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GENERAL NEWS.

Our Own Country.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The white house was reopened to the public today. The building has been cleaned and renovated during the president's absence and is now in condition for his return.

It is estimated at the treasury department that there has been a decrease of about \$3,000,000 in the public debt during the month of August.

An impression is said to prevail among the cattle-men that the order of the president of August 14, calling for the removal of all fences on the public lands will not be enforced. It is stated at the department that this order will be enforced to the letter, and with the full force of the military if necessary.

The cattle-men are leaving the territory with their cattle, as ordered by the president.

New York, Aug. 31.—Col. Fred Grant, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Sartoris arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel this evening. The party will remain at the hotel until Wednesday, when Mrs. Sartoris will sail for Europe. Mrs. Grant will then go to Westchester county to visit her son.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number: For the United States, 165; Canada, 24; total, 189; compared with 177 last week and 168 the week previous.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 28.—The revised estimate of the loss by the storm is \$1,090,000, including \$400,000 along the wharves and \$550,000 of private property. One-fourth of the houses in the city were unroofed.

Foreign.

Cholera is reported at Nagasaki, Japan.

Russia is watching English manoeuvres in Japan.

Mr. Gladstone has left Norway for the Shetland Islands.

Russian naval manoeuvres at Hel-singfors are to be conducted in secret. Rev. Mr. Talmage preached to immense crowds at Belfast, Ireland.

Germany has assured Spain of a desire to settle the Caroline Islands dispute amicably.

The king of Dahomey raided the French protectorate of Porto Novo to carry off 1,000 captives whom he proposed to sacrifice in cannibalistic religious festivals.

Calcutta has a population of 800,000, of whom only 5,000 are Europeans. The streets are straight, but the houses are of the slenderest construction, a bamboo frame filled in with sun-dried bricks or nothing.

Italy

Small pox has appeared in Italy. A terrible thunder storm visited the city of Pisa on the 30th ult. The lightning was awful, and caused great destruction. It struck and shattered the tower of the church of St. Cecilia, and that of the church of San Giuseppe. The former was so badly split it is expected to fall at any time. Although subjected to the hardest storm in Pisa during the present generation, the "leaning tower" remains uninjured.

Germany

Berlin, Aug. 31.—Emperor William yesterday gave an exhibition of the excellent health he is at present enjoying. He attended the annual shooting for an eagle by the foot guards at Potsdam, fired several shots himself, and made an address to the marksmen on their achievements.

Spain.

Cholera is gradually decreasing, but the panic continues.

Madrid, Aug. 31.—The Spanish government has forwarded to Germany a copy of an agreement signed three years ago by the native chiefs, in which they recognize the sovereignty of Spain over the Caroline Islands.

STATE NEWS.

J. M. Battle, Beebe, was acquitted last week.

Helena is making extensive preparations for a fair this fall.

Goldman Times: Business is getting better and the merchants are happy.

The Temperance Herald is the name of a new paper just started at Devals Bluff. We have not seen it, however.

Dardanelle Post: Mr. Murphy has made all the brick for the new school-house, and this week is burning them.

Fayetteville Sentinel: The school building is now up into the second story, and begins to look conspicuous in the distance.

Rev. W. C. Malone, Wittsburg, writes us a brief letter, in which he says he sent us an account of his district conference. Sorry we did not get it.

Jackson county Herald: The crop reports are not as good as they were several weeks ago. Dry weather has done considerable damage to corn and cotton.

Des Arc Citizen: As a rule the crops of Prairie county are good, but some few of our best farmers say crops are very little better than they have been for four years past.

Paragould Press: That the fall business is about to be inaugurated is evidenced by the increased amount of rolling stock being placed on both the I. M. and T. & St. L. roads.

St. Francis county News: The merchants of our town have been expecting a big trade this fall, but the long continued drouth has marred, to a considerable extent, the once splendid prospect.

Camden Beacon: Several bales of new cotton found their way to town this week.—Turnips have been sown in many localities down here, but for want of rain, they have failed to come up.

Brother T. C. Humphrey, Paris, writes us calling our attention to a few errors in his report of the district conference. As we are so crowded, and the errors are of small moment, we do not publish his letter.

Clarendon Sun: Work on the new Methodist church has been suspended for quite a while, lack of means to complete it being the cause. It is hoped arrangements will soon be perfected, by which it can be finished.

Rev. C. Pope, the accomplished president of Millersburg Female College, called last week. He passed up the St. L., I. M. & S. road Thursday, Sept. 3, en route home. Quite a number of young ladies accompanied him.

