

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, Aug. 13.—Fine rains have fallen in several places but others have none. Last week did cotton up right, and people, too. The heat was intense all over this county.

Cotton is opening and fodder pulling is now going on. Mr. W. J. Young of Rembert has a fine field of corn that will make 25 or 30 bushels to the acre. It is planted on the old style, 4x5 feet. He could not work it well on account of the rain and did not put down all the fertilizers he intended.

A careful study of the Williamson place of corn planting bears out the belief that it is the best way, and the experiments this year will prove it.

Politics are booming now. The writer has received more warm greetings and hand shakes in the last month than in years. I wonder what some candidates take people for, to think that such warm gush will buy a vote. A lot of people have received the same treatment.

Th many friends of Rev. H. C. Bethea, speak of running him for Superintendent of Education two years hence. A place for which he is eminently fitted.

Rev. J. W. Kenney has been quite sick at his home here for some days. Dr. Parker is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Britton, of Smithville, visited friends here quite recently. Mrs. Britton's many friends were delighted to see her.

Rev. Mr. Cole carried on a very interesting meeting at Pisgah Church last week. The congregation was large from the first and increased to the end, despite the intense heat. Miss Ila May Evans presided at the organ during the meeting, and her services added largely to the interest of the occasion. The church very highly appreciates her kindness. Mr. Cole is a fine preacher. His sermons are short, well arranged and delivered in conversational style.

The meeting which was to be held at Swift Creek Church this week is postponed. Mr. Cronch, who was to help in it, is sick and can't come now.

Rev. Jesse Smith and family, of Beulah, were here yesterday.

Mrs. W. E. Allen and children, of Florida, and Mrs. Anna I. Allen, of West Waterce are visiting relatives and friends here.

Your former Brann correspondent was up here last week.

Orange blossoms are blooming for this section if reports are true. Several people I understand are badly afflicted with heart disease.

From appearance it looks as if both of Sumter's gubernatorial candidates will be in the second race. I hope we will land one of our men, for Sumter deserves this honor.

BORDEN.

Borden, S. C., Aug. 14.—Mr. C. L. Emanuel is visiting his mother at Manning.

Mr. A. R. Hatfield was married last Sunday at New Hope Church to Miss Mattie Baker.

Little Miss Larine Humphries, of Beulah, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Cato.

Mr. A. C. Quilla Cato has accepted a position at Spruce Pine, N. C.

Mr. A. J. Hatfield has a position with W. H. Freeman.

Misses Lettie and Addie Cato and their friend, Miss Jessie Brown, is visiting Mr. C. H. Humphries at Beulah. They will visit Camden before their return.

Mr. C. D. Waldref returned from Donalds, S. C., where he spent a few days with his father. His sister, Miss Estelle, returned with him to spend a few days.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Dalzell, was in town today.

Miss Amanda Cato and son Edward are visiting Mr. M. W. Cato.

Mr. R. L. Cato has a position with Emanuel & Co.

Mr. R. S. Brown our Postmaster, has erected a new store on his lot next to the postoffice building.

EDWARDS.

Edwards, S. C., Aug. 11.—For the past few days we have been needing some rain, but we had a fine shower yesterday afternoon. Crops are a little above the average in this section.

Mr. L. A. White has the finest cotton.

Rev. J. V. Davis, of Congaree, is assisting Rev. H. S. Booth in a protracted meeting at Salem. There is much interest manifested.

Rev. Mr. Cole preached a most excellent sermon at Mizpah. Rev. G. M. Howerton filled the pulpit at New Hope.

Miss Irene Weldon is visiting relatives at Timmonsville.

Miss Essie White is spending a few

weeks with relatives at Sampit.

Mr. Marvin Weldon spent a few days of last week at Timmonsville.

Mr. A. B. White is having his dwelling completed.

Mr. W. T. McLeod is repairing his mill.

Mr. Arthur McLeod, of Remberts, is visiting friends at this place. Mr. L. H. White has gone to Camden to day.

Miss Alma Bradley, one of Braun's most charming young ladies, visited in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. L. A. White is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, of Smithville.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at St. John's Church last Thursday, Mrs. T. W. Munnerlyn in the chair.

Misses Lou and Eva Britton are visiting relatives in Camden.

Messrs. Lawrence White and Marvin Weldon spent Thursday night with relatives at Remberts.

Mr. A. K. Weldon spent last Sunday with relatives at this place.

Mrs. L. A. James, of Bishopville, spent Sunday with her father, Mr. J. W. Weldon.

Mrs. A. K. Weldon is spending this week with relatives here.

We are having a great deal of sickness, there going lot of typhoid fever in this vicinity.

Mr. J. E. Davis is spending this month with relatives at Antioch. Ed has been in Birmingham several years and his friends welcome him home.

