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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

"Two distinctive features of a bitter party fight." The question of church dis-establishment fairly forced to the front. Old England is fairly stirred now, and the excitement runs high. The elections are on hand, and the whole kingdom is hot with incendiary speeches, and Scotland and Ireland are catching the contagion. The church dis-establishment and the Irish questions are to the front. The clergy of the old Mother Country are donning their war jackets and putting on war paint, and are anxious for the fray.

The Ex-Premier, Mr. Gladstone is being bitterly assailed. No less a person than Arch Deacon Denison has said from the platform, that he would not trust the word of the great reformer for a brass button. The conservatives, the radicals and the whigs, are having a lively fight. The Ex-Premier, in many respects resembles our Mr. Tilden. Both are in delicate health, both give advice and both maneuver in private. Every body in America, who has any affinity with the great Democratic party, quotes Mr. Tilden, and every body in England quotes Mr. Gladstone; but the latter has this advantage, his advice is much of tenor followed than that of the former. Both are very great men, both alike, and still very unlike. Mr. Gladstone will be felt on the church dis-establishment, and if we read the signs of the times correctly, the dis-establishment is close at hand, and then comes the freedom of Ireland. The great eastern question is nothing like settled, and war may come at any time. The President of the French Republic has had a severe fall, and was badly but not dangerously hurt. Mr. Grevy is a great man, and if he so desires, he will be his own successor. Election next January by the Deputies and Senators.

Domestic.

Our own country has been much agitated by the re-kindling of the old fires of hate, that were engendered between President Johnson and Gen. Grant in the dark days of reconstruction. We had hoped that all the history of that dark period in our country's history would be allowed to sleep forever. Mr. Depew has done a foolish thing in reopening that controversy, and placed himself in an unfortunate attitude, for no sane man will ever believe that Andrew Johnson ever contemplated treason in any form or degree. He was a great plebion a prince among politicians, and often charged with being a demagogue, but he was certainly a patriot and a man his country could trust. The verdict of the United States Senate has answered all calumnies and no man will ever believe Mr. Depew.

President Cleveland went home to vote and was greatly rejoiced at the election of Mr. Hill as Governor of New York. The radicals complain at him for contributing to the campaign fund, but they set the bad example. Gen. Lee's saddle won in Virginia; his son is Governor of the Old Commonwealth, and poor Billy Mahone is retired forever. Exit Mahone; and may your shadow never rest on the Old Dominion again. Not much being done in the way of putting in and putting out.

STATE NEWS.

Perry Huff has been appointed deputy marshal at Hot Springs. Capital appointment.

Col. Joe House is doubly honored. A good office and a fine boy. Well he deserves it all.

Newport will be a very great looser when Prof. Jones takes his leave. We can illy spare such men from Arkansas.

The Russelville Democrat is savage on the Dardanelle Post; "deal gently with the young man." Our Brother Williams will come up all right if you will give him time.

H. M. Sandels, esq., the able attorney recently appointed to represent Uncle Sam in the future great, is one of the first young men of this state. We heartily congratulate him.

We must be allowed to congratulate our old friend Col. Thomas Fletcher, on his appointment, he has always been a worker and deserves well of his party. He is a sterling and stirring man.

Judge Battle will doubtless be elected on the 11th by a large majority, and our supreme court will be composed of Cockrill, Smith and Battle. They are the worthy successors of English, Harrison and Eakin.

The improvements for the Blind Institute are nearing completion. The corner stone of one of the main wings will be laid on the 24th. A splendid programme is being prepared and a grand time is expected.

Some of our contemporaries are blaming the Governor for not sending the militia into Pike county after the jail burners. Governor Hughes understands his duty better than that and he will abide by the constitution.

In the Democrat of the 7th inst. will be found some very pertinent questions from a Boston editor addressed to our Governor and the Governor's answers. Our Governor Hughes is wide awake, and our people will applaud him for his noble response we will print both next week.

A grand scene is reported by Rev. B. H. Greathouse in Morrilton a few days ago: Prohibition won, and then the doxology was sung and prayer offered. The women led the work, and the preachers and lawyers helped with all their might, and judge Blankenship is a judge who will not shrink from duty. Well done for Morrilton. Dardanelle reports ten white men and one negro in jail. So much for whiskey Brother Williams you are all wrong on this whiskey business, and we want you to about face and fall into line. The men, women and children will all forgive and forget.