Sheridan Headlight: A panther sprang into the house of a Mr. Hobbs, at Porter, and tried to carry off a baby. It was driven away by a fusillade of rolling-pins, pitchers, wash bowles, boot-jacks and other articles of family use.

Three colored boys in Argenta disturbed public worship at one of the colored churches there last Sunday night, and to avoid arrest went to the Union depot to take the south bound passenger train for Texarkana. They laid down under some cabooses which were on the side-track and went to sleep. During the night a train backed in on that track, and moved the cars they were under, and cut one leg off of one of them, and cut the leg of another off, and broke his back. The third awakened in time to escape. The way of the transgressor is hard, indeed. The leg of another man in Little Rock was cut off the same day, and the foot of another in Argenta. Four by the trains—all in one day.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Thomas A. Craig has been very ill. Hope he will soon be well again.

Rev. Bascom Monk's father-in-law died recently. We extend sympathy.

Rev. Dr. Hunter has been somewhat indisposed, but able to work again.

Rev. Dixon C. Williams reports 165 conversions at Lampassas in six days and the meeting still going on.

Rev. A. T. Galloway is at Hot Springs for his health. May he soon be well, and return to his loved employ.

Prof. J. W. Conger, president public schools, Prescott, and secretary of the State Teachers Association, received a most cordial greeting at Searcy, last week.

Prof. Midyett, of Wheatly, accompanied by his wife, attended the association at Searcy. We were glad to meet them, and wish them increased success in their school.

Bros. Bennett and Wiley held a union meeting at Gum Springs, near Searcy, last week. We were there two nights. There were between 30 and 40 penitents when we left.

Rev. B. A. Morris and J. J. Bagley, Mt. Zion, have written and urged us to attend their protracted meeting, which begins Saturday, September 5th. It seems now simply impossible.

Mr. J. O. Blakeny has resigned his position with the Democrat, and will hereafter be connected with the Calhoun Land Company, head-quarters at Luna's Landing. We wish him success in his new field.

Col. Wood E. Thompson's many friends will regret to hear of the continued illness of his wife, to whose bed-side he has been frequently summoned recently by telegram. We hope soon to announce her recovery.

Rev. W. R. Foster has so far recovered from his recent serious illness as to be able to visit his appointments again. We were glad to welcome him to our office Monday—if he did "go for" us about the skating rink.—[Paragould Press.

James E. Winsett, Searcy, and than whom Searcy has no better citizen, was called recently to the dying bed of his aged mother, at Somerville, Tenn. Full of years, faith and good works, she passed away. She awaits him on the other and golden shore.

Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, kindly invites us to the County Sunday-school Convention at Portia, September 17th. He has received a letter from General Passenger Agent Townsen, declining any further reduction of fare on Iron Mountain road to the members of the conference.

Evangelist Robison passed through Little Rock September 1st, en route to Milan, Tenn. He dropped off a P. C., on which he said, "Voice gone and almost sick. Had 100 conversions at Nashville, Ark., and 60 at Lockesburg. Hope to be able to be at Van Buren 10th inst."

Rev. C. C. Godden, our excellent sub-Bishop, and his faithful corps of workers, did splendid service at the Austin Camp-meeting. It was a glorious success. We were with them one night only. Revs. Brooks, A. O. and E. N. Evans, Parker, Davis, Clayton, Biggs, and perhaps others, were there.

Prof. W. C. Stubbs, of the A. & M. College, has resigned his professorship of Chemistry in that institution, to take a like position in the Louisiana A. & M. College.—[New Orleans Advocate.] Prof. Stubbs is a cousin of the wife of the Junior editor of this paper. We wish him abundant success in his new field.

NEWS AND NOTES.

W. S. Barrett has bought the Helena World. We wish him success.

A girl should marry for protection instead of for revenue only.—[N. O. Item.

Rev. J. J. Tarlton, Clinton, one of our best workers, sends more subscribers and money. Many thanks.

One crumb of divine grace and help may be multiplied to feed five thousand wants and anxieties.—[Abbott.

Coal was not mined in the United States till 1812. In England it was used in the days of the Roman occupation.

Dr. Allen, superintendent of our missions in China, wants 150 men and women sent to that field in the next five years.

Bro. Moore, of the Booneville Enterprise, has been holding an interesting revival near town. He is a good preacher.

The American Agriculturist comes to hand with its usual spice and variety. It is laden with good advice to farmers. \$1.50 per year.

The skating rinks have been reopened at Argenta and Clarendon. O, my! What have these good people done to be thus afflicted?

