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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

The Parnellites are indignant over the secession of Carlisle McCoan. He has been an acknowledged leader of Irish interests, but refused recently to attempt to destroy the Irish Bill introduced by Mr. Gladstone, although threatened by the Parnellites with the loss of his seat. He is a very able man, and will make a deep and lasting impression yet in English politics. The manifesto of Mr. Gladstone, the retired Premier, has excited great interest in all England and Ireland. It is a wonderful document, and was intended to unite Whigs and Radicals. It is said to be a most marvelous document, and one that is capable of any meaning you may wish to put upon it—it is certainly a marvel, and it is equally certain that it is unworthy so great a man as Mr. Gladstone. Irish interests do not improve, and it is said that the bill now pending would ruin their landed interests, and damage them in every way. There is a great excitement all over England, and Albion is stirred from centre to circumference. A revolution in Roumania is also affecting English politics, and it is thought that England could not help the Sultan, even if he desired to expend vast amounts of money to perpetuate his domain in that country. The Tories would not allow the Liberals and they dare not undertake the task. A union with Bulgaria is proclaimed, and a provisional government already set up. France is stirred with elections, and all parties are united against the Republicans. The cholera is raging still in Spain, and also in Italy and Sicily. It is perfectly understood that Bismarck will carry out his policy and occupy the Caroline Islands, and England will help to maintain the claims of Germany.

Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 20.—There were 811 new cases and 313 deaths from cholera in Spain during the last twenty-four hours.

Rome, Sept. 20.—The cholera reports from Palermo, Sicily, for the twenty-four hours show 258 new cases and 114 deaths.

Spain will purchase two men-of-war that are now being built in England for the Japanese Government. The ships are nearly completed.

Domestic.

A collision of two great steamers is reported off Sandy Hook. The Republic of the Inman Line ran into the Aurania of the Anchor Line. The latter is to blame, but the other is the really damaged vessel. Vice President Hendricks has delivered a speech in Indianapolis, sympathizing with Irish interests. It has created considerable commotion in England and the Irish are jubilant. Another lucky family is reported. A man in Des Moines has fallen heir to 1,500,000 dollars from an English estate. President Cleveland, or rather Post Master General Vilas, has made one mistake, that is in appointing a saloon man Post Master at Highland, Ill. He only lasted six weeks, and that was six weeks too long. Col. Morrison has been ignored by the President in appointing the Collector of Customs at Chicago. It is a foreigner this time. A Mr. Seeberger, and it sounds like German. Nearly all the states are in excitement, and grave contentions over Federal patronage. In Missouri it is bitter. A great contest is probable in our next Congress. It is certain if the administration assumes a real antagonism to the silver interest. All the cabinet are returning to Washington, but the Attorney General lingers at Hominy Hill.

STATE NEWS.

The Harrison Times says that the farmers are beginning to acknowledge that the crops are disappointingly fine in that section.

Autumn's beautiful tint in golden lines is now seen on the fading foliage of our forests, and health is returning to our people and the doctors will have a rest.

The improvements in and around our capitol are going forward rapidly, and every thing in that region will look very differently in a few weeks. These are wise and timely.

Rev. H. Jewell and Dr. S. H. Buchanan are united in a service this week at 8th and Center street. The congregation was good on Sunday night, and Dr. Buchanan preached a splendid sermon.

The cotton crop is beginning to move, and our people breathe easier and the prospect is for better times; but we can have no permanent prosperity till our people abandon the mortgage system, and learn to practice economy.

Dr. Hooper has moved out to the Insane Asylum and taken his place, and Gov. Hughes has appointed his former partner, Breysacher, on the Board of Trustees. Both of these are eminently adapted to their work. The new buildings are going up rapidly.

Gov. Hughes went up to the penitentiary last Sunday evening. Dr. Sanborn preached, and we had a good time with the convicts. The new buildings are going up. Mr. Lefper, the present superintendent is a perfect gentleman, and our work will be very pleasant with these poor sufferers.

The new buildings for the Blind Asylum will soon be completed, and the whole appearance of things wonderfully changed and improved. Drs. Bond and Harvey have taken an extended Eastern tour, and we may expect great results from their inspection of other institutions of similar character.

The Gazette has undertaken to settle the great controversy of the Presbyterian church with Dr. Wordlow, on Evolution. That water is too deep for you, neighbor. "Small fish had better keep near the shore." Better turn your attention another way and help us run whiskey out of Arkansas. Sorry such a large and influential paper is always wrong on this vital question.

Gov. Hughes has offered a reward for the mob who burned the Polk boys. Some writer in the Gazette was a little previous in his criticisms. Our wide awake and painstaking Governor will do right in all these matters if let alone. The petition for the remitting of the fine of D. M. Wilson, at Hot Springs, was signed by Judge Wood and Prosecuting Attorney Henderson and many of the best citizens of the Valley. The man clearly meant no violation of the law and would have died in the prison, had the Governor not released him, as he was unable to pay the fine.

