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OUT OF THE PAST

100 YEARS AGO

.....Government captured American bound slaver in the Congo River by the US Constitution.....Advice to farmers: Catch rats by baiting small fishhooks with cheese.....Each theological student in a Georgia seminary who will agree not to use tobacco gets \$50 from a gentlemen of wealth. The Presbyterian Herald, while deploring the use of tobacco, deplores even more this method of abstinence..... Published as a book of importance by Edward H. Fletcher of New York, The Baptist Sabbath School Hymn Book....Grand total Baptists in 1851; 650 associations, 11,305 churches, 7,209 ministers, 838,723 members; 1812; 2,164 churches, 1,605 ministers, 175,138 members according to the Christian Index. (If only they could have looked ahead).....A revival among students of the University of Virginia brought twenty-five young people into the faith.

50 YEARS AGO

.....Read the Foreign Mission Journal for thirty-five cents a year. Or if ten will send subscriptions in a club plan, twenty-five cents a year. (This was 1904 mind you)....."Cousins, I will write again. I have collected \$1.00 for the orphans. I have a little sister 2 years old. I love her. We have a good pastor. Will some one send "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie."--typical of "Children's Corner" pages in 1904!!...In first eleven months of the convention year, Texas churches gave \$1,443 to Home Missions. In the twelfth month, enough to make the total \$20,312. Other states did about the same in proportion.

25 YEARS AGO

.....Christmas Thank Offering to reduce Southern Baptist indebtedness now \$137,686 with Tennessee paying \$75,150 or more than half.....F. B. Meyers, English preacher and writer, died March 28, at 82.....Louie D. Newton, for nine years editor of the Georgia Christian Index, ordained April 20 on Saturday morning in a country church. He goes as pastor to Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta.