

Texas Christian Advocate News of the Week.

WASHINGTON.

In the House on the 5th Mr. Reagan got through a bill providing for restoration of the records of the United States courts at Tyler, destroyed by fire.

It is thought the River and Harbor bills will soon be presented. Secretary Schurz opposes the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the civil to the military department.

A resolution was adopted in the House appointing a committee of nine members to investigate methods to prevent the introduction and spread of epidemic diseases.

Various bills respecting the currency have been introduced but no definite action reached.

Foreign.

The ferment in the East continues. The British Parliament has been convened. The Queen's speech calls attention to the trouble with Afghanistan. She expresses the hope that the arrangements for the pacification of Europe will be carried into effect.

A resolution was introduced in both houses to the effect that the Parliament consent to the use of the revenues of India to defray the expenses of the war.

A motion was introduced by a Liberal member disapproving of the war.

Lords Halifax, Lawrence, Derby, Carnarvan, and others, take part against the war and the policy of the government. Gladstone arraigns the policy as unwise because it is unjust.

The reply of the Emir of Afghanistan to the Viceroy's ultimatum criticizes the friendly intention of the British government. He explains that his refusal to receive Sir Neville Chamberlain's mission was not a hostile act, but the result of his fear of loss of independence.

It is rumored in St. Petersburg that the family of the Emir has taken refuge in Turkistan.

Gen. Brown's advance on Jallalabad is certain. An increase of 15,000 native troops will be made. No troops will be sent from England. The new Turkish ministry has resumed negotiations with Russia at the point left by their predecessors.

It is said Bismarck will only grant amnesty to those German ecclesiastics who specially apply for it and submit to the laws.

The Grand Duchess of Hesse, Queen Victoria's daughter, is dangerously ill with diphtheria. Advice at Madrid announce that a terrible famine prevails at Magador, averaging 25 deaths daily.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Bro. John, writing from the seat of the Northwest Texas Conference, says: "The Bishop, taking for his text the fact that less than 3 1/2 cents per member had been contributed by the Methodists of the Northwest Texas Conference, enforced the duty upon the church to measure up to its obligations in this important work." This is all very well. But when we consider the territory occupied by these men, and the fact that they paid more to the cause of domestic than they did to foreign missions, the case will be found to be not so bad. And, let it be remembered, that the average receipts of the traveling preachers in circuits, stations and missions, was \$248.53, many of these men having large families, and the wonder as to the littleness of the collections made by them for missions ceases, and we wonder how they subsisted. Now, consider this also, that a few of the stations or circuits give their ministers a tolerable support, amounting to \$1,000, or thereabouts, and it will be easy to see that a very great number of the feeble circuits and missions paid almost nothing at all. Looking over the statistics of last year, in the absence of those of this year, I find that several works paid their ministers less than \$50. In any other country one-half of these circuits would be regarded as missionary ground, and all the moneys received would show in the missionary column for home or domestic missions. It seems unreasonable to expect large contributions to foreign missions from such a territory. And while a Bishop's speech may cause a Brown now and then to contribute his gold watch as upon this occasion, what of all those valiant, holy men of God, who carry the banner of the cross along this frontier of Zion, who never in all their lives owned any such thing, and whose families can not afford the luxury of cheap brown sugar in their coffee?

But the question arises, how is this? and for answer we say (1): This country is filling up with poor immigrants at an almost incredible rate. (2) A great portion of the territory is so far removed from railroads and cities that they can not reach a market with the results of the small home industries—those cow-and-pig, hen-and-chicken matters, which count so much in the contributions of older and more populated sections, even when there is no more wealth. Whenever, in the Providence of God, these people have the facilities for marketing which most other sections of the country enjoy, they will make it tell, I doubt not, in their missionary contributions. Texas Conference, nearer the sea, and enjoying facilities for transportation, has stood for years in the very front rank of contributors, excelled at not only since her own child, the German Conference, has attained its majority, and excelled by this young conference alone.

The circumstance that cotton has fallen so low that the prices paid do not exceed the actual cost of raising it, has deprived the whole cotton region of the ability to pay, as usual, to the claims asserted against the church.—H. V. P., in St. Louis Advocate.

The late Bishop Jones, ten years ago, sent a Japanese youth to the Methodist school at Wilbraham, Mass., with a note of introduction, in which he said: "If no one undertakes to pay his bills, I will be responsible." The young man afterward returned to Japan and is now the Minister from that country to the United States, and attends the Foundry Church at Washington.

Commercial.

At New Orleans, the market opened weak and closed quiet. Sales to-day 136 bales. Quotations for all grades are as follows: Ordinary, 75-100; Good Ordinary, 80; Low Middling, 85-100; Middling, 90-100; Good Middling, 95-100.

Table of COTTON prices with columns for 'This', 'Last', and 'Season' prices for various grades.

Table of GALVESTON RECEIPTS showing 'Net Receipts' and 'Stock on hand' for various commodities.

Market steady with good demand, and prices better for all grades: Eastern, Fine and Medium, 17 to 19; Western, Fine to Medium, 16 to 18; Improved Mexican, 12 to 14; Mexican, 9 to 11.

Table of LIVE STOCK MARKET prices for 'Bees and cows', 'Yearlings', 'Hogs', and 'Calves'.

REMARKS.—There is now in transit sufficient choice cattle to supply all demands for the next fourteen days.

Table of MACHINERY MARKET prices for 'SKINNER PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES' and 'ECONOMIZER STEAM ENGINES'.

Table of HOWE'S UNQUALIFIED WAGON SCALES prices for various models.

Table of THE NEW ECONOMIZER LOCOMOTIVE prices for different horsepower models.

Table of MISCELLANEOUS prices for items like 'New Buckley Mower' and 'Gullet Improved light draft GIN'.

Table of THE GENERAL MARKET prices for various commodities including 'Wheat', 'Corn', 'Flour', and 'Sugar'.

Table of Market prices for various goods including 'Wool', 'Hides', and 'Tanned skins'.

Table of Market prices for various types of 'Wool' and 'Hides'.

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