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## GENERAL NEWS.

## Foreign.

## Spain and Germany.

The difficulty between these two great powers of the old world is now exciting great interest in Europe and America. It seems that Germany is disposed to take possession of the Caroline Islands, long under the rule of Spain, and generally considered as a part of her domain. Bismarck, the great diplomat, seems to think them in some way necessary to the great German empire, while King Alfonso is equally certain that Spain has need of them. The people of Madrid gave way to mob violence and insulted the German flag, and were in great earnestness in demanding war. France watches the contest with great interest—eager, if possible, to be avenged on her old adversary for the great victory gained over her in their last conflict. The old Pope comes to the front, and sends encouraging words to the old "Dark Land," but the "casus belli" is thought to be removed, by Spain apologizing for the insult to the German flag, and Bismarck consents not to occupy the island for the present.

A great strike in London, and the war between labor and capital threatens a great disturbance in the old Solid City.

England and Russia are quiet, but the Lion and Bear have not lain down together, and are not likely to do so soon. England is still threatening to occupy Egypt, and it is still rumored that Egypt still seeks an alliance with Turkey, the sick man of Europe.

Austria refused our newly appointed minister because his wife was a Jewess.

Turkey banquets Sunset Cox, and if the Turks can appreciate one of the most elegant and cultured women of our country, they will make haste and banquet Mrs. Cox.

The disturbances of the old world will tend to hinder financial improvement in our own country.

## Domestic.

The President has or will soon return from his summer vacation; we did him an injustice sometime ago in reporting him as fishing on Sunday, and we now retract, though it was so given out by the associated press dispatch. It is reported that he has had whisky in his summer retreat, but the secular press apologizes, by saying his mountain retreat is terrible for snakes; but whisky has more snakes than all the mountains in the country. Nearly all the Cabinet are on summer vacations. Secretary Bayard has written a strong letter to the Austrian government for rejecting our new minister. It will be a cold day and a long time before they will have another opportunity to snub our government. It is the privilege granted all governments to reject at will the ministers sent to them, either with or without cause, but the government sending the rejected minister is not compelled to send another.

A large concourse of Communists, representing the Socialists of Chicago, had a great demonstration in that city last Sabbath.

The celebrated case of Mrs. Walk-up, who is supposed to have poisoned her husband, is still exciting great attention in our country. The unfortunate woman is now in jail for her supposed crime.

The papers teem with crime and mob violence. The churches are alive and at work, and such revivals have not been reported since the beginning of camp meetings.

## STATE NEWS.

We are sorry to begin our weekly report with rather gloomy tidings; but it must be so. Our crop is badly damaged. Early corn is good, late corn is ruined, and the cotton crop will hardly reach the average of a half crop. We pity our poor farmers. If the press of the State, and of the country, will make a fair report, probably the increase in price will pay for the shortage in the crop.

The negro Crenshaw, who murdered young Paup, was taken from the jail at Lewisville and hanged by a mob. We hope our people will be law abiding and not resort to mob violence. We can't afford that.

Congressman Breckenridge is being much criticised for appointing all Pine Bluff men and Pine Bluff as the place to make a selection for West Point. It was an unfortunate step to say the least of it.

Circuit court at Des Arc last week—Judge Sanders presiding. We saw Sheriff Reinhardt returning from our city, where he had been to lodge an unfortunate man in the penitentiary.

Hon. J. J. Baugh has been appointed post master at Des Arc. First rate appointment. Score a good one for Congressman Breckenridge. It was good work.

Hon. Dandridge McRae, our State Commissioner, is performing Herculean service in behalf of our State for the exhibit to be made at the exposition at New Orleans in November. We hope everybody will help him. Arkansas must do her best.

A murderer was convicted in Green county last week and sentenced to be hanged. He says he will never beg or pray. That is his right; but he will be the sufferer.

The Hamburg News is out in a brand new dress, and is a real beauty. Many thanks for the kind and sympathizing words of the editor. We will soon be in good working trim; then look out for the Teachers Association.

There are 40,000 Methodists in Arkansas.—[Washington Press.] You only miss it 20,000, neighbor, i. e. if you refer to Southern Methodists.

A discussion is about to break out in the newspapers on the subject of religion in the public schools. A merciful providence forbid.—[Washington Press.] Off again, neighbor. We only want the Bible in the public schools, and providence will never interfere to prevent that.

Hon. J. K. Jones is at home, and fairly waking up his old district for McRae. His wife and sons have returned from the Pacific coast, and all are now enjoying their quiet home at Washington.