Ft. Smith is outdoing herself in the way of a fair to come off in October. We judge it will be the best they have ever had. Helena is to have a great one, too. Lee, Phillips, Desha and several other counties of our State will unite with their Mississippi neighbors, and will make a grand showing of the products, etc., of both States. It will open Oct. 20th, and continue five days. Sorry they are to have racing, a tournament, and worst of all a great ball! The idea of closing a fair with a ball is supremely ridiculous, and the christian people ought to give the fair a complete go by.

PERSONAL.

Rev. B. Harris reports a good meeting at Mountain Home. He was assisted by Brothers Oyler and Parrot.

Our Junior is still carrying on a splendid meeting in Argenta. It increases in volume and power every day.

Rev. E. N. Evans is still protracting his meeting at the New Chapel, on Fifteenth and Center, with fine results.

Rev. J. M. Cline preached twice and Rev. E. C. Castleberry once in Argenta meeting. They were good sermons.

Rev. C. C. Godden and a corps of good workers, are at Salem campground doing work. We hope to join them Monday.

Rev. B. Greathouse has been assisting Brother Loving, at Conway, this week. The meeting is splendid. Hope Brother Loving will report results.

Rev. J. H. Riggin has a reply to Hon. F. J. Wise in this week's paper, and he will make that young man feel that he is unwise before he is done with him.

Rev. T. Vincent, Ash Flat, and Rev. A. B. Winfield, Okolona, each send us \$5 and some subscribers. Why not four or five hundred others do so? We need some money now.

Prof. A. M. Shipp, the former Dean of Vanderbilt, will open a private school in Cherraw, S. C. His son, Prof. J. W. Shipp, has gone to Belvedere Institute, Mo.

Bishop Wilson was able to hold the Kentucky Conference, and it is said he preached grandly and was up to his best. That is enough and no one in this country can surpass it.

Rev. Mr. Robison, the Evangelist, who did such fine work at Russellville, Dardanelle and Morrilton, last spring, has been assisting Brother Weems, at Van Buren. The meeting was excellent.

Revs. C. W. Myatt and W. B. Austin, are two of the very fine looking men of the Indian Mission Conference, and Brother Derriok makes three, and take the body as a whole, whites and Indians, and according to number it is equal to any in our church.

Hon. Geo. Thornburgh sends us a book of blank reports for preachers at the Annual Conference, called Pastor's Reports, and is, we believe, the completest and best arranged for the purpose intended we ever saw. It is for the White River Conference.

Mrs. Fannie C. Suddarth, it is not too late, we hope, to say was one of the most useful, attentive and working members of the Teachers' Association, at Searcy. She rose from her seat and modestly but firmly protested against the putting of the Bible out of the public schools.

Mrs. Julia Boyer, for long years a consistent member of our church at Jacksonport, Ark., died recently at Col. E. L. Watson's, Newport. The news of her death comes to us with all the force of a personal bereavement. She has been to this writer a life-long friend. She is at rest now. Brother Ritter will furnish an obituary soon, we hope.

Rev. Sam Jones goes to St. Joseph, Mo., on the 25th of this month. Our neighbor, the Gazette, says he is disappearing from public gaze, and intimates that by his slang he is doing more harm than good. He is always against whiskey, gambling, drunkenness and profanity, and we can well put up with his slang while he fights these, and if our neighbor loves society he will help him.

FIELD NOTES.

We begin this week with a report from our indefatigable worker, Rev. John R. Sanders, of Washington circuit. John keeps all the irons hot, and he is always hammering: "More good news for 'Field Notes.'" Our Marvin revival meeting of eleven days and nights, closed last night. Result: Eighteen conversions; eleven joined the church, and one infant baptized. The membership now numbers 75, which were greatly revived. For ministerial help we are indebted to Revs. R. F. Roberson, Fielding, Percer, Evans and Wilburn, during the meeting. I commence at Holly Grove next Friday night. Good time expected."

Next comes Brother J. A. Biggs from Austin circuit. He got a good run at the Big Spring camp-meeting, and he simply keeps the work moving: "I have held two other good meetings—one at Bethlehem and the other at Smyrna. At Bethlehem there were 16 conversions and 22 accessions to the church; at Smyrna 8 conversions and 10 accessions. Will begin at Austin to-day (12th.)" Such reports are cheering.

