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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

War is still eminent between Turkey and the Balkan States. Turkey has mobilized her army, and starts out with 126,000 men, and she is preparing at once, by Austrian-Lloyd steamers and transports, to land them on the shores of the enemy. Greece and Serbia show no signs of giving down and war seems almost inevitable, although the powers have notified them not only of non-interference, but that they must observe their treaties. Macedonia, the scene of apostolic labors, is to remain quiet. The Sultan is borrowing money and raising a war fund from tithes, etc. Austria has threatened Serbia and Greece with what they may expect, if they continue in revolt. The conservatives have polled an immense vote in France, which shows a great dissatisfaction with the present form of government; indeed they do not seem to regard it as any government at all. Still they claim that they do not wish to retain to either monarchical or regal government. The conservative vote is nearly one-half of the entire vote of the people. A most wonderful meeting is reported between Mr. Parnell and the Catholic Clergy of Ireland. A large crowd gathered at the depot at Dublin on the 11th, and Archbishop Croke preached a semi-political sermon, which was enthusiastically cheered. Archbishop Croke is said to be a militant churchman and to resemble very strongly the soldier Bishops of the middle ages who wielded the crozier and the battle axe together. Such meetings do not show much improvement in the Old Mother Church. Mr. Parnell, as a Protestant, did not attend the service. Matters are neither sunshiny or quiet in England, and the battle rages fiercely between the Radicals and Liberals. Matters are quieting down between Spain and Germany and the little speck of a war cloud has disappeared.

Domestic.

The strike among the street car drivers in St. Louis is one of the most formidable and fearful that has ever occurred in a Southern city. These strikes are becoming very common, and as to what is to be the result no one can tell. The contest between labor and capital is assuming vaster proportions every day. No one seems to solve the problem or to reconcile the conflict. We have no claims to be either a student or an expert in matters financial, or the economy of government; but we venture to assert that the abolishing of the whiskey traffic and its manufacture would go far toward healing these dissensions attending this contest. Drink leads the rich into ruinous luxury, and the poor into inexcusable extravagance and idleness, and is a curse to both. Let the government protect her citizens by prohibiting, by law, the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, and we will soon have a more industrious population, with greater thrift and economy, and this awful contest will soon close. Gen. Logan delivered himself of another "bloody shirt" speech in Baltimore, and took occasion to tell a wilful story on the South, and to reproach Gen. Lee. He knows full well that he slanders us when he says "there has not been a fair and honest election in the south since the war." Beautiful man to talk these things when you helped to steal the presidency in 1876. Every body knows Tilden was fairly elected, but counted out by a forced military commission. The idea of associating the word treason with the name of Gen. Lee, and trying to reproach his son for using his father's saddle and bridle, if Gen. Lee was not a patriot, the country never had one.

STATE NEWS.

North Arkansas will do her best for Judge Pittman, and he is a very able man and will make a first class judge.

Our attorney general has returned to our National Capital, and there is much business before him, but he is a man of vast capabilities.

Our State has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. E. R. Duval, of Ft. Smith. He was a credit to his profession, and an ornament to society.

Hon. W. E. Henderson has been appointed one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of New Mexico. He is an able man, and will do good work.

Hon. J. S. Thomas has withdrawn from the editorial staff of the Des Arc Citizen. This is quite a loss to the fraternity, but our brother Baugh can fill that chair well.

The Ladies Journal, of our capital, is being enriched with some splendid European correspondence. We remember with delight the pleasure of Switzerland and the beauties of Lucerne.

The Baptist State Convention meets at Hope on the 26th inst. Dry place for the people who believe in much water; but the people there will take care of the Convention well, and Red River is not far away.

This is the month for county and district fairs. If they will avoid horse racing and all manner of gambling, they may achieve success. Helena, Ft. Smith, Monticello and Augusta will have a grand time.

Several counties have already held their conventions, and so far Judge Battle is a head in the race. We hear our old friend, Bunn, at Camden, spoken of, and he will perhaps carry some strength. He is a first-class man, but Battle this time.

"Rev. T. J. Shelton is conducting a successful revival at the Christian church at Little Rock." So says the Press-Eagle of Pine Bluff. Mistake, brother Murray; he is only abusing all other denominations, which is a poor business for any minister. All our churches are Christian in this city.

Rev. E. N. Watson has had a debate with our old friend, Elder Burnett, of the Campbellite church. As usual both sides claim the victory and no results reached. We think all ministers had better turn their batteries on sin and the devil, and not tear each other. It is time for this water fight, or naval battle to stop, for there is nothing in it. Methodist's believe in immersion, and we have nothing to fight over, but some all that want to be dipped under in the very best way possible.

