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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign.

The great political campaign in England is now fully open, and the Parnellites are using every energy and putting forth all their best endeavors to stir up the landlords and tenants to their true interests. The country is wild with excitement. The Landlords are turning leaguers, and no one can predict the coming end.

Spain is full of plotters and the land is filled with republican agitators and treasonable designs. King Alfonso is sick and this encourages the traitors.

Denmark is ripe for revolution and there has been an attempt to assassinate Premier Estrupp, and the rank and file of the country approve the act in order to rid the country of the Estrupp cabinet. Boycotting is the rage all over the country and there is great danger of a wide-spread revolution.

The Balkan troubles are by no means settled and the dissatisfaction caused by the unfortunate speech of King George is wide-spread and increasing. There is an open threat of the expulsion of the present ministry and the recall of M. Tricoup, the present minister at the court of St. James, to take charge of the government and carry out the wishes of the people. King George is a cold-blooded Dane and is not the man to lead the excited Greeks.

The Servians are becoming more and more excited and dissatisfied with the ruler of the Helenas, whose action and timidity they fail to understand. The Emperors are still engaged upon a settlement of the Eastern question on the "status quo ante." Bismarck, it is understood, is leading in this effort at settlement.

Domestic.

The reporters of the Associated Press dispatches of the North are rejoicing over what they consider a failure on the part of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, in an abandoned portion of New York, and they are equally happy in reporting the failure of Sam Jones and other Evangelists. Your joy will be short lived, gentlemen, for our christianity is of God and will never die.

We notice that some of the leading papers of the North are trying to make some capital out of Attorney-General Garland's connection with the Bell Telephone Company. Gentleman, you are welcome to all you can make on that line. The character of Mr. Garland is above reproach for moral honesty, and no man is fatter from political trickery and dishonesty in every particular.

With what delight these sanctimonious hypocrites do seize upon everything in the least damaging to Messrs. Lamar and Garland, as members of the President's Cabinet, and there is far too much attention paid to these hypocrites for the good of the South. We hope President Cleveland will rise to the necessities of the case, and treat us as if we were in reality a part of this great country. Put out and put in without stopping to listen at croakers or pretended friends.

The Ohio elections have increased this feeling. The Republicans are trying to make it appear that the country is already dissatisfied with the administration, and are already preparing to remove it at the end of the first term. They will certainly do it, unless the Democracy has more back-bone, and they ought to do it.

The bath houses on the reservation at Hot Springs, in accordance with the recent opinion of Attorney-General Garland, have had their leases extended five years.

No improvement in monetary affairs.

STATE NEWS.

Hon. B. B. Battle was nominated for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on the first ballot. It was a high but well deserved compliment to our noble friend.

Hon. J. H. Harrod was elected permanent chairman of the late Judicial Convention by a unanimous vote. A well merited honor to this young and talented lawyer of Conway.

Arkansas is only getting a few first-class postmasters for fourth-class offices, but Uncle Grover will give her a big slice in a few days that will make all the politicians happy.

Reid Gantt Esq., of Hot Springs shot and killed one Sullivan last week. It is a matter of deep regret to all parties. Poor Sullivan leaves a wife and seven children penniless, and Reid Gantt was one of the brightest young men of the country, it is a sad affair in every respect. Our young men should take warning and leave off the deadly pistol.

Another sad case of mob violence in Pike county, another jail burned and a prisoner roasted alive. This is simply outrageous, and must be stopped, such scenes of mob violence, and wicked murder must be stopped. It is a disgrace to our civilization, and citizens of Pike county must arise in their majority and bring these offenders to justice. Our Governor must assert his authority and see that they are brought to justice.

The Ozark Democrat comes to us with fine proceedings of a district Sunday School, conventions held at Clarksville. Of course our Brother Colburn was on hand and taking a full part, as was also Brother McKinnon the working christian lawyer. Why can't we have District Sunday School Conventions in all our districts, why not a convention in every county, and then once a year a great State convention. Will all the papers friendly to this source speak out and let us carry it through.

Revivals all over our state, and hundreds yea thousands are being gathered into the different churches.

The Judsonia Advance does us the credit to copy entire, one of our articles on Popular Education and gives us a hearty endorsement. You are right my friend, we want all the people educated, so far as it can be done religiously. We are opposed to Godless education, we want head and heart to go together.

The Medical Department of the Agricultural University at Fayetteville, has the largest class this year it has ever had, thirty eight men in attendance and every thing prosperous.

All the public buildings ordered by the last General Assembly are now approaching completion, and our legislators will agree when they reassemble that the money has all been expended. Notwithstanding the drought, Arkansas is on a boom, and an era of great prosperity is at hand.

