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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

The eastern question is no nearer settled than it was in our last report. Turkey is evidently worried and agitated by the long delay of the Powers to act. Serbia and Greece construe this delay into sympathy with them in their struggle for liberty. The Globe-Democrat had a long interview of a reporter with the King of Serbia. He is ready and says his people are eager for war. The army mobilized and ready for action. The soldiers are impatient that they are not given orders to march to the front. Serbia thinks Uncle Sam should at least give her sympathy in her struggle for liberty. The Powers say they will continue to negotiate for the "Status quo ante," and still have hopes of restoring peace. The preparations going on both with England and Russia in preparing their navy bodes no good and has a significant appearance of trouble.—Prince Bismarck is determined to restore peace between Turkey and the Roumanian Provinces.—Cholera still prevails in Spain. Ireland is still the scene of agitation and a terrible system of boycotting is being inaugurated which the better class is fighting to the death. The Republicans are sweeping every thing before them in France, and it is most likely the Conservatives will not elect a single member in Paris. The people are not yet ready for another change of government. The International Land Owners Congress, held at Pesth, in Germany, adopted a resolution asking the Central European States to combine in adopting protective measures against the importation of American and Indian wheat. All right, and we hope Uncle Sam will protect us against you and your bear. England is likely to have trouble in the Indies.

Domestic.

President Cleveland and his cabinet are coming down to business in a real old democratic style. Heads are flying and the outs are gaining rapidly on the ins, General Post Master Vilas is especially busy and strikes off heads every day, and will not even stop to answer the complaints of even ex-Congressmen, Judges or any other line of decapitated officials, but goes right forward as if he had a patent right in that sort of business, and don't seem to care whether these discontented are pleased or not. All the departments of government are busy and changes and removals are the order of the day.

The financial pressure continues, with the country filled with money, and our treasury pleroric. Mr. Blair had better devise a bill to arrange the public debt, and put that money in circulation to relieve our people and bring prosperity to our country.

Dr. Beecher discoursed grandly on last Sabbath on the Great Supper. He is a giant in intellect, but an erratic and wandering star.

A Rev. Mr. Stiles, of St. Louis, a Congregational preacher, discoursed last Sabbath on our Sam Jones. Sam is the great character of our country at this time, and simply defies all criticism and despises all hate. He is doing wonders in St. Joe, Mo. Revivals all over our land. Praise God.

Cardinal McCloskey, of the Catholic church has passed away. He was one of the first men of that denomination in America.

Attorney-General Garland has recently given a most important decision in reference to postmasters. He says that offices below \$1000 belong to the fourth class. There will be many hundreds relegated to that class.

STATE NEWS

The new telegraph line is in operation to Pine Bluff, and now telegraphing will be cheaper.

Great revival going on at Lonoke. Rev. E. N. Evans has gone to assist his cousin, Rev. A. O. Evans.

Court at Sheridan last week, but not much business. Not enough whiskey to make business.

The camp meeting at Sardis, in Saline county, was a grand success. P. E. Godden was in attendance.

The Southern Standard comes out in a ringing endorsement of Governor Hughes for pardoning the boy train robbers.

Ex-Governor Alcorn of Mississippi, and Senator Berry of Arkansas, will deliver addresses at Helena during fair week.

Great revival at Malvern. Harry May and Pastor Pipkin have met with grand success. Scores have been added to the church.

Circuit court progressing in Hot Springs at this time, and Judge Wood and Prosecuting-Attorney Henderson are a terror to evil doers.

Gov. Hughes, Secretary of State Moore and Auditor Flies, were up at Fort Smith last week, to the fair. It was, indeed, a grand affair.

Hon. Frank Denton has been appointed postmaster at Batesville. Thus another ex-editor ascends the ladder of fame. Congratulations, Frank.

Woodruff county will have its Fair this week. That noble county will be certain to have a first rate exhibit and a good time generally, and Bro. Folsom can and will write it up as well as any man in the State.

Judicial convention meets to-morrow. It will be a lively race between Battle and Pittman. We will go to press before the result is known, though we think it very safe to say that Battle will win this battle.

The Agricultural Wheels are beginning to turn and they are determined to be felt in our future legislatures. All right, but beware of whiskey politicians and old broken-down political hacks. They will ruin any organization.

Gen. H. King White, mayor of Pine Bluff; and Col. Henry Wood, general manager of the Valley Route, are engaged in a sharp, razor like combat. It is worse than sharp swords. It is not Greek meeting Greek, but something worse, it is pure Anglo-Saxon. Hard to tell which will beat.

Another fire at Hot Springs; the Robinson House this time. It seems as if there was a fearful fatality attending Hot Springs, and particularly the hotels. It is one of the most wonderful places in the world, and will be one of the greatest and most noted watering places on earth. There is no hot water to be compared to this. It is the Bethesda of our God.

