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General News.

Russia and England.

The English parliament has adjourned, hence we are not treated to the usual interrogatories propounded to Mr. Gladstone by the opposition, relative to the negotiations between England and Russia. England's active and vigorous preparations for war, and the ominous reticence of the constituted authorities, have strengthened the belief that there has been a hitch in the proceedings looking to a peaceful adjustment of their differences.

Vandals continue their work of defacing and destroying paintings in the Royal Academy, London, despite the vigilance of detectives.

Burton and Cunningham, the noted dynamiters, for some time on trial in England, have been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

France.

Is in mourning over the demise of Victor Hugo, the poet and novelist. The prospect of a financial crisis there is causing much alarm.

Germany.

It is reported that England has gained a signal victory over Russia, in winning Bismarck to her cause. That the astute and wily diplomat has been well paid none will doubt, if indeed his favor has been thus purchased.

Egypt.

The natives of Dongola fearing massacre at the hands of El Mahdi, since the evacuation of the Soudan by the British, are leaving in large numbers.

Japan.

Is coming up on education. Three-fourths of her children are reported in attendance upon their public schools.

Mexico.

Yellow fever is reported in the Northern Mexican States, and against which the Arzonians want a quarantine.

Our Own Country.

Tornadoes are abroad in the land again. They have made a few close calls in the Northwest recently.

A plague known as the black tongue diphtheria, has broken out at Paris, Pa., and is spreading in the Ohio valley. Yellow Jack peeping at us from the West and cholera from the East, while cyclones and black tongue diphtheria are sea-sawing in the middle, would seem sufficient to provoke seriousness for the nonce, but in producing cankering anxiety, they are not to be compared to the tardiness of the President and Cabinet in the removal of the "ins" and the installing of the "outs." The suspense is said to be simply awful.

The President has appointed Mr. Zack Montgomery, of California, attorney general for the Interior Department. He was nominated by Mr. Garland, and has been severely criticised on account of his supposed heterodoxy in religion and public schools, but we know not how justly.

Vice-President Hendricks is spending vacation at home in Indianapolis.

The opium habit in San Francisco is reported on the increase. The horrible death of Dr. Charles Pierce, a victim of the morphine habit, there, has aroused and called public attention to the subject anew.

Ex-Gov. St. John lectured in Springfield, Ill., Monday night. He severely castigated the Republican element of the Legislature which refused him the use of the hall. He lauded the South and said in all moral questions, and particularly temperance, it was far ahead of the North.

Senator Edmonds has been summoned to testify on points in American law before the British House of Lords. He will leave Sunday.

Secretary of Navy Whitney, is proving himself vigilant and capable, and is instituting very much needed reforms, and will save the government thousands of dollars.

Director-Gen. Burke, of the New Orleans Exposition, has resigned.

State News.

The peach crop promises an unusual yield.

Gardens hereabouts are being gladdened by an occasional spring shower. Senator Dick Waller is a candidate for Congress from the Third District.

The general assembly of the C. P. Church is in session in Bentonville, Ark.

Circuit court was in session last week in Jacksonport, Judge Powell, presiding.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to burn a block of wooden buildings in Hope, recently.

Newport has a new, nice and well equipped temperance reading-room for young men.

Mrs. Judge Aiken died suddenly of apoplexy last, Saturday. We extend our sympathy.

Dr. Dunn, of Little River Co., sports a chicken with four well developed legs, and four wings.

C. W. Clark was the lowest bidder, and got the contract for the new addition to the Insane Asylum. His bid was \$59,700.

Col. Greenhaw and Dr. Redwine, of Marshall, Searcy county, called Tuesday, and report health, peace and plenty in their county.

The United States marshals arrived in Fort Smith from the Indian nation this week, with their usual and varied cargo and contribution of criminals.

Messrs. Martin & Thompson are pushing the B. & B. railroad to completion to Newport. The graders are nearing Auvergne, ten miles out from Newport.

Mr. R. L. Davis, of Jackson county, mourns the death of his noble wife. It was our sad pleasure to talk and pray with her just before she died. Bro. Ritter will furnish obituary.

Many farmers in Woodruff and other counties in the state, have had to plow up their cotton on account of a poor stand. Those who had the seed planted the second time, and those who did not planted corn.

Our newly elected mayor, or rather re-elected, is already in trouble. It is said that he is conniving at opening the gambling houses and other infamous places. We will say no more at present, but await developments.

Our grand jury, it is said, will investigate the late election and see who spent money to influence voting. Go to the bottom, gentlemen, and let no one escape, either high or low, rich or poor. The ballot box must be kept pure or we are gone.

The Arkadelphia Standard says White county is the banner fruit county. She will ship \$200,000 worth of fruit and vegetables, and that fruit growers at Judsonia clear an average of \$160 an acre from tomatoes, and \$150 from strawberries.

