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General News Items.

SINCE 1862 twenty-seven millions of dollars have been spent in building levees along the Mississippi river.

THE oranges produced in California are worth a million dollars more than the gold found in its mines.

A COMPANY with a capital of twenty-five millions has been organized in New York to control the milk supply of that city.

THE Philadelphia Record is authority for the statement that Senator Bailey has just earned a two hundred thousand dollar legal fee.

THOS. A. EDISON has been taken into the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company as a member of its board of directors.

A HEAD-END collision between two freight trains on the Southern Railway near Bryan, Alabama, resulted in the death of eight of the trainmen.

A TERRIBLE earthquake recently destroyed the town of Melazherd, in Asiatic Turkey, with all its inhabitants numbering 2,000 people.

LAST Saturday was Decoration day, and at Washington it was more generally observed than usual. As an evidence of the good feeling existing the graves of both Federal and Confederate dead at Arlington National Cemetery were strewn with flowers.

TERRIBLE rains have fallen over Iowa and portions of Nebraska. Last Saturday parts of Des Moines, Iowa, were under four feet of water. The river bottoms between Omaha and Council Bluffs was a large lake, and the railroad embankments were beginning to give way because of the rains.

IT is said that the most profitable mine in the world is not a gold mine, nor a silver, nor a diamond mine, but a copper mine. This most profitable of all mines is the Calumet and Hecla copper mine near Lake Superior. In one year its owners cleared over ten millions from it, and their profits thus far have aggregated over eighty millions.

A CASE of prompt justice was witnessed in the case of the negro, Henry Johnson, who committed a criminal assault on Mrs Jennie Whitworth, in Kaufman county last week. The assault was committed last Monday; he was captured on Wednesday, indicted by the grand jury on Thursday, tried and convicted on Friday, and hanged on Saturday. He confessed his guilt and warned other negroes to beware of his fate.

THE morning papers are filled today with an account of the most terrible flood disaster

which has visited this country since the Galveston flood. At Topeka, Kansas, the Kaw river has been on a terrible rise, and all the north part of town is flooded and much of it is in ruins. The water over North Topeka is from ten to fifteen feet deep, and running a very swift current, which makes the work of rescue very difficult. It is estimated that already the loss of life will be over 20, and when the flood subsides it may reach a much larger figure. A rain was still falling this morning and the end is not yet in sight. The property loss will reach into the millions. Kansas City is experiencing the worst floods in her history, with immense property loss. Fifteen lives are reported lost there, and the damage in one suburb, Armourdale, will exceed two and a half million.

THE daily papers tell of a state of affairs in Alabama, by which negroes are being as verily enslaved as before the war. Strong and healthy negroes are arrested on trumped up charges, and after a formal trial are convicted. Some white man pays the fine and costs and takes charge of the negro, who being ignorant, is made to sign a paper by which he agrees to work for the man for a long time, and if he attempts to escape he is tracked with blood hounds, brought back and terribly whipped. The United States attorney at Montgomery made complaint, and secret service men were put to work on the case, with the result that evidence sufficient to convict a large number of men has been secured, and warrants for their arrest have been issued. It is only just to say that the majority of the people of Alabama are opposed to the practice and have petitioned the government to suppress it.

—LAST Saturday night and Sunday morning wind and water did immense damage in Oklahoma as results of the heaviest rains and most disastrous electrical storms in the history of the territory. Oklahoma City was half under water, basements were flooded, and merchandise and other property destroyed to the extent of fully \$100,000. The Canadian river at this point was over a quarter of a mile wide. At Chickasha and Hobart, (I. T.) the storm, hail and rain also did great damage. The Rock Island track at South Canadian river slid from under a passenger train and the engine and baggage car went into the river. Train service on both Frisco and Rock Island was abandoned. At Enid, (Ok.) a cloudburst put the town under water rendered many people homeless and did over \$300,000 damage. At Foss (Ok.) thirteen houses were destroyed. Inundation of the Canadian valley has done great damage to crops. Anadarko and Guthrie both suf-

fered some loss. A few lives are so far reported lost, but it is thought fuller details will enlarge the number.

