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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

Bulgaria.

What is known as the revolt in Roumelia is creating considerable excitement in Europe. War seems imminent between Turkey and Bulgaria. The Turkish and Bulgarian forces are both in echelon along the frontier. The Bulgarians keep well within their own territory. The strictest orders have been received on each side to make no movement in advance, but only to repel attacks. This is very like the recent situation on the Afghan frontier.

Turkey.

The Sultan has been wavering between a diplomatic settlement and a bloody war. At one moment he would be for ordering an advance without delay, the next he would seek fresh counsel from the foreign officers in the imperial service. Von Der Goltz was summoned to the Palace on Thursday, and left under the impression that his views had prevailed, and that orders would be sent that night to attack the Bulgarians. Three hours afterwards a change in the Ministry was announced. This is the strongest possible indication that the Sultan still prefers to settle this matter by diplomacy. The old Ministry was almost unanimous for war. The new is composed for the most part of men known for their weakness of character, who would think twice before facing the responsibility of war-like actions. There is reason to believe that the Sultan is sustained in his pacific desires by Russian assurance that there shall be a return to the statu quo. A very strong feeling is manifest among the Turks at the government's inaction, and there is ominous grumbling among the military, who are smarting under their recent insults.

Servia.

Servia is making warlike preparations upon a great scale. Twenty-five thousand men have arrived at Nissa from the interior of the kingdom. Gen. Horvatovitch, the Servian Minister at St. Petersburg, has been recalled from his post and appointed to a military command. Servia's circular to the Powers states that the recent events in Bulgaria threaten Servia's interest, and as a safeguard she asks the support of the Powers.

London, September 28.—The Servian Legation here has received an official telegram from Belgrade stating that all reports as to an attempt on the King's life are absolutely false, and that the whole country is perfectly orderly.

Germany and Spain.

London, September 28.—The question of the Caroline Islands, which but a few weeks ago threatened to compromise the peace of Europe, has been submitted to the mediation of Pope Leo XIII. Whatever may be the issue Catholic Spain will submit. It must not be believed, however, that protests and remonstrances will not arise. On the contrary, we may see the whole Republican party in a state of frantic excitement if the head of the Church should give a verdict not exactly in conformity with Spanish aspirations. As regards Germany, the choice must be considered a truly happy one. If the mediation turns out favorably to Germany, the Pope will have given a direct blow to Herr Windhorst and the German Ultramontanes, who have advocated all along the sacredness of Spanish rights. If the verdict should be given against Germany, Bismarck will have gained more by mediation than the German merchants would have been likely to gain from the factories at Yap, or in any of the Caroline Islands.

STATE NEWS.

There are not half enough houses for rent in Arkansas City to supply the present demand.

There are now 110 prisoners in jail at Fort Smith, thirty-nine of whom are charged with murder.

Batesville is enjoying a building boom superior to anything she has enjoyed for ten years past.

The public debt of Arkansas City is but \$1,300, which will all be paid after the next tax gathering.

Will Nichol, of Pine Bluff, was the successful contestant for the appointment to the West Point cadetship from this district.

We learn that the Rev. Harry May is to assist the pastor, Rev. E. M. Pipkin, in a meeting at Malvern, beginning Oct. 1st.

Judge J. W. Stayton returned from his visit to Armstrong Springs last Wednesday evening. He seems greatly improved by the trip.—[Newport News.

The eleventh annual fair of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Southeast Arkansas, will be held at Monticello, Drew county, October 21, 22 and 23.

We see that the Prescott Dispatch has been revived under the editorship of our old friend, Hon. J. A. Ansley, with A. T. Ross as publisher. We wish them abundant success.

The early corn crop on the line of the Midland railroad between this place and Helena is very fine. Cotton in some instances will yield a half bale to the acre, while there is a great deal of which is not near so good.—[Monroe County Sun.

Senator Berry met with a serious accident at Berryville last week. In descending the stairs he missed the step with his crutch and was thrown head-foremost to the bottom. His shoulder was dislocated, and he also received a deep gash in his scalp.

A telegram was received here yesterday by Mr. Theo. Jones, that his brother, Doctor J. W. Jones, a former resident of this city, had died the day before, the 5th inst. The remains will arrive here to-morrow, Friday, and be buried in Evergreen Cemetery.—[Fayetteville Sentinel.

The new state building at the deaf mute institute can now be seen from the city. It is nearly ready for the roof, being up three stories. It is intended to cut down some of the dense growth of trees that nearly surround it. All three of the buildings will be heated by steam.—[Daily Gazette.