Miss Minnie Grier, after a pleasant visit to friends in Wilmington, N. C., has returned home.

STATEBURG.

Statesburg, Aug. 14.—Misses Nina and Anna Mellette are visiting their cousin, Miss Ina Mellette.

Mr. A. M. Lee returned to Charleston on Sunday afternoon after a short visit to his family at Farm Hill.

Mrs. M. S. Burgess, of Sumter, is visiting her father, H. L. Pinckney, Esq., at his country home, Oakland.

Mr. Ancrum Finley, of Charleston, spent a few days at Mrs. E. N. Frierson's last week.

Miss Bessie Murray is visiting friends at Hagood.

Mr. Wallace Plowden, of Summerton, visited friends in our midst last week.

Miss Muncaster has returned to Charleston after a pleasant visit to Miss Omma M. Frierson.

Mr. J. Temple Frierson, Sr., spent Saturday here among relatives. He was on his way from Great Falls to Charleston.

Miss Julia and Anna Burgess leave tomorrow for a stay of two weeks among the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. Goodyear Murray who has been in faraway Texas for a number of years, spent a few days here last week with his sister, Mrs. S. E. Nelson.

Mr. Guy Warren, of Sumter, was the guest of Mr. Charlie Pinkney today.

Miss Virginia Saunders paid a flying visit to relatives in Summerton last week.

Mr. W. H. Burgess, of Sumter, is visiting Mr. Charlie Pinkney at Lane Jounce.

Miss Mattie O. DeVaux, of Summerville, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Dukes Carson.

Mr. W. H. Anderson, of Summerton spent Friday and Saturday with his friend, Mr. F. P. Burgess.

HAGOOD.

The Wedgefield correspondent, in referring to the game of ball between Hagood and Wedgefield sometime ago, accuses a Hagood correspondent of saying that Wedgefield was an easy mark for Hagood. If the said correspondent will look at a copy of the Daily Item of August 7th, he will find that no such statement was made. True, the head lines stated that such was the case, but whether the Wedgefield correspondent knows it or not it is generally the editor who writes out the head lines. Therefore we would say it looked like to others they were an easy mark, regardless of how it looked to Wedgefield. We would also like to say a few words about the second game which he claims was no game. Wedgefield asked Hagood that morning, and several times before the first game started to play two games, which it was finally decided to do. After four innings had been played and the score stood 9 to 2 in favor of Hagood, the Wedgefield team refused to take the field in the fifth inning, and their captain told Hagood that there was no use trying to catch up, and that they could take the game. The Hagood team thought this rather unportsmanlike, but as Wedgefield acknowledged they were beaten, nothing was said, and now the Wedgefield correspondent wants to deny that it was a game, and claims that it was merely a practice game. Hagood is always ready and willing to play, but they do not like for their hard earned victories to be called practice games. The Hagood players have the highest regard for the Wedgefield team at all times as worthy opponents even though they have been defeated by Hagood in all of the games played.

The crops around here are about as fine as ever. The cotton is opening fast now, and the farmers around here wish it to be a prosperous season.

Mr. A. H. Saunders has gone on an extended trip to the springs.

Mrs. C. W. Sanders has returned from the Isle of Palms.

Mrs. J. R. Corbett will return from Clyde, N. C., next Saturday.

Mr. C. A. Mitchell has gone to the Springs for a few weeks stay.

Mr. Hodge Lenoir, of Camden, is visiting in the neighborhood.

MAX.

Max, August 20.—Rev. B. K. Trulluck is spending some time with his family in North Greenville.

Miss Vivian Brockington has returned from a visit of a few weeks to Miss Elsie Neaves of North Greenville.

Miss Violet Young of Columbia is visiting relatives here.

Rev. Crim of Sardis preached a splendid sermon at Bethel Sunday afternoon to a large and attentive congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White's little son was buried at Beulah cemetery yesterday. The funeral services were conducted by their pastor, Rev. Trenholm.

HORATIO.

Horatio, August 13.—The crops in this part of the country are about the best seen. Cotton is opening very fast and some people will be picking in about a week or ten days. Mr. C. A. Mitchell has about the best corn I have seen anywhere around. Mr. C. A. Jackson has the finest cotton I have seen.

Baseball is about through around here. Hagood had one of the finest amateur teams in the State. Long Branch defeated her once by the score of 5 to 4.

There was a protracted meeting held at the Methodist church last week which was quite a success.

Miss Mattie James of Spring Hill, has been staying with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Jackson, this week.

Mr. C. A. Mitchell has been on an extended visit to Glenn Springs and the mountains.

Miss Mary Emily Creighton is visiting at Mr. C. A. Mitchell's this week.

