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GENERAL NEWS.

Domestic.
Great interest is felt in the approach of the session of Congress. Some suppose that the republican majority in the Senate will refuse to confirm the nomination of the President, and in any way possible embarrass the administration. This would be so manifestly unwise and suicidal a policy, and so subversive of the public good, that we do not believe they will attempt to do it, it will tend to prolong the reign of Democratic power.

The Orphan Home for colored people at Chattanooga, was destroyed by fire Monday. The children 54 in all, were saved. All furniture and bed-plate.

Advises have been received at the War Department to the effect that General Sherman in the western territories are generally observing the proclamation issued by President Cleveland last August, directing the removal of the reservation public lands. In some cases, however, the owner of a tract has not only refused to give the fees already constructed, but has begun to extend them, and in some cases the general has been obliged to bring suit to compel observance of the law. A point has been made whether they may fence in their own tracts, or whether the tracts belong to them, and the department holding that the public lands must not be fenced.

The New York Bible Society, the Society whose sole work is to disseminate the Bible in the city of New York, circulated last year 74,606 copies of the Holy Scriptures, of which 67 were in public institutions, 67 in Sunday-schools and families, 7,000 in trams arriving, and 70 were placed in 2,500 vessels at sea.

The South India Conference has been engaged in street preaching, and sixty-seven others who were present. In Calcutta they were Europeans wholly given to the work, one native who preaches in Calcutta, and four who preach in the city.

Brother Keener narrowly escaped a fatal accident. A train on the railroad following ten minutes after the one that bore him along, struck on the bridge across a ravine and resulted in much loss of life.

Washington special says a report that in diplomatic circles that the Austrian Government will not send an ambassador to Washington until the coronation of Mr. Kieley shall be applied in Vienna. Baron von Schu, who left here for Austria on Monday, is expected to return to Vienna on Monday, and will be placed on the retired list, as he served his full time in the diplomatic corps.

Foreign.
Dispatch from Belgrade says the Serbs have evacuated all positions before occupied by them, and the Russian, Bosniak, Pernik and Izavar in the hands of the Bulgarians. The Serbians are still retreating. It is believed that the Bulgarian cavalry have killed Tzaribrod.

News of a final victory for the Serbs are fading, and there is much uncertainty.

Telegram from Sofia says the Serbs have bombarded Widdin and that the city is on fire.

The popular hatred of the Bulgarians against the Serbs is increasing. The Serbs are preparing for a bombardment of Ezeritsa by the infantry on Monday. The bombardment took place on Sunday. The Serbs and Bulgarians are awaiting reinforcements.

On account of the strength of the forts at Slavutice and their obstinate resistance, the Servians call that town "Plevnizza, or little Plevna."

Subscription lists have been opened throughout Austria and Hungary in aid of the Servians and liberal responses are being made to the appeals for help. There are 6000 wounded men at Plevna.

The foreign diplomatic representatives here are of the opinion that the powers are about to intervene between Serbia and Bulgaria, believing that both sides have suffered enough, while results are undecided. Austria alone hesitates.

The political contest in England is waxing hotter. It is a little difficult to forecast the result. But we will report the result promptly. Gladstone and Salisbury are proving themselves able and skillful leaders of political campaigns.

STATE NEWS.

Hot Springs had a \$3000 blaze last Sunday.

Fire in forest fires have been raging near Pine Bluff.

Claway had a most disastrous fire Tuesday morning.

The name of the Cleveland County Argus has been changed to the Kingsland Kicker.

Maj. S. N. McChesne, Double Write, had his gin destroyed by fire Monday night. He sustained a similar loss one year ago.

Brother Sam Crabtree's new Hub, at Beale, has commenced turning, but it has not yet rolled into our office. Success, old friend.

The cotton crop is nearly all gathered and sold. We are informed that half a crop was raised—half a bale to the acre. (Clarendon Sun.)

The cornerstone of the Arkansas School for the Blind, was laid with imposing ceremonies last Tuesday. Judge U. M. Rose delivered the address.

Parnell, the great Irish leader and agitator, will visit this country next February, and preparations are already being made to meet and greet him by our Irish citizenship.

His Excellency, Gov. S. P. Hughes, spent two or three days in our town the past week, the guest of Capt. Parker C. Ewan. This is the Governor's old home and the good people of old Monroe always extend to him a hearty welcome. (Clarendon Sun.)

Our school, which we spoke of last week, has played out, just as we fear the town of Harrisburg will do, for a town without a school is very apt to be put down as a dead beat. The people who have the large interests here ought to remedy this thing. (Freeman's Express.)

