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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

Italy.

Rome, Oct. 5.—One hundred and seventy-two new cases of cholera and fifty-six deaths reported in Palermo yesterday.

France.

Paris, Oct. 5.—The Orleanists elected yesterday were chasen on the basis of promises of protection against American cereals and bacon.

It is said that the loss of friends and relatives in Tonquin immensely influenced the provisional electors in favor of the reactionaries. The Messenger de Paris attributes the defeat of the government to their extravagance in colonial adventures, their war against religion and their ill-treatment of the magistracy.

Spain.

Madrid, Oct. 5.—In Spain, to-day, 228 new cases of cholera and 125 deaths have been reported.

A note will be dispatched from Constantinople to Greece and Servia advising them to disarm.

England.

London, Oct. 6.—The Daily News blames Parnell for not denouncing boycotting, but admits that otherwise his speech was fair and moderate. It is possible, the News says, that the voice with which he spoke was as much Churchill's as Parnell's.

A dispatch from Berlin to the Standard, says the powers have all agreed to advise the Porte to recognize the union of Roumella and Bulgaria under the suzerainty of the Sultan.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News forecasts the election of 200 royalists and 160 radicals, the remainder being moderate republicans. He adds, Clemenceau is leading the solid radicals and becomes a political power of the first magnitude. No republican government is possible without him.

Russia.

St Petersburg, Oct. 5.—The continued raids of Turkish marauders, led by Turkish officers, into the transcaucasus have caused Russian newspapers to advocate the sending of a large force of Cossacks into Turkish territory to prevent such raids. The government of Erzeroum is demoralized and powerless to prevent the raids.

Our Own Country.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—The first snow fall of the season was reported from East Tawas, Alpena and Sheboygan, Mich. At the latter place a fierce storm was raging last night, with the temperature below the freezing point. Heavy frosts felt in Iowa Saturday night.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ending October 3d, \$621,120; during corresponding period last year, \$491,998.

The president to-day appointed the following presidential postmasters: John O. Johnson at Austin, Texas, vice J. C. Degress, commission expired. Henry P. Howard at San Antonio, Texas, vice J. P. Newcomb, suspended.

The commissioner of customs has instructed customs officers to make a return at the close of each quarter of all unclaimed merchandise in the bonded warehouse or custom-house. No such returns appear in the accounts of collectors as now rendered.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 5.—Dr. W. A. Culbreath, brother of the Mr. Culbreath who was murdered by masked men at Edgefield, has sworn out warrants for the arrest of twenty-four persons implicated in the so-called lynching, including Memphis Culbreath, a son of the murdered man.

STATE NEWS.

Fifteen or twenty brick-layers are wanted in Little Rock, says the Gazette.

A buck having fifteen points on its antlers and weighing 220 pounds was killed in Bradley county a few days since.—[Clarendon Sun.

Judge Phillips, of Jackson county, was called this week to the Insane Asylum to see his little daughter, who is confined there and is quite ill.

Rev. A. C. Griffin informs us that there were 85 conversions and 30 joined the church, at the protracted meeting just closed here.—[Harrisburg Express.

A man has been indicted, tried and fined in Yell county for swearing. Perhaps not half the people of the State know that it is a misdemeanor to swear, but such is the law and has been for many years.—[Freeman's Express.

A bridge is to be built across the Mississippi river at Memphis at last. A stock company has been organized, and articles of association have been filed in the Secretary of State's office in this city.

Texarkana is happy. In the election the other day, to decide the location of the county seat of Bowie county, Texas, she won it. The county seat of Miller county, this state, being also located there, she is the Capital of two counties.

Judge Hooper, County Judge of Monroe county, is reported short with the county by several thousand dollars, and his whereabouts unknown. He is said to have issued and sold bogus bonds. It is to be hoped that the matter will yet be adjusted.

Rev. F. E. Taylor, assisted by Revs. Hunton and Clark, is holding a meeting at the new Methodist church this week with a fair promise of a revival. Presiding elder held his quarterly conference for the circuit on Saturday and Sunday and left for home on Tuesday.—[Jonesboro Times.

Friday morning the north bound passenger had all the coaches in the ditch fifteen miles this side of Texarkana, as is always the case, no one was seriously injured. The accident was caused by the track spreading.—[Jonesboro Times.

John Roland, one of the parties charged with the killing of Dr. Ferguson on Fourche in Perry county last spring had his second trial at Perryville last week, he having gotten an appeal from the former verdict which was a sentence of 21 years. This time he gets only 12 years and appeals again. Mrs. Ferguson who was charged as an accomplice was discharged on motion of the State.—[Dardanelle Post.