Mrs. J. R. Corbett has been gone all of the summer to Glenn Springs and the summer resorts of North Carolina.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson and Mr. Isham Moore have gone to North Carolina for a stay of two weeks.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, August 20.—Your correspondent was badly frightened two weeks ago at the appearance of grass worms upon his broadcast pea vines; they cleaned up the grass, then made a start on his cotton, but am glad to report did very little damage, soon disappearing as mysteriously as they come and last accounts of them they were three miles east of here.

The experiment of planting corn on the Williamson plan through this section this year has proven a great success. While I must admit the seasons have been very favorable. Now, will it be a success a draught year? Some will try again another year and if it is a dry year we will note the result.

Cotton has improved very greatly of late and if the top crop will mature our farmers in the Rembert section will gather as much cotton as they did last year.

Fodder pulling is half finished but the rains last week has damaged some.

Cotton is opening very slowly here. Applications of soda and high grade fertilizers made July 1st are still keeping the crops green and in a growing condition, and the crop, so to speak, will be two or three weeks late.

Mr. J. D. McLeod lost a very valuable horse last week with brain trouble.

Mr. D. V. Keels has just returned from Harris Springs.

Mrs. S. L. Keels and daughter, Miss Annie, are spending some time at Harris Springs.

Mrs. Maggie Chandler and children of Columbia are visiting Mrs. J. M. Reams.

Mrs. S. J. Gilmore of Columbia is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Miss Etta Cuttino of Sumter is on a visit to Mrs. J. M. Reams.

Mr. T. D. McLeod has returned home from a pleasant visit to Harris Springs.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, August 18.—We have been having very heavy rains this week, and the weather continues very hot.

The army worm is doing great damage on every farm.

Fodder pulling is being carried on now, but the weather is very unfavorable for the week.

Miss Kenneth McKaskill who has been in Wilmington several weeks to be treated by an ear specialist has returned to her uncle's, Mr. K. McKaskill, and we are sorry to know that her hearing has not been much improved.

Miss Gibson of Newberry has been elected to teach the Wisacky school, and the patrons have decided to move the school to the Wisacky chapel and are now having the building repaired and made comfortable for the purpose. Mr. Wilson Scott, their former teacher, has secured a school in Drallington.

Mr. Clifton Ledingham has returned from a very pleasant visit to his mother in Marion.

Master C. Myron Smith left a few days since for Clarendon where he will engage in business.

Dr. N. Y. Alford is repairing and otherwise improving his dwelling.

Miss Bertie Williams and cousin, Miss James, of Richland, who have been visiting relatives here returned to their home today.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

P. Monson Hamilton, a negro porter at the Ridgewood Club, Columbia, shot into a street car Friday afternoon as it was passing his house near Hyatt Park. None of those on the car was seriously injured. Hamilton was put off the car a short time before for misbehavior.

The Coroner of Greenwood County held an inquest over the remains of Bob Davis on Friday, and after taking no testimony the jury returned a verdict that Davis came to his death at the hands of unknown parties.

Chief of Police Blackwell, of Greenville, has been suspended at his own request, pending the investigation of charges against him.

Governor Heyward has gone to Virginia to spend a week with his family who are spending the summer there.

A crowd of negroes attempted to lynch John Samuels, another negro, who committed criminal assault on a little negro girl near McCormick, Abbeville county, last Friday.

An engine ran wild in the Florence freight yard Friday and wrecked a switch engine. The crew of both engines escaped injury.

Mrs. George Watkins and child were drowned in Oconee county last week by being swept from a buggy while crossing a swollen stream. Mr. Watkins escaped.

BUMPER CROPS IN TEXAS.

Picking is Well Under Way Already, But a Serious Shortage of Pickers Is Feared.

Dallas, Texas, August 19.—Texas is just starting to harvest what promises to be the bumper cotton crop of the State's history. Picking is well advanced in South Texas, has begun in Central Texas, and will begin over Northern Texas before October 1st. A bale or two are being received at Dallas.

There is impending according to cotton planters, who are interested in securing labor, serious trouble when the time comes for gathering the crop as a whole. The weather has been conducive to the production of a crop in Northern Texas that will surpass that of former years. Provided that market prices are maintained this heavy production will be a source of joy to the farmers but for the scarcity of labor.

Already reports are being sent to all parts of the South to induce negro cotton pickers to come, to Dallas and be distributed to localities where they are most needed.

United States Senator Charles A. Culberson was informed by friends to day that it looks as if much of the cotton will go unpicked, because of the large yield of staple and in the short supply of labor. He said, "In view of the fact of this annual shortage, cotton pickers must necessarily soon be considered in the immigration question by Texas."

BOMB THROWING.

Warsaw, Poland, August 21.—The chief of police at Siedlec, a town 50 miles from Warsaw, was killed today by a bomb. Two constables and a woman who were near the chief were wounded. The assassin made his escape.

A CUT IN SUGAR.