Ten miles of steel rails were received at this point by the Arkansas Midland railroad Sunday, and are being unloaded now. The new rails will be put down from Helena out and the old material used in building the Indian Bay tap road, mentioned in the World some time since. (Helena World.)

Arkansas has had the following governors since it became a member of the Union, elected in the order of their names, viz: James Conway, Archibald Yell, Thomas S. Drew, John B. Roan, Elias N. Conway, Henry M. Rector, Harris Flanigan, Isaac Murphy, Powell Clayton, Elisha Baxter, A. H. Garland, Wm. R. Miller, Thomas J. Churchill, James H. Berry and Simon P. Hughes. All of these are now living except James Conway, Archibald Yell, Thomas S. Drew, John B. Roan, Harris Flanigan and Isaac Murphy. In addition to these Ozro A. Hallett, John Adams, Richard Byrd, Thomas Fletcher, John R. Hampton and John W. Stayton have acted as governor by virtue of their position as president of the senate. (Arkansas Gazette.)

PERSONAL.

Mrs. M. R. Shippey shall be the first mentioned person in our enlarged paper, because she sent us a new subscriber the other day, wrote us a good letter, and never has complained of our paper in any way, and she closes her letter rejoicing over a family altar and a happy christian home.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., was licensed to preach in 1825, hence he has been preaching 60 years without a break. Can any Conference North or South equal that history. He is 78—nearly 79—and still hard at work.

Rev. R. J. Wynn, formerly of Georgia, now a supernumerary of North Texas Conference, is 80 years old and was converted in 1825. He married Bishop Pierce. He said he was born converted, but Dr. McFerrin said, "No you wasn't."

Rev. J. W. Cunningham was among the visitors at Corsicana and Paris. He is working in the interest of the South-Western of St. Louis, which to the lay is a real good paper, and it should be run on its merits and not try to give it away to introduce it. That is bad policy and poorer principle.

Rev. Jas. Mackey is one of the leading spirits of the Northwest Texas Conference, and is much beloved by preachers and people. He is a first-class man everywhere, and a good hand on an anecdote and will furnish no trimmings.

Major C. G. Newman of the Pine Bluff Commercial, was brutally assaulted by one Dave Pruitt, a gambler. Major you are right in this fight, but very wrong in a paragraph on Foreign Missions some weeks ago. In this you are like yourself, in the other very unlike, and wicked at that.

Rev. M. H. Wells was one of the towering figures at Corsicana. This is the former home of two noble Arkansians, Mackey and Wells, and now a third has possession in the person of Rev. W. H. Vaughan. Corsicana loves the Arkansas preachers and the city has a great many noble Arkansians in its limits. We found our friend Malloy here and he is doing well, also A. Adams, formerly of Augusta, Ark.

Rev. Dr. John W. Heidt, Regent of the South-Western University, was at Corsicana and Paris. He moves off in a grand way, and has made a very happy impression on the Texas folks preachers as well as people.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, formerly of Missouri, is the Financial Agent of the University and is succeeding very finely. He is a worker.

Rev. Samuel Morris is still one of the indefatigable itinerants of the North-West Texas Conference. We will never cease to regret his leaving our Conference. A real true man and a sincere christian.

Candy Johnson is a brakeman on the Trans-Continental R. R., between Sherman and Texarkana, and no railroad ever had a letter. Candy is a strong Methodist and says the Baptists were found on an island just after the deluge holding close communion. What does Brother Womack say to that? Well, Candy and this writer has a contract for the future, but we will keep that quiet lest some person should interfere.

Rev. Thomas Stanford, our old P. E., was at Corsicana and still reports for duty. Age has silvered his head, but his manly form is still erect and he is as ever a model man and a devoted christian minister.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, one of our Arkansas boys, was the host of the Conference at Corsicana, and was returned by Bishop McTyrre. He is popular and well beloved by his church. He is doing a fine work.

Rev. W. R. Davis, one of our workers in 1861, and other years, is among the brethren of the North Texas Conference and looks as strong and sturdy

as ever. He is loved and trusted by his brethren of Texas.

Rev. Jno. M. Clayton, editor of the Rising Wave, was at both of the Texas Conferences, and he was making things lively for his lively monthly sheet. He thinks and says, that prohibition is sure to win.

Rev. Warner Moore, son of our old friend Smith Moore, is the popular pastor of our church at Humboldt and is much beloved.

Bishop Granbery preached on last Sunday to a large and appreciative congregation at the First Methodist Church in this city. Dr. McFerrin preached at night to a full congregation, a sermon of great spiritual power. The congregation at First Church feel that they have had a rich feast in the ministrations of these devoted servants of the church. Bishop Granbery has always been a favorite with the people of Little Rock.

