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General News.

The Prohibition party met at Pittsburg on the 22d inst., and put out a strong ticket: For President, Gov. St. John of Kansas, and for Vice-President, Hon. Wm. Daniel, of Maryland. Our friends may be right, but I must say, I think this action hasty and badly timed. It is utterly impossible to bring to the support of this ticket the strength of the Prohibitionists of the United States. They may interfere with other parties, but I see no hope of success in that line. As in religion, so in politics—I am in favor steering clear of all parties—seek for measures, and not for men, and never support intemperate or bad men for office. One good thing, however, will result from this convention: It will show some folks that Prohibition is a power in this land, and that it has come to stay, and of its ultimate success there can be no doubt. The other two great parties are commencing a fearful war on each other, and for the first time in twenty years, the Republicans are thrown on the defensive. It is to be a bitter fight. Let Christian men and women show moderation and shun all undue excitement. Let calm deliberation rule the hour, and all will be well.

The cholera is still raging in France. It is fearful in Toulon and Marseilles, and is now reaching other cities. Gay Paris is catching the fearful epidemic, and a few cases in the great manufacturing city of Lyons. One case reported in Philadelphia. May our God prevent the spread of the terrible scourge in our country.

We hear it talked that the Prohibition movement is only to injure the Republican party, as there are but few Prohibitionists among the Democrats. That may be true in the north, but we know it is not so in the south. Arkansas is intensely Democratic, and no state in the Union has better temperance legislation. It stands in the front, and we are proud of it. We feel assured that the great mass of the Democratic party are not connected with the opponents of Prohibition.

One case of cholera was reported last week at Port Anderson, Miss., brought by the steamer Annie P. Silver, from New Orleans. It was a child, and the family was direct from France. But they denied, and it is questioned whether it was a real case of cholera.

As an item of general news, it has been given out that Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will support the Democratic nominee, Grover Cleveland. This is the first instance of unadulterated egotism and ecclesiastical impudence that our country has been treated to since the last presidential election. Don't he know that his name is enough to blight the prospects of any party. It is high time for this pretended clergyman and ministerial demagogue to retire. We are glad for the sake of our holy religion that there are so few like him. May they never multiply.

There is intense excitement in our old mother country on the Franchise Bill, and it is constantly on the increase.

The Franco-Chinese difficulty is not yet settled, and a general war is still imminent, and may be soon precipitated.

Commercial relations are not settled between the United States and Spain. It is said that Cuba is the disturbing element.

Matters in Egypt are growing no better; and everything is as fully chaotic as in the days when Israel had no king.

Another effort has been made in Prussia to destroy the Czar, and his household, but it was unsuccessful.

Some real disturbing elements in Germany, and we may say there is disquiet all over Europe.

State News.

Our great and growing state does not present anything very startling or interesting in the past week. Even the great religious daily, the Globe Democrat, although notorious as a news-monger, and a getter up of sensations, could find nothing in the peaceful domain of our great commonwealth. So our readers will have to be content with a very few brief paragraphs of very common news.

Our neighboring city of Arkadelphia had a little buzz in the way of ringing of bells and speech making, last week. Cause—a new railroad, that is to be called the Ultima Thule and Mississippi R. R. Much eloquence from the Lord Mayor and others when the first spike was driven.

Ft. Smith is not to be outdone, and will bring in the Pawnee Indians to the Fair next October. If this editor goes, he would rather you would leave them among their native forests, unless you shut off all the fire-water. Save me from Indians and whisky at the same time.

Booneville, not a whit behind either of these two cities, has had a great District Conference, and a long and miserably prepared communication concerning one Dr. Croom. Such things can never build up society.

Ozark Democrat brings us a very appetizing programme of a District Sunday School Convention, and enough to show us that our Brother Colburn is still down on saloons, and in favor of wiping them out. Wish we had a thousand such editors in Arkansas.

Carlisle had a District Conference last week, and it was well attended, and elegantly entertained.

Hazen had a barbecue last Saturday, and Gen. S. P. Hughes was one of the speakers. Now comes Des Arc to the front, and will have a very grand affair on the 1st of August, and Gen. Hughes will orate again. Beware of cholera—my dear friends.

Prohibition is gaining ground all over Arkansas. Keep the ball moving, my dear brethren. Let there be no faltering in the ranks. Let us vote our full strength in September next.

The indications are that we shall have the wisest, safest and best legislature that we have had since the war. Our good people are determined to be represented by reliable and sober men, and not by tricksters and political gamblers.

Beebe has had a District Conference, and it was well sustained and highly enjoyed. It is a live town, and has one of the best school buildings in the state.

Very few places in our state have suffered for rain, and the prospect is for an abundant crop.

