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GENERAL NEWS.

Domestic.

October elections have been abolished in Ohio.

Gen. McClellan was buried Monday. Gen Joseph E. Johnston was one of the pall-bearers.

The president has designated Thursday, 28th inst., as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

George Miller was hanged at Grand Fork, Dakota, yesterday, being the first legal execution in North Dakota.

For the last week there were 174 failures in the United States and 27 in Canada: total 201; against 174 last week.

A very severe wind storm raged along the Atlantic Tuesday. Much damage reported to shipping interests.

The civil service commissioners will not be appointed until the president returns from Buffalo on Wednesday or Thursday next.

Twenty thousand dollars in silver was found on a farm near Athens, Ga. a few days ago. Supposed to be confederate treasure.

Wards confederates in bank robberies in New York are likely to be arrested. Mayor Grace and others in high life are suspected.

The New York election caused great excitement, but at this writing the result is not known. The Prohibition vote will be larger than usual.

New London, Nov. 2.—A terrible calamity by which six lives were lost, occurred in the race on Sunday night, caused by the explosion of the boiler of steam dredge No. 4 of the Atlantic Dredging Company of Brooklyn.

Foreign.

Berlin Nov. 2.—The New Free Press says at a preliminary conference of the powers, England and France declined to sanction the appointment of Prince Alexander as Governor of Roumelia, as it would be an infringement of the Berlin treaty. They pleaded earnestly for such a settlement as it would satisfy and quiet the people of Roumelia and Bulgaria.

London, Nov. 2.—Lord Salisbury was at the foreign office today and had a lengthy interview with Baron de Stael, Russian ambassador, Count Kalnok, Austrian ambassador, and Count Nigra, the Italian ambassador, respecting the Balkan question.

A dispatch from Sofia says neither the Bulgarians nor Roumelians will submit to a renewal of the status quo ante without fighting, even if the Balkan conference so decides.

The Balkan conference meets in Constantinople to-day. The attitude of Greece is causing much uneasiness in diplomatic circles, and Turkish military preparations continue.

Belgrade, Nov. 2.—King Milan and his general staff have arrived at Pierot. It is rumored that the Bulgarians attacked the Servians at Tearbrod and that the Servians retreated but afterward crossed the Bulgarian frontier.

Sofia, Nov. 2.—The Bulgarian government denies the statements that Servians are being imprisoned in Bulgaria, and invites the Servian agent here to inquire into and refute the grave charges against Bulgaria.

Athens, Nov. 2.—A crisis in the Greek ministry is imminent. Deputations are urging Ex-Premier Tricoupis to take office.

Rangoon, Nov. 2.—Maj. Gen. Dalmer Pendergast, commander of the Burmah expeditionary force, will take an advance to position, November 3, on the line of communication with Upper Burmah. The advance will be made up the Irrawaddy river.

STATE NEWS.

Vandale is unusually healthy.

Malvern is steadily improving.

Platforms and warehouses at Clarendon are full of cotton.

The Southern Telephone Company have commenced business in this city.

The Jackson county farmers will soon have their cotton out, says the Herald.

Morrilton has raised sufficient money to secure the proposed Baptist State University.

Cholera is raging to an alarming extent among the swine of Van Buren and Stone counties.

An attempt was made to burglarize the postoffice at Walnut Ridge recently, but the thieves were frightened away before getting into the safe.

The water in the wells in Sheridian is getting low and many wells have gone dry, says the Headlight. It seems to be dry all over the state.

There has been something over one thousand dollars raised to assist in building our Methodist church at this place.—[Walnut Ridge Democrat.

The victory of the prohibitionists in Morrilton was glorious. Read the graphic account of it elsewhere in this issue by Rev. B. H. Greathouse.

Judge Bittle's nomination meets almost universal approval, and he will give like satisfaction on the bench when elected, which is a foregone conclusion.

Continual reports reach here from the country to the effect that deer are dying from the black tongue. As there is danger of eating venison thus affected, too much precaution cannot be exercised.—Hot Springs Sentinel.

The citizens of Argenta are stirring themselves in a determined effort to drive from the town some excessively offensive characters. The sooner they succeed the better. Corporation or no corporation, they should be driven out.

Our Baptist brethren have had an unusually large and enthusiastic State Convention at Hope. They devised liberal things for their State paper, the "Evangel." We congratulate Bro. Womack, and hope he may yet have ten thousand subscribers.

An important discovery by which the supply of water at Polish Sulphur Springs is largely increased has been made. A new spring of great volume has been opened and the water is equal in medical properties and efficacy to that of the old spring.—Hot Springs Sentinel.