The rains this week have materially interfered with cotton picking, and will make a poor sample of that which grows near the ground. We trust the beautiful weather preceding the rains was taken due advantage of, and that all will be prepared to enter with renewed energy into gathering as soon as the weather will permit. The crop is not above an average, and should be all gathered.—[Cross Co. Chronicle.

The Fulton County Informer, in closing an account of a recent drunken row at Viola, in which a lady received rough treatment at the hands of a drunken neighbor, says, "The ladies of Viola need the protection of the three mile law." There are ladies and sweet and innocent children in many other towns that need it bad, or, what is better, a constitutional amendment, properly enforced, making it a crime for mercenary men to transform their husbands and fathers into brutes.—St. Francis Co. News.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. M. Talkington has just closed a glorious meeting at Jacksonville.

Rev. H. Jewell will accept our thanks for favors last week. By the way he has had an interesting meeting the past week.

Evangelist Dixon C. Williams is conducting a series of meetings in this city now. We wish him the largest measure of success.

Rev. J. Loving is rejoicing at Conway. The best meeting seen there for years is now in progress. Brother Greathouse had to leave, greatly to the regret of all.

Any one having a second-handed Vol. 1st of Clark's Commentaries on the Old Testament for sale, will please write, stating price, &c., to W. G. Turnage, Cobbs P. O., Lonoke county, Arkansas.

Rev. J. M. Cline is on the mountain top again. Another glorious victory at Indian Bayou, on Galloway circuit. He now has forty-two members there when two months ago he had none. He will soon build a new church there, which will be three on his work since conference. Well done.

Rev. S. D. Evans, Rev. I. T. Morris, and Rev. Ben. Morris, have held recently, a most successful meeting in Walnut Ridge. We rejoice with our dear brethren in the glorious victory. Some of this writer's warmest personal friends were among the accessions. Now for a new church there. Let Father Phelps take the lead as the crowning work of a long life.

"Sam Jones is fast disappearing as a sensation," etc., say several of our state press. And they attribute it to his slang. This is amusing to those who know that he is now preaching to thousands in St. Joe, Mo., and that no house nor tent they can command, will accommodate the immense throngs which crowd to hear him. No, Sam Jones has not yet begun to disappear. He will wake the echoes in this southland for years yet. We do not like nor would we apologize for his occasional slang phrases, but no evangelist has the ear of the people just now as has Sam Jones.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the announcement elsewhere in this paper, of Judge J. M. Pitman, for Supreme Judge. Judge Pitman is a native of Washington county, and a resident of Fayetteville, and is now serving his third term as Circuit Judge of that district. He is a large, portly, brainy man. As a lawyer he is said to have but few equals and no superior in the State. If elected he will discharge the duties of the office ably and creditably.

Apology.

The readers of the METHODIST will pardon the blunders in the typography of our editorial correspondence of last week. I do not write as plainly as printing; but some of these errors are almost beyond endurance, for instance, the principal of the Memphis High School is neither "Seake" nor "Seals," but LEAKE; and the doctor I mentioned is "D. G.," instead of D. J. Godwin. Will not my typographers let me promise our readers better work this week?

SENIOR.

We need a higher sense of moral obligation with our church members, and our ministers need toning up on honesty. If some of the time employed in arranging financial systems and inquiring after the collections was put in seeing after the preachers paying their debts, it would be salutary, and prove a great blessing. We have lost much by opening the doors in the examination of ministerial character. We fail to deal with each other as we should.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. B. A. Morris, Walnut Ridge, says: "Brother S. D. Evans has just closed one of the best meetings ever held at Mount Zion—it lasted ten days—about sixty conversions, and fifty joined our church with more to follow. We had as high as fifty mourners at the altar at once and twelve conversions, and closed with sixteen mourners on Monday night. You failed to come and Brother Taylor Morris was sick, so we had no help, but the Lord was with us in great power. Many of our best citizens embraced religion and joined the church and many others are sorrowing for an absent Saviour. We had the largest congregations that ever met at this point—to God be all the glory."

Rev. J. R. Edwards, Blytheville, writes: "I returned from Kentucky, August 21st; found our Elder, Bro. Cochran, ready to hold our third quarterly conference, and in the height of enjoyment with our Sunday-school celebration. I was too late, owing to sickness, to be present, but it was all we could wish for. Then began the protracted meeting at New Hope church, which resulted in 24 converts, 28 accessions to the church, and many backsliders reclaimed. We then came to Blytheville, closed last night; 5 converts, some 15 or 16 accessions, church greatly revived; this makes 55 converts for Chickasawba up to date and I think all have united with us; five infants baptized. Had a good rain yesterday which was greatly needed; our crops are injured by the drouth. We hope to bring up the collections in full and a long list of subscribers, with the cash, at Conference. Let the METHODIST editors continue to use their columns as heretofore; away with these no Bible schools, and let God be praised."

