pine Bluff.

Rev. A. S. Blackwood gives us the result of his meeting at New Hope: "There were 44 conversions and 44 accessions to the church. It was truly an awakening. Almost every one seemed to be interested, and notwithstanding the nights were dark, and the roads

rough and rocky, the people came for miles around. Christians of other denominations, principally Baptists and Cumberland Presbyterians, gave us material aid in the work. There was but few sinners left in the neighborhood. The young men have started a young man's prayer meeting, and have commenced aright. To God be all the praise. Crops are needing rain very much." Glorious. That is right. String all you catch.

Rev. John Moore writes from Taylor's Creek circuit. "We are in the midst of a glorious revival. Sixty-eight conversions and sixty-four accessions to the church, with more to follow. To God give all the glory. Our fourth quarterly meeting just over. Bro. Dannelly, our beloved P. E., was with us, and his sermon was indeed a grand effort. Gracious meeting last night—sinners convicted and mourners converted. We all love the METHODIST." Glad of it. Send us a long list of subs.

Rev. J. J. Tarleton writes us a postal from Clinton circuit, and reports as follows: "I am in the midst of a glorious revival at Parish Chapel—souls are being converted, and the church is all alive with the love of God. Since I last wrote you, I have received 26 into the church." We rejoice at your success. Help us.

Rev. R. D. Moon writes us a business note, and sends the following cheering sentence: "I am in the midst of a revival of religion. Have had 14 accessions to the church." God be praised for the revival news that appears in our paper every week. God grant that there may be a revival of religion in every charge. Pray and work for this, brethren.

Rev. J. M. Clarke writes us a stirring note from the field. Sorry to hear that he has been disabled. Glad he is better and begins to work again. Thanks for your kind words and promise, but you must hurry—to keep the Dye and help Win(the)field.