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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Foreign.

There is a fierce contest raging in England between the Liberals and Conservatives, the former promising more than they can give, and the latter more than they ever intended to give. The registration now progressing reminds one forcibly of the days of reconstruction in the South. They are enforcing a new registration act, and instead of getting rid of ignorance, it is increasing, and more men are rejected on account of the place they sleep, than for any lack of information. Three white servants of the Lord Mayor were rejected because they slept in the Mansion, two others far more ignorant were registered because they slept in their own house.

It is said that Russia has gained nearly all she wanted by diplomacy, and for one time the bear has the lion's share.

The Russian messenger left London rejoicing over the great consumation achieved.

England is still determined to occupy Egypt.

Spain has sent a full apology for the insult to the German ambassador.

The papers give out that it is a foregone conclusion that Germany will occupy the Caroline Islands, and that Spain might as well yield the question peaceably.

The cholera is raging in Italy, and there is great excitement.

The old cry of John Adams, "Independence now and forever" is being heard again in Ireland, and the words are being shouted all along the line. Ireland says she must and she will follow Mr. Parnell. The land of Emmett has a wonderful hold on our affections and sympathies.

A dispatch from Regina, Northwest Territory, says: Riel has been respited pending a decision of the privy counsel of Britain.

### Domestic.

Hot Springs was visited by another destructive conflagration last Tuesday morning, destroying property to the amount of \$47,000.

The Globe-Democrat is filled with details of shocking crimes extending all over our entire nation. It is frightful to contemplate. Murders, suicides, assassinations, infanticides, fratricides, arson, poisonings and so on to the end of the catalogue of crimes, and so it will be as long as alcohol reigns. When, oh! when will this christian nation arise in its strenght and banish the usurper and destroyer from our land. Echo answers when!

Very little signs of any improvement in the financial world. The government is piling up millions and millions of poor laborers are suffering. Capital is becoming daily more imposing and dictatorial, and labor more exacting. Strikes are common, and we can plainly see where all this will lead unless there is a change.

Our country is overrun with office seekers, and men are more anxious about office than the good of the country. We hope when the President and his cabinet return from their summer vacations, they will wrestle with this financial problem, and find something to recommend to Congress that will bring relief. Our farming population need relief. They are fleeced by speculators, and oppressed by manufactures until it has become unbearable. Let the nation put an end to dealing in futures and stock gambling, and let the states all act on the same line, then capital will resume its ordinary channel, and an era of prosperity will begin.

## STATE NEWS.

Dr. Johnson, an old citizen of Van Buren, died last week.

Malvern has a great revival now, and Rev. Sam May is expected soon.

Rev. Mr. Grammar has had a fine meeting at Forrest City. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Early.

The Booneville Enterprise comes to us loaded with good revival news, and brim full of good reading matter.

It is now reckoned that the majority of McRae in the third district will reach 5,000. Glory enough for little Tom.

Hon. B. B. Battle is a candidate for associate Justice of the Supreme Court, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Judge Eakin. He is a first-class man.

The Democratic convention, to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Eakin, has been called to meet in this city on the 22d of October.

The burning of the Polk boys at Murfreesboro is a shocking tragedy, and a disgrace to our civilization, and those men should be ferreted out and prosecuted. We cannot and must not tolerate mob law.

Senator Berry is having a fight with the Fayetteville papers concerning the distribution of Federal patronage. If the Senator will only continue in that line, he will soon have a successor. Better not tackle the Press.

There is still much anxiety among the people as to who are to fill the offices of the national government in Arkansas. The government machine moves remarkably slow and politicians and office seekers are mighty hungry.

We hope our people will not forget that Gen. McRae is canvassing the State, and seeking help to aid Arkansas in making a great exhibit at the great Exhibition at New Orleans, to begin in November next. Let ever lover of Arkansas help in this matter.

Rev. H. H. Watson has had a good meeting in Sheridan, and he would not even give way for a show or change time of appointment for the people to go. We heard of one preacher one time that did. Good for Watson.

Judge Bearden one of the trustees of the A. I. U, has resigned. All the rest ought to follow his example unless they intend to make it what the public school law demands, i. e., an agricultural and scientific school, and not aim at the military and classical.

The trade edition of the Gazette is a wonderful triumph of enterprise and pluck, but our merchants will remember that the ARKANSAS METHODIST, is the great advertising medium of Arkansas, provided they wish to reach the people of Arkansas. Sworn circulation over 20,000 a month.