Dr. Young preached to a large audience at the Congregational Church on Sunday night. The brethren of that church were delighted with our Missionary Secretary.

Rev. M. E. Butt of the Fort Smith district, has been spending a few days in the city, the guest of his son-in-law, Dr. George.

Rev. C. H. Ford, P. C., Clarendon, is having a most gracious revival in that town. We rejoice with him in the glorious work.

Rev. Dr. Anderson writes us from Newport, that the revival there is growing in interest, and invites us to assist in the meeting, which we would most gladly do, but for the Senator's absence, and the urgent demand of many duties. The Herald mentions Dr. A's pulpit ministrations in terms of high praise.

Rev. G. A. Donnelly is attending the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons. He preached in Argenta on Sunday, at 11 a. m. His excellent work with him, and in some what improved health we are glad to note.

Rev. E. N. Evans has returned from Texas and is well pleased with his appointment, Decatur. He will move into the new parsonage.

Rev. J. R. Steele has been assigned to Irrel Station, Texas, and is also a parsonage, and happy. Great success, brethren.

Dr. R. A. Young and J. B. McFerrin gave the brethren of the Little Rock Churches an agreeable surprise by spending Sunday with them, they were detained on the Iron Mountain road by the burning of the bridge on the Little Missouri; it being their original intention to have reached Nashville on Saturday night. They have concluded not to return to Nashville until after the Arkansas Conference.

THE PRESS.

Dr. McFerrin managed the collection for Paine Institute in the conference at Corsicana. The grand old beggar raked in \$550 in a few minutes. (Texas Methodist.)

In Madagascar, where as late as 1857 nearly two thousand people were put to death for adhering to the Christian faith, there are now 1,200 churches and 71,586 communicants. The native churches during the past ten years have given nearly \$1,000,000 for the spread of the gospel. (Richmond Advocate.)

The attempt to turn back the tide of foreign colored labor by the means resorted to by the mobs in the western part of the United States is odious, and the injustice done the Chinamen in the recent attacks on them is an act of spoliation committed against the world at large. (London Times.)

Nothing so quickens all church agencies as the direct work of saving souls. Many churches spend all their time and strength in the indirect work and never get to the main and direct

work. May the Southern Methodist Church always take the shortest cut to do the direct work!—(St. Louis Advocate.)

The saloon keepers of St. Joseph, Mo., have been forced at last to respect the Sunday law. It is rumored that there are three indictments against every one of the 120 saloon keepers in the city. Last Sunday the saloons were all closed, and those who have hitherto defied the law in keeping their saloons open promise to respect the law in the future.

The missionary ship Morning Star, sent out by the children of the A. B. C. F. M., returned last month to the Sandwich Islands, from a cruise among the Gilbert and other Western Islands of the Pacific. She was to sail again about the 10th inst. to visit the Marshall and Caroline Islands, and was expected to return to Honolulu about the 1st of March next. The vessel is doing good service in the cause of missions, and is contributing largely to the comfort and usefulness of the missionaries.—(Observer.)

Dr. Woodrow was ejected from the Perkins professorship of the Presbyterian University at Columbia, S. C., because in his lectures he taught evolution as a theory. He appealed, and the Synod of South Carolina has reversed the decision of the court below. The action sustains Dr. Woodrow, without endorsing evolution.—(Holston Methodist.)

"We have congregations of German, English, Polish, Portuguese, Bohemian, Russian, Roumanian, and Dutch Jews, but no single congregation organized by young American-born Israelites, and appealing to their social, religious, and intellectual wants." We would like to know how many American-born Israelites have become members of Christian congregations.—(Jewish Messenger.)

The decrees of the Penary Council, held in Baltimore last year, have been returned from Rome with the Pope's approval, after some slight modifications. They will be promulgated by Archbishop Gibbons at an early date. If the decrees on the subject of the liquor traffic remains as adopted, we may expect a stir in the Bonish camp. No wonder there is serious concern among the "faithful." What would Romanism do without the saloon keepers? We doubt not that fully nine-tenths of the groggery-men of this country are members of that communion, and in good standing. Let the decrees ring forth. For the honor of the Christian religion Rome ought to cleanse herself of this curse and crime.

