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General News.

Our Own Country.

Dr. J. P. Newman has returned to his first love, the Methodist itinerancy, and will likely go back to his old charge, Metropolitan church, Washington city.

The Methodist Episcopal Church baptizes 2,000 persons, organizes four Sunday-schools, and dedicates five new churches every week. Wonderful work. They also have 52 colleges in America with an endowment of \$11,000,000. They lead every other church in this regard.

The grass hoppers are making sad havoc in California.

Bishop Parker's two sons, Frank and Gerald, have been licensed to preach since the good Bishop's death. The true succession.

The N. Y. Herald advises Garland to "go," and the President to see that he goes, and Garland is going—to be Attorney General.

Some of the many admirers of Sam Jones, in Nashville, offered him a \$10,000 residence, if he would occupy it. He gratefully acknowledged their kindness, but declined.

The commercial convention which met recently in Atlanta, Ga., recommended that the coinage of silver be discontinued.

The New Orleans Exposition was formally closed last Monday, but will re-open next fall.

The freight crews on the Central Kentucky railroad, are on a strike. Cause—10 per cent. reduction in their wages.

Secretary Bayard will visit Missouri and Kansas this month.

The outlook for the wheat crop in the North West is decidedly unpromising. It will be less than the short crop of 1881, and the smallest yield in ten years.

James Tracy and G. W. Badger, of St. Louis, have been sent to New Zealand with extradition papers for Maxwell, who murdered Preller in the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, some weeks ago.

Miss Cleveland's book, "Sketches of History," has gone to press, and its publication has excited some interest.

Sam Jones says there are two things he hates, "a dancing master and a little time-serving preacher. He is the laughing stock of the devil."

Secretary Whitney will soon revoke the order preventing the wives of naval officers going abroad with their husbands.

The Confederate soldier's home at Richmond, Va., is in successful operation.

The usual happenings in every department of life, and disasters in every variety of business and enterprise are flashed over the wires. Assassinations, infanticides, homicides, fratricides, suicides, domestic infelicities, desertions of home, by wives, husbands and children, incendiaries, 'till the heart grows sick with the sorrowful recital.

Col. Robt A. Howard, of Little Rock, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General, and assigned to the court of claims.

The President removed about seventy of Mahone's postmasters in Virginia, last Saturday, and the democrats are still not happy. We mean those who expected to fill the vacancies, and did not.

The Mormon church has sent out 180 elders or recruiting service since last January. To Great Britain 47, the Northern States 88, Southern 18, etc. Their zeal and enterprise are worthy a better cause.

Walker Fearn, of Louisiana, recently appointed U. S. Minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, was born at Huntsville, Ala. He is a graduate of Yale College.

The North-Western Christian Advocate doubts the wisdom allowing Dr. McFerrin to retire.

Jefferson Davis, in a recent interview, does not take a very hopeful view of the future of this government, although it's under democratic control. He says the old-time veneration for the constitution is gone, and that the government of our fathers exists only in name.

Two Memphis editors have recently been fined and imprisoned for carrying concealed weapons, and for contempt of court.

Senator Sherman will visit the South soon.

Samuel Nott, Bloomington, Ill., undertook to fast forty days recently, but at the end of the thirteenth day, he died.

The Apache Indians have been guilty of more bloody work. The indiscriminate slaughter of men, and helpless women and children. When will this massacre of innocent citizens, by these wards of the government, cease?

The Reformed Presbyterian Assembly, at Burlington, Iowa, denounced the license system as wrong and pernicious, and urged its members to work and vote for prohibition.

The Reformed Episcopal Church, Council, is in session in Peoria, Ill.

Russia and England.

The preliminary agreement of the basis of peace between these great countries has been signed, and the conference is proceeding harmoniously to a full and amicable adjustment. England evidently made some concessions to avoid war, and Mr. Gladstone is to be commended, rather than twitted or condemned for it. It is one of the hopeful signs of the times, that when war seemed imminent and unavoidable, hostilities had actually begun, and the war party in both governments, furious and frenzied, clamoring for blood, that the matter could be arbitrated and peacefully adjusted. Let the good of all nations rejoice, thank God and take courage.

The Queen of England has just passed her 66th birth day, and is well preserved.

The Wesleyans have determined to raise a mission fund of \$125,000, for work in the worst rookeries in London.

France.

has been in a state of intense excitement. Her capital city, Paris, narrowly escaped a bloody riot at the funeral of Victor Hugo. Several red flags appeared, but their bearers and followers were promptly arrested, and the murderous communistic, anarchistic uprising prevented. They had filled the city with alarm, effectually destroyed public confidence, and for a few days stopped business. But they were foiled, and their bloody scheme failed, confidence is restored and business moves on.