Notes From Other Fields.

THE South Lancaster Academy commencement exercises were held Monday night, May 25. A class of nine young people were graduated.

THE *Southern Watchmen*, the organ of the Southern Union Conference, will appear early in June as a sixteen-page paper considerably improved and the price \$1.00 a year. Geo. I. Butler will be editor, Elders Jno. A. Brunson and J. E. White associate editors, and Miss E. J. Burnham assistant editor.

THE re-adjustment of laborers according to the recommendation of the General Conference and the General Conference Committee is gradually taking place. Those who were recommended to places of responsibility in other conferences are getting hold of their new work and things are moving along.

ELDER G. C. Tenney and wife, who have at two different times labored in Australia, have returned to this country.

IT was planned to have the dedication exercises of the new Battle Creek Sanitarium yesterday.

THE announcements of the summer school for teachers at Berrien Springs is out, and a copy has been received here. The school will be in session from June 24 to August 30. Full particulars are contained in the announcements, which may be had by addressing Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Caucasia.

THE 10,000,000 inhabitants of Caucasia are made up of the remnants of many ancient nomadic tribes. According to Russian statistics, only 2,500,000 are Russians, 1,000,000 are Armenians, 1,500,000 Tartars and Georgians, while the rest are principally Mohammedan tribes. It is asserted that there are thirty different languages and dialects spoken in Caucasia.

Arkansas Department.

Come up to the Help of the Lord.

Dear Brethren in the Arkansas Conference:—The time has come to begin the tent work, to which there is more or less expense attached, and very little money on hand to pay the necessary expenses of the work; yet we start out with an unwavering faith that the time has come for the Lord to do a great work for the Arkansas conference, and to lift it up, and to establish it upon higher ground. But He cannot do this unless we co-operate with Him in the work before us. Let us therefore give up every selfish thing, and consecrate ourselves anew to the Lord, and go forth with Him as our leader and commander; and He will give us the victory in every conflict. The coming of the Lord is very nigh. This generation will see Him come. Therefore Satan is holding up before the remnant people the riches and beauties of this world, while our God and our King is holding up before us the glories of the beautiful Eden restored. Dear brethren, which government will you support, the earthly or the heavenly? May the Lord help us all to be loyal to the one that abideth forever.

Our ministers are all men of families and of very limited means, yet they are willing to start out in the field trusting in the Lord for the support of their families, therefore the Lord expects every soldier to do his duty from now until the final victory is won. This being the case, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel, and lift with all our might until the Arkansas conference stands on an equal footing with the sister conferences, around her. Brethren, come to the rescue; and when the work is done, and you have fought the good fight, God will give you a crown that shall never fade away. May the blessing of God be and abide with you in great measure is the prayer of your humble servant.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE.

Springdale, Arkansas, May 24.

THE FIELD.

TEXARKANA.—Brethren V. B. Watts and U. Bender have started for Texarkana to hold a series of meet-

ings in response to a call made by a little company of Sabbath-keepers there. This company was organized into a Sabbath School last winter, and they have been doing missionary work in the way of scattering tracts, etc. May these brethren have the united prayers of all for the work in that part of the Lord's vineyard.

SALISAW, INDIAN TERRITORY.—Elder H. Clay Griffin is already on the grounds locating the tent for a tent meeting. Elder J. A. Somerville will join him in a few days to conduct a series of meetings. Let us all remember them in our prayers for the up-building of the work, and the planting of the seeds of truth in this new field.

May 24.

The Camp Meeting.

OUR annual camp meeting, in which all throughout the State are interested, is to be held at Van Buren, Crawford county, Arkansas, July 17-27. We are told "that we cannot afford to miss these occasions, particularly as we see the day approaching." As these gatherings return from year to year, they increase in importance; and in the light that is given us we cannot afford to neglect them. This will be one of special importance as it is the year when the General Conference has convened, and many important issues and truths that were brought out will be emphasized at our state conference.