San Francisco, August 21.—After five months competition the California and Hawaii Sugar Refining Company has forced the Speckles Western Sugar Refinery and the trust to put down sugar from \$5.15 to \$4.30 per hundred. As the reduction applies to 150,000,000 pounds of sugar the loss amounts to a great sum.

Team Killed; Driver Unhurt.

Bowman, August 17.—During a severe thunder storm yesterday about 6 o'clock a team consisting of a fine mule and horse, the property of Jake Ammons, a thrifty negro of this section, were killed by lightning. A small boy was driving the wagon, which was loaded with crossties, when the accident occurred, but fortunately neither he nor his father and mother, who were only a short distance behind the wagon, sustained any injury from the shock.

NEGRO ATTEMPTS AN OUTRAGE.

Black Brute in Saluda County Seeks to Criminally Assault a Little White Girl Seven Years Old—He Fails of His Purpose and Escapes—Mob Searches for Him and Lynching is Feared.

Columbia, August 20.—The governor's private secretary, Mr. Norment, has received a telephone message from Deputy Sheriff Berry, of Saluda county, telling him of an attempted outrage in that county yesterday afternoon and asking that bloodhounds be sent. It appears that a negro about 18 years of age made an attempt that afternoon to criminally assault a little white girl seven years old, the daughter of a farmer named West. He failed of his purpose, but injured the child very severely and ran.

The Wests live in the Sandy Creek section of Saluda county, near Batesburg. A searching party was at once organized and the pursuit of the negro began. There are at least a hundred men in the searching party, and it is believed that they have the negro surrounded in a swamp. So close were they upon him at one time that he was forced to drop his hat and coat.

The sheriff was sent for and Deputy Sheriff Berry went to the scene. About midnight last night he called upon the governor's office to ask that bloodhounds be sent and requesting advice as to what he should do. The governor is not in the city, but Mr. Norment urged Mr. Berry to do all that he possibly could to protect the negro when caught, and stated that bloodhounds would be sent to Saluda this morning. Berry seems to think that it will be impossible to save the prisoner if he is captured by the mob.

Mr. Norment has also communicated with Solicitor Cooper, requesting him to do all that he can to have the prisoner protected and prevent a lynching.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

At Darlington, Aug. 14, two games—Darlington 2, Orangeburg 1. Darlington 0, Orangeburg 0.

At Georgetown, Aug. 14—Georgetown 6, Camden 9.

At Manning, Aug. 14—Manning 0, Sumter 10.

At Manning, Aug. 15—Manning 0, Sumter 14.

At Georgetown, Aug. 15—Georgetown 2, Camden 4.

At Darlington, Aug. 15—Darlington 0, Orangeburg 1.

At Sumter Aug. 16—Sumter 8, Georgetown 2.

At Camden Aug. 16—Camden 3, Darlington 4.

At Sumter Aug. 17—Sumter 5, Georgetown 3.

At Orangeburg Aug. 17, two games—Orangeburg 7, Manning 0. Orangeburg 11, Manning 2.

At Sumter Aug. 18—Sumter 5, Georgetown 6.

At Orangeburg Aug. 18—Orangeburg 8, Manning 3.

At Camden Aug. 18—Camden 5, Darlington 4.

GRAFT AT CLEMSON COLLEGE.

Mr. J. C. Stribling Declares Cows Were Bought Over His Protest.

Anderson, August 20.—In regard to the purchase of nine head of Jersey cattle for Clemson at an aggregate price of eighteen hundred dollars, Mr. J. C. Stribling of Pendleton, a member of the purchasing committee, scores the whole transaction. He says cattle were bought over his protest and charges that the cows were forced upon the college by one of the trustees, who was not on the committee and who coerced the director of the station into endorsing the trade. He calls it a grafting affair.

"I have made the charge," he says, "that these cattle were forced upon Clemson by one of the trustees, who was not on the committee and through his usual rule or ruin policy practiced at Clemson has perverted this affair from our original intention of getting one heifer for \$125 up to nine head for \$1,800. Behind this whole affair is a tale that would make interesting reading. It needs investigation by the trustees of the college."—The State.

F. W. Warner & Co., of Charleston, received the first bale of cotton of the season from H. C. Folk of Bamberg. The cotton was good middling, and the bale weighed 535 pounds. It was sold to the Goldsmith Mercantile company for thirteen cents. The bale was sent by express, ten days later than last year's first bale.

LEVER'S OPPONENT.

"Corn Field" Candidate Put Out For Congress By Republicans.

Orangeburg, Aug. 16.—The Republicans of the Seventh congressional district met here yesterday and nominated Alex D. Dantzier as their candidate for congress. The convention organized by electing Mr. A. D. Webster as their chairman and Jacob Moore as secretary. Three contested for the nomination and were presented as follows: A. D. Dantzier was nominated by Adam Johnson of the Lexington delegation; R. H