The Arkansas Telegraph Company is putting up a telegraph line from Malvern to Hot Springs. Ten miles had been finished Monday. As soon as finished to Hot Springs it will be put up along the Iron Mountain Railway to Little Rock, connecting there with the line to Pine Bluff where connection is made with the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph lines. Henceforth we shall have two lines from Malvern north.—[Malvern News.

Pike county has another murder. Douglass and Wallace had a falling out. On the way home from Murfreesboro court, Douglass treated the crowd to wine and offered Wallace a drink, but he declined it, cursed Douglass, and then treated the crowd to whiskey, and they all drank but Douglass. They quarreled and Douglass threw a bottle at Wallace. On Sunday following, Douglass rode up to Wallace's house and stopped to talk to a gentleman, and Wallace came to the door and shot him down. Whiskey is cursing that county, and is at the bottom of most of her woes.

PERSONAL.

Rev. H. Jewell made a flying visit to Pine Bluff this week.

Dr. Winfield returned from Tennessee Thursday, and leaves for Texas in a few days.

Rev. C. C. Godden, P. E. Little Rock district is making the rounds with commendable regularity and success.

Rev. E. Dickens, P. E. in Charge, Opela Mission, is dead. Rev. W. D. Matthews has furnished an account elsewhere.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry, Mineral circuit, was in to see us this week. We are glad to see him so greatly improved in health.

Dixon C. Williams will deliver an address to young men next Sunday afternoon in this city. He will have a crowded house.

Rev. A. S. Blackwood, Augusta, helped the depleted treasury of this paper considerably last week. He did not wait for conference. Thanks.

Rev. John R. Steele, Dover, and formerly of the White River Conference, has transferred to Texas. We wish him success, health, and happiness.

Rev. J. H. Riggin, P. E. Pine Bluff district, is contributing a series of able articles on Popular Education. So far they are unanswered by the other side.

Prof. J. W. Jones, Newport News, has been appointed agent of Indian schools, with headquarters in Idaho Territory. We wish him success in his new field.

Col. J. W. House, District Attorney, and Col. Thomas Fletcher, Marshall, will not enter upon their respective duties till after the Federal Grand Jury completes its work.

Rev. J. F. Jernigan, Vandale, wants Jonesboro district made smaller, Presiding Elder Cochran retained, and his assessment made \$1500. Bro. Cochran has done an excellent year's work, which we predicted.

Dr. Henry Owen has moved from Jacksonport to Newport. He is one of the best and most promising young physicians in the State. We wish our young friend increased success and usefulness.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, P. E., Dardanelle District, Arkansas Conference, returned from Mississippi, where he was called to the dying bed of his sister. We extend to him our unfeigned sympathy.

Rev. E. A. Garrison has been sterned and pounded. He tells it in his own happy way in the "Enterprise," which we do not copy for want of space. We congratulate him. He is used to those surprises, but this Junior has only had such good for tune but a few times.

Rev. E. N. Evans, Spring Street church, Little Rock, has transferred to the North Texas Conference. Bro. Evans is a bright, quick, popular and useful minister. He is a safe, prudent and growing young man. We regret his removal from the State; but wish him a cordial greeting and a good pastoral charge where he goes.

L. P. Kay, clerk of Fulton county, and our valued friend for years, is again deeply bereaved; his loving and faithful wife is dead. Her death was most triumphant, and was witnessed by seventy persons. But few better women than Sister Mac Kay, whom we have known from our childhood. Happy meeting when her children and sister Julia, the latter but recently preceded her, greeted her in the courts of glory. It is well with them all.

FIELD NOTES.

We begin this week's talk with a very brief note from Brother W. E. Rutledge, and it has a real good ring: "We have had a glorious revival at Coal Hill and Hartman. Both resulting in at least 80 conversions."