Several ministers from the General Conference will be present; and also Elder N. P. Nelson, president of the Southwestern Union conference; Elder G. F. Haffner, president of the Oklahoma conference; Elder W. A. McCutchen, president of the Texas conference will be with us to render valuable instruction and assistance.

Let each and every one show by being present at the camp meeting his or her appreciation of the effort that is being made for the up-building of the work in this field. Do not say, I cannot afford to go, but on the other hand let each one begin now to make plans to attend. We read in Matt. 9: 29 the words of the Saviour, "According to your faith be it unto you." In the light of this soul-inspiring promise cannot we bend all our energies and all our plans to the one end of attending the state

camp meeting? If we do this, we will go prepared to give a blessing as well as receive one.

J. A. SOMMERVILLE,

President,

MISS F. E. HEERMANN.

Secretary.

SISTER N. M. Kinzer, of Afton, Indian Territory, has recently taken up the work of canvassing for "Great Controversy" in Siloam Springs.

The Canvassers' Institute.

WE HOPE that all who have canvassed, all who are thinking of canvassing, and all who are interested and anxious to scatter the seeds of truth which our publications contain for this day and age of the world, will make a special effort to attend this all-important meeting, which will be held for the purpose of giving instruction in that line. Possibly Brother C. W. Hardesty will be present to conduct the meetings; also other valuable assistance has been promised us from those who have had a living experience in this branch of the work.

Perhaps I can hear some say they cannot afford to go. Friends, you cannot afford to stay away. I quote from page 315 of No. 34: "The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work which should be done for them is being neglected." "The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep; and as watchmen they are to ring the bell to awaken the sleepers to their danger. The churches know not the time of their visitation. Often they can best learn the truth through the efforts of the canvasser. Those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His messengers, to give to the multitudes who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."

Can we in the light of the above neglect so urgent an appeal? The institute is to be held for instructing all those who have a burden for the work. We would not think of taking up any line of work ignorantly, and expect to make a success of it. In any secular occupation we study for and seek to obtain the best methods for the work. How much more need we to prepare for the work of the Lord? Therefore let us pre-

pare and make our plans to attend this institute to get the the needed instruction, that we may go forth intelligently in the Lord's vineyard.

It is to be held at Van Buren, Crawford county, Arkansas, commencing July 10, and continuing through the camp meeting, which commences the 17th at the same place. **DON'T FORGET THE DATE OR THE PLACE!**

AN APPEAL FOR WORKERS.

THE Arkansas Conference will hold their annual state meeting at Van Buren from July 17 to 27. A canvassers' institute will also be held at the same place commencing July 10.

We do trust that the Spirit of God will move upon the hearts of many to attend this gathering for the purpose of obtaining a more thorough preparation for this important branch of the work. Arkansas is a good field for the sale of our literature, and there are many souls in the state to whom the warning message should be taken. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." Our missionary agents should have a knowledge of their books; then they will appreciate the truths contained in them in a way that will take hold of the people. All who will work with the Lord should give diligence to study. We should know how to meet the people and how to present our books. It is necessary to study continually in order to gain fresh, strong points which will prove a blessing both to worker and the people.

The Master is asking us, for whom He gave His life, to respond to the call for service. This special people were raised up to give a special warning in this our day. This last message of love and salvation is nearing completion. Oh! will the blood of souls be upon our garments? The work of distributing our literature "is to be revived," and "carried forward with increasing success." Let us lay aside the nets, in which we are hoping to catch the wealth, fame, or honor of the world, and take hold of the gospel net thus becoming fishers of men.

Come to this institute, brethren, and bring others with you. Can not each church in the conference send one or more of their number who will engage in the canvassing work? No better missionary work could be done. The Lord would bless such a move.

C. W. HARDESTY.

✠ Texas Department. ✠

THE FIELD.