Hon. A. H. Garland is at Hominy Hill with a few friends enjoying quiet and rest. It is his blessed oasis and he enjoys it hugely.

Hon. John R. Eaken, of the Supreme Bench, is dead. How sad the tidings. A few months ago his wife passed away, and now the noble husband joins her in the spirit land. Judge Eaken was a man of rare polish and culture. He was a finished scholar and his social qualities were on the Chesterfield order. He was a fine lawyer, and made a splendid editor. Since he was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, he has taken rank as one of our ablest jurists, and his place will be hard to fill. He was our friend and we loved him.

The Polk boys, who murdered the German pedler, was burned to death in the jail at Murfreesboro, by a mob.

Returns come in slowly from the 3d district, but there is enough to render the election of Tom McRae certain. We congratulate our friend.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett reports great revivals on Searcy district.

Bishop Granberry has gone to the Western Conference. He has full work before him.

Rev. E. A. Garrison is attending a protracted meeting in Cleburne county. He reports a fine revival.

Rev. Mr. May, the Evangelist, has had fine success at Hollywood, and other places. He is now at Arkadelphia.

Prof. N. T. Lupton has left Vanderbilt and gone to Auburn, Ala. This is a loss, indeed. We can't stand much more.

Bishop Wilson is better and determined to try to hold his Conferences this fall. Hope he will be able for the task.

Rev. J. C. Brown, of Helena, is in the midst of a splendid work in his charge. Hope he will have the grandest success.

Rev. E. N. Evans has a protracted meeting going on in his charge. Rev. A. O. Evans, from Lonoke, is assisting him. We hope they will have a great revival.

Dr. Dye, Junior Editor of this paper, will remove his family to Argenta in a few weeks. They will be a great acquisition to our suburban city.

Rev. C. Pope passed on last week with a good lot of girls. He will get many more next year. Arkansas will certainly do a good part by Brother Pope.

Rev. J. W. Lewis, D. D., of St. Louis, did not try the Baden-Baden of Arkansas, but went up among the Northern Lakes. We hope he will be perfectly restored.

Rev. Mr. Robinson, the Evangelist, is expected in Van Buren on the 10th inst. Bro. Weems writes that they have built a great shelter and are expecting a wonderful work of grace.

Rev. S. A. Steele, D. D., pastor of the First church in Memphis, is having a passage of arms with Rev. T. W. Dye of the North Mississippi Conference. Rather hard words, brethren. Be careful.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., editor of the Nashville Advocate, took in Chataqua this summer and gave a splendid lecture, judging from the specimens given us in the last Nashville Advocate.

Drs. Bounds and Kelley had a little tilt. Rather sharp and rather tart, but they closed up with words of love. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

E. W. Winfield, son of the Senior Editor, left this week for the Vanderbilt, to enter the Literary Department of the University. He has performed fine service in the office this summer and will be much missed.

Rev. Dr. McAnally continues his racy correspondence to his paper. He has had a splendid trip to the Great West. But, Doctor, you will never change the name of our church, for the West itself will never unite on a name.

Rev. J. F. Hall of the Arkansas Conference, has contributed one of the best articles in opposition to Change of Name, yet presented. Dr. McAnally thinks he could easily present facts and figures to overthrow it, but he took pains not to do it. Dr. Chas. A. Taylor of Kentucky, simply wants the word South taken off. We won't do it. We love that word. Dr. Whiteford Smith of South Carolina, wants Episcopal Methodist church. We will never have that, for we could never be Episcopal Methodist, for we are Methodist Episcopal. The adjective won't work that way. Let the old name alone.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

A good-sized dog requires more food to keep him in order than a six-year-old boy or girl.—[Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.]

I have been benefitted by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them I have gotten something for myself.—[Rutherford.]

How shall we dare to behold that holy face that brought salvation to us, and we turned away and fell in love with death, and kissed deformity and sin?—[Jeremy Taylor.]

Dublin, Sept. 7.—Statistics just gathered show that the population of Ireland is under 5,000,000, and the number of births and marriages is below the average of the previous ten years.

A bell, now used by the fire department in Goshen, N. Y., was originally a church bell and was rung to summon the people, July 21, 1770, when the news of Brant's massacre at the Minnesink was received.

In three New York school districts the results of the election have recently been changed by women who in most cases were escorted to the polls late in the day and took their opponents completely by surprise.

After all, the Bible must be its own argument and defense. The power of it can never be proved unless it is felt. The authority of it can never be supported unless it is manifest. The light of it can never be demonstrated unless it shines.—[Dr. H. J. Van Dyke.]