Secretary of the Navy, Whitney, has not yet taken a pleasure excursion in a government boat and at government expense, as his immediate predecessors did.

Rings in the woody fibre of trees are now said to be a very uncertain indication of age. Mexican trees only twenty-two years old are found to have 230 layers or rings.

Rev. E. C. Castleberry has gone to Fulton county for his health. Bro. J. T. Smith, Argenta, has gone to join him. We wish them restored health and a speedy return.

A fearful cyclone struck Charleston, S. C., last week, and unroofed one-fourth the buildings in the city. It lifted a large schooner out of the water and landed it across the railroad track.

According to the returns made to the Japanese Government in 1885, there were then about 80,000 christians—45,000 "Protestants," 25,000 Roman Catholics, and 10,000 "Greek Orthodox"—in the empire.

The Paragould Press tells of a man in that county who put his toe on the hammer of his gun and blew into the barrel to see if it were loaded. His toe slipped off, and away went his head.

Since 1885, it is stated, 4,609 persons have been struck dead by lightning in France, 1,000 have received fatal injuries, 4,000 have been seized with momentary and temporary paralysis, 20,000 have been struck without receiving any injury.

The first year of the history of Canada Methodism unified has passed. The returns have been made respecting the conferences situated in Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba, and the increase of membership exceeds 17,000.

Chicago Socialists had a picnic recently, and one of the mottoes displayed on the processional banner was, "Our Children cry for Bread." No doubt but they did, for 300 kegs of beer were drunk at the same picnic. [Conway Democrat.

Arkansas Gazette: The cotton receipts at Memphis for the year ended August 31st, aggregated 430,000 bales, 20,000 less than last year, owing to short crops in the Memphis district. The receipts at Little Rock for the same period were larger than in any previous year.

THE PRESS.

S. W. Methodist: "Temperance" is a theme which belongs to the pulpit as much as "righteousness and judgment to come."

Nashville Advocate: The effort to lift up the degraded masses will never succeed in any country until they are provided with decent houses. Human beings herded like cattle will be brutish.

Pacific Methodist: The Moravian missionary ship, Harmony, with three missionaries, recently sailed on the 116th annual voyage from London to Labrador, which the Society's ships have made since 1770 to that bleak and isolated coast.

Alabama Advocate: The Presbyterian Church, it is said, has twelve physicians in China. Dr. Kerr has practiced thirty years in Canton. In 1888 he, with his two assistants, treated 16,000 persons and performed 2,000 operations.

New York Independent: A little quiet shutting of the mouth when we are tempted to tell what we "heard about somebody" would soon cure that abominable, soul-cursing, mind-destroying habit of small talk in which we indulge.

Los Angeles Advocate: Christ left his grave-clothes behind him in the sepulcher because he rose to die no more; death was to have no more dominion over him. Lazarus came out with his grave-clothes on, for he was to use them again; but Christ, rising to immortal life, came out free from those incumbrances.

Western Advocate: There is no longer any use for church bells. They sound pleasantly at a distance but to those near by they are a nuisance. Centuries ago, when nobody had a clock or watch, bells were useful, but people who can go to the depot on time can go to church on time.

St. Louis Advocate: Spiritual life does not advance by its own momentum, but it takes constant daily care. The reading God's word and the frequenting of the closet is as necessary at the middle and end as at the beginning. A sad spectacle to see a soul feeding on the memories of past blessings, instead of real and present ones, the fruit of a living present faith.

Christian Index: Bishop McTyeire, in an address on Church Extension, made a point very neatly and sharply, when he said, "God will bless Jacob lying down on a stone, but when Jacob got to be better off the Lord required him to build a house." The Jacobs who are sleeping on stones, because they are too stingy to build houses of worship, will please make application.

New York Tribune: It is an interesting fact that many American men of letters are not college graduates. Walt, Whitman, Whipple, Trowbridge, Field, Parton, Bayard, Taylor, Eggleston, Harte, Howells, James Aldrich, Lathrop Stockton, Platt, Cable, Crawford, Fawcett, Gilder, Harris, Carleton, "Mark Twain," Stoddart, and Burroughs, it is said, have gained all their knowledge and culture outside of college walls."

Texas Advocate: One of the arguments (?) constantly used by liquor-trade politicians is that prohibition does not prohibit. If not, why not? Simply because liquor-dealers are not, as a class, law abiding citizens. Yet this is the class whose "personal freedom" to work ruin is so precious in the eyes of great statesmen. Whenever this argument is used, score it as a threat. Where prohibition is voted let its friends see to it that prohibition shall prohibit in spite of liquor-dealers and politicians.