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The limited issue of the "Unexpurgated Edition" of Sam Jones's Sermons was exhausted long ago. There is not a single copy for sale. The Publisher hopes this notice will stop orders for it, as it will not be reissued.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST appears this week, enlarged, and in a new dress, pasted, trimmed and folded. We have kept our promise and have done our utmost to meet the demands upon us. We took charge of the paper a little over a year ago, during the financial depression, the like of which this country had not seen before for years, and which has not yet subsided. The METHODIST then had 1800 subscribers, and it now has nearly 6,000. We issue a few more than that number this week. It is now a six column quarto, contains the latest news in our own, and other lands, to be obtained the day we go to press. Also state news, gleaned from our exchanges. Field notes from the three conferences, and the best correspondence from various states. Its children's department has been enlarged and will be additionally attractive, and more space will be given to the obituary column, giving great relief to us, and much more satisfaction to our brethren. Our missionary, temperance, home and farm, kitchen and garden intelligence, will be fuller and more interesting and instructive. Now will not our readers and friends, preachers, laymen and laywomen, help us to extend our circulation to 10,000 in the near future?

DYE & WINFIELD.

COURTESY.
Our brother Gullbey replies to our paragraph in a very kind style, and sweet spirit, but we still think it is wrong for Bro. Gullbey or any other editor to undertake to gain a foothold in the territory of another paper, where it is laboring to supply a long felt want and meet local demands, by giving away their subscription price, either to preacher, subscriber or charity. It is an effort to underbid and undermine your brethren, who do not chance to have so much money to back their enterprises, and undertake to do a work that you never do for it is simply impossible for a St. Louis paper to meet the wants of Arkansas. We say most emphatically that all this is out of order and in bad taste. We hope our brethren will desist and leave us to work up our territory and save our people.

Our Brother Dameron agrees with us in all our positions in this question, and now says he was wrong in offering to give away in centenary year. Wish we could convert Dr. Godbey. He is coming, we think, and we will wait.

It will be a hard thing for our Arkansas Conferences to fall behind in their assessments to any part of our church work, because every thing is based on these assessments, and it would be so easy for it to be done. Only a few dollars from each family in our church and every dollar would be up. How can it be possible that 60,000 Methodists will let these collections fall behind, and our devotion to our church be discounted. Now, beloved, we can't afford this. Let our liberal hearted laymen at our conferences meet these demands in full, and let our preachers teach the laymen how to economize by leaving off the filthy use of tobacco. The tobacco or snuff money of Arkansas would pay every dollar due. Who will quit first? Who next?

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The true idea of foreign missions is found in the fact that our christianity is the only system that fits the facts. Buddhism exalts God, but destroys man; Mohammedanism exalts man, but destroys God; Christianity exalts man and God and restores the creature to the creator.—Rev. Geo. W. Briggs.

Our duty to support missions is as clearly made known in the Bible as is our individual duty. The command is "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It is as binding as the command "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and ye shall be saved." Both are from God, and we must obey both.—Rev. Geo. W. Briggs.

MISSIONARY FACTS.—Our church has an Anglo-Chinese University in China with over 200 pupils. There are over a quarter million of christians in China. Our church has a conference in China. The M. E. Church has a conference in Japan. The Sandwich Islands are nearly all under the influence of our holy religion. England has control of over two hundred and eighty millions of people in India, and they are all being christianized, and still men will ask: "Do missions pay? Can the heathen be converted to the true religion?" Jesus said "Go into Judea, Jerusalem, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth." Obey the Savior. On that line we are safe.—Rev. R. A. Young.

A BEAUTIFUL BAPTISM.—It was the youngest child of Mr. Bell, of Cosioma. Bishop Hargrove officiated, and he used our elegant form, not leaving out a word of it. He said baptism was a sign and a seal. A sign that the child needed cleansing, and water was applied to the child to show that it needed the cleansing blood, and infant baptism was in perfect agreement with the universality of the atonement. A seal of the covenant that our God makes with all christian parents. It was well and graciously done, and we wish all our preachers could have seen it and would imitate his example.

The great need of the Sunday-school is the attendance of all parents represented in the schools. Children, like lambs, are easily led, but very hard to drive. Why should parents force their children off and they remain at home? Why not make preparation on Saturday, and have all ready for school and worship. The children will understand and appreciate this. Will parents take warning.

Rev. D. C. DeJURSETT, the Secretary of the North Texas Conference, is getting up some of the very finest blank forms for conference statistics we have ever seen or heard of. They are simply perfect. He ought to be at the next General Conference to be put on the committee on Church Records, and our brother Thornburgh, of the White River Conference, ought to be chairman. We need perfected records, to save time and trouble.

We ought never to have another anniversary of any kind at night at our conferences. At both of the Texas conferences the revival fire was burning brightly, but all altar exercises must be stopped to drag more money out of the already drained preachers. Would it not be better for all the preachers to set the example of giving at their works, and then let us have our anniversaries to give the preachers and people facts and figures to prepare them for their next year's work. We think so, and call the attention of our conferences to it. Let us have revivals at our conferences.

