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General News.

England.

Affairs are by no means in a settled condition in old Albion. The press is raising a dreadful howl over the undue intimacy between Lord Salisbury, the Premier, and Mr. Parnall, the great Irish leader. They fear the influence of Parnall, and the Premier is simply putting Irish affairs into the hands of Parnall almost without a limit. It is well known that Parnall is the great defender of Ireland, and will seek all advantage possible for and will not retire from public life. He has intimated to his former constituents his desire to serve them, and he will doubtless be returned to Parliament. Matters are not moving very smoothly between the old Mother Country and Russia. The Afghan question is by no means settled, and the leading papers think that Russia will move right on to the possession of Herat. Russia has not taken possession of Zulficar Pass; but will demand of England as an indemnity for not doing so, Maruchak. It is certain that matters are not satisfactory to either country, and Gen. Komaroff is massing his forces and preparing for any emergency that is likely to occur. Friendly negotiations continue between these two powers, and we hope peace measures will prevail. In event of war it is more than probable that France will join Russia against her old enemy, and that Germany will take sides with old England. It is estimated that the war in Tonquin will cost France over 470,000,000 francs and they have only voted 270,000,000. France is using all the power of the government to suppress lotteries and all other species of gambling. Hope our country will follow the example, and put an end to "futures" and the miserable Louisiana Lottery that is cursing our whole country, and is a disgrace to the two great ex-Confederates connected with it. Egypt has been enabled to affect a new loan of \$9,000,000 by British agency, and there is a wonderful revival in trade in Cairo.

Domestic.

Ex-President Grant has experienced no permanent relief, but is constantly growing weaker. There is much gossip as to where our President will spend his vacation. Miss Cleveland is making lots of money on her book and has been offered the presidency of Vassar College, New York. She has once held the presidency of a collegiate institute. It seems that the President's policy is becoming better understood, and that though he has been making haste slowly, he intends to fill all offices with Democrats, and that his is to be a real Democratic administration in fact as well as in name. Our country is running wild with base ball and base ball playing and players. The like has never been heard. Memphis is crazy, Cincinnati wild, Louisville, Baltimore, and even Philadelphia and New York are bewildered with excitement. What does it mean? We answer—it means gambling and demoralization everywhere, and the ruin of our country, in the loss of our Sabbath, if not checked. It is a shame to a Christian nation. We hear of great revivals all over the land, and Sam Jones is moving everything before him at Plattsburg, Mo. Such a camp meeting has hardly ever been known. Our country is singularly free from any epidemic, and we are in the midst of the reign of peace and plenty. Let every body give thanks to God.

We are pained to announce the death of Hon. John Miller, the father of our Ex-Governor. He died in his 98th year, near Batesville on the 20th inst.

State News.

County Sunday-school convention at Atkins last week.

Eli Bray has been appointed postmaster at Paragould.

State teacher's association convenes in Searcy next month.

Paris is going to build a brick school house, worth over \$5,000. It is a fine school center.

Jail delivery at Washington, and several bad men escaped. Hope they will all be caught.

A vast quantity of water melons in our city, in fact all over our state; but this office is forgotten.

Hon. J. N. Smithee, it is said, has been appointed a general land agent for the government, with a big salary.

Great contest for the post mastership at Hot Springs. Capt. Carhart, the present incumbent, has made a splendid offer.

The District Conference at Paragould closed with a glorious revival going on, and it still progresses with increased power.

Hon. W. T. Avera has been appointed postmaster at Camden, vice H. W. Millen, removed. We congratulate our young friend.

Sixteen thousand miles of railroads in the United States, are in the hands of receivers, and still our people are not satisfied with taxing railroads.

The Weekly Ledger-Democrat, of Conway, reports a grand Sunday-school picnic at Mt. Olive. Our Bro. Castleberry was among the speakers, and is highly complimented.

Rev. L. M. Harris is the great temperance judge of Perry county. He is a terror to offenders both in the pulpit and on the bench, and he issues no licenses for saloons. Noble man.

Hon. J. W. Stayton, our Lieutenant Governor, has associated his son with him in the practice of law. No man ever had a more gifted boy. Joe, there is a very bright future before you.

The race in the third congressional district has been a very exciting one, and Barker has developed wonderful strength. Maj. Newman help to do that. That is always the result of persecution.

Mt. Nebo, in Yell county, a few miles from Dardanelle, is rapidly becoming a favorite health resort for Little Rockers. Hope excursionists will try to avoid travelling on Sunday, either going or returning.

Nashville, of Arkansas is springing up rapidly, and will soon be a town of some importance. Sorry they are going to ruin the city by whiskey. The revenue derived from liquor is the price of souls, and is blood money indeed.