The Searcy Wheel-Enterprise, week before last contained a ringing call to the citizens of Searcy and vicinity to stop and entertain the excursionists who are to pass Kensett, June 4th. It is to be hoped they will not let this opportunity pass to widely advertise their town.

Some of our contemporaries have taken offence at our paragraph about patent outsiders. Well, brethren, it is only an expression of our taste, but since you don't like it, we will take it all back, and you can have just as many as you want. Please consider it withdrawn and we are friends.

The editor of the Fordyce Enterprise having recently seen the displays of Mexico and China, at the N. O. Exposition, and considering them much superior to the U. S., says he will not subscribe again to send missionaries there. The question should be raised again as to what they go there for? There is another grander and very different exhibition ahead.

Personal.

Bishop McTyeire is said to be one of Sam Jones' early hearers.

Rev. S. M. Cherry sends us a fine letter from Culleoka to adorn our columns.

Rev. Ed. T. Jones, Augusta, our old and valued friend, delighted us with a pleasant call last week.

Rev. Frank Ritter, Newport, we were glad to find in greatly improved health, and quite hopeful and happy.

Rev. W. A. Harris, Staunton, Virginia, sends us his programme this week, and his "ad" will soon appear.

Rev. J. W. Rush, editor of the Alabama Advocate, is strongly opposed to any change in our church name. So are we.

Rev. Horace Jewell reports an unusually large audience last Sunday. He will preach every night next week. We wish him abundant success.

Col. G. W. Murphey, and his brother-in-law, Col. Moore, called to see us last week. Sorry we were not in to see them. Hope they will call again.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., preaches the commencement sermon of Huntsville Female College, and Rev. A. Monk delivers the graduating address.

Rev. Julian C. Brown will deliver an address at McKenzie, Tenn., and at Altus, Ark. Those schools will be delighted with our gifted young orator.

Rev. B. M. Messick, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., has kindly added his name to our rapidly increasing subscription list. He is one of our rapidly developed men.

Judge J. S. Triplett, of St. Louis, and formerly of Searcy, is in the city. The recent death of his bright and manly boy, John, has grayed and saddened him.

Rev. David T. Leith was rendering faithful service the past week at Central church, in Memphis, and our good Brother Steele was also on hand and preached grandly.

Rev. Geo. M. Hill writes of a splendid meeting at Ozark. Twenty-nine conversions and the church much built up. P. E. Harlan was on hand and aided in the meeting.

Hon. Fred. Kramer, our newly elected mayor, is already the target for some shot and shell. He will catch more if he undertakes to open up saloons and gambling dens.

Rev. W. C. Johnson, D. D., formerly editor of the Western Methodist, was in at Central church prayer meeting last Wednesday morning. He seemed to be in fine health and spirits.

Rev. E. N. Evans paid us a nice visit, and says we may tell everybody that the new Chapel is going right forward. Brother Clark, the celebrated brick man says the same.

Hon. Simon P. Hughes, our worthy governor, will orate at Clinton on the 16th of June, before the Clinton High School. The preacher goes before the governor at that time and place.

Rev. A. B. Jones, president of Huntsville Female College, lays us under obligation by sending us an invitation to his next commencement. The invitation is a beauty, and we know it will be a grand occasion.

Rev. Cadesman Pope has accepted the Presidency of Millersburg Female College, and will enter on duty next September. Arkansas will patronize her old son, for he is every way deserving.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty, editor of the Richmond Advocate, is one of the most liberal spirited christian men we wot of. He is delivering lectures to help repair a Baptistery in one of the Baptist churches of the Old Dominion. Noble example.

Our Senior returned from Somerville, Tenn., Saturday and left Sunday night at midnight, for Nashville and other points. He will be absent till June 5th. He delivers an address at Culleoka, May 28th, and at Huntsville, Ala., June 2d; Altus, Ark., June 10th, and at Clinton, Ark., June 14th.

Field Notes.

We begin the weekly report from the field hands with a note from one of our former field hands and now filling a worthy place in the local ranks. Rev. Dejalma Leake is now at Lacey, and sends us the following report: "I suppose you are aware of the fact that I have been appointed by the Elder to take charge of the Lacey circuit. So to-day finds us fully installed as preacher in charge, going ahead best we can, looking after all the interests of our blessed Church. Our Church in south-east Arkansas, to some extent, is behind, but I feel that on Lacey circuit she is moving up to the front. The people are taking a greater interest in going to church than ever before, and I feel that the P. C. is doing the best preaching of his life. The older I get the more need I feel for it, and I pray that this year may be the grandest year of our ministry; many souls may be added to the church. The METHODIST is growing in favor with my people, and long may it continue to grow, until every family in Arkansas shall welcome its coming." So we find that our brother is again a field hand in the full acceptance of the term, and we offer the right hand of fellowship and shall expect great things for the METHODIST.

