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General News.

England.

It is said that the tide of emigration from England to the United States is steadily decreasing. The wonderful unusual rush from all Europe to the United States the past few years, excited much comment and a good degree of anxiety in official circles in the various nationalities from whence they came. Many came to us to bless us, and many to curse us. Those who came, to become quiet and orderly citizens, to help us fell our forests and cultivate our broad and fertile acres, to tickle our generous and productive soil with a hoe, till it laughs with a harvest, we welcome most cordially. But those who come to desecrate our Sabbath and to demoralize our society, have not benefited us, however much they may have made in exchange of governments.

British Columbia.

Considerable excitement prevails in British Columbia at the appearance of leprosy among the Chinese there.

China.

Six members of the Chinese Foreign Office, who advised the government to make peace with France have been dismissed, and those persons who advised the payment of the indemnity demanded by France, have been threatened with punishment.

Belgium.

Brussels was the scene of a terrible riot on the 7th inst. The Clericals from all the provinces numbering many thousands paraded the streets, and were hissed and howled at by loekerson, and a collision ensued. The police were summoned, but were unable to suppress the riot. The procession finally disbanded. Three of the wounded have died. One hundred and eighty arrests have been made.

France--Italy.

Cholera still rages in France and Italy. There were four deaths and six new cases in Marsailles last Sabbath, and about thirty new cases in Naples.

France will soon declare war against China.

Egypt.

The River Nile is still falling, and the transportation over the catarracts will be difficult, if not impossible, especially of the larger boats soon. The expedition to Karhtoum is proceeding with as much facility as could be expected. The Aorani tribe have surrendered, and thus opened the route to Dongola. The report of the excessive heat there has been denied.

Russia.

Warsaw is to be honored on the 15th inst., by the presence of the Emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia.

Austria.

The detectives claim to have succeeded in the arrest of all active anarchists.

Our Own Country.

The news from our own country is after the usual order. It is said death loves a shining mark, and in the demise of distinguished persons, the past week, has been unusually eventful. Bishop George F. Pierce, of Georgia; Secretary of the Treasury, Folger; Senator Anthony, Senior Senator of the United States, and one or two whose names we do not at this moment recall, died the past week.

A few funny things occurred in our State election. The whiskey men of Garland County, by some inadvertence, neglected to vote for license, and although there was but a small vote against it in the county, the latter carried to their great chagrin and mortification.

State News.

Of course all the news of the State for the past week is chiefly political, and as we are running a strictly religious journal, we can only announce results and such reflections as seem necessary and relevant. The entire Democratic State ticket is elected, and we congratulate the people of Arkansas on having State officers for the next two years that would do credit to any State in the Union. They are men of ability, sound in morals, and upright in deportment. We hear of a great many splendid men being elected to represent the State in our next Legislature, and we think we can promise the people safe legislation, and no ground will be lost in the temperance cause.

Our prohibition friends must not be discouraged or falter in their work, we have lost in some counties, but gained in others.

White County went for license this time, as heretofore, and so did Clarke, but the town of Searcy voted it out.

Old Pulaski barely escaped the honor of having a saloon keeper for sheriff.

We heard of a whiskey man who put forth all his strength and spent all his money to defeat a prohibition sheriff, and the only man elected on that side, is a temperance man.

Woodruff County went for license, but nearly all the towns voted it out, so that county is safe.

Columbia County put in good work. Over 600 against license. That is the banner county.

Logan and Franklin are all right, but Independence and Howard have backslidden. Will our friends of the different counties send us the vote on the license question in all the counties. We can not get correct returns from the papers.

One township in Garland County has saved Hot Springs, unless the temperance folks permit themselves to be cheated out of their rights.

Will somebody give us the vote of Pulaski County, on license? Come gentlemen, we know that some voted against license, and unless you make a showing we will claim the county.

Mon. J. M. Hewitt, an old member comes back. He is solid on the temperance question.

How quiet the election passed off. No free whisky and no free fights. Prohibition does prohibit.

We have not heard from Pope County, but we dare say that county is all right.

Our Republican friends went right square back on the temperance issue, and had for license on all their tickets and hundreds of poor negroes were fooled.

Wheels and Brothers of Freedom tore the old parties to pieces wonderfully. Wonder how they went on the question of license?

Our temperance friends must rally, and when you have been defeated in this issue, start on the "Three Mile Law," and with the help of the women, you can regain much lost ground. We think the entire vote against license, will be larger than last year.