WEST TEXAS.—I noticed in the RECORD of May 18, that it was reported that seven workers including the sisters are engaged in work at Coleman. This is a mistake, and we do not understand how that report started. We wish to assure the brethren throughout the State that we have a greater burden for the Lord's work than for all of us to settle down in our ease in one little town. No, brethren, we could not do this. We love this message, and we desire to see it go. We cannot afford to idle away our time. We expect to do all in our power to spread this message. It is true that there are seven laborers in the West; but it must be remembered that there is a vast territory to be worked; and we expect to work to the best of our ability by God's help.

Brother Etheredge, and Brother Cubley and wife are at Fair View school house in Brown county. Their attendance and interest are good and has been from the very beginning. Up to date they have held fifteen meetings. They will soon be in the midst of the Sabbath question. These brethren are doing good, honest, faithful work; and we hope to see fruits for their labors at this place.

Brother French, Brother Williss and wife, and myself are engaged in a tent effort at the town of Coleman. The interest is poor, yet it would be hard to tell what the outcome will be. Unless the interest increases we shall soon close at this place.

We ask the brethren and sisters throughout the State to pray for the work and workers in the West.

T. W. FIELD.

The Camp Meeting.

SINCE our last issue two places have been under consideration for the camp meeting—Weatherford and Corsicana. Each of these places have some advantages, and both have some disadvantages. A great question with the committee is to be sure of a plentiful water supply. A good ground has been offered at Weatherford and the city park at Corsicana. Brother McCutchen is in correspon-

dence with the people at these places and also with the members of the conference committee, and as soon as all are heard from he will be prepared to announce definitely which place has been selected.

Two Opportunities for Librarians.

1. The International Sabbath-school Lessons for the next three months will be on the book of Ephesians. The *Signs of the Times* has arranged with the author of these lessons to furnish it a weekly study on the lesson scripture. This study will certainly be most helpful to every teacher and student of this series, and we believe an excellent opportunity is thus given for Sabbath-school superintendents and librarians to unite in a strong effort to see that each person in their school and church has the *Signs* during this time at least. After the lesson notes have been studied, the paper is just as good for missionary work as before.

2. The International Sunday-school Lessons for the next six months will be on the experiences of Israel during the reign of Saul, David, and Solomon. The very best commentary on these lessons to be found is "Patriarchs and Prophets," by Mrs. E. G. White. Is this not an excellent time for the librarian to interest his Sabbath-school officers in the bringing of this volume to the attention of his fellow-workers in the Sunday-school? To those who desire it, the publishers will gladly send a circular in which is given the pages in "Patriarchs and Prophets" which comment on these lessons.

Any further information concerning either of these opportunities may be secured by addressing your State Tract Society.

Something about Pecan Nuts.

PERHAPS the best of all nuts is that species of hickory known as the pecan. It is a native of the United States, growing wild in the Mississippi Valley and in Texas. The largest and finest nuts come from Louisiana, some specimens attaining a length of two inches and a diameter of three quarters of an inch. Comparatively few from that state reach the north, however. In Bee County,

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We are late this week on account of the sickness of our compositor and press man, and also on account of having a large lot of job work but we are doing all we can to keep up, and hope to be on time next week.

We are sorry not to be able to report something concerning the new school faculty, but as yet nothing definite has been accomplished. The local board are doing all they can by way of correspondence to find suitable persons for the places of the faculty which are not filled, but they are meeting with difficulties. We all believe, notwithstanding, that the Academy has a very important part in the Lord's work, and though it may take a little longer than we would like we feel sure the right one will be found, and with the support of the people in this Union Conference we shall have a most prosperous year before us.

A Report Corrected.

FROM some cause there has gone out a report that Elder Rupert has used some four or five hundred dollars belonging to the Union Conference, in the publication of his pamphlet, "The Gathering of Israel into

their own land."