China.

There are 387 male and 420 female Christian missionaries in China, with 1,311 native helpers, and 24,607 communicants. They belong to sixteen British, four Continental, and thirteen American societies.

Naples.

The Cashmere country of India, has been visited with earthquake shocks regularly, every ten minutes for several days.

Austria.

The news comes from Vienna, that the anti-Jewish riots are again breaking out, and great fears are entertained of serious trouble again.

Canada.

Riel will be tried soon. The little rebellion of which he was the head, cost the Canadian government several hundred thousand dollars.

Madagascar.

Sixty years ago no one in Madagascar could read, but there are about 300,000 reported now who have some part of the Bible, and can read it. Wonderful revolution.

Personal.

Rev. John McLaughlin and wife have been to the Exposition.

Rev. J. Anderson, D. D., is holding a protracted meeting at Batesville.

Rev. John C. Ritter, Taylor's Creek, is assisting his brother at Newport. A good team.

Bishop Wilson preached the commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University.

Judge J. N. Cypert, Searcy, our friend and neighbor, is attending Circuit Court in Helena.

Rev. Frank Ritter is conducting a series of meetings in Newport. May sinners heed his earnest call.

Rev. E. S. Lewis, the modest president of the Little Rock University, made us a pleasant call Monday.

Rev. W. A. Peck, recently assigned to duty on the south half of West Point circuit, is hard at work and will succeed.

Rev. A. P. Miller reports a wonderful revival at Russellville; 150 conversions when he wrote, and meeting still going on.

Rev. W. M. Robinson, an Evangelist from Tenn., is wakening the echoes at Russellville. Brother Milton calls him Sam Jones, No. 2.

Rev. John R. Sanders has been holding an interesting meeting at Alexander. He organized a church and Sabbath-school there last Sunday.

Rev. S. H. Babcock returned from Nashville last week, and reports a delightful commencement at Vanderbilt. A splendid letter from him will appear soon.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse, at Morrilton, is agent in the territory of the Arkansas Conference for the "Life of Bishop Kavanaugh." Send him \$2 and get this great biography.

Mr. Edward W. Winfield, the genial and accomplished son of our Senior, graduated this session at Culleoka, Tenn., and will return home this week with his father. A warm welcome awaits him.

Hon. J. H. Rogers, member congress from this district, delivered an able and eloquent address here Decoration Day. It was the first time we had seen or heard him. It occurs to us he has a splendid future.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry, Mineral circuit, says the METHODIST is doing more good on his circuit than he. Those who know this working and successful preacher, will appreciate the high compliment.

Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Powhatan and Walnut Ridge, has a cancer, from which he has despaired of recovery. He is a most estimable christian gentleman, and is ready for his change.

Rev. Sam Jones has raised the siege at Nashville, where the slain of the Lord were many, and will unlimber his batteries next in Waco, Texas: A furious bombardment awaits that town. Wish he would stop in Little Rock.

Rev. J. A. Anderson, Vilonia, is lying critically ill at his brother-in-law's, near Beebe. He is a great sufferer, but patiently awaits the Master's will. Let his brethren and friends remember him at a throne of grace.

Rev. M. G. Williams, formerly of the White River Conference, our predecessor at Jacksonport station, is now the successful president of Athens (Ala.) Female College. We were delighted to hear from our valued friend. His school 'ad' will appear next week.

Revs. C. B. Moseley, S. D. Deener, and N. E. Hardaway, three Vanderbilt theologues, have been assigned to duty in Arkansas, by Bishop McTyeire. The first goes to Alma circuit, Arkansas conference; the second to Arkansas Post, Little Rock conference; and the last to Lagrange circuit, White River conference. May God abundantly bless these dear young brethren.

State News.

Congressman Breckinridge is in the city.

The Little Rock Woolen Mills were burned Monday.

The Lucas Hotel, at Newport, was burned Monday afternoon.

United States Senator Jones has gone back to Washington City.

The Corning Advocate has suspended—want of patronage—sorry.

Fort Smith has a splendid school fund; gift of the general government.

The commencement exercises of the Fayetteville University are going on now.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett's health is improving. Hope his brethren will not overwork him.

Rev. E. A. Garrison closed his meeting at Searcy last Sunday night. Hope to be with him next time.

Four criminals were sentenced to the penitentiary at the recent session of the Jackson county circuit court.

Oil Trough Bottom has a small pox scare. Physicians from Newport have gone to examine the case and will report.

Mr. Thomas A. McNeill, of Miss., a commercial tourist, and an old time friend, called to see us. Glad to see him.

"Decoration day" was duly observed in Little Rock, with imposing ceremonies, eloquent orations, and a large attendance.

