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## General News.

When we took charge of the editorial columns of this paper, we thought we were quite explicit in our statement as to our method of conducting the paper, and our determination to steer clear of anything like party politics. Of course we understand the total impropriety of introducing anything like that into the columns of a Christian paper; but then, if we are to be a faithful journalist, we must make mention of what is occurring in all parties—condemning the wrong, commending the good, and affiliating with none. How are our people to be educated to think and vote right, unless these things are brought before them. If the church and all good men are to stand aloof and give up the offices of the country to ringsters and tricksters, then our doom is swift and certain. We shall only write as a faithful Christian journalist, and have no connection whatever with any political party, or any party politics. We hope we are now understood.

The Prohibitionists are to the front as a great national party, and their presence and power is now recognized by both parties—indeed, it is being conceded that they hold the balance of power. Both of the other parties refused the prohibition plank, and now they are discussing which party is most likely to be injured by the anti-whisky party. One thing is as inevitable as fate, and that is that Prohibition will carry in these United States. Crying fanaticism will not prevent it. The evil of intemperance is the curse of the nation, and the nation will put it down. You may mock at the women, but as they love their homes and their God, they will not pause till their work is done. Miss Francis Willard, the great Reformer, is in the field, and her matchless eloquence will not fail to stir the American heart. Noble woman! God speed thee in thy grand mission.

Cholera is hardly so severe in Toulon and Marseilles, but is now appearing in other parts of France, and also in Italy. A few cases in the old seven hilled city of Rome. Some cases are reported in different parts of our own country, but they are only sporadic.

"The sick man of Europe," called Turkey, pays a wonderful revenue to the palace. Formerly—or during the reign of the former Sultan, a check was drawn each week for \$47,000, but now it is only £17,000, and Abdul Hanna still is not happy. A miserable government and an unfortunate people.

The Franco-Chinese war is still imminent and may break out at any time; but one who seems to know, predicts that France is in no condition to go to war with China, with her difficulties with Madagascar and Egypt unsettled. But a few months, or probably weeks will determine.

The old mother country is still perplexed with her home troubles. It seems that the great fact over which they boast so much as evidencing the nation's greatness, (i.e. that the sun never sets on her majesty's domains) brings neither peace nor contentment. The franchise question is unsettled, and Parnell still gives trouble.

Egypt is still a battlefield, and it seems that the old land of the Pharaohs will never be at peace. Guess the nations will distribute it after awhile. A small engagement took place at Assman on the 8th of June that was disastrous to the Egyptians.

Our Expositions at Louisville and New Orleans are assuming vast proportions, and are attracting the attention of people abroad as well as at home.

## State News.

We found Jefferson county torn with internal strife and division last week on our pleasant visit to Pine Bluff. A great deal of excitement and much bad blood over the approaching election. We advise everybody to keep cool and vote for none but sober men for office.

Rainey had the District Conference last week, and entertained it well.

Pine Bluff is enjoying a great and rapid prosperity. Indeed, our own City of Roses will find in her no mean rival. In the sultry days of August we found the streets alive with people, and the sound of the hammer and saw in every direction. Among many other buildings is a large compress, nearing completion.

Some one is writing up Greene county in fine style in the Press, a newsy paper, published at the new town of Paragold. Well, it is a grand county, and has several nice towns, but a few more copies of the METHODIST would be of great advantage up there. Will the preachers see to this.

Primaries and county conventions are now the order of the day, and everything indicates that we are to have a sober and safe legislature.

Hon. C. M. Hervey has been nominated for county and probate judge in Miller county. That county will have a just and upright judge, and we extend congratulations.

"Somebody 'put up' freely for whiskey and cigars for the colored voters last Wednesday."—Hempstead Telegraph.—We hope that "somebody" will be defeated, and every other body like him. The time is past in Arkansas for men to buy votes with whisky, and we call on the people of Arkansas to defeat all such.

Phillips county has a very ugly personal controversy raging, and we are glad to see their county paper, the Southern Patriot, deploring it. That argues a great improvement in the right direction. These personal controversies ought not to be tolerated in church or state, and by all means should be kept out of the papers.

Many of the counties are at work collecting exhibits for the Exposition at New Orleans next winter. Sebastian county is taking extra pains.

We call attention to the appointments of Dr. Vernor in this week's issue.

Hon. J. B. Baxter is again out for representative in Monroe county, and his brother, Hon. G. W. Baxter is for State Senator in Garland county district.

Many of our country exchanges are showing wonderful signs of prosperity—both in enlarging and putting on new dresses. Glad of it; but we will have to wear our old one awhile longer—but look out gentlemen, about next Christmas.