Judge J. W. Phillips went over to Little Rock last Tuesday to take his oldest daughter, Louise, to the insane asylum. Little Louise had a severe attack of meningitis some months ago, which left her in a wretched condition mentally. It is earnestly hoped that the treatment she will receive at the asylum may prove beneficial to her.—[Newport Herald.

The case of Isaac Fuller (col.), indicted for making an assault with intent to kill, on the person of J. M. Klapp, came up, was tried and the jury failing to agree were dismissed till Saturday morning. In the meantime some one told Fuller that a part of the jury were for hanging and a part for sending him to the penitentiary. This so worked on his feelings that during the night he jumped from the balcony of the second story of the Hillis house to the ground and escaped from custody. The next morning the jury brought in their verdict of "not guilty," but Fuller was not there to hear it and perhaps will not hear it for some time.—[Jonesboro Times.

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. H. Rogers was in our city last week.

Hon. B. B. Battle only has one competitor. We hope the Judge will come in.

Rev. C. C. Godden will hold quarterly meeting at Eighth and Center streets, next week.

Rev. H. Jewell is still carrying on his meeting with good success. Dr. Buchanan is assisting him.

Rev. C. O. Steele has a good letter in this week's paper. His friends will be delighted to hear from him.

Bishop Granberry is holding the St. Louis Conference at Charleston. At this meeting, Wednesday, the 23d inst.

Capt. Frank Park called to see us this week, from the Future Great. He is always a welcome caller at this office.

Hon. J. K. Jones has gone on to Washington City to put his children to school, and give a little attention to Arkansas' interest.

Rev. J. M. Cline, Bayou Meto circuit, returned Sunday night to be present at the closing exercises of the Argenta revival. We were glad to have him.

Mr. O. Pagett, the polite and gentlemanly representative of the St. Louis Type Foundry, made us an agreeable call last week. He represents a good house.

Dr. J. M. Hill, of our city, was in to see us, and did well for the writing corps. We commend the Doctor to all our readers. He can do all he promises. Try him.

Rev. W. A. Steele wrote us from Magnolia, on the 8th of August, telling of good meetings, &c., but we were too sick to look into it and it was overlooked. Write again, please.

Dr. Young, our long, weighty, smiling, amiable and untiring Missionary Secretary, called on his way to the Indian Mission Conference, and we heard of him on his return trip. Come again.

Rev. J. A. Anderson sent us a kind note from the Northwest some time ago, but we were too sick to notice it at the time. We are very much obliged. Push our paper, please. I will come as soon as possible.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. Searcy district, was on hand at his quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday, and as usual did good work in the pulpit and out of it. The pastor and his people love their P. E.

Bishop Hargrove is away out West and oh how he brags on Denver and Montana. If they can do so well, suppose you let them walk without stilts and stop their continual begging. Little Rock is walking alone.

Dr. Winfield returned from the Indian Mission Conference last week, with a good list of subscribers, and is now in Tennessee and will visit Alabama before he returns. The METHODIST is going into the regions beyond Arkansas.

Mr. Louis Audigier of the Searcy Enterprise, was in to see us last week, and he looked as smiling as if he were turning the World's Great Wheel of Fortune, instead of the Great Agricultural Wheel. He is a sun-shiny man, anyhow.

Bishop Wilson will hold the Tennessee Conference, October the 7th, at Columbia. We hope to look in on the old Jerusalem Conference. Guess Dr. Fitzgerald will be as kind as Boaz and make the reapers chop some big handfuls for the ARKANSAS METHODIST. We will test his liberality.

FIELD NOTES.

We begin this week with a note from Brother C. W. Rook, from Imboden. It is good to edifying and we commend it to our readers: "Please let me give you another note from my part of Arkansas. Crops are not very good in Lawrence county, they are out very short by the drouth in some places. I have just closed a meeting at Flat Creeek Church; it is believed to be the greatest revival that has ever been in this part of the country; we had 61 professions, and nearly (or quite) everybody converted were penitents; 33 joined our church and more will join. Pray for us on the Imboden circuit; we are building up and the people are treating me kindly."

Here is another from another campground. How we did hate to miss Big Spring camp-meeting; but we were willing on ice then. It was grand: "The Big Springs camp-meeting, on the Austin circuit, was a success. There were about 50 conversions, and 27 accessions to the church. There has been over 100 conversions and 78 accessions to the church and the good work still continues. Pray for us."