The Batesville Guard extends us sympathy. Sorry we can't accept, and must decline all such offers. Brother Todisman is rather too new a comer to be recognized in this fight; however, we will give him a chance to show himself. Prove that ignorance fills jails and penitentiaries. Prove the right of the State to tax one man to educate another's children. When you shall have accomplished one-fourth as much for popular education as the Senior Editor of this paper it will be time enough for you to appear in this controversy. We are engaged with the leaders of thought and can't afford a contact with any of the small fry. We leave you like the man in the Georgia scenes—to fight till you are satisfied.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. Loving writes of good things at Conway, and wants the METHODIST to have a share. We are coming up before long and renew 1849—and take in 1885—and after awhile we will take in an eternity of joy. We will duly notify you.

Bishop A. W. Wilson was the central figure at the Tennessee Conference, and everybody was rejoiced to see him looking so well and so rapidly regaining his health. He is one of the great men of this grand and advanced age.

Rev. J. M. G. Douglas complains of a lost obituary notice. It is not lost brother, but really our hook is dull and our paper too small to do any better than we are doing. Will enlarge soon, and then we will all have a better chance.

Rev. S. L. Cochran tells of a glorious meeting at Gainesville, resulting in 26 conversions and a grand work all over the district. He writes cheerfully and words full of brotherly kindness. Many thanks. Such letters are a healing balm.

Rev. Jerome Haralson writes us that he intends to transfer to the Northwest Texas Conference this fall. Poor health the cause. Texas will be glad to receive you. We hope to see you at Corsicana next month, and see you out on Texas harness.

Rev. R. E. Humphrey, P. C. of Paris Circuit, Tennessee Conference, sends a cheering note and says the camp-meeting at old Manley's camp ground resulted in 28 conversions and 15 accessions. Brother Humphrey is a fine worker and a noble man.

Rev. T. H. Ware writes us a sad note. His little daughter, John Ethel, has passed away. Sweet little angel; she only lingered long enough to steal the affections of her parents, and then departed to her heavenly home, where they will find her waiting for them just inside the gate.

Evangelist Williams has gone to Pine Bluff at this writing. He will return on Wednesday and resume labor here. He has done a grand work in Little Rock and hundreds will remember him as a benefactor to our city, and a blessing to the church of God. He is enshrined in the hearts of our people.

Rev. A. S. Scott, of Malvern circuit, reports a revival all round his work and his people are on the mountain top of rejoicing. He realizes the worth of our paper and steps right up from our Great Dictionary to work for the Commentaries. He will get them, too. Wish all the young preachers would, and old ones too, help us and help themselves.

Rev. J. J. Jenkins, P. E. of Camden District, writing on business, says: "Everything is moving on well in the district. The preachers are working earnestly and have, to a large extent, the sympathy and co-operation of the people. We have a District Parsonage on foot. Think it will be ready for the next P. E., unencumbered by debt." We hope that P. E. will be —J. J. Jenkins, for he is a parsonage man.

Rev. L. M. Keith writes us from Hamburg, declining to continue the Sam Jones controversy any further. Of course having opened the debate he was entitled to the close, but he gracefully declines and takes leave of all his opposers in perfect good humor, and kindly yields the close to Brother Johnson. Some of our contemporaries are having much fun over the Hamburg brother speaking, or rather writing of sparkling champagne. Well, brothers, you see he learned that when he belonged to your gang, but he has long ago quit, but the taste lingers. Pity but what you all would follow the example.

FIELD NOTES.

In order to give prominence to a great enterprise and a greater good, we give the first place this week to Altus Collegiate Institute, by way of a note from its Industrious President, Rev. I. L. Burrow. It is good to edifying, and shows that Christian education is neither dead or dying: "The Central Collegiate Institute, the best school in the State, is doing well. The best opening of its history; a large number of most excellent young gentlemen and ladies have matriculated, and everything is moving harmoniously; the prospects for a fair increase is good."

Next is a note from Brother J. F. Pike, from El Paso circuit. It is sweet and juicy: "We have just closed a meeting at this place (El Paso), resulting in 35 or 40 conversions, and 25 joined our church and 10 joined the Baptist church; four or five others will, perhaps, join our church yet. Brothers Briggs and Shaw preached two sermons each, full of zeal and the Holy Ghost. Brother W. W. Anderson preached several times during the meeting to the delight of the people. The revival fire burns nearly all over this circuit."