What our church wants is more system in our administration of law, and a more rigid discipline for all of our membership. Worldliness is pouring in on us like a flood, and covetousness, like a snake, is devouring us. Get rid of all theatre going, circus loving and whiskey drinking members, and teach our people to give from principle, and let them learn that giving is a grace. We see too many to count numbers and we are too cowardly to do our duty. Move up, without moving up!

MODERN EVANGELISM.

Now is a good time, and we think a propitious one, to write on the above subject, and still it is delicate and difficult. It is a dangerous undertaking to criticize success or to find fault with successful men or modes. Still we must not shrink from duty or shun responsibility. Our Methodism is drifting into dark and dangerous seas, and our good old ship is being forced into strange and narrow channels. We would be an unfaithful watchman not to give the alarm when we think we discern the unmistakable signs of coming disaster. We do not intend in writing this article to have any reference to either the startling and wonderful Sam Jones, or the incomprehensible and strangely successful Moody. The former startled the world after the manner and style of the Great Herald, John the Baptist, the latter reminds us of the most spirited Melancthon. There are scores and hundreds, but these two with the "boy" Harrison and Mr. Hammond are the most illustrious. Now we do not propose to criticize these men or their work, but to ask and try to answer this question: What is it that has happened to our itinerant system that makes it necessary to call into action this new arm of service, called Modern Evangelism? Have we, as a church, lost our spiritual power, and has our ministry lost its power to awaken sinners and stir the church into life? What has happened, that chiefly in our cities and towns, all the regular pastors must call a halt with their forces and then send for a special Evangelist or an experienced preacher or layman to lead these forces against sin, Satan and worldliness. What a strange sight to see four or five pastors, some of them men of experience, giving up their pulpits, laying down their authority, and all of them putting themselves under the command of men who do not pretend to have any call from God, either to preach or lead in the work of the Christian ministry. Let us ask our Methodist preachers another question (for we are writing for the people called Methodist.) What will be the result of all this? Do you think the methods of these men better than the well tried methods of our church? Are not many of these methods antagonistic to the plans and operations of our church, and in direct contact with our doctrines, and really in many instances calculated to throw stigma and discredit on our doctrines? Are not the plain doctrines of repentance, faith, justification, regeneration and the witness of the spirit jeopardized by these men and their methods? Is it not a fact that they, in many instances, repudiate feeling in religion and do away with all sorrow in repentance as well as joy in conversion. Is there not a studied effort to reflect on our old altar exercises, and the shouts and songs of our grand old revivals. Is there not too much manipulation in their work and too much of it on the patent office and motel kind. We do not pretend to say nor would be understood as saying, that we could have no genuine revival without a great noise or a tumultuous excitement, but we contend for a repentance that will express itself in sorrowful tears, and that is willing to make a public confession for sin, and with a fixed determination to forsake it in every form. We do not say that every converted person will or ought to shout at or in the house of their conversion; but we do contend for some visible expression of the divine presence and the assurance of conversion. It may be a quiet peace, or an ecstatic joy; but do let the converted person in some way show their relation to God is changed and that they are happy. A call to acknowledge a mere acceptance of Christ before an audience is a very different thing from a deep and thorough change of heart, such as really takes place when our God gives us a new heart. Not a heart reconstructed and rebuilt out of the material of the old polluted heart, but really a new heart. Why should we abandon our altars and songs for these modern manipulations and methods. True, nearly the whole christian world has ridiculed our altar exercises and our revivals, but they are always glad to receive our converts, and rejoice very much when one of our noisy sheep will quit our fold to join theirs. Brethren, answer the question: Why do you send these heathen, whose methods are so disgusting, to your own, and

such as have been honored of God. It is a serious question. A man called of God to preach a gospel which is God's power unto salvation with a church of hundreds to help him and still he must call in outside aid to bring sinners to repentance and the church to duty. Ah! my brethren, there is something wrong. The church needs discipline, and our ministers need consecration and divine power. All that company were evangelists when they came down from that upper room in Jerusalem. The laymen were evangelists when they went with divine power to Antioch. Every truly called minister is an evangelist, and he should expect conversions every service, and the doors of his church should be opened for members every Sabbath. You will teach your church to rely upon the stated visits of evangelists, and then adhere to your own influence either to manage or discipline them. Your people will not recognize your authority and by these men to lead your host, you yourselves will be depreciated, and your power gone. Lastly—They do not preach a full salvation, in our Methodist sense, and there is too great an effort to accommodate poor sinful nature. Let us call a halt, and let our ministry seek once more "Power from on high" and our church full consecration, then we will need no other evangelism or any other evangelists but ourselves.

