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UNION EFFECTED.

The Journal congratulates all concerned, and that includes everybody in the community, for the happy adjustment of difficulties in the way of the union of the local Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The terms of agreement are plainly set forth in another column of this issue, and we believe offer the best solution of the problem. The credit for this result, and probably the deciding factor, was the firm and unyielding demand of the business men of the churches compose their finances and work together as a unit rather than as warring factions. There was a lot of stubbornness that had to be overcome before this result was achieved. How that the question is settled and settled right, we can't say but wonder why it was not done before. If a conference similar to that held Wednesday had been held three months ago upon the occasion of the first meeting of Revs. Baird, Shields and others doubtless a satisfactory agreement could have been reached and three months of friction and unsatisfactory work avoided. The holding of such a conference would seem to have been the natural thing for Christians to do. It's the Scriptural method of settling difficulties. Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord." Doctrine that good enough to preach from the pulpit is good is enough to govern the actions of those who believe it. But it was left to the best men of the community to initiate the movement for a union of the moral and religious interests of the community and to call a conference of different factions interested in that movement seemed in danger of shipwreck. It seems that all that was necessary to harmonize the situation was a deeper work of grace among some of the Christians concerned, and the indications are that before the meeting journeyed the work had been accomplished.

POINTED REMARKS.

There is one consolation. If the economic structure of Europe collapses, it won't have far to go. —Stevensville Herald Star.
The Turks fear they won't get justice now, and somehow we have a lingering suspicion that they never will. —New York American.
Berlin has at last swung around to the view that the invasion of peaceful territory is reprehensible in some respects. —Dallas News.
If our demands had in this respect and our soldiers' patience in the Chinese conference it wouldn't be long ago to reach some agreement. —Tribune Herald.
The main reason for the effect of the Chinese is to emphasize the serious consequences of the situation in the statement which is about to be made. —Kansas City Journal.

If conversations were reparations, Germany would have some change coming.

Solution of world problems draws steadily nearer in spite of all statesmen can do. —Mansfield News.

French effort to obtain coal is something in the European situation we can understand. —Wall Street Journal.

The world will never be wholly civilized. Some outlying portions have no natural resources worth seizing. —Marion Star.

We have yet to hear Wayne Wheeler's claim that the victory of the Turks over the Greeks was the triumph of non-alcoholic Mohammedanism over alcoholic Christianity. —Cincinnati Times-Star.

Our foreign policy seems to consist principally in staving off as long as possible doing anything that that man Wilson might get a little credit for in the popular mind. —Columbus Ohio State Journal.

It is only fair to Herr Fahrenheit to say that he got his idea of absolute zero before observing the German mark. —Portland Oregonian.

Mark Memorial Trees.

Regardless of how thoughtfully the trees have been selected and how thoroughly the planting has been done, there remains intelligent care to have them live and thrive, says the American Forestry association of Washington, which will register your memorial trees on its national honor roll. Many planters have been disappointed with the results of their work because they considered their job completed when the last shovelful of soil was placed around the tree.

Neat Worker.

"Father, please let me marry Jim. He's so neat. Why, when he was in France he got two medals for cleaning out dugouts and mopping up." —The American Legion Weekly.

Hanged for Not Drinking.

A man who was hanged for leaving his ale. It arises from the story that on the way to the gibbet where Hawtry malefactors executed their crimes it was the custom to halt the procession at one spot, and give the criminal a farewell drink of beer. A sinner, marked for death, contemptuously refused the proffered draught and was promptly hanged. By just as many minutes later as he had declined to dally a breathless horseman arrived with a reprieve!

Nature's Busy Workers.

In the great office of nature there are innumerable departments with endless work going on, and the fine flower that you behold there, gaudily attired and scented like a dandy, is by no means what it appears to be, but rather is like a laborer toiling in the sun and shower, who has to submit a clear account of his work and has no breathing space to enjoy himself in a playful frolic.

After Studying the Sparrow.

We spend considerable time observing the English sparrows and studying their character and have about reached the conclusion that, even if that well meaning but misguided British constable had had sense enough not to bring them over, they would have got here somehow anyway. —Ohio State Journal.

High Sounding Titles.

Chinese emperors are never mentioned by name from the moment of their accession, and are generally addressed by some such title as "Lord of a Million Years" or "The Son of Heaven."

Queer Little Isle.

The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Ele, situated at the east of Rele Isle. Its population is 233. They do not speak French, but Celtic. They are provided with food at an inn managed by the women. The town has no streets.

On the Way.

The time comes in the course of those who profess to be serious and short will be regarded with some suspicion and regarded as a man merely dressed in a suit who has learned the names of children except the name of the mother.

Keep it Dark!

At a recent law examination a candidate defined law as follows: "Law is the means by which we acquire legal possession of property belonging to another." —Boston Transcript.

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