Then comes a good, sound, healthy report from Brother C. M. Keith of Collegeville, a real worker, and always has good news to report: "I would like to furnish your readers a report of our recent camp-meeting at Salem, Collegeville circuit, but it simply beggars description by my pen. It was the grandest meeting I ever witnessed, and I believe that was the unanimous sentiment of the people. Of the 19 camp-meetings held there the last is said to be the best, and those who have attended camp-meetings there know that that means a great deal. I never saw so thorough and universal a revival on any occasion. Only eternity can reveal the glorious results of the meeting. Believers were edified and rejoiced; backsliders were reclaimed and praised God for his goodness and wonderful works to the children of men; sinners of various ages and stages were converted and shouted "Glory to God in the highest." O, it was good to be there. After remaining nearly two days longer than they were wont to, the people were reluctant to leave the sacred grounds. We hope the next meeting will embrace two Sabbaths—what it ought to have done this time. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Next comes another from the same; though late it ought to go and must go: "I send you the following subscribers: Miss Belle Scott and Miss M. H. E. Terry, both to Benton, Salline Co., Ark. The latter is a little girl 10 years old, who was converted at our recent camp-meeting at Salem. It was a bright, clear and powerful conversion; so we see, indeed, "The promise is to us and our children." Children may, ought, and will be religious if they are properly trained at home. God, who can not lie, has said so, and it must be so. Parents are admonished to "Bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." There were abundant evidences of the genuineness of this little girl's conversion; chief among which, perhaps, was the following: After she had rejoiced and praised God a few moments for her own deliverance, she noticed a grown up lady standing by unsaved and she went to her, and with radiance in her countenance besought her to seek the Lord. The lady yielded to her entreaty, bowed at the altar and was soon a happy convert. Children can effectually work for the Lord! Little Mattie subscribed for the METHODIST, joined the church and started to heaven. God help her to be faithful!"

Then we will bring in Brother Armstrong—a good report from a hard field: "My health is very poor this summer; was attacked with rheumatism about the first of June and have not been really able to preach since that time; am much better recently; am trying to hold my meetings now. Results to date: Fifteen professions and ten accessions; others will join. Salary on the mission, \$225, about one-fourth of which is paid. A part of the collections in hand. This is a part of the original Hampton circuit, and I find the indelible foot-prints of some of my predecessors, notably—H. H. Watson, C. D. McSwain, "Billy" Dunn, John Douglass, and last, but not least, J. M. D. Sturges; their names are as ointment poured forth. God bless the METHODIST, its editors, and all its readers."

Next, Brother J. A. Biggs. Oh! what a wonderful work of grace on that good old circuit of Austin: "I

will report from Austin circuit. We began a meeting at Austin, Sept. 12th, had a revival in the church, received four members, taken bilious fever Monday and had to close the meeting; was sick four days; then I went to Concord, held a five days meeting; church revived, 32 conversions, 30 accessions; baptized 9 children, made a good election. I went from Concord to Hill's School House; held there 8 days; had 35 conversions, 31 joined the church. We will build a new church at this place, also at Bethlehem. Can the Church Extension Board help us some? We need help. We have had up to date, 160 conversions and 144 accessions to the church. Will send you \$5.00 this week with two new names." 11-7-85

Next we will let our brother Loving report for Conway. Of course our old friend and fellow-laborer has a good report: "The meeting at this place is progressing finely; its influence is powerful and pervasive, and in my judgment, has not yet reached the maximum of its power. How many have been converted I cannot tell, but not a few have come out on the Lord's side. Brother Greathouse has left us and has sent Brother Morphis, a Presbyterian preacher, to help us. He is doing good work—succeeding finely—but will leave here on Thursday next, so I think. Now, my brother, let nothing but the impossible prevent you from coming to Conway on next Thursday—sooner if you can. If you can come and conduct the services until Sunday night, Methodism will be rooted and grounded in Conway—that is my faith. You will doubtless get a good list of subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and that will be a good thing. Many friends will be grieved if you fail."

Next comes our Brother Robertson, from Buena Vista. His name is Optimus and he is well named: "I have just closed my last protracted meeting on this circuit. God was with us at each of our six meetings; the membership revived, strengthened and encouraged; backsliders reclaimed, 50 souls converted, and 45 additions to the church. To God be glory and praise. Thanks to Brothers J. J. Jenkins and J. McLaughlan, who have assisted me so materially in these meetings. The circuit is in good condition spiritually. There are no schisms. Peace and harmony prevail. The collections, I think, will be full. We have a fine country, fine crops, a prosperous people, and a good and noble hearted membership, a people who don't believe in repudiation, especially when it comes to church debt. This circuit, we think, is destined to be the banner circuit in the district. The preacher appointed to the Camden circuit next year need have no fears of starving, for there is hog and hominy plenty, and a noble set of stewards to collect it together and bring it into him."

We close with a short note from Brother Wm. D. Matthews, Atkins: "The sad intelligence of the death of our dear Bro. E. Dickens, P. C. on Opelo mission, has just been received. He died on the 16th ult., at his home in Perry county, with brain fever. I was with him three weeks ago and left him in perfect health. He was closing up a grand years work for the Master. He leaves a wife and four children. Melton and Dickens—two faithful men—gone to their reward within the last six weeks. I shall go at once to see Sister D. and the children. Am here at the fourth quarterly conference. Fine meeting in progress, about 15 conversions and the interest increasing; shout in the camp to-night. God save the people of Atkins, is my prayer."

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