Now we will give some good notes from the indomitable Granite: "In nearly every charge in Batesville district, White River conference, we are having refreshing times from God. The old fire burns—family altars are kept up—personal piety is growing with many—Sunday-schools are flourishing and growing in true spirituality—churches are being built; class and prayer-meetings, church conferences and love feasts are greatly increased and improved; our papers and literature used; large numbers attend the sessions of our quarterly conferences. Methodism asserts her loving power under God to meet the spiritual demands of the day and save the people. The preachers though receiving only a pittance of a support are bravely battling on, looking for success and trusting God and his people for supplies. Our local preachers, many of them, are stirring up themselves to renewed effort, and will be a power for good. Discipline is being enforced where needed, and this does good. Whiskey nearly gone from our borders, many under conviction about tobacco, peace and good will prevail. We will succeed if we faint not." A traveling preacher in a private letter to his P. E. says: "I have a great desire to work in my Master's vineyard. 'I love thy kingdom Lord; the house of thine abode,' and I love our particular branch of the kingdom. I realize more fully than ever the necessity of thoroughly indoctrinating and methodising our people. Our system of salvation is scriptural in all its parts. The redemption of children, their relation to God through the atonement; a possible salvation to every sinner; the free moral agency of every man, all the time from the moment he becomes responsible until he enters the kingdom above; the full and constant deliverance from all sin; the being perfected in love; yet subjected to temptation, and conscious of weakness and having always to watch unto prayer. And O if Methodists would but faithfully use the means of grace as furnished in our beloved Zion. I hope you will stir up our preachers and officials on these things, especially on the use of our social meetings and the faithful yet loving administration of discipline. I need rubbing up on these things myself, and it done in the presence of the Quarterly Conference it would do the officials good, and help to bring them more into co-operation with the pastor. Lord, what an unprofitable servant am I! Shall I ever live at this poor,

dying rate?" This extract indicates that his mind is being moved by the Holy Spirit to do faithful work. This is what we now need. As the farmer must labor earnestly all through sowing and cultivating time in order to a harvest, so must we workers in the Lord's field. O Lord, still stir us up to strive and we will work on for souls and for thee."

Rev. Thos. Franks, pastor on Viola circuit, White River conference, writes to the P. E.: "We have had church conferences at every place; have had some good meetings; have four members on trial for immorality; congregations getting larger each time; two regular prayer meetings; nine Sunday-schools, only two of them Methodist, the others are union; getting no support, but I am still living and not discouraged. A good interest manifested all over the work."

Rev. E. A. Garrison, P. C., White River Conference, says: "I wrote to you last week but the waste basket devoured it; 'tis all right, you are editors, and I never was classed among the grumblers; will still work for our paper and trust to add many to the hundred and odd subscribers here, gained by my honored predecessors and your Junior. This is the third week of our protracted meeting—church with armor on—our morning services enlivened with triumphant shouts of rejoicing christians; house crowded at night; twenty-six penitents; several accessions; we expect greater things; we thank God and take courage. Presbyterian and Baptist pastors are working with us. The sweet-spirited Jeffett and the ready, warm-hearted Bennett have the full armor on and battling nobly for the Master. Can not one of you 'come over and help us?' Reader, we ask you to pray for us."

Sorry we can not go, but the absence of the Senior necessitates our "tarrying by the stuff."—JUNIOR.

Now we will close this week with one from Brother S. W. Register, from Jamestown: "I thought I would write you a few lines about a Sunday-school celebration and picnic in my charge, at Pine Grove, on the 2d and 3d. The school met at 10 a.m. and formed in line and marched in procession with banner with this inscription: 'Pine Grove Sunday-school' and 'Work for Jesus.' There were about 100 in the procession, and as they marched they sang some of those beautiful songs in the 'New Life' such as 'Work for Jesus,' 'Do Good,' 'What a Friend we Have in Jesus,' 'Happy Pilgrim,' and several other beautiful pieces. After the march all were seated in the grove, estimated at about 600 persons in all, and we had three addresses, after opening with prayer by Bro. Z. T. Griffin, followed by an address by the writer, then one by Rev. Z. T. Griffin. We then adjourned for dinner, which consisted of a great many good things, such as ham, chicken, pies, custards, cake, and other things too tedious to mention. After dinner was over we had another speech by Rev. T. Hamby. The school then marched again and sang several songs and then dismissed. All passed off in peace and love. All religious denominations took part in the celebration. We had a nice time all the way through. We have a good, religious people on the mountain; old citizens tell me that they have not heard a profane oath on this mountain in years. People here live in the enjoyment of religion every day and are training up their children to love God. Oh what a good thing it is to see parents and children in the service of God. We have a Sunday-school at all of my appointments, all in good working order, all Methodist schools. I hope that God will bless them all. I pray that they will be instrumental in bringing the young and rising generation to Christ."