We hear much complaint of drought and the injury to the crops. Corn is safe, but cotton is suffering. Wait for the rain farmers and plant largely in turnips and peas; sow broad-cast, and reap for hay.

Crops in some parts of the State have been cut short by the exceedingly dry and hot weather, late corn and the top-crop of cotton. Early corn is generally good.

Field Notes.

Rev. M. C. Morris writes from Wheatley: "Mr. Editor. I reckon I had better drop you a note from my part of the field, otherwise you may think strange of us. We have just closed a meeting protracted from the third quarterly conference held at Forrest Grove. The P. E., Rev. J. M. Clarke was with us, strong in the faith, and did us some good preaching. The meeting resulted in six conversions and three accessions to the church. We have held a meeting in Wheatley which resulted in great good to the church. We have held three protracted meetings, which resulted in ten conversions and seven accessions to the church. Last year we had many conversions, this year we are doing a great deal in building up the membership. Our District High School located, at this place, opens next Monday, September 1st. and we hope the preachers will look after all who may desire to send to school and direct them to our own. Now, dear doctor, if you will pray for us, we will promise you a subscriber for every convert we have in the circuit." Of course we will not forget to pray for our brother and his work, and if all our preachers will do as well, we will soon reach our five thousand. Will all of our agents try to reach this result?

Rev. J. C. Ritter wrote the following under date of August 16th: "I am having some good meetings in my work. Crops beginning to need rain. Much love to you and the METHODIST." All parties reciprocate.

Rev. G. W. Logan writes Aug. 22: "Closed meeting at Harmony Church last night. It lasted six days; had twelve conversions, and twenty-five penitents at the altar when we closed. Success to the METHODIST."

He writes again Sept. 1: "Closed the services at Shiloh on Thursday last; had a good time. Church much revived, and some conversions and accessions. Next at Pleasant Grove. Prospect good. Seven penitents the first night. God is attending his word with great power. Crops being injured by drought, but a fine corn crop made."

"Rev. H. H. Watson is having a season of great revival power on Benton Circuit. He will have a camp meeting at Sardis, commencing on Thursday night before the second Sunday in October." We hope to be there.

Rev. S. H. Parker, writes from Palestine Circuit: "We have just closed a good meeting at Prattsville. Sixteen conversions, and thirteen accessions. Church much revived."

Rev. James Y. Christmas, writes from Collins Mission: "I have just closed a meeting where we had nineteen conversions, and fifteen accessions, and organized a society immediately. Brother M. B. Hill did splendid work. Closed another meeting with nine or ten conversions, and nine accessions to the church. Many penitents left at the altar."

Rev. L. G. Johnson writes from Gurdon: "I have just closed the best meeting I ever witnessed. Can't say how many conversions. Eleven accessions and more to follow. Baptized five infants."

Rev. W. T. Venable writes from Camden Circuit: "We have had some eight or ten conversions recently in our protracted meetings. We were assisted by Bros. Hunter and Crow. Spiritual condition of the church good. Country suffering with drought." Sorry to hear that our brother's health has failed. Brother Rushing takes his place. Our brethren will pray for our disabled comrade.

Rev. P. B. Summers, writes from Danville Circuit: We held a pro-

tracted meeting in July which resulted in twelve professions of faith in Christ, and six accessions. We closed another meeting Saturday, which resulted in twenty-two professions and twenty-eight accessions. Am now engaged in a great meeting at Belleville. Prospect encouraging, and we thus think that Methodism will take the world." We do too.

Rev. H. Armstrong writes: "We had a fine rain last night, which was most welcome, and for which we are very thankful. During the rain, which was accompanied by wind, peal after peal of thunder, and the most vivid lightning, the old Carolina Church caught fire (the members), all of our souls got happy, and there were eight bright, happy conversions. "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" The meeting continues. We have no help in the pulpit but Jesus, to Him be all the glory."

Rev. J. J. Tarleton writes from Clinton Circuit: "I have just closed my meeting at Parish Chapel. Twenty-eight accessions, and ten children baptized. The meeting lasted eight days, and many souls were converted, and many backsliders were reclaimed."

Rev. B. Williams, writes from Charleston Circuit: "We are having a good meeting in this town. Many penitents at the altar, and the church alive and at work. Even the election did not interrupt us. Cause—no whiskey in our town. I will try and do something for the METHODIST." Thanks, and you hurry up, my old

Rev. J. T. Pike, reports from West Point: "Just closed a meeting at Section. Fifteen conversions, and twelve accessions, and twenty persons promised to pray till they were converted. Praise the Lord."