Kaolin, and phosphates have been found in vast quantities near Columbus in this State, and will likely prove very remunerative to the owners of the land. The mines are near two railroads. Some splendid geological specimens have been found.

The Malvern News writes down capital punishment as a social affair. Very strange. Our God ordained capital punishment to prevent murder, and destroy crime, and it is a part of the criminal code of Arkansas, and must not be written down as a barbarous relic.

The drought has set in and the prospect now is the cotton crop will be cut off in every portion of our state, perhaps one-third, and then we shall make a great deal more than our people will be paid for. Our great era of prosperity will come to stay when our people learn to lean less on cotton and more on grain and stock.

Personal.

Rev. Mr. Harrison, the great evangelist, is at Denver, working with our brother Morris.

Rev. A. M. Shipp, late of the Vanderbilt University, is now at Cheraw, South Carolina, where his friends can address him.

Rev. Morris Evans, D. D., writes us from Texas, saying, we missed seeing you. Come back, Arkansas will be glad to see and help you.

Bishop A. W. Wilson is at Asheville, North Carolina, where he will remain during the summer; we hope he will be perfectly restored.

Chancellor Garland, of the Vanderbilt, is among the hills of old Virginia after the speckled trout. Wish we could join the old Governor.

Rev. E. N. Evans and his congregation were happy last Sunday. They opened up their new chapel. Congratulations are in order.

Rev. Dr. Whiteford Smith has retired from his chair in old Wofford College. He is surely the silver tongued orator of our Southern Methodism.

The Board of Trustees of A. I. U. conferred the degree of A. M., upon our friend and neighbor, Prof. B. P. Baker. A high compliment worthily bestowed.

Rev. H. Jewell preached a very appropriate July sermon last Sunday night, and the services of the holy Sabbath were closed with an adult baptism.

Bishop Hargrove, accompanied by his most estimable wife, left St. Louis for the Great West last week. We wish them a very pleasant trip and a safe return.

Prof. E. R. Williams, of McKenzie Institute, will be in Arkansas next week. He expects to take in the District Conferences at Benton and Frenchman Mountain.

Miss Ella Deane Swann, the accomplished and successful instructress in the Art Department of the Searcy College, we are glad to know, will be retained in that school. She is in St. Louis at present.

Rev. E. E. Hass, A. M., is now president of Emory and Henry College, and that Hoss will certainly pull that old college out of all ruts and on to a broad gauge, smooth running road. Send on your ad., Hoss.

Mrs. W. A. Ober, formerly of our city, but now of the Crescent City, sends us a fine letter from her Southern home, which will adorn our columns next week. We were delighted to hear from our friend.

Rev. J. T. C. Collins made one of the best speeches for the M. C. Female Institute, at McKenzie, we ever listened to. It was splendid and had a fine effect. By the way, you have forgotten to send the Advocate you promised.

Rev. Dr. Potter, of the Wesleyan, is saying some strong things on the Vanderbilt controversy. Potter always hits right straight from the shoulder. We agree with you, doctor; there is no good to come of it. Hope it is done.

Benton H. Boles, P. M. at Rose Bud, White county, Ark., is one of the very best P. M.'s in the State. He not only will not do without the METHODIST himself but sends us another subscription with his own, and cash for both. Oh, for a thousand such men to hold office in Arkansas.

Rev. C. Pope is detained in Georgia by family affliction, and cannot visit Arkansas and Texas as soon as he expected; but will come after awhile. Our former Pope will always be welcome to our State and Conferences. Arkansas will always love such a Pope as he is.

Field Notes.

We begin this week our report from our field hands with a glorious note from Dr. Josephus Anderson, at the close of his meeting in Batesville: "Our meeting closed last night after going on eight weeks; fifty-four have joined our church; three have joined the Presbyterian church; several have not yet gone into any church. Many were awakened and left town. Many backsliders were reclaimed. There was not much excitement. The church has been greatly blessed. I am still well. To God be all the glory." That is simply splendid.

Next comes Dr. Withers, from Hot Springs. We rejoice to hear of such a meeting in our old charge. Praise to God: "We are in the sixth week of our revival. It gets better every day. Love feast Sunday evening filled the house. About 100 testified for Christ. It was a Pentecost. Fifty-two were baptized and joined our church at close of the 11 o'clock sermon. To date we number more than 150 converts. All classes of society are interested."