Hon. Lecl Bobe, an able lawyer and an excellent gentleman, formerly of Clarendon, has just returned from San Antonio, Texas.

Argenta has the largest ice factory in the State, and the largest ice machinery in the South. They make twenty tons per day.

The locusts have appeared in various portions of the State, and are engaged at present in holding free, open air, musical concerts.

Col. John P. Penn, Augusta, Ark., has returned from Philadelphia, and his many friends will be glad to hear he has recovered his health.

The Evangel will be removed from Morrilton to Little Rock soon. We welcome our Baptist sister, and wish Brothers Womack & Lucas success.

Rev. E. M. Baker, Sulphur Rock circuit, is moving ahead on his charge, and will have a good report at Conference. He don't forget the METHODIST.

The Camden Beacon reports crops in that section of the State clean, growing off finely, and the prospects never more favorable generally, than now.

A can of phosphorus ignited in Goodwin & Co's drug store, at Newport, Sunday morning, but was discovered in time to prevent another fire.

There are 157 newspapers in the State: 11 daily; 132 weekly; 2 semi-weekly; 5 monthly; 1 bi-monthly; with a combined weekly circulation of 132,737.

Col. Logan H. Roots and Col. W. P. Homan have been appointed commissioners, under the new city government. Their election will be generally approved.

Rev. H. M. Granade, the efficient P. E. of the Batesville district, dedicated Lee's chapel, near Batesville, last Sunday, in the presence of an immense audience.

Quinn & Gray, the merchant princes, say that their business is quite satisfactory, and that their 'ad' in the METHODIST brings them letters every week from various parts of the State.

Capt. Simms, recently appointed revenue collector, received 200 applications for deputyships in one week thereafter. "What are we here for, said Mr. Flannigan, of Texas?"

Prof. W. E. Randle, Sulphur Rock, a useful layman and an excellent gentleman, called Tuesday. He was en route to Fayetteville, being one of the board of visitors appointed by Gov. Hughes.

Beebe with her characteristic liberality and enterprise, made a large shipment of strawberries to the inmates of the penitentiary last week. Their thoughtful kindness shall have its reward.

The St. Francis County News reports the death of two men in that county. Both bought goods on a credit, and one of them was *damned* to death, and the other grieved himself to death because he could not pay.

Rev. Horace Jewell and Rev. E. N. Evans, are engaged in a protracted meeting at the first Methodist church, in this city. The outlook is favorable and they are encouraged. They deserve success, and we hope and pray they may have it.

Rev. J. F. Jernigan preached the funeral sermon of his brother-in-law, Capt. Sam Fetzer, at Lebanon church, last Sunday, and at Sulphur Rock at night. The church rejoiced and sinners wept; wish we could have been with him; we've been happy often there together.

The strawberry and ice cream festivals, given by the ladies at Hillside church, were well attended and quite successful. They all did well—Miss Lou Adams, the accomplished organist, and Mrs. J. H. Boon, deserve especial mention; Mr. Kaiser's zeal and liberality abounded.

Brother J. T. Smith, the excellent superintendent of Hillside church, and steward of Argenta, brought his mother to see us. This venerable mother in Israel has raised a large family, and they are all religious and members of the M. E. church, South, but one. God will yet give her, her youngest born.

Rev. Andrew Hunter, the Nestor of Arkansas Methodism, advanced in years, but young in appearance, warm in heart, and rich in his religious experience, gladdened us by his coming last week. His visits, presence, and counsels, are a benediction to us. Come often, venerable friend, you are always welcome.

Col. Mitchell, the erudite and affable editor of the Democrat, generally uses vigorous English, but when he struck his lawyer-farmer friends, Wilson & Gregg, and the great northwest, the land of milk, honey, and apple-butter, he surpassed himself. His juicy references to the toothsome Shannon, and other big apples, made our mouth water. By-the-way, the Col. is from the northwest, and one of its best productions.

Col. J. T. Henderson, of Jackson county, is a model farmer, and his excellent example should be imitated. He raises some cotton, but he also raises stock—fine stock—Jerseys and Shorthorns, and corn and grass to feed them. His estimable wife is not a whit behind him, for she raises the finest of turkeys, chickens, &c. It's a treat to visit that hospitable home.

A contractor by the name of Proctice, built the incline at Arkansas City, and also some bridges for the Arkansas Valley railroad company, but not according to contract, as the company claimed, and they refused to pay the full amount, whereupon the contractor raised a rail on the incline, and refused the company the use of it. They appealed to the civil authorities, and the sheriff expressed his inability to execute the papers, and great excitement prevailed for awhile. But a compromise was effected, peace reigns, and the trains run again.