Rev. John McLaughlan, Camden, says: "We have been looking a long time for the appearance of proceedings of Camden district conference, and the "ringing" resolutions we passed recommending and endorsing the ARKANSAS METHODIST. What is the matter?"

From Bro. W. T. Calvert, Jonesboro Circuit: "Brother F. G. Taylor, our preacher in charge of Jonesboro circuit, has held six protracted meetings and is succeeding most admirably on his work; over 100 conversions up to date. He was assisted by Bro. J. B. Clark, local, in every meeting, and part of the time by Bro. John Gibson, local, and several of the laymen went with him from place to place, doing good work. He has yet three more to hold and the good work goes on; he will report fully when he gets through. To God be all the praise."

Rev. John R. Sanders writes from De Ann, Hempstead Co.: "Last Friday night I commenced a revival meeting at Holly Grove, two miles from this place. It will go on over next Sunday. Last night we had a powerful meeting—twenty souls were converted. Another conversion this morning and the church most all about, happy. You won't be surprised at this when I tell you out of a membership of 77 nearly all hold family prayers. When the meeting is over I will write you more. The Methodist people of De Ann, with some outside help, are building a nice Methodist church at De Ann. It will be finished before the second Sunday in October. On Friday, before the second Sunday in October, we will commence a meeting there, and will organize a church. The people want you to come down and preach the dedication sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., and preach again at night. If possible, please come. The people will pay your expenses, and besides

you doing us all great good, I believe your paper will get great help. Write me at once if you can come. If you can't come, get Bro. Dye to come in your place. Also please write a card to Dr. H. W. Whipple, at De Ann, if you can come. He will make arrangements and arrangements. Some of the brethren will meet you at Prescott the Saturday before with a conveyance."

Rev. P. W. Eads, writes as follows from Potter, Polk Co.: "I am now in the midst of a series of two days and protracted meetings, where the Lord has greatly revived his work for our mountain county. At my third quarterly meeting there were about 13 conversions but no accessions. At Cove we had about six conversions and accessions; Brother D. P. Sassaman, a C. P., did good service, and preached to the conviction of sinners and edification of believers. At Hope by the assistance of Bros. Moore, Watson and Beaver; all did good work; result, 8 conversions and 7 joined the church. Commenced a meeting last Saturday at Prospect, and up to date 16 professed faith in Christ and 11 joined our church and—joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Brother Sassaman in on Sunday night and labored faithful. Revs. Smith, Wagon, Moore and Wright, came in at different times and did excellent altar service. Last night there was between 30 and 40 mourners at the altar; ranging in age from about 8 years old to sixty. O the mingled cries for mercy from the young and old. Well, I can't tell my feelings. I had to leave to-day to meet my next appointment. The meeting will go on until Sunday. May God convert all the mourners and others. Pray for us."

Rev. J. Loving writes from Conway: "Many brethren will rejoice with me when they learn that God has revived his work in Conway. He has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Christians have returned to their first love and are working faithfully for the Master. Baptists and Methodists, shoulder to shoulder, are working to advance the Redeemer's kingdom, and it is moving. Some eight or ten have professed religion and many more are seeking the Saviour's love. The Rev. B. H. Greathouse is preaching and conducting the meeting. The end, we verily believe, is not nigh."

Rev. L. W. Evans, Chapel Hill, says: "I am glad to say that we began a meeting at Norwoodville, on Saturday night before the third Sunday in August—continued five days; had 30 conversions; 20 accessions and the church gloriously revived; many family altars erected. Another meeting of six days—12 conversions 15 accessions. Some other good meetings that we haven't time or space to give an account of just yet. God bless and prosper you."

Rev. O. H. Tucker, P. C., says: "The Yellville camp-meeting continued eleven days. Had 29 sermons, 9 professions and 8 accessions. Our new frame shed is 40x70, all finished and paid for. A young man's prayer meeting organized, and a score of family altars erected. We have sowed good seed in the field. The man that comes next year will reap a bountiful harvest."

Rev. Jesse F. Pike, El Paso, writes: "I have not had time to give any notes from El Paso circuit for several weeks. A part of the time I have been remote from a post-office. We have had some fine revivals. Have had in all about one hundred conversions. But the drought was severe in this charge again this year."

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