OUR TEXAS TRIP.

Sunday, November the 15th, was a lovely autumn Sabbath as ever dashed. Nature was at her best, her dress was the lovely golden tint, and her breath perfumed with the best of the green foliage and the late flowers. The tone of the church bells over-whelmed our ears, and every body seemed anxious to be at church Love Feast at 9:30. At 11 Bishop McTycire gave one of his ponderous and pointed sermons at our church. As we had often had the pleasure of attending on his ministry, we yielded our space to others and went to hear Rev. George W. Briggs, our conferee of the Texas Advocate, at the O. S. Presbyterian church. It was a grand and masterly effort and full of gospel truth. Dr. Young was preaching at the same hour at the C. P. Presbyterian church. He was well reported of, but that is nothing new for he is known as one of the first pulpits and platform orators of our country. At 3 p. m. our old war horse, Dr. McFerrin, set everything on fire and it was a real old-fashioned melting time. At night Bishop Hargrove preached at the M. E. Church, South, and the memorial service was held over the great and lamented Dr. Mood. Rev. Horace Bishop was at the C. P., and the wife at the O. S. P., at the same hour. All the churches were crowded. At 7 we had a glorious time with the big and little children of Corsicana. Monday was a busy day in that gay prairie city. The Conference moved off with a quicker step and the newspaper and book men were full of business. Lanjasa was selected as the next place of the meeting of the Conference, and the election of delegates to the next General Conference was commenced, but not concluded till Tuesday morning. The following constitutes the delegation: Clerical—J. Fred. Cox, H. Bishop, J. T. L. Anna, E. L. Armstrong and W. R. D. Stockton. Lay—D. S. Snyder, J. R. Henry, A. M. Beshman, Geo. Q. Jester and J. M. Lane. It is a capital delegation and will take fine rank in the next General Conference. Monday night we left Corsicana for Ennis, but we must not leave without extending thanks to Rev. Mr. Wherry, of the Presbyterian church, and his kind wife, for hospitable entertainment, and Mr. Malby for several good drives. We spent a delightful night with our brother-in-law, Mr. J. J. Kimbrough, and his dear family. This is a sweet little city and the surrounding country is superb. We were off early on Tuesday morning for Paris, the seat of the North Texas Conference, via Dallas and Sherman. We found Drs. Young and McFerrin on the train, and Brother Clayton joined us at Dallas. At Sherman we found almost a train of preachers bound for Conference. At Honey Grove we dined and it was an elegant dinner. We all reached Paris at 2:45 and were soon distributed among the citizens of that noble city. Of course our home was with our old friend, Col. Geo. F. Hicks, and no mortal man ever had a

better. At night we had as a beginning of Conference, a Sunday-school Conference, and this scribe, with Bro. Archer and Hill, were the speakers. Conference met next morning at 9, with Bishop Hargrove in the chair, who kindly consented to relieve his colleague, Bishop McTycire, who was just recovering from an attack of the new Texas fever called Dengue. This Conference is full of overflowing and is the North-West. They are both among our very best. Noble bodies of men serving a noble people in one of the finest portions of God's vineyard. We found many Arkansas preachers here too, and many of our best laymen. Rev. Lewis P. Lively, one of the early preachers of our State, is here on the supernumerary list. He is still honored and beloved. Clarke, Weston, Crosson and Davis, among their noble workers. Our E. N. Evans we met here as a transfer. We were glad to see him, but hated to leave him in Texas. Paris has about doubled its population since we were here seven years ago and is a real live city. It is growing rapidly. Here is certainly a great, grand and growing country, but Texas lacks the water, wood and mines of Arkansas. We return delighted with our trip, and nearly two hundred new subscribers. We had a real old camp meeting time on Wednesday night, and we left with the happy shout and song still ringing in our ears. Bishop Hargrove is still bent on order, but he is improving rapidly in every respect and will make his mark in the future of our growing Methodism. He is a grand man, and grows on you every time you see him. Now for our Arkansas Churches.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