We wish to say in justice to Elder Rupert that there is no foundation for this report, but on the contrary he paid for a large part of the job in advance, and the remainder, some sixty-seven dollars, was paid promptly on completion of the work. Besides this there was money due him on his account at the time it was audited to the amount of over one hundred dollars. We also wish to state that he paid this office more for the work done than he would have had to pay another house, for the reason that we have not the facilities to compete with them.

The office has run behind in meeting running expenses, but for this he was no more responsible than any other member of the committee. He handled none of the Union Conference funds otherwise than to issue orders for the laborers.

We feel that these reports should not have gone out, but since they have been started, it is only right for this statement to be made, so that Elder Rupert's work of preaching the gospel will not be hindered.

C. N. WOODWARD.
Treas. S. W. U. Conf.

A Wonderful Balance.

THE grand balance, or scale, used in the Bank of England is probably the most wonderful piece of mechanism to be seen anywhere. It stands about seven feet high and weighs probably two tons. This scale is so perfectly adjusted that it can weigh a grain of dust or 400 pounds of gold. A postage stamp placed on one of the two weighing portions will move the index six inches. If the weight placed upon the scale is beyond its capacity, an electric bell is set ringing, the machine declining to execute a task of which it is incapable.

Wild Birds In Germany.

A correspondent of the London Mail at Dresden writes that the Germans are far in advance of some other people in caring for the wild birds in their towns. During the winter shelters from the snow are erected in public parks and private gardens for them and plentifully supplied with food of various kinds, including mountain ash berries for thrushes and

blackbirds and other seeds for the smaller birds. This mixture is sold at a very cheap rate in shops for the purpose. In springtime one may see many birds nesting in special wooden boxes placed in the higher trees, out of the reach of cats. The boxes are of different sizes, to suit starlings, sparrows or tomits.

The Harm Slang Does.

THE use of slang tends to limit the vocabulary of him who uses it. Now a limited vocabulary is almost as inconvenient at times as a limited purse, and it is far more inelegant. If there was practically limitless wealth within the reach of him who was minded to take it, it would argue a certain stupidity in any one who declined to avail himself of the supply. The same assertion holds true with regard to him who is willing to limit his choice of words. There is even more to be said than that. There is a limitless wealth of words at our disposal, but the most of us are too stupid to make use of them.

There are about 200,000 words in the English language. The average educated person is able in reading to understand perhaps 25,000 words, but most of us who write and speak limit ourselves to about 500 or 600. Indeed, there is a vast number of fairly intelligent people, or people who pass as fairly intelligent, whose working vocabularies do not comprise more than 300 or 400 words each.—*Household.*

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Texas, pecans are grown with so very thin shells, that they may be crushed in the fingers.

In Texas the pecan industry has obtained great importance. Thousands of people, white and blacks, make a living by gathering the wild nuts, while many plantations of the trees have been set out and are already in bearing. So long ago as 1880, 1,250,060 pounds of nuts were marketed in San Antonio. Of all the hickory family, the pecan seems more susceptible of improvement in the size and quality of the fruit, and much has been accomplished in this direction by planters exercising judgment in the collection of varieties. One planter of Brownwood, Texas, has 460 acres of pecans, comprising 11,000 trees.

Oklahoma Department.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER Field has purchased a home in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY has had very heavy rains during the past week. A portion of the south part of town was under water. It came even up into the main part of the city, and filled all the basements and cellars under the business houses.

A LETTER just received from Brother Bagby tells of an interesting time they had at the Greenfield church, which was organized recently. Twenty persons united with the church, and there were at least six others who intended to unite with them, but were unable to attend at that time. The new members are very earnest, and of good courage. Satan is not asleep; he is working against the truth; but we thank God for a truth which is stronger than all the powers of darkness.

Among the Churches.

I ARRIVED in Oklahoma City April 28, where I remained about ten days. During this time we held several meetings with the church. The quarterly meeting was also held at this time, and two united with the church.