Next is Brother J. H. Cummins from the great Northwest. It is good. Read: "I will give you a few facts. We have good corn crops in the bounds of the Huntsville circuit. We are having good revivals on my work. There has been about 50 or 60 conversions in the bounds of my work, at meetings held by ministers of the different churches; 31 accessions to our church; I don't know how many to others. I think that I will send you some subscriptions for the ARKANSAS METHODIST before long." Brother C. don't forget those subscribers, we need them.

Next we bring forward Brother A. S. Dees, from a mission in White River Conference. He is doing a good work and must be heard: "We have just closed our second protracted meeting, and have had a number of conversions and two classes organized in good order; 50 members received into the church, and other points in the work that we have not reached yet. I think that if I do not have to quit the work, and go to work to get supplies for my family, that I can have four classes ready by the annual conference, in a good section of about twenty miles square, with a strong population, but the work is not far enough advanced to help us much at present, but we think that it will soon be a self-supporting work. I have never seen people that were better prepared for, or needed our work worse than they do. There has not been any of our ministers or work here in so long, that a great many of them have forgot how we receive members."

Here is one from Rev. J. F. Hall and it has good tidings. Sorry we missed your meeting. It was our loss: "Have no fears that the 'suffix' will be expunged; and all is quiet along the Potomac! But I wish to say that the camp-meeting at Clear Creek is a glorious success. The Lord is with us in remarkable power. Some twenty have professed religion, and others are deeply concerned. The church is getting in good working trim. Our Presiding Elder has been with us part of the time doing efficient work, and three of our local preachers have aided us in the work greatly, especially Bros. Maddox and Jesse Williams. The spiritual outlook on the entire circuit is hopeful and very encouraging. Financially, we are behind, nevertheless the brethren in the stewardship are of opinion that the finances will all come up or nearly so. I think we are now just getting the rubbish out of the way for gracious results on this work. Sorry that af-

fiction kept the Senior from being at our camp-meeting. Hope he is still improving, and that the Junior is able to do double duty!"

We next mention Brother J. W. Berry, from Lewisville. It is good and will do good: "It has been quite a while since you had my little note from the Wilcocksin circuit. Since that time 'the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' I have held five protracted meetings. The first began on Friday night before the first Sunday in August, at Rogers' school house. There were 27 conversions and several accessions to our church. Our second meeting began Friday night before the second Sunday in August, at Hilltop. The church revived, and worked earnestly for eleven conversions and six accessions to our church. Next in order is our third quarterly meeting, which convened Saturday before the third Sunday in August, at Bethel. Thos. M. C. Birmingham, our worthy P. E., was at his post. We had a pleasant and profitable conference. Rev. Alex. Mathes, P. C., of Lead Hill circuit, and Rev. McQuoin, L. P., from the Carrolton circuit, were with us. Our P. E. preached Saturday and Sunday. The people were properly edified. Bro. Mathes preached five sermons, which assisted greatly in reviving the church at this place. Our fourth meeting began Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August, at Gather's Cove. Eleven were converted and I organized a class of 20 members; also, I baptized five children. At this place I organized a Sunday-school of 56 scholars. It is furnished with our literature. The meeting continued until Tuesday night, and Bro. Steel thinks that much good would have resulted, but Bro. McSwain sat down on the meeting Monday night and caused it to rock somewhat out of its 'even tenor.' One accession to the church and the church revived, but no conversions. I don't like that kind of a wind up; do you? Enclosed find resolutions which were adopted by the conference—one in behalf of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and the other on temperance."

Now we think a sweet note from Brother E. L. Beard will serve as desert this week, and will close this feast with a delicious flavor that will be appetizing for next week: "I send you five dollars. I will do the best I can for you. No money in the country yet. Cotton will begin to move soon. I will send as I collect. There is a fine revival influence on my work. I closed a fine meeting last night. I am now in Grant county engaged in a meeting. I expect a good meeting. I am worn and weary. Glad to see that Dr. W. is up again."

But as we find one more short one from Brother Cline, we will put this in too as a rich part of desert: "Our protracted meeting at Mulberry Grove embraced the fifth Sabbath in August and continued three days. Large congregations. Glorious meeting! Our protracted meeting at Bayou Meto Tank embraced the first Sabbath in Oct.—continued six days and nights. House full and packed. The people say it was the best meeting ever held in that part of the country. Gracious revival! Had no ministerial aid at any of our protracted meetings. But we had the united faithful prayers of many good brethren and sisters. The good spirit was present at all our meetings, and strove with the people. The blessed Saviour was in our midst. I now thank my dear brethren and sisters for their effectual, fervent prayers. I thank God for the striving of his good spirit. I thank my good Saviour for his presence and blessing. We give all the glory to God. Pray for us!"

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