Hon. A. H. Garland is still enjoying his very quiet retreat at Hominy Hill. It is said that a few politicians have found their way out. We hope the Attorney General will find time before he returns to spend a few days in the City of Roses, and let his friends see him.

The Little Rock, Democrat publishes the paper read by Hon. F. T. Wise, at Searcy. It is a complete answer to Bro. Winfield on the school question. All of Bro. Winfield's snakes are lively, and the hatching process still continues.—[White River Journal.] We like lively snakes and we are fond of killing them. Brother Carlee will have all he can do, to attend to that "free pass snake"—and we think from his journal, that it has already distilled into the editor some deadly poison.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. J. M. Clinaw was in to see us and reports another fine meeting.

Mrs. M. M. Pennington, from Alpha, in Yell county, reports good meetings and shows a lively interest in our paper.

Hon. J. K. Jones, our able Senator, was in to see us this week. He is a living hbst. A man from the people and for the people.

The Junior has many calls to help his brethren, and would most gladly go if he could, but a glorious meeting in Argenta, and the imperative demands of this office, hold him here.

Rev. A. B. Jones writes from Huntsville, that they are filled almost to overflowing. The friends say Huntsville never had such a commencement before. We congratulate our friends.

Dr. J. A. Dibrell, Jr., has been elected Dean of the Medical Department of the State University, vice Dr. Hooper, resigned. We congratulate our friend. He is a worthy successor.

Rev. S. C. Stone, of Hope, sends us a new subscriber in Mississippi, and it is a mother, and the paper goes from a man not a churchman, in the room of a visit that he is unable to make her.

Mrs. M. E. Clarke, the former President of the famous Female College at Franklin, Tenn., has opened her Select School at Nashville, under the most favorable auspices. It is simply splendid.

Prof. H. K. Taylor, of Logan Female College, at Russellville, Ky., writes us that he has had a splendid commencement, and says they are prepared to do as good work as any College in the land.

Rev. J. W. Berry writes concerning the proceedings of the District Conference of Camden District, and gives accounts of some good meetings, but he sends the sad intelligence that Sister Jenkins, wife of the P. E., has been quite sick. Hope she is well ere this.

Rev. Andrew Hunter, D. D., was in this week. He looks well after his recent attack and was on his way to resume his work. Seventy-one, and on a circuit alive, doing faithful work, and happy still in the line of duty. Life's evening with him is calm and beautiful.

Rev. C. K. Marshall, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., spent the last Sabbath in our city. He gave Brother Jewell's people a grand sermon. He is returning from our famous Eureka. He reports Mrs. M. improving, and is enthusiastic over our celebrated Eureka.

Dr. P. O. Hooper has been elected Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, vice Dr. Hobbes resigned. A better selection could not have been made. We have known the Doctor from his boyhood, and we congratulate our State on the fact of his election and acceptance. He is learned, able and true.

Critic writes with a very sharp-pointed pen and pierces through the joints of the harness, but we always say, "Our Father which art in heaven." Bishop Keener is a fine scholar, and he says which distinguishes Our Father in heaven from our earthly father. We think he is correct, and Matthew and Luke both say which.

Col. W. E. Thompson, our Superintendent of Public Schools, made us a call this week and expresses astonishment that some of our contemporaries have published that a certain gentleman had been appointed Assistant, or Deputy Superintendent. Our school laws provide for no such officer. Strange blunder for gentlemen so well posted on popular education.

## FIELD NOTES.

It seems a long time since I have had a talk with my dear brethren, "Our Field Hands," and it is with no small degree of pleasure that we resume this agreeable task. Our Junior has given you faithful work and a first-rate paper, and we only relieve him from these notes and his part of the work temporarily, as he is engaged in a protracted service in Argenta. We feel deeply pained to have to commence this week's report with such a sad note. Our dear Brother Melton, of the Arkansas Conference, is no more, and we will never have another report from him, for he has gone to make his final report to the Great Master of us all. His brother, Matthews, shall speak of his brother and colleague in his own way: "It is with deep sorrow I write to inform you of the peaceful death of our dear Brother Melton; he died at 7 1/2 o'clock this morning, after two weeks suffering, with typho-malarial fever. He commenced his ministry here seven years ago and here he finished his work. The entire community are in gloom. On Wednesday last we buried his youngest child, little Madge, two years and two months old. Funeral services here in the morning at 7 o'clock, and then his remains will be carried to Quitman for burial. Some one will furnish obituary soon." That is truly sad, and still we do not weep as those who have no hope. In due time Brother M. will write the obituary.