We next went out near Carney, where Brother Maxwell was holding a series of meetings, and united with him in the work. We held some five meetings with the Carney church; but our regular place of meeting was the Eagle Creek school house, where we had the privilege of meeting with a good, interesting congregation every night it did not rain. But the rainy, muddy weather almost broke up the meetings.

May 20, I again returned to Oklahoma City. Last Sabbath I had the privilege of burying three dear souls with their Lord in baptism. One of them united with the church, and the other two had been taken in at the quarterly meeting. I am of good courage in the Lord, and have enjoyed much of His blessing since taking up the work in this field. I am also glad for the privilege of meeting so many of my old friends, with whom I have been so agreeably

associated in former years, and which reminds me that I am not in a strange place. May God bless us and help us to work unselfishly for the salvation of souls.

A. E. FIELD.

FIELD REPORTS.

HARPER, OKLAHOMA.—After the organization of our little church here, we started for Day county to fill an appointment made by a brother east of Craft. When we arrived, we found the brother gone, but we gathered a few of the neighbors together, at Brother Courtney's house, and held four meetings on Sabbath and Sunday, the 16th and 17th, with good effect, and outside interest. We made friends with the ones that were prejudiced, but as they had no suitable place of meeting, we promised to visit them this fall when they get their school house finished.

We then went to Gage, where we visited Brother Sturgeon. The church there has a nice house under construction, and a church school is to be conducted there this summer. We went southwest of Craft to look after the interests of the American people there. On Sunday we held a meeting, and had a good hearing. The Lord came very near and helped. Many expressed a deep interest in the message we had for them. As the weather was so unsettled, and the people so busy, we thought it best not to attempt a series of meetings until fall. Returning home we found a Mormon on the ground at our young church, doing his best to destroy the work of the Lord. The brethren were glad to see us. We have refused to debate, but will present the truth as the great antidote for error. My courage is good, and the work is onward here in the West.

T. J. HICKMAN.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

C. M. THOMPSON.—“This is my first experience in the canvassing work, and I am well pleased with my success. I have a great desire to see the canvassing work go forward. The Lord has surely been with me in my effort to spread our literature. The country here is exceedingly dry and the people are very poor, and this makes it hard to get orders. I have had quite good success selling helps

By the help of the Lord I intend to continue in the work until camp meeting. Those in the canvassing work have much to discourage and hinder them, therefore let all the readers of the RECORD remember the canvassers and the canvassing work in their prayers.”

Important General Principles.

[Concluded from last week.]

BUT in the course of evolution when the canvasser has changed his occupation, and has books left on his hands, he takes a few of his “Daniel and Revelation” to the Tract Society office, and they kindly take them off his hands. Now, when the canvassing work starts up the next season, (it ought to run twelve months in the year,) and the secretary gets some orders for “Daniel and Revelation,” he will very naturally want to ship out those books first. Where possible to do so, it is only right that the Tract Society dispose of those books before they order any more from the publishing house. As they would probably be sent out from the state depository in a small lot, the Tract Society and the canvasser would have to settle the matter between themselves as to who should pay the freight, or in some way measure it up satisfactorily by that same golden rule.

We desire to hear once a month from each canvasser as to just what books are being used so that we can carry a full stock of these particular books.—*Echoes from the Field.*

A Remarkable Clock.

JAPAN possesses a remarkable time-piece. It is contained in a frame three feet wide and five feet long, representing a noonday landscape of great beauty. In the foreground plum and cherry trees and rice plants appear in full bloom. In the rear is seen a hill gradual in ascent, from which apparently, flows a cascade, admirably imitated in crystal. From this point a threadlike stream meanders, encircling rocks and islands in its windings and finally losing itself in a faroff stretch of woodland. In a miniature sky a golden sun turns on a silver wire, striking the hours on silver gongs as it passes. Each hour is marked on the frame by a creeping tortoise, which serves the place of a hand. A bird of exquisite plumage warbles at the close of each hour, and as the song ceases a mouse sallies forth from a neighboring grotto and, scampering over the hill to the garden, is soon lost to view.