The recommendation of the Democrat to have a Semi-Centennial celebration of our State next year is meeting with great favor by all the State press. The proposition is to bring up all our exhibits from New Orleans and then let all the state contribute to build a large house in our city, and have an exposition that will bring thousands of people to see our state. The Democrat of this city has enlarged and come out in an entire new suit and is a beauty. The proprietors are men of enterprise and activity, and well deserve success, and we wish them a rich measure of it in every respect. It is simply splendid and a credit to our city.

PERSONAL.

Rev. L. M. Keith has trotted the Hamburg News out of all patent harness, and it is lively and sparkling.

Rev. W. W. Pinson goes to Texas. He is a tip-top man, and we only wish Arkansas could have captured him.

L. P. Buzbee, one of our Arkansas boys, was in to see us. Levi is one of the best, and we begrudge him to Texas.

Bishop Hargrove will soon be back from the Golden Shore, and we hope to be with him at Kosiusko and Paducah.

Rev. Geo. W. Hill, of Ozark, has been at Monticello aiding his brother, Rev. M. B. Hill, in a protracted meeting. Results not reported.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire is out in Texas, where he will remain till he is through with that great empire state. We hope to join him at Corsicana and Paris.

Bishop J. C. Granberry is taking a rest prior to his three weeks work in Arkansas. We hope he will be in good trim and well prepared to do us good.

Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D., has been appointed chaplain to Vanderbilt University in connection with West End. A first rate selection. He will do good work with the students.

Rev. J. A. Anderson lays us under obligations by a kind note, and a cash subscriber. We found his name well remembered in his old home, Brownsville, Tenn., and he has a host of friends.

Bishop Keener held the Holston Conference and all hands report it as a very grand occasion. They helped the Holston Advocate in good style. Glad of it, for Bro. Price deserves help.

Rev. Wm. Moores, formerly of our Conference, but now of Los Angeles, preached his semi-centennial sermon in the city of Los Angeles last week, by the request of the conference. He has done fifty years of hard work.

Rev. Sam Jones has met with great success in Birmingham, Ala. He says he wants to turn a canal through the saloons in that city, and wash them out. Hope you will, and would be glad for you to come to Little Rock and do the same for us.

Rev. B. M. Stephens, formerly of Tennessee Conference, goes to North-West Texas, and is now en route to his destination. Texas gains while Tennessee loses. He is a No. 1 man in every way, and he writes up this paper thusly: "Ar-keen-saw Methodist."

Brothers Estes, Edmundson and Harris are carrying on a grand revival at Park Avenue church, about four miles from Memphis. They are all laymen and lawyers. Here is another revival after the old time style; and the pattern was given at Antioch. Over one hundred have been converted.

Rev. Thos. R. Burnett, editor of the Christian Messenger, Bonham, Texas, calls us to order for calling his church the Campbellite church. Now we are willing to come to order, and say Church of Disciples; but we will not give you the name of Christian, for that name belongs to all churches alike.

FIELD NOTES.

We commence our weekly interview with our field hands with a trumpet note from Rev. W. A. Steele. It is a bugle blast, and will be enjoyed by all: "Having good meetings, near 150 conversions, and 120 accessions. We have accessions every Sabbath."

Right after this comes the shining Moon, and it is full orb'd and will aid the weary traveler traveller who is seeking for the best way, and it has light abundant: "I have closed my last protracted meeting with 105 conversions and a large accession to the church, but the crops are so near a failure that I will not be able to bring up the general collections, this is my second year here and the number of membership is doubled."

And next in order is Brother W. A. Freeman of Social Hill telling of various good things and plentiful supplies: "I have had some fine meetings and the good work still goes on. The drought has played havoc with the cotton, not more than half a crop can be made, plenty of corn, oats and hay."

Then comes our old friend Rev. J. Loving, with a good note; fear he would give a different after next Monday. One of those awful abominations called a circus will be there, and of course soft-shelled Methodists will go: "In my ministerial life a pleasant incident occurred, recently I baptized an 'household'; Brother Elias J. Stone and his wife and all four of their children. And at the same time I baptized the grandfather of those children Brother Esley P. Stone. I thought of Paul the apostle baptizing Households, and my 'heart was glad:' yea more; I was happy in the love of God shed abroad in my soul. I love to work in the Master's Vineyard, and if I thought there was nothing for me to do in the 'life to come' I would desire to labor here as long as Methuselah lived."