Episcopal Methodist.—The Pacific Conference convened in the city of Sacramento on the 17th and adjourned on the evening of the 12th of October. The number of visitors was unusually large. We had a harmonious and pleasant session. Bishop Hargrove gave general satisfaction in the chair and pulpit. The appointments were satisfactory with one or two exceptions. The preachers were cheerful and hopeful. As a body they would compare favorably with any of our conferences in the East in point of intelligence, culture, zeal, and appearance. We have no field in which the demand for intelligence and moral heroism is greater than here. The obstacles to be encountered are more formidable than in the South. The inexperienced and fearful will not succeed here. I had not met the preachers in annual session before. Hence I was a stranger to a majority of them. But I was soon made to feel quite at home among them. They are a band of noble spirited men and received me as a brother beloved. The reports showed an insurmountable increase in the membership. The collections were tolerably good, but would have been better but for the drought in the southern portion of our territory. In proportion to numerical strength this conference takes the lead of the other conferences in the East in the matter of collections and support of the ministry. Dr. Morton was the only connectional officer among us. He made a fine impression, personally, and in favor of the church extension work. The church in San Francisco had inaugurated a movement looking to the erection of an episcopal residence in that city, which received favorable consideration by the conference. Our church on this coast would be greatly benefited by a resident Bishop. The situation calls for the strongest man that can be had. Bishop Foster, a very strong man, represents the M. E. Church. We want to be equally well represented in that office. The outlook for our church is more encouraging than formerly. Our past history and present status are better understood. Prejudice and opposition are giving away, and we are making friends. Our progress is slow, but equal to that of any other church on this coast. The M. E. Church has the advantage of us in money and numbers; yet our increase is about equal to theirs. I do not think there is any demand here for a change of our name. It would be against us. I hope the agitation of that subject will cease for ever. Only harm will come of it. The city of Sacramento is beautiful. Many of the private residences and yards are unsurpassed in elegance and

comfort. The public buildings are magnificent. The capitol, I was told, cost three millions of dollars. The grounds are large and highly ornamented. Among the ornamental trees is the palm, which, for its historical connections, and beauty, is quite interesting. I climbed to the top of the capitol and from an elevation of three hundred and fifty feet, had an extensive view of the surrounding country. The point of observation was a little too high to be pleasant. The art gallery is one of the attractions of the city. Here the visitor, with his guide-book, might spend several days pleasantly and profitably. It is the gift of a wealthy lady of the city.

We are now having our first fall rain, with the exception of one or two showers. The farmers have most of their grain in the ground, and are glad to see it raining. The crop here depends on the fall and winter rains. There has not been sufficient rain fall since last winter to wet the ground thoroughly until now. I was returned to Princeton, very much to my gratification. C. O. STALLS. Princeton, Cal., Nov. 9.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. The tale of a telephone has made the Interior Department a centre of interest during the week. Secretary Lamar's court has been sitting on the Bell patent. It is a case in which not only the monopolists of electric talk are interested but the public as well. The room which is the scene of these proceedings is that of the assistant Attorney General of the Department, and it has been filled at each hearing by distinguished lawyers, inventors, and officials. Arguments have been made by representatives of the Bell Telephone company, the Washington company, and the Pan Electric company. Secretary Lamar's course of procedure in this case is almost without precedent in the history of this Government. It is perhaps the first time a Cabinet officer has called upon a defendant in a possible Government suit to first produce his evidence in order to determine whether such a suit should be brought. It is evident Mr. Lamar thinks this is the right course for a great and strong Government, and that when it has once issued a patent it should bear every possible bit of testimony to be produced before proceeding to begin the suit to set aside a right once conferred. He proposes to go to the verge of extreme fairness, and whatever his decision may be there is little doubt that it will be based upon the facts in the case. The Interior Department has been called the "Government Waste Basket." This name, however, is only expressive of the nature of the department as a receptacle for all miscellaneous business not coming under the special jurisdiction of the other Departments. The business of the Department's waste or trash. More individual citizens of the country are directly interested in the Interior than in all the other Departments combined. The Secretary of the Interior has supervision of the Land Office, Indian Bureau, Prison Bureau, Patent Office, Bureau of Education, railroads, geological survey, census, and bureau of labor. He has charge of matters relating to the civil government of the Territories, and the appointment of territorial officers. He has control of the Government hospital for the insane, that for the Deaf and Dumb, the Freedman's hospital, the Yellowstone National Park, the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas, the Maryland Institution for the blind, and the Government Printing Office. If variety seasons life, Secretary Lamar is not lacking in that feature. He may issue a patent to-day for some new weapon of war with which his Indian war is killed to-morrow. Or the Indian may scalp a soldier and the Secretary grants a pension to his widow and orphans. The Secretary has to keep one eye on the great moneyed corporations to see that they construct their roads in compliance with the requirements of their charter. With the other he has to watch the cowboy and squatter to see that they do not trespass upon Uncle Sam's broad acres. He has to feed and clothe the red man and educate his papooses. He gives

land for services rendered, and then patents all sorts of labor saving machines with which to work it. There are hundreds of other duties devolving upon Mr. Lamar and the assistant high keepers of the "Government Waste Basket." Then every ten years this Department must see to summing up the nation's profits and loss from its numberless industries, and telling how many more there are of us than there were ten years ago.