The river Thames, below London, continues to develop worse and worse sanitary condition. The nauseous odor is at times almost sufficient to drive people away from its banks. Public meetings have been held in many towns to discuss the evil, and every rumor of cholera excites great fears which occasionally almost result in panics.

Inquiring Child.—"Pa, what is the difference between sitting up and sitting down?" Pa—(with perfect confidence in his ability to explain)—"Why, my child, when somebody is standing up and he seats himself, he sits down; and when he doesn't go to bed and sits down, he sits up." Inquiring Child.—"But, pa, if he sits, how can he sit without sitting down; and, if he sits down, how can he sit up?"

Don't forget that consistency in the common things of life is all important to fruitful service to God, either in direct work for him, or in any other walk of Christian life. While we are in His presence at all times, we are at certain times, more than at others, under the observation of those around us. In our home, in the office, on the street, amongst those in any respect over whom we have an influence, and before whom we walk—by these we are watched.—[Watchman.]

The Atlanta Constitution notes a remarkable coincidence in the lives of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln until each approached the climacteric of his public career. They were both born in Kentucky, Davis in 1808 and Lincoln in 1809. They both were removed from their native state in childhood, Davis being carried to the southwest, and Lincoln further to the northwest, then so called. Both of them began their political career at the same period, 1844, Davis being then a presidential elector for Polk and Lincoln an elector for Henry Clay. Both served in the Indian wars of the west, and both were elected to Congress about the same time, 1845 and 1846. And, lastly in the parallel, in the same year, and almost on the same day, they were called upon to preside over their respective governments, Davis as president of the confederate states and Lincoln as president of the United States.

## THE PRESS.

Los Angeles Advocate: After reading the doctrines of Plato, Socrates, or Aristotle, we feel that the specific difference between their words and Christ's is the difference between an inquiry and a revelation.

New York Observer: It is a significant fact that during the last ninety years over twenty-nine lives of Christ have been published in Germany. In none of them, it is safe to say, has there been any improvement on the story as told in the Four Gospels.

Nashville Advocate: The lottery for which to ex-heroes stand sponsor is doing double mischief—robbing the weak and ignorant of their money, and debauching the morals of the people. That it should be tolerated so long is equally wonderful and shameful.

Biblical Recorder: When the mourner's bench is sneered at by a milk-and-water Protestant who shows signs of going back to the confessional and other trumpery of that sort, nobody will be alarmed.—Christian Advocate. And when a church gets so far up in the 'whoop-la-p-e-es' as to be ashamed of the old tunes, it needs a missionary like Sam Jones.

Richmond Advocate: Prof. George W. Miles, of Emory and Henry College, a Methodist, and the son of a Methodist preacher, says: "I enjoy very much reading the Religious Herald."—Religious Herald. Yes, George told us she made him read it, and now he is under the hack, even to "enjoying" it. Beware, boys, of pretty Baptist girls. They will keep you in hot water—"boiled Jordan."

N. O. Advocate: Protestantism is making steady progress in France. The last official census places the number of Protestants at 580,000, but a more recent and careful computation by M. Vauches raises it to 650,000. This is the growth of comparatively a very few years. When France throws off entirely the dominion of priestly superstition and turns to the true light, she will begin a career of new prosperity and glory.

Texas Advocate: The growth of the female population in the large cities is a remarkable feature of the census of the time. New York has a surplus of about 25,000 women, Boston of 18,000, Baltimore of 17,000, and so on through the whole list of cities in the east. Fifty years ago the women stayed at home while the men came to the city to pursue their careers; now, both in Europe and this country, the women are crowding to the business centers.

Holston Methodist: These are days of great heart-toubles. The financial condition of the country has thrown many men into straitened circumstances. The duty of every such man is plain; let him economize and work; let him resolve to be honest; and then let him carry his case to the Lord. God is not unmindful of his creatures; he numbers the hairs of their heads; he counts their steps; and he gives his angels charge concerning them. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

N. Y. Advocate: There are signs of the total break-up of the Salvation Army in this country. Something has taken away the measure of sympathy which was freely given at first. The opinion expressed when their work first opened in this country—that the churches could and soon would do all the work the Army proposed to do—is still held. No organization outside the church is called for when the church is alive. The one lesson of value which the Army teaches is that the church may safely go outside the churches to do its work. But Methodism has known that for a long time. But latterly we have been too much afraid of eccentric methods.