Next we put in our brother, J. W. Ellis, from Ozan, Ark. Good note and a good bargain. All right. Take up all the Baptists that way, and get some leaven among them, and no telling what good results will follow: "Crops in Hempstead are just splendid. People all working finely. Church matters are considered and the outlook is good. Thank heaven. Prohibition is a reality in our town. Bro. Sanders failed, for the first time, to meet us at St. Paul last Sunday. Sickness in his family the cause. Hope the little one is well ere this. Showed the METHODIST to a Baptist friend of mine, and he said he'd take it if I'd take the Evangel. Bargain."

Next Brother Deener, from Stanley, Ark. He is a noble boy, and he will make his mark: "I am now at work on my first circuit. The work has suffered for the want of a pastor, and now only hard work accompanied by the blessings of God, can regain the ground that has been lost. There are some staunch christians still 'holding the fort,' and by the help of the Lord we will get back some backsliders, and sinners will be converted this year, or satan will have to stir around faster than he ever did before on this work. You will find enclosed cash for two subscriptions to the METHODIST; rather one is a renewal, the other from a good brother who does not wish to do without it. Send the METHODIST to the addresses given, and pray that the Lord may bless us abundantly."

Here comes in our brother, B. H. Greathouse, and it is good. Read and shout: "Robinson, the evangelist, has held a meeting of ten days duration in Morrilton, and the results are not only good, but very good. How many were converted it is not possible to tell. Many persons from the surrounding country and neighboring towns attended the meeting and were converted. Morrilton has undergone a moral revolution. They that swore swear no more; they that were drunken drink no more. It is not possible to describe the preachers style. He is plain, honest and earnest. He hates sin, but loves the sinner. He does not try to conceal the fact that he is a Cumberland Presbyterian, but he is a awfully severe on ecclesiastical bigotry, and his actions prove that he is honest in his expressions. He tries hard to have things in a good condition for the regular pastors. He would not detract from their influence or depreciate the regular church work. His coming has been a blessing to Morrilton. All the churches have shared in the fruits of his labors. (Ask Bro. Womack if the Evangel has given him credit for the work

done for the Baptist church, either here or at Russellville.) Fifty have joined our church, and I believe the C.-P.'s and Baptists have received twenty-two each. The O. S. P.'s have received three and there are many more that will join some church."

Our brother, J. R. Sanders, comes next, telling of his people's continued kindness. How could people help being kind to him? But read on and judge for yourself: I think I saw a little item in the METHODIST some time ago, saying that the days for denations were about over. I wish to correct the statements somewhat. They may be over in many charges for the preacher's families, but we have had a donation recently. Some of the good sisters of Marvin church and congregation, on our circuit, sent us a wagon load of many useful things, consisting of corn, chickens, butter, lard, honey, Irish potatoes, spices, sugar, canned goods, tea, coffee, soap, and eggs, etc. These things were from only a few persons, and we know that the list would have been supplemented in number and quantity if all the people had known of the things being gathered up for us, for their wills are good. A more willing people never lived than those people around Marvin, to take care of their preachers and families. Not all of the friends from the Methodist church either—some from several other denominations, besides some outsiders. I take this method of acknowledging their kind remembrance of us.

And now we close with our brother H. Armstrong, and it is timely, and our Brother Keith has stirred a hornet's nest, but Keith is death on hornets: "We notice a remarkable criticism in the last METHODIST from the facile pen of our L. M. Keith on our revivalist, Sam P. Jones. and in our view the inconsistencies in it are so glaring, we think the criticism should be criticised. He starts out by stating that Jones is "very useful, and a power for good in the land, and should not be criticised," and before he closes brands his work as sensational, the conversions spurious, and criticises the evangelist most unmercifully. The conversions, Bro. K. says, consist of persons "standing up under the surging waves of sensation and promising to lead new lives." This is news to us. Where and how did Bro. K. learn it? We have been reading the religious and secular papers in regard to the meetings in Nashville and elsewhere, and were led to believe that the professions were at least considered sound, and the revivals demonstrations of the power of God, and revolutionizing in their character. Whether the conversions and meetings were of this character or not, according to our Advocate at Nashville, they were not only heartily endorsed by the Methodists, but by Presbyterians and others as well. Bro. Keith regards Bro. Jones as "a power for good in the land," and we should not criticise and condemn him, yet "this thing of getting out in a mighty gospel tent, several thousand strong, with a great flourish of trumpets, to sing and talk as you please" etc., he does not approve of, and "doubts if the final results will be of any great good to the church or not." "O, consistency, thou art a Jewell." Wonder if Bro. Keith preaches like he writes? We regard Rev. Sam P. Jones as a power for good in the land indeed, and we believe evangelists are divinely called for the specific purpose of arousing the church to greater spirituality and aggressiveness. "Some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Of the present living successful evangelists, we mention the names of A. B. Earle, D. L. Moody, Thomas Harrison, and Sam P. Jones. These men are known by their fruit."