Crops are reported as greatly improved all over the state, and the fine rains assure us of an abundant harvest.

The Ladies Journal, of Little Rock, comes out in a bran new dress, very modest and very pretty. We congratulate the editress, Mrs. Loughborough, and her sisters. Mrs. L. is one of the best writers in the state, and this journal will compare favorably with any in the country.

Base Ball is becoming endemic all over the state. Hard work for hot weather—but you are welcome to all your fun, boys, if you want play on Sunday.

Rural and Workman has dissolved partnership with the Ladies Journal. What is the matter, Brother Webber? We see with regret that the former is reduced in size, but there is no lack of interest in the matter.

## Personal.

Bishop McTyeire is still hard at work on his History of Methodism, putting in about fourteen hours a day. We had a delightful letter from him a few days ago—full of good advice and sound wisdom. We will try to profit by it. The Bishop is now in his sixty-first year, and has to work harder than ever.

Rev. H. M. Granade, besides keeping up his column this week, sends us a good letter for our paper, and therewith two subscribers and the cash. We vote him the blue ribbon, and say well done—but it is always in order to repeat.

Rev. C. C. Godden returned from Maumelle Camp-meeting on Tuesday, and reported a good meeting and a very pleasant time. Rev. J. M. Cline, Rev. T. B. Hawley, and others, were present and did good work.

Rev. J. A. Stanley, a supernumerary member of our Conference, gave us a call this week. We were sorry to see him in poor health. He has been travelling in Texas. We hope he will soon be well.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., our indomitable Book Agent, is now in Colorado, with Bishop Granbery. We hope the Great West will bring back the flush of health to his manly cheek. He is the noblest Roman of them all.

Dr. Hendrix is off on a western tour, talking up the Centenary and putting in a few good licks for Central College.

Rev. J. H. Riggin was unable to attend his District Conference, being prevented by the serious illness of his child.

Bishop Hargrove worked up Arkansas pretty thoroughly, and is now in the old North State.

Rev. E. N. Watson has returned from Texas, and thinks it a better country than ours. Great mistake, brother. Arkansas is the state of the union. All she needs is development,—but very hard to develop. You won't go away.

Rev. J. C. Brown sends no copy this week. Have you concluded to try the figurehead business? Send on the copy—we can't wait.

Rev. H. R. Withers is enjoying his blissful Hope, and sends no copy. Paper has to come out every week, brother.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett has been to the city of the Great West, Ft. Smith, and sends subscribers. Did you see our Boswell? Was he sick? No copy from that way.

Rev. E. C. Castlebery sends us the longest list that has come from any preacher except the editors, since we took charge.

Dr. John V. Spring, of Pine Bluff, whom we had the pleasure to know in his childhood, sends this editor a fine pair of golden rimmed spectacles, real Brazilian Pebbles. Ah me! Ain't it great to be an editor. A thousand thanks, my boy. Who next?

Rev. Geo. G. Smith, the able letter-writer, of Georgia, sends us a good letter—full of kind things—and promises an occasional letter. Hurry one off if you please; we are really hungry for it. We start the METHODIST to you.

Rev. Jno. H. Dye has gone off to Walnut Ridge to marry a couple.

Rev. E. L. Beard made a stirring temperance speech at the Pine Bluff District Conference. He is a host on any part of the ground.

Rev. J. G. Lafferty, of the Richmond Advocate, was better at last accounts. He is overworked.

Rev. Dr. Rosser will soon issue a book of sermons. I vouch that they will have the true ring.

## Field Notes.

Rev. J. E. Caldwell writes us a very kind letter, and sends the following note: "By request of the brethren I announce that the Annual Reunion of the surviving members of the class admitted into the Arkansas Conference in 1853, will be held at Salem Camp-ground, on the Collegeville circuit, near Benton, Saline county, Ark, September 20th, 1884." We hope to be there and witness it. I know it will be a time of great rejoicing.

Rev. T. B. Hawley writes from Benton station: "Our Little Workers Missionary Society gave a supper on the night of the 28th ult., at which they netted \$32.70. You see that is good work for children. Miss Grissel McPherson, President; W. W. Shuppach, Secretary; L. C. Moore, Jr., Treasurer." Well done for Little Benton Workers. May many imitate your example. You are following Jesus on that line.

Rev. G. W. Williams, Conway circuit, writes: "No revival yet, but engaged now in a protracted meeting for that purpose; four or five seeking religion. Expect to try at every appointment. Crop prospects are good—if the rains continue." Send us a good list and think they will.

Rev. S. D. Eyns writes: "Crops were never better. We have had a glorious revival of religion at old Mt Zion—25 converted; 30 joined the church. Spiritual condition of the circuit is good, and everybody saying success to the METHODIST." Very good—but don't you forget, my dear friend, it takes subscribers to make a success. You have done well—but continue in well doing.