Elder Grammar, of the Baptist church, is holding a meeting in Jonesboro. It will take the grammar of the Holy Ghost in that town, and this Grammar understands that well. We hope he will have a gracious revival.

Our Methodist people will soon build a church in Jonesboro.

"A man in Yell county raised two hundred bushels of oats on five acres of land, this year."—Jonesboro Times.

Emmerson, of Carlisle, can beat that over fifty bushels on the same number of acres; and still people complain that Arkansas is not a good oats country. Wonder what it is that some people would not complain at.

Green county is boasting of the best crop it ever had. Show your gratitude, friends, and send the METHODIST a long list of subscribers with the cash. His Honor Judge Mack will see to this.

Good crops and excellent health all over the state.

Field Notes.

Bro. J. S. Stribling, Walnut Ridge circuit, sends us an encouraging note of their quarterly meeting. Says Rev. G. A. Dannelly preached three times to the edification of the people.

Bro. F. Ritter:—"We have had a protracted meeting, and the Church much revived. Have had eighteen accessions to the church, and more to follow. Have had tolerably fair rains, and crop prospects are good—corn and cotton." Hurry up the subscribers, my good friend."

Brother Talkington reports as follows: "Have had no protracted service yet, but will commence soon; and expect a revival at each one of my pastoral charges, Beebe, Austin, Cabot and Jacksonville. Crops have suffered considerably for want of rain." He has had two good rains, which will do much good, and all will be well, if the METHODIST is remembered.

Brother J. A. Anderson reports from Bayou Meto circuit: Have not yet held any revival services, but will begin soon, and expect many conversions and accessions to the church. Have suffered for rain on my circuit, but we are getting rains now, and while we will not make a full crop, perhaps, will not miss it far." All will be well on his work, for he never forgets the METHODIST.

Rev. T. A. Craig, from that noble circuit that has in it J. T. Henderson, Dr. Clemens and Robert Laird, sends the following: "Have not yet begun our revival meetings, but will next week. The rains have been partial, more so than usual. Cotton is two weeks late, but growing rapidly, and well formed. Will make three-fourths of a crop, corn and cotton." Send 100 cash paying subscribers, my good brother, and we will let you off for this year.

Brother Pike reports from West Point: "We begin our protracted meetings next Saturday, and continue till all our charges shall be visited. We are praying for, and expecting glorious results. Our corn has been cut short for want of rain; will not make more than a half crop. Cotton is small and late, but well formed." Send for the METHODIST for all the old members, and don't fail to get the new converts.

Brother B. Harris writes: "Sabbath last, at one of my regular appointments, the power of God, in an extraordinary manner, came down upon the people, and six or seven were converted." Glorious! Help us, brother.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett says: "We have had one protracted meeting, continuing about two months, with most gracious results: sixty-two conversions and fifty-two accessions. Our farmers needed rain somewhat, before they got it, but we are having plenty of it now, and think we will have about an average crop." Searcy has a heap of good things, and is a good town. Lots of subscribers there, and don't stop.

Brother Blackwood reported: "We have held no protracted meetings yet, but by the blessing of God, we will have a sweeping revival on the entire work. Most of my charge has suffered greatly for want of rain, and hence, in those neighborhoods the crops will be short, but in other parts they had rain and have good crops." Go ahead, my brother; success is certain, for you never forget the METHODIST.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry reported: Have had several conversions on my charge already, but the great battle is yet to be fought, and by the help of God, we will win a wide-spread victory. Have had rain, and now have good crops. Your work will come up all right, for we have few better agents.

Rev. S. D. Evans has again kindly remembered us by sending us a postal note, and three new subscribers. He is evidently doing good.

Rev. O. H. Tucker sends the following report from Bellefonte: "Church much revived; prayer-meeting, class-meeting, love-feast and church conference well attended; twenty-seven accessions since Conference." He has had fine success in his ministry.

Rev. H. T. Gregory, of Jamestown circuit, thus reports: We commence our protracted meetings next week, and, if we do our duty, we will have a good time. We have had plenty of rain, and our crops are splendid. Good report; and now, my dear friend, you have never failed us in past time, and we now especially need your efficient service.

Rev. J. Loving sends us two more subscribers, and reports a very good meeting. Continue your good work, my old friend.

Rev. W. R. Gardner sends the following note from his work, under date of July 25: "I closed a meeting of seven days, at Mt. Pleasant, on Quitman circuit, last Friday night, where we had a glorious revival. Seventeen conversions and ten accessions, and the church abundantly blessed. O, sir, it was good to be there. The prospect is good for a general revival on this circuit. Be sure and come to camp-meeting. Pray for us." It is indeed refreshing. Give the converts all a good start by putting the METHODIST in their hands, and have all the heads of families raise the family altar.