The Rev. Thoms H. Tennant, probably the oldest man in the State, died at his home near Cincinnati on the night of the 20th. Mr. Tennant had reached the remarkably advanced age of 114, and has been more than 90 years a minister in the Methodist church. He was universally respected. —[Fayetteville Democrat.

Attorney General Garland has given an opinion that when a presidential postoffice ceases to yield a revenue exceeding \$1000 per annum it becomes a fourth-class office, and the postmaster, although confirmed by the senate, has no tenure of office, but the postmaster general can appoint whom he chooses to fill such office. —[Ex.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. M. Talkington is having a good meeting at Beebe, and urges the Junior to help him.

Rev. S. C. Stone of Hope, writes us a good, brotherly letter, full of kindness and charity, and we tender him many thanks.

Rev. A. O. Evans is having a glorious meeting—still going on. Our Senior stopped there Monday night, en route to Tennessee.

Hon. George Thornburgh was in too see us this week. He came to the Judicial Convention, but always has time to call on his friends.

Capt. J. B. Sutler honored our sanctorium with a friendly call. He is always welcome, and we know the METHODIST has no better friend.

Rev. Dixon Williams, after finishing his work in Little Rock, took a run down to Pine Bluff and is now off for Texas. He is in labors abundant.

Rev. Harry May, the converted Jew, and the Evangelist who has done such fine work in Hot Springs, Arkadelphia and Malvern, has gone to Amity.

Messrs. Fletcher, House, Carroll and Sandles, will accept the congratulations of the METHODIST. Meanwhile we sincerely wish all the disappointed better luck next time.

Col. John J. Sumpter, one of the most genial men living, was in our city this week. He is a full hand in church work, and never forgets us or our paper. God bless you.

Hon. J. K. Jones, our fine looking Senator, was in our City of Roses this week and had his elegant and accomplished wife with him. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pinell.

Messrs. W. M. & J. R. Webb of Culleoka, sends us happy greetings from their first-class school, and they never give us any trouble about money for advertising. Many, however, do.

Rev. W. H. Hughen renews his subscription without waiting for an agent, and so have several other good brethren and sisters. That is the right way to do. Who will follow these good people?

The Rev. F. E. Taylor, Jonesboro, is having an excellent meeting in his new church. He telegraphed our Junior to assist him, but it was simply impossible for him to go. Bro. Taylor has done a grand work this year.

Rev. J. R. Moore, the noble hearted, opens all the houses in Arkadelphia to our preachers and their wives. Come, Sister, fix up your old bonnet and re-rig the old dress, and let us all meet at Conference for one grand rally and good time.

Rev. C. Pope, formerly of our conference, now of Kentucky, and Pres't of Millersburg Female College, will look in on his old Conference. Your brethren will be delighted to see you and will, no doubt, return you with several young ladies for your College.

Hon. J. H. Berry, our Senator from the Great Northwest, was a delegate to the late convention. We don't like that, but it was a slip and we let it pass, hoping that it will not be repeated. Our Senators and Congressmen should steer clear of local politics.

Messrs. Williams and Goodloe are having a grand time at McTyrie Institute. It is prosperous. By the way, our brother Goodloe has gotten out the best Conference Minutes we ever saw, and these are the minutes of a District Conference. They are par excellence—filled with information and overflowing with news. Whitten is the live P. E. and Goodloe the chosen secretary of old Tennessee.

FIELD NOTES.

Another week has passed away, and we are now ready for another interview with our field-hands. First we begin with our Brother Reynolds from Brightwater. It was marked for last week but our paper was so small it had to be left out, but it is better by age, and now like ripe and juicy fruit: "I send you the following report of my labors for the three months just past; No. of Sermons, 87; No. of conversions, 53; No. of accessions 42; assessments all full, and some are in excess. Hope to establish a first-class tramping school here for both sexes. My father, Dr. J. W. Jones, has gone up, he left a thousand dollars to the church to pay his assessments for all time to come. It will be invested in first-class securities, the interest of which will be used in his name; the location of the bequest has not been determined upon. We start home i. e. to Russellville, Dardanelle, Atkins, etc. on the 15th. to be absent till after conference. I send greeting to all friends who read the ARKANSAS METHODIST."