No doubt but our people through the state would like to hear of the news in and around our capital. We begin by telling them that all the improvements ordered by our last general assembly are being pushed forward to rapid completion. The old State House will soon don a new dress. The old gloomy and dilapidated supreme Court room will give place to another more cheerful and far more in keeping with our great and growing State. The penitentiary buildings will soon be done. The addition to the Blind Asylum will be completed in a few weeks, and the new wing to the Lunatic Asylum will soon be under way, and if our friend Carlee, of Prairie, should reach the senate, and get that Free Pass Bill through, then we may look for father appropriations, and our State will measure somewhat up to the requirements of the times, and the necessities of our people.

PERSONAL.

This Senior will do up the Hot Springs Valley next Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Our Junior has been well treated by the people of Argenta. They fairly furnished a ward robe for the Dye family. Well done, Argenta.

Rev. Geo. M. Sanborn has been among the callers at our office this week. He is the popular pastor of the Congregational Church of this city.

Rev. Lewis Powell sends us the delegates from the Tennessee Conference. Some new men, but a very strong team, both clerical and lay. One Duncan will be heard from, and there is one Hill more to climb.

Mr. R. B. Withers, only son of Rev. H. R. Withers, D. D., is lying very low at Hazen, with flux. He is dangerously ill. We tender our brother our real sympathy, and earnestly pray that his noble boy may be spared to him.

Rev. T. J. Shelton is carrying on a meeting at the Campbellite church in this city, or rather we should say he is dealing in a trade of abuse against all other churches. We are rather astonished that our genial, pious brother Reid permits this. Surely it is neither religious or brotherly. We call the brother to order.

Evangelist Dixon Williams has been doing a fine work in our city the past week. His methods we do not admire, but the fruits are glorious. So we will pass by methods and praise God for fruit. He is earnest, active and full of zeal, and if all our preachers would imitate him in these, there would be no need for Evangelists.

Judge W. R. Coody, Searcy, has been mentioned as a suitable candidate for Associate Justice Supreme Court. The Beacon and Enterprise mention him in quite complimentary terms. Judge Coody is one of the ablest and most successful lawyers of the North Arkansas bar. He is not a candidate, however, for the position.

Mr. Geo. W. Brown, one the ablest merchants of Camden, Ark., has passed away. We knew him in his infancy, and watched him to his manhood, and then saw him at life's meridian; and we pronounce him a well-rounded, well balanced man, and as noble a son, husband and father as ever lived. George, we hope to greet you under the ever greens of life in our Father's home.

Explanation.

We hasten to make the amende honorable to the mover or movers of the resolution of the Arkadelphia District Conference, passed July 4th, at Hot Springs. We are assured by Dr. Withers that nothing wrong was intended either toward us or our paper, and we now withdraw any and all intimations or insinuations contained in our recent article on District Conferences. We are assured that it was the fault of the secretary, and no one else, that the resolution was not sent us. We ask pardon of all that we did a wrong to by writing as we did under what we supposed to be an effort to damage us. It is all right now, and we beg again to assure the brethren and all concerned, that we had no intention of advocating a change in our Episcopacy, to a limited period, at this time, though we are decidedly low church in our views, and never have regarded our Episcopacy in any other sense than an office by right of the church, and the church certainly did create it in Baltimore in 1784, and having created it, she has the power to change or destroy; but not the power in mere expediency and without the forms of law to undertake to degrade a Bishop by suspending his functions, as was attempted in the case of Bishop Andrew. In consequence of these low church views, I am opposed to the name Episcopal Methodist church, and because I am a Southern Methodist, I am opposed to all change.

FIELD NOTES.

After a few weeks of itinerating in Tennessee we return to have another talk with our dear field hands. First we present a trumpet note from Bro. L. W. Harrison, and it is a good note. We rejoice with him: "Bro. Scaggs of the M. E. Church, and myself, have been holding a camp-meeting at Mt. Salem. Results up to date: 8 conversions. Meeting still going on. We have held already ten days. Bro. S. N. Burns, of Brentwood circuit, assisted us several days."

Here is another short, to the point, and full of pith and marrow, from my dear son in the gospel, R. C. Atchley. It is good news to us coming as it does from my old work.

"Had a good time at Rock Springs last week—five conversions and four accessions. Am now protracting quarterly meeting at Tulip. More anon."

Next comes our good jolly sunshiney Englishman, Rev. J. S. Brooke, from Evening Shade, but it is never evening with him, but always bright morning and shady too. "We are engaged in protracted meetings at this place. God is blessing his people and saving souls. This is the 8th day of meeting, had 13 conversions and 14 additions to the Church, the meeting is still going on. We have been greatly helped by Brother Grenade, our P. E. Brother J. J. Alexander, Brother Lowry of the M. E. Church, and Dr. Self, Local Elder from Smithville. Pray for us that we may be still greatly blessed from on high."