Right here is a good place for Brother A. S. Scott, from Malvern circuit, he is always at work, and always has a good report. See this, closing with \$20. in cash. How that helps an over-worked editor. Thanks, Brother, thanks: "A few lines. I am not well, nor have I been for some time, though I have been up. Have been going on with my work, the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. We have had a revival at every point, have had in all 175 conversions this year. I have been hollowing to much and got my lungs to bleeding and have a severe cough."

Here comes our Brother H. A. Story, and he has a good story to tell. A noble worker, and a real true man: "Although these cold seasons inevitably come upon us, and we appear so spasmodic. We have a number of men and women; whose lives are consecrated to God, and whose zeal burns like the bush that Moses saw, and whose warm hearts throbs in unison with their preachers, and whose works will live in eternity. We are in rear of the times, yet we live in Arkansas. And some of us take the ARKANSAS METHODIST, (and more of us would if we had the money), and read the field notes which brings us news from all parts, good and cheering, and we rejoice with them while victory gleams on the banner of the marshaled host upon the battle-field of a conquering Lord. We did not hold all of our protracted

meeting, we had some splendid revivals and some very cold meetings, about received 36 into the church and about 30 professions on the work, I was sent for to go to Fulton county and see my mother who died on the 25th of September, and I have just returned, I have had many trials this year, but God has been with me."

Then comes our Brother W. J. Davis rather disabled, but still at work, we know of no better man: "I held a meeting at Shady Grove in August, which resulted in a number of conversions and thus far since 15 accessions to the church I closed another at Hamilton the 8th inst., with 16 or 17 conversions and 15 accessions to the church. Other meetings to follow. I have had inflammatory rheumatism, and have had to preach while sitting on a chair, I hope to go without the aid of a crutch or crutches soon."

Then comes our Brother Troy, but he is rich, Avoirdupois and rising weight at that: "We can learn something of each other through the METHODIST—our very excellent Organ; it is a means of great grace to us. I wish we could do more for it. I wish we could learn to make less excuses, and utilize the time in doing good. I have some cash on hand for the METHODIST, and surely will get more soon. This fine weather is turning out cotton. A general revival has swept over the country; numbers are in the enjoyment of religion, backsliders reclaimed, and are wakening up to the doctrine of Methodism. One sermon on infant baptism brought 32 babes into the church, with a promise from earnest hearts and streaming eyes to train them for Jesus; 54 infants baptized and more to follow; we can raise a better people in the church than out of it; let us bring all the children in and discipline them to bless the world when we are gone. We have had very good health, plenty to eat and wear; Money scarce now, our collections behind, can't help that. This has been a dry, hard year. We must learn to be content and work and pray the harder. God will bless us more and pay us for all we do. Honesty don't want something for nothing." Good for the great Mammoth Springs.

Next comes our Brother Skinner, with a good report from a good place: "There has been a great harvest of souls on De View circuit this year. Since the 4th Sunday of July I have received 135 into the church according to our ritual, and there are yet some thirty applicants not received. Thirty of those received is the fruit of the labors of one of my local preachers, Brother William Manley. I have been almost incessantly engaged in protracted meetings since the 4th Sunday of July. I have been blessed with splendid health, and the Lord has, in a most wonderful manner, blessed us. I never have experienced before such wonderful displays of divine grace, and so many special answers to prayer. I am happy and much encouraged."

Now we will close with a report from the old faithful worker, Rev. A. C. Ray: "Please say to the readers of your paper that the Lord has graciously revived his work on Mt. Vernon circuit Arkansas. Conference this year. There has been 90 conversions and 104 accessions and the church greatly revived, all these conversions and accessions at three appointments, 64 conversions and 59 accessions at one place, Oakland Chapel, where they have worshipped in a little log house. They have now gone to work building a house 40 by 60 feet so that all can get a seat and a hearing. I have had more afflictions this year than I ever have, but I have fully realized when I am weak then I am strong, my health has greatly improved since I finished my protracted meetings, so I am in for another year the Lord being my helper."