Rev. J. C. Carter writes from Hickory Valley, sending a renewal, and says he is just commencing his summer campaign, and expects grand results. We hope you will have a revival all over your circuit; and then, don't you forget our conference paper.

Rev. M. E. Butt, P. E. of Ft. Smith District, sends us his Fourth Round of Quarterly Meetings, and gives us a hearty invitation to attend as many of them as possible, and then meet him at Van Buren. Has had much sickness in his family, and his work thereby much retarded. Crops good all over his work, and all things will move up now. God grant you a grand time ere Conference comes. Brother B., stir that district for the METHODIST. Hope to meet you at least in November.

Rev. L. M. Keith writes us on business, from Hamburg; and says he is working and praying for a revival among his people. It will be sure to come, my dear brother; and then, be certain not to forget us.

Rev. N. E. Skinner, of Devew circuit, sends us a subscriber. This is the drop before the shower, so we think. Hurry up the shower, brother.

Rev. G. W. Cottingham is moving up things very lively on the work left vacant by our Brother Colburn. Wish you great success, my brother, and you be sure to have those river folks take the Conference Organ.

Rev. Thos. A. Hearn, of Hamburg circuit, writes: "I closed a good meeting last Friday night, at Hickory Grove, which lasted a week, with three services nearly every day, besides the grove prayer meetings. Results: A backslidden church reclaimed, ten conversions and five accessions, all discords healed and brotherly love prevails there now. The people will begin to build a new church at Hickory Grove on the second Monday in August."

Bro. W. A. Pendergrass, of Frenchman Bayou, writes: "I herewith answer your questions in the last number of the METHODIST.—1st. I have not had a revival.—2nd. No special effort yet, but will commence at once.—3rd. Too much rain; crops tolerably good; twelve or fifteen days later than usual, but growing finely."

Personal.

Dr. McFerrin was at Denver last week, accompanied by his excellent wife.

Dr. Lafferty, of the Old Richmond, has been dangerously ill, but is convalescent.

Cleveland and Hendricks have been officially notified of their nomination.

Rev. J. R. Steele, of Quitman station, visited the conference at Beebe, addressed it in behalf of Quitman College, and preached once, and grasped the hands of many old friends.

Rev. H. T. Gregory and his dear little daughter Effie, was at Beebe. Beebe was his pastorate for two years, hence the cordial greeting extended him last week.

The Searcy District Conference commended the Central Collegiate Institute and Quitman College in an appropriate resolution.

Rev. W. A. Steele preached at Spring Street Church last Sunday morning, to the great delight of my congregation.

Bishop Pierce is still at work in the sand hills of his loved Georgia, preaching and holding District Conferences. Aarkansas wants to see him.

Bishop McTyeire is at home, hard at work on his history. Call, Bishop, on your way to Texas.

Rev. Jerome Haralson was a visitor to the Little Rock District Conference, at Carlisle.

Rev. J. M. Cline and his family are in deep affliction. His accomplished daughter, Miss Jennie, is no more on earth, for the angels came for her, and she is gone home. We tender our sincere sympathy to the afflicted home. All bright above, brother. Obituary next week.

Rev. J. R. Moore was up from Arkadelphia to our Conference. All of his old friends were glad to see him, and he put in some good work.

Rev. E. N. Watson has gone to Texas, prospecting, it is said. Guess not—only coquetting a little, he can't do without Arkansas—and I am certain Arkansas won't do without him.

Rev. H. H. Watson was prevented by sickness in his family from attending our District Conference, and no one was present to represent his work.

Rev. M. H. Wells contributes a newsy letter to the Nashville Advocate of last week. The ARKANSAS METHODIST would be glad to hear from him. Don't forget your old home my friend.

Rev. J. C. Brown gives us a splendid article this week. Ditto Dr. Withers. Many thanks. One rich page in the ARKANSAS METHODIST always; and we can certainly furnish two mighty fine figure heads, as to looks, but we are not running on that line. Our young corresponding editor and junior will understand and appreciate.

Markets.

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PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter,	27 to 30c
Dairy Butter,	20 to 22c
Eggs—Retail,	10c per doz.
Eggs—by the case,	8c per doz.
Irish Potatoes,	75c per bu.
Cooking Apples,	75c per bu.
Frying Chickens,	\$2to\$2.50 per doz.

GROCERIES.

Coffee,	10 to 14½c
Sugar,	6 to 9c
Molasses—New Orleans,	45 to 55c
Rice,	6½ to 7¾
Salt,	\$1 60 to \$1 75
Corn Meal—per brl.	\$3 40

HIDES.

Dry Hides,	12½ to 15c
Dry Salt,	11½ to 12½
Green Salt,	7 to 8