Secretary Lamar, who was known to be a scholar and a student, has surprised some people who doubted his qualifications as a business man. He has re-organized the Interior Department by arranging its work in divisions; so that he can take in a complete picture of the service without being perplexed with too much detail. He reads all of the decisions made, and his health, which his friends thought would succumb to the strain of his official work, seems to be improving under the stimulus. Such criticism is being directed against the Land Office for not issuing land patents rapidly enough. Commissioner Sparks says patents are now being issued at the rate of five thousand a month, and as fast as he can obtain evidence which enables him to separate the honest from the dishonest settler. Washington, Nov. 10, 1885.

Clarksville District.

The Lord has been with us this year, and we have had success in every department of Church-work. There have been revivals in every pastoral charge, and more than 1,000 souls have been converted. Between 500 and 200 have been added to the Church up to date. The increase in the membership is between thirty five and forty per cent; and in many places there has been a very perceptible increase in the piety and sanctification of the Church. Many new family altars have been erected during the year, and the attendance on class and prayer meetings has been improved. Next Tuesday I am to dedicate a new Church built this year on Opone Mission. Steps have been taken to build several others in the bounds of the district, and we hope in the near future to see them completed. One parsonage has been built, and several others have been improved. The collections for the support of the ministry, will be in advance of last year, but how much we cannot now tell. At this point, however, there is still need for great improvement. The indications now are that all the collections will be full. We will pay for missions—Foreign and Home—more than sixty cents per member, counting the membership we had at the beginning of the year when we began to take the collections. This report speaks well for the faithfulness of our preachers and the loyalty of our people; especially in view of the very great scarcity of money. Our main dependence is on the cotton crop, and this is short, in some places not more than a half crop having been made. Central Collegiate Institute, located at Altus, is doing well. There has been improvement on any former year of its history, both as to the quality of the work done and as to the number and character of the students in attendance. Several excellent young men are there preparing for the work of the ministry. We thank God and take courage. V. V. HANLANS.

Ozark, Ark.

Batesville District. Every pastor has done good work this year, and local preachers improved some. Hundreds converted and joined the church, including many bright little children as well as old hard sinners. More class meetings, prayer meetings, family altars and Sunday-schools than ever before. Our excellent Sunday-school literature though opposed by some who do not know its worth because they have never fairly tried it, gains ground. Several good churches built, paid for and dedicated. Nine applicants for admission on trial in traveling connection. ARKANSAS METHODIST on a boom. Several promising young men licensed to exhort and others to preach. Revivals revived! revivals!!! Hallelujah! The Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Pop salaries, half paid, small collections for missions, etc., large church members for rinks, tobacco and Parsonages for High School and died before I could

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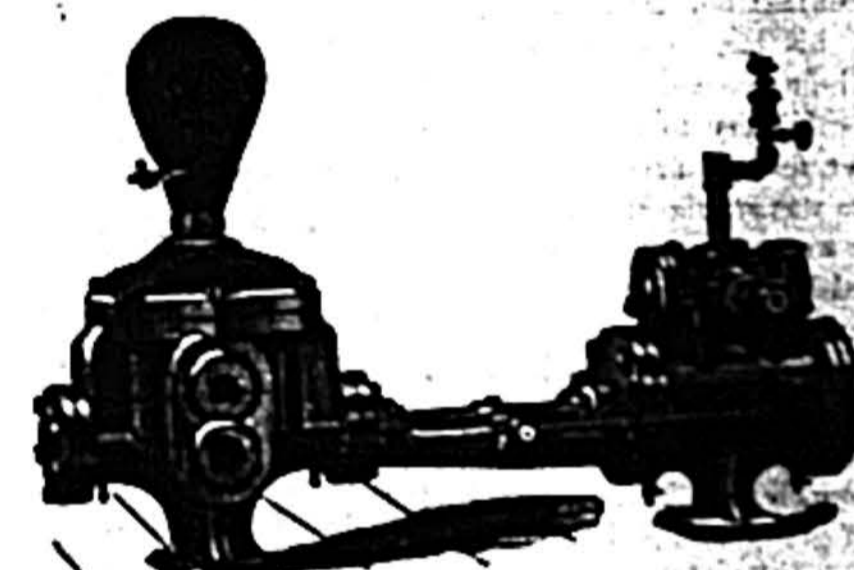
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