Next we present a short but happy report from Brother Keith, from Collegeville: "We are now in the midst of a most interesting and promising meeting at this place. The meeting began Friday night with a prayer-meeting by the church. We came Saturday and preached morning and night, and twice yesterday, and other brethren preached and exhorted last night. A good time both yesterday and last night. The love and power of God came upon us. Many souls were made happy. We also have another meeting of deep interest in progress five miles from here, under the care and management of our dear Bro. Cottingham. It has been going on ten days. May great good be the result of both." That is grand and good.

Next comes Rev. O. H. Tucker, from Yellville, and he is a good worker and we love to hear from him: "I did not report the Yellville District Conference at once, officially, because, 1st. I was away from home two weeks. 2d. A broken finger prevented my writing. I however, had just finished an abstract of our proceedings when I received the last ARKANSAS METHODIST, giving Bro. Keith's gloomy account, and also a clipping from a Berryville paper bearing my name as secretary. It was not written for the METHODIST—perhaps some one sent it to you. A part of it I did not write at all. There appears a number of mistakes, for which I ought not to be held responsible. But it is, perhaps, useless now to send my own account. We all love the METHODIST more and more. As you know, perhaps, the St. Louis Advocate has a large run on this side of the mountain. You know Bro. Dameron's proposition to give a year's subscription. He has in my work alone—Yellville and Harrison—about 75 or 80 subscribers. But the METHODIST will leave the whole of Arkansas Methodism, and more in due time. Water, you know, will seek its level. God bless you."

Then here is a good layman from Nashville, Ark. We rejoice with our friends in that new and growing town. Brother Baldrige and his dear christian wife will soon have a good church in that town. We congratulate you: "Rev. W. M. Robinson, the Tennessee

Evangelist, closed a meeting here last week, which resulted in about 100 conversions, sixteen accessions to the Methodist church, and more will join. He is truly a wonderful man. He controls a congregation as a general does his army, and works all christians, regardless of church relation. He is bold and fearless in condemning sin and wickedness in every form. Yet his appeals are kind and sympathetic to the sinner."

Next we will give our Brother J. W. Brooks, from Cabot. He is on the mountain top. Our God has done great things for his people: "I am so overjoyed that I must tell you about it. On Friday, (the day the camp-meeting closed,) Rev. Reaves, a Baptist minister, came here and started a meeting; everybody was in the spirit; and everybody took a hand and have worked faithfully. We have succeeded wonderfully—Cabot is shaken to its very foundation—surprising, how wonderful to many; about 16 converts; Capt. Hull, Barksdale, Couch, Garrett, Hancock, and McLondon, are among them; the devils surrounded; surrender demanded; battle raging; his forces are massing; meeting will close to-morrow; pray for us, that we may capture the entire force, not leave one to plead the devil's cause in this town. Oh! ain't it good? I know you will rejoice to hear of this. Pray for us. All are well. God bless you."

Next we will give our Bro. Beard a hearing, and he is like the servant of King David, always comes with a good report: "I commenced a meeting at Moore's Chapel, the 28th ult.; results, twelve or fifteen conversions; fifteen accessions to the church and the church greatly revived. Ten penitents at the altar last night. Many bowed in the congregation for prayer. Congregations good, attentive, serious. Bro. J. F. Carr, of Pine Bluff, was with me part of the time, doing faithful work in the pulpit and in the altar. God bless him. "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Then we will close the week's report with a letter from Brother Beck, on Searcy circuit: "We have held four protracted meetings on my portion of the Gum Spring circuit. At two points, Ellis' Chapel and Lebanon, we have had glorious meetings, and lasting good has been done—near thirty conversions and twenty additions to the church. At Lebanon the young ladies worked with a zeal worthy of a Deborah or a Miriam. May God reward their faithfulness. The meeting is still going on with near 20 mourners. At another point we had less success—9 conversions and 4 accessions to the church. They desire another meeting there. May God give us a good one. At the fourth place the meeting was dead-locked by the weight of a lifeless church. But we are going back there again, and Bro. Jeffett and others are going and we expect a good meeting there yet. There is a vast work to be done here on this circuit. Many a family altar must be erected. Many a Sunday-school worker, class leader, &c., is needed here. These people are dear to my heart. "May the great Shepherd of souls keep watch over them. There are so many young people in the church, and so many others that really want to be religious. There has been an unfortunate chain of circumstances unfavorable to the growth and development of the work. With more favorable circumstances, a succession of good, faithful and working pastors, and last, but not least, the ARKANSAS METHODIST in every household, I verily believe this will become one of the banner circuits in the district or the conference."

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