Then here is a closing paragraph from Brother J. M. Cantrell at Batavia, it is splendid and really appetizing. "Our fifth protracted meeting began on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in August, at Crossroads. The Lord was with us in power. Friday six were happily converted. There I organized a class of forty-six members. There have been 95 conversions and 85 accessions to the M. E. Church South, on my work this year. I have three L. Ps. on my circuit. "They are in sympathy with the itinerancy. They have done what they could to assist me in my work. Many backsliders have been reclaimed, which I did not convert. The spiritual condition of the Church is good. May God bless the Methodist. We have three meetings yet to hold. Pray for us."

Next we will give a note from Brother J. H. Callaway, from Garland, Howard county, Ark. It is brimful of good things. Read and enjoy it. "I have been sending you some subscribers, now I send you a note from their part of the field. I am in the midst of a revival, two conversions Sunday night, two more last night, and the Church revived. O, may the fire continue to burn. During this year I have expelled three and received thirty-four. Saline circuit camp meeting, begins at Bethel Camp Ground, the 9th of October. I wish you could be with us, we are expecting a good time. Pray for us."

Here is a charming report from Brother H. F. Harvey, from Searcy circuit. It is cheering indeed. "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. A revival at every appointment on the circuit but one, and we expect to commence a meeting there next Saturday. We have just closed a glorious meeting at Mt. Pisgah of nine days duration. Results, 35 or 40 conversions, 38 accessions to the church, more to join soon; 15 or 16 penitents left at the altar, most of whom say that they are determined to seek until they obtain the remission of their sins. Glory be to God. Praise the Lord every soul. It is said to be the greatest meeting ever held at this place. Brothers Harris and Jones did efficient and

faithful work. Searcy circuit is moving up grandly and religiously. To God be all the praise."

Now, one from our own J. A. Baker, from Gurdon, and of course, it is good, for he is a bearer always of good tidings. "As I have sent in no account of the work on Gurdon circuit as yet, I herewith send you some facts and figures, which if you think proper, you may publish. When I came to this work, I found it had been thoroughly prepared by my predecessor for a general revival, therefore I have directed my efforts chiefly in that direction. Result of first round of revivals: Gurdon Church, thirteen conversions and seventeen accessions. Kansas, fourteen conversions and nine accessions. Harts chapel, nine conversions and eleven accessions. Centre Grove, twenty-three conversions, twenty-six accessions. Belrus Station, twenty conversions and twenty-three accessions. Have just closed the second revival meeting at Gurdon, with twenty-one conversions and twenty-two accessions. Not one of these have been immersed, and still the good work goes on. Praise the Lord. 99 converts and 108 accessions."

We will close with one from another son, Rev. Z. T. McCann on Hickory Plains circuit. It will do everybody good. "This is my third year on Hickory Plains circuit, and will be one of the most successful years of my itinerant life. There has been up to date something over two hundred conversions, and I have received one hundred and fifty-two into the Church. We had to expel a few in the first part of this year for dancing and other misdemeanors, but it is just as true now as it ever was, that to trim off the dead branches only gives vitality to the vine. This produced a little friction for a while, but by a constant application of the oil of the grace of God, the machinery soon adjusted itself with renewed strength for the work that was before it. The hardest thing in this world for a preacher to do is to preach to sinners over a dead church. Thank God we now have a working church. For ministerial help we are indebted to Rev's H. C. Thompson, H. W. Brooks, and R. T. Davis. Brother Godden, our P. E. was with us one week at Hickory Plains, and we had at that meeting 45 or 50 conversions and 42 accessions to the church. Our people have built one new church, repaired and improved one, and are laying plans for moving and rebuilding another. We cannot do as much in this direction as we would like. The drought has been very severe with us this year."

Next comes one from another of our boys. Brother J. F. T. Scott, is doing a grand work on Hot Springs mission. It is a grand field, but he is cultivating well, and will reap a great harvest. "I hasten to send you a brief account of our Conference. We had fine weather; everybody highly pleased with the really fine water, had decidedly the best order I ever saw at a camp meeting. But best of all the Lord was there and presided, souls were saved at almost every service, near one hundred conversions. Sixty accessions to the Church. Bros. Guffay, West and A. L. Scott, and of the local brethren, Beard, Harris, Echols and Harvey, all rendered the Lord good service and dear old father Withers preached with great power on Sunday, the 27th, at 11 and 3. Pray for us."

Mrs. CHARLOTTE LISLE, OF CHICAGO, well known to the Western press, ascribes the cure of a dangerous cough, accompanied by bleeding at the lungs, to Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. "My cough," she says, "threatened to suffocate me but this remedy has removed it."

Glenn's Sulphur Soap heals and beautifies the German Corn Remover kills Corns, Bunions, 25c. Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 50c. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 Minute, 25c.