Next we will give another excellent worker, and in more ways than one. Read Rev. F. R. Noe: "I have held three meetings—two real good and one not so good—24 professions and 15 accessions to date. Bro. Granade was with us at our third quarterly meeting and preached to the satisfaction of nearly all. Crops are outshort by continued drouth. Health very good. Nearly all pleased with the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Some say too many 'ads.' They are not interested in that part of the paper. I am anxious to see the paper enlarged. Sympathise with you in your illness—you have been intemperate in labor." Thanks. Yes, we both worked too hard and too much, but the P. E.'s crowded us.

Next is a short note from Brother Jewell—not exactly a field note, but it fits in here: "The Nashville Advocate of Aug. 22, contains a strong article from the pen of that veteran of the church, Dr. J. B. McFerrin, on the presiding eldership. He opposes the formation of such large districts, that the presiding elder has no time for anything except rapid travel from place to place. He insists that the office should be magnified by putting our best men in it. He insists that with the large districts the people do not see enough of the presiding elder to appreciate his visits. The ripe views of Dr. McFerrin deserve serious consideration."

Next is our old friend Rev. B. Williams, from Charleston circuit, and he is on the house-top: "The Lord is doing great things for us on the Charleston circuit; a glorious meeting at Pleasant Ridge; 10 conversions, 12 accessions; 7 children baptized, and the church all alive to God. Thank God for revival powers. We have two churches being built this year."

Next Brother J. A. Vernon, asking help—wish one of us could go. Well, maybe we will: "Our new house is done, but not quite paid for nor painted. We want to have a protracted meeting, embracing either the fourth Sunday in September, or first Sunday in October. I write to ask if you cannot promise to be with us at that time, or which would suit best? You can do something for your paper. Cannot one of you be sure to come? you or Dr. Winfield. Let me hear immediately."

Next we will give one from Chapel, Desha Co., Ark., from Bro. R. Spain. It is good and will rejoice you: "Glorious revival here. Many converted and all the church greatly revived."

Backsliders have been reclaimed; the profane fathers are rejoicing, and christians, mothers and fathers, are rejoicing over the conversion of their children. God has blessed us abundantly—bless his holy name. There has been 26 accessions to our church and 27 to the Baptist church. Rev. Bro. Rascoe, our pastor, began his meeting here the first Sunday in Aug. and it was continued eight days. He preached with great power, and is much loved by all of our people. The result of this meeting was 12 additions to our church. Our Baptist brethren began their meeting under the same arbor, the third Sunday. Their pastor failed to come and our local minister, Brother W. F. Newton, did the preaching, except two sermons by Rev. I. R. Vick, the pastor. The result was a glorious revival—Baptist protracted meeting and Methodist minister—all working together; working for Jesus; working for the salvation of souls, and glory be to God, we have been blessed. Twenty-four were immersed to-day—all were grown—four husbands and their wives and one old gentleman. Great good has been accomplished here. Many who were regarded a month ago as very wicked, are now shouting hallelujah's to God. Pray for us. To God be the glory."

Then we will give one from Brother Thomas Whittaker, from Clarendon, Ark. It is good to edifying: "We commenced a protracted meeting at Shiloh on the 29th of August, that being the time for our quarterly meeting. Bro. Clark, our P. E., was with us and preached until Monday night. Bro. C. H. Ford preached for us from Tuesday until Wednesday night. We have had two conversions and about 20 penitents at the altar on Wednesday night and everything bids fair for a glorious outpouring of God's love. We had just called to prayer, nearly everybody knelt, altar full of penitents and Christians ready to ask God to bless, when to our surprise we heard a cry announcing the fact that Mr. Pally's house was burned down and his three-year-old boy burned up. Sister Pally had professed religion the night before, and at the time of the announcing of this heart rending fact the mother was in the altar on her knees by the side of her sixteen-year-old daughter. We dismissed the congregation and went to the scene, and there amid the tears and screams of father, mother, brother, sister, and friends all weeping over the parched body of little Willie, we stood. I never looked upon a more heart rending scene in all my life. God forbid that I ever should again. The meeting will continue. Pray for us.

We will close with Bro. Dunaway, who always has something good to report. Only think of nine subscribers at one time. Who will follow the example: "We have just closed our camp meeting in Willy's Cove, Ark. It continued seven days and resulted in about 80 conversions and many backsliders reclaimed and the Church greatly revived. We think there has been great good done in the meeting. There has been 26 accessions to the Church, and more to join yet. Rev. J. J. Tarleton, from Clinton Circuit, came over and helped us through the meeting and did us valuable service both in pulpit and altar. His visit among us was highly appreciated by our people. Our collection for the claims as ordered by the Conference on Sunday was very good. We are greatly encouraged. To God be all the glory. The ARKANSAS METHODIST is growing in favor with our people, and, as evidence of that fact, I send you nine subscribers with this letter, and I think I will send you more soon. I wish you and your paper great success."