Next comes our Brother J. F. Hall, from Quitman circuit and it is a rouser: "Quitman circuit has enjoyed the Divine presence to some extent this Conference year—we are enabled to report some thirty-five professions. Our camp-meeting was considered a great success in more respects than one. Sinners were convicted, penitents converted, the church quickened into higher and hotter communion with God, and a greater amount of brotherly love was felt, and we are in a much better state religiously. Under the presidency of Rev. S. H. Babcock, the fall session of Quitman College opened under favorable auspices. In my humble judgment the friends of a liberal education will do well to patronize this school under its present faculty. Now is the time to secure tuition and board cheap, and to be well paid for your pains and means expended. Give Quitman College a trial! I am suffering at the hands of a dentist—just fourteen at one sitting. Ever since have been prostrated; hope soon to resume work; will look after the interest of the ARKANSAS METHODIST."

Next comes our Brother J. J. Tarlton in two installments, and he is such a good workman that we will not withhold any part of it, for it is all good and no mistake: "I write to answer 'here am I.' I am doing well so far as good meetings are concerned. I have had good meetings at nearly every appointment on the work; the church has been gloriously revived; backsliders of long standing buckled on the armor and shouted as in the days of yore. I have just closed a meeting at Steel's Chapel; don't know how many conversions, but we had eleven accessions. I never count any fish that I can't string. At Hopewell we had a gracious revival and six additions. At Mountain Home we had a grand and glorious time; five additions there and others to follow. I was assisted there by Rev. J. L. Bennett of the Baptist church, a man full of religion and fraternity. I am not round yet. I will be on time with subscribers; I am just waiting for the people to get a little cotton out then I will press the paper. My assessments are far behind, salary and all. My circuit suffered from drought; but little more than hat crop raised on Clinton circuit.—I will write you again with some cash soon. AMO. K. God bless the METHODIST. I want it in every family. Stick to the Bible on the school question. I don't think there is a school in Van Buren county where school is opened with prayer or reading the Bible."

Here is a good place to bring in our brother J. R. Sherwood, for whether in circuit or mission, he always does good work and is entitled to a place to report: "Thinking you would like to hear from Pine Bluff Mission I thought I would tell you that we have been quietly at work and hope some good has been done, since I came to this charge we have had several protracted meetings and quite a number of conversions and about 30 accessions and the faith of the membership greatly increased, the conversions include almost all ages from the old gray headed sinners to those of youthful years, one especially peculiar feature of the work is that small boys and girls who are members of the Church will pray in public and speak in experience meetings, among the things greatly needed here is good Church buildings if we expect to hold the field, it is a good place for the Church Extension Society to expend their money, there are only two Church houses that belong to the M. E. Church, South, within this mission, I have obtained a two acre lot of ground at Macon on the Texas and St. Louis railroad on which to build a Church; and a donation of twenty thousand feet of lumber to build a Church house, all of it is the gift of our good friend Capt. J. W. M. Murphy, of Macon, Jefferson County, Ark., the captain joined our Church at our protracted meeting held at Curis Chapel in August, finances are all behind but expect some improvement yet in that matter, we are trying to get the people at Redfield and the Valley road to build a Church, we take this method of expressing our thanks to brother E. L. Beard, of Toledo circuit and the local preachers for their aid afforded us in our protracted meeting during the present year."

Now we will close with our brother Thad Johnson from Delaware, not the little Delaware state up North, but Delaware in Arkansas, of course it is good for he is a good man: "I love to read your field notes and learn of such glorious revivals all over our land, believing that there are many others who rejoice in hearing that there are so many souls being converted and swelling the ranks of our King and as I have not seen anything from this part of Gods heritage lately I have concluded that it is right for you and others to know what the good Lord has been doing for us of late, our Preacher Brother W. H. Me henry commenced a meeting at Delaware Hall Saturday before the third Sabbath in August and it was protracted fourteen days and resulted in the conversion of some 30 souls and the church revived and some backsliders reclaimed, and then on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September he commenced another meeting at Granada Chappel about two miles from Delaware Hall this meeting lasted ten days and there were between 20 and 25 conversions some backsliders reclaimed and the Church most gloriously revived, the best experience meeting on the second Sabbath morning of the meeting. I ever experienced in life, there has been 31 accessions to the M. E. Church South from the two meetings and more to follow. The Cumberland Presbyterians getting some. Oh one of the most glorious works of the good Lord was to restore peace in the community, there was an old family feud of several years standing where parties were at daggers point, but now Praise the Lord, no more shall the sound of war whoop be heard, ambush and slaughter no longer be feared. The tomahawk buried shall rest in the ground and peace and good will to the families abound; I learn that our good brother Metheny is having glorious revivals all over his charge the Prairie View Circuit, this is his second year with us and we want him again for we like him better as we learn more and then he is such a faithful worker. Oh he is a whole team in the hands of the Lord and seems to get better all the time God bless him you seldom see his name in the papers but you may lookout for a good report from him at conference, well praise the Lord for his mighty works every where may it still go on until every prodigal son and daughter return."