Next comes our Brother F. R. Noe, he is one of our very best, and is always doing good work. "Since I wrote you I have held three very successful meetings—one at Pleasant Grove—eleven conversions and eighteen accessions—said to be the best meeting since the days of Dye and Hall Brothers, in 1874. One at Newburg, fine revival in the church but only six conversions and twelve accessions—one at Olive Branch—This was a union meeting at a C. P. Church, built last year; mainly by Bro. R. D. Scott of that church. Bro. Phil Jeffery, C. P. and I officiating; here we had a glorious meeting with seven conversions, and only two accessions to our church; more joined the other church. We had as well give up this point unless our people can be induced to build a Methodist house. It was at this meeting that Col. Byrd Smith, a man of considerable notoriety in the state, professed faith in Christ and gave me notice that he would apply for church membership at my next meeting there in Oct. His wife was a member of Bro. Headly's Church in Missouri, when he was killed and has not joined since."

Next comes our Brother J. E. Dunaway in two instalments, he is doing a splendid work in the mountains, valleys, and caves and we always feel like hearing from him: "Brethren of the Arkansas Conference, please let me urge upon you the importance of bringing up your conference collections in full this year for the amount estimated by the joint board is very small, compared to the demand on the board this is a just claim and one that every Methodist preacher should feel deeply interested in as our superannuated men and our widows, and orphan children are dependent upon this fund to a great extent for their support."—"We have just closed a meeting at Marshall, Ark., the meeting continued five days and resulted in five conversions, and the church and congregation much revived, we were assisted by Bro. A. R. Stephenson a Baptist minister of Marshall. Methodist and Baptist preachers and people worked together in the meeting. We gathered, and sent you five subs from Marshall, and two more with this letter, and you may look for more yet before conference. Your paper is giving very good satisfaction among our people, success to you and the paper, and may God bless you."

Then comes our Bro. Tillassey, from Clarksville, a first-rate preacher in a first-rate place. May he always have such a people, and may that people always have such a preacher: "Clarksville, Ark., has recently enjoyed a great religious awakening.

Twenty-five, among them, some of our most influential citizens have been added to our church. The meeting, with its good results, has greatly strengthened our hearts and hands for the future, and, we trust, more glorious victories in the work of the Lord in this town. Evangelist Robinson spent three days of the second week with us, preaching and sharp-shooting in a not altogether popular style, setting up a howl on both sides of the line. The general engagement ceased for a time, and both saint and sinner dubiously regarded the quixotic man as a strange admixture of friend and foe. After the evangelist left us, Father Cox, pastor of the C. P. Church here joined us, doing valuable service. His kind and fatherly benedictions fell upon the senses like the soft golden light of a setting sun. Rejoice with me, brothers: "One man soweth, and another reapeth." Thank God!

Here is another rich and flavory note from our Brother J. M. Cantrell, he is a worker and does good work: "Some time ago I wrote you a note. In your last issue I noticed that you gave space to J. W. Berry, from Lewisville. Under his name you began with my note, representing the Wilcocksin circuit; and giving most of mine you closed with a few words from some one else, Bro. Berry I suppose. I have held six protracted meetings, which resulted in 121 professions, and 98 accessions to our church, I have two more meetings to hold. We are expecting our collections, ordered by the conference, in full.

Here comes our brother Sanders, and he works so faithfully he must have a hearing: "Last Friday, at 11 a. m., we commenced a meeting at De Ann, in our new Methodist house of worship. It is not yet ceiled, and the seats are not made, but substantial temporary seats were made, and a very large audience filled the house last Sunday morning. The house is 48 feet long, by 36 feet wide, situated in a beautiful grove, facing west. Sunday morning, Dr. Winfield and Bro. Stone not being able to come, our dear aged superannuated brother, A. Avery, was present, and gave him the honor of preaching the first Sabbath in the new house. The congregation was very attentive, and Bro. Avery seemed to be inspired for the accession, though not physically able to preach loud and boisterous, he was very earnest, plain and pointed. He said he did not come to preach, but come to see the people and the new church building, but, being invited by the pastor, he would do what he could; that he had no other motive in preaching but to please God and save souls. His fortune was made, was just waiting for the Master to say, "come up higher," that for over half a century he had fought his battle, swimming the creeks and rivers, wading through swamps, and climbing over the hills and mountains of Arkansas, besides having many a conflict with the bedbugs and mosquitoes on the way. His remark about the bed bugs provoked a considerable smile in the audience. His sermon had good effect, the people looking and listening at him like one standing just on the brink of the grave, between two worlds, beckoning them to come on to glory. His text was the last verse of the second Psalm. Before the morning services closed, we tried to give an exhortation on family prayers, and some twenty or twenty-five families covenanted, by giving us their hands, and of several churches, that they would take up that very important religious duty. A young Brother Sage, from Midway circuit, preached there for me last night, and I came to Washington and preached to our people here. I will go back to De Ann tonight, and continue the meeting for two more days. Have organized a church in the new house with eleven members. Will write you a note of the rest of the meeting if worthy of mention, you can publish of the above what you think proper.