Rev. P. B. Hopkins, writes from Boonsboro, Sept. 1: "My first protracted meeting lasted a week. We had a good time. Nine conversions, and seven accessions, and there will be another; being all the converts but one. I am now engaged in my second meeting, and we are having a glorious time; church happy, and the world interested. Nineteen accessions yesterday, and the converts of last night will join. The most of our converts are heads of families. Our camp meeting will begin on Friday, before the second Sabbath in this month. A hearty invitation to all who can come and help. Success to the METHODIST. Will send more subscribers soon." Thanks.

Rev. C. D. McSwain, sends the following cheery postal card, from Magnolia: "Good news to write. Just closed a protracted meeting, which resulted in twenty-two accessions to the church, and the membership greatly revived. Columbia County voted down license by 690 majority." Good for Columbia.

Rev. Thos. A. Hearn writes from Hamburg: "Closed a nine days meeting at Extra last night, which resulted in twenty-one conversions. We have had sixty conversions to date, and about the same number of accessions."

Rev. A. S. Blackwood, reports from Searcy Circuit: "Commenced a meeting at Smyrna last Saturday. We closed last night, with ten conversions and nine accessions. The Lord be praised for His goodness." Our brother still remembers the METHODIST. Many thanks.

Bro. B. H. Morris reports from Walnut Ridge Circuit: "About forty or fifty have professed religion, and about the same number of accessions. Another meeting is to be held. Only 49 votes against whiskey license at Walnut Ridge. Very sad. Crops very fine, and health good. But the circuit mourns the loss of a good

steward, Brother Pinnell. Much could be said of this holy and good man." Our brother didn't forget the METHODIST.

Rev. J. M. Talkington reports from Jacksonville: "A glorious revival resulting in twelve conversions and twelve accessions. There had been no revival here for many years, but the time to avow Zion came at last, and great good was done. Will commence a meeting at Beebe on the third Sabbath. The METHODIST will not be forgotten, be a little patient, they are coming." Well, we will try, but hurry up, if you please.

Rev. F. R. Noe writes from Ash Flat: "My third quarterly meeting was held at Pleasant Hill, near Spring River. Our P. E., Rev. H. M. Grandade, was with us two days. His sermon on Sunday was good; subject—Christian Perfection. This meeting resulted in some ten or twelve conversions and seven accessions. My meeting at Bethlehem was held by Rev. George Rogers, and others, resulting in ten conversions and fifteen accessions. The next was held at Ash Flat, resulting in eighteen conversions and eighteen accessions. Local brethren did good service. All christians enjoyed it. Baptists and Campbellites joined with the Methodists in singing and shouting to the praise of God. Off for another meeting."

Rev. W. C. Dunn reports from Fulton: "You make a mistake in your paper in giving the Center Point Circuit the credit of the meeting held at Liberty Church of Fulton Circuit. A two days meeting just closed at Doolley's Ferry, with at least fifteen conversions and seventeen accessions. Could not stay there longer. Politics ran too high." Glad the election is over.

Rev. A. T. Gallaway writes from New Edinburgh: "We have had two good revivals. No Evangelist from abroad. Brother Pipkin gave us some valuable service, (He is a real scriptural evangelist), for three days. I continued six days alone. Had eighteen accessions and some good conversions. Some chronic cases reached. Corn suffering for want of rain. Corn enough to do."

The camp meeting at Big Spring in Austin Circuit, closed on Thursday morning last. It was indeed a season of refreshing to God's people. Some twenty-five conversions, and perhaps as many accessions. I have never seen a country more completely destroyed by drought, but the people would not give up their camp meeting. It was a great triumph."

Rev. M. B. Umsted, Melbourne Circuit, reports a most glorious meeting at Sandy Flat. He has had sixty conversions and forty accessions in his work up to date. We rejoice with him, and shall be disappointed if he does not send us a list of subscribers soon.

Rev. James A. Anderson writes: "My health has but little improved. I am not able to do the work on the circuit, consequently I have gotten Brother Stancel to take the work until the quarterly meeting. Cabot is his post-office. I hope by that time to resume work again." We deeply sympathize with our dear brother, and hope he will soon be restored.

"Rev. E. N. Evans, of Arkansas City, writes us of the destruction by fire of a large portion of the town." It will appear next week. We regret their oft repeated calamities.

Rev. E. C. Castlebury, Mineral Circuit, is having a gracious season of revival at Bethel Church. We were with him Saturday and Sabbath, and again Tuesday night. His Centennial children's service was a splendid success.