Rev. J. Loving writes from Springfield and Hill Creek station: "There has been a revival of religion recently. At both appointments souls have been regenerated and the membership much revived. Short drought and fine rains recently, and now the prospect for a fine crop is very flattering." Send us another list of subscribers, old friend.

Rev. R. A. Garrison: "Had no revival—general sickness of town the cause. State of the church good and improving; will protract in October. Last ten days fine rains—a little suffering before; crops improving, and prospect good." Glad to hear it—See here, my beloved, do you stir Augusta through and through.

Rev. S. L. Cochran, Sulphur Rock circuit says: "I am now in the midst of a very fine revival in Sulphur Rock. Five bright conversions last night, and a glorious baptism in the church. The meeting has been in progress 12 days and nights, and now we are on the eve of a great revival. To God be all the glory." A nephew of our junior has been converted. See here, how does it happen that you are so long getting ready to help your friend of many journeys with a long list of subs? Hurry up.

Rev. J. R. Moore, Arkadelphia station: "Here is the card you asked for. We have repainted our church and made other repairs, with a beautiful wire fence around church and parsonage. Had a very good revival—14 professions, 12 accessions. Had a fine class-meeting yesterday. Rains abundant; cotton small but full; early corn poor; late, fine. Success to the ARKANSAS METHODIST." So far, so good; now for the other request—a long list of names for our paper. Be prompt please.

Rev. Frank Ritter wants the following words of Brother Lemons, a layman of Beebe, printed: "For God's sake don't let your pastor come to your Sunday-school to find teachers absent and word out of order. Let him be the flower of it, to cheer and comfort it, but in the name of heaven,

don't make him bear your burden—do your duty, and work up the Sunday-school." Very well—but if you want a permanent success, let the pastor of the church be also pastor of the Sunday-school.

Rev. T. H. Ware sends his fourth round of quarterly meetings, and a few cheery words from his district. See here, my son in the gospel, stir that district for the METHODIST.

Rev. E. M. Wright and others are asking help from our Church Extension Board. We are sorry to answer no funds on hand.

Rev. J. T. S. Nicholson writes from Point Cedar, on the Caddo circuit: "The Quarterly Meeting was protracted. P. E. present, in the spirit of his mission, and looking carefully after all the interests of the church. Eighteen conversions since Conference. Financially, we are behind. The stewards are looking after the interests of the preacher, and the preacher is doing his best after the collections, and we think success is certain. Drought for three years, and farmers much discouraged." Brother, circulate the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and it will stir things lively.

Rev. T. J. Smith, P. E., of Morrilton District, writes us following note: "The prospects of the district seem more encouraging. Five rains, and the crops are excellent. Preachers are all at their posts, and in favor with the people. We will look for you at the camp-meeting on Quitman circuit, September 6, 7. Hope we will have sweeping revivals all over the district." The METHODIST would help you in that line.

Rev. Jas. F. Jernigan sends a subscriber, and says: "You are making the paper fairly shine and glitter. God bless you." Thank you, dear James; and if you will send on the subscribers, we will make it shine brighter to the perfect day.

Rev. J. F. Pike writes from Garner, Ark.: "We are in the midst of a glorious revival at Lebanon church—15 penitents at the altar last night, and four conversions. The meeting grows in interest. Praise the Lord." Good report. Have all the young converts take the paper.

Rev. N. E. Skinner reports as follows from DeView: "I give you short notes from the field. I have held one protracted meeting, resulting in a number of conversions and thirteen accessions to the church. I am laboring for a general revival. I have held three Centenary services. Sixty-six persons gave thank offerings in cash and subscriptions. Whole amount promised \$136. This amount will be applied to the three great objects. Others gave to local objects. Have not cleared the decks yet, I will, if a faithful effort can accomplish it. We have a Woman's Missionary Society at DeView, with 21 members. We have promise of good crops. Have had plenty rain recently—have suffered but little. I am engaged in a protracted meeting at DeView. Will give results." Hope you will have all your expectations fulfilled; and then, don't forget the home paper.

Rev. B. N. Aston writes from Altus circuit, of a revival at one appointment, and the hope of one all around his work. Good rains and good crops, and now it is in order to help the METHODIST.

Rev. Robt. H. Poynter has been employed by Rev. J. H. Riggin, on the Auburn circuit, in the place of Rev. J. S. Carl, who has transferred to Tenn. He reports very favorably, and expects a great time on his work. He will make a full report soon. Will send you a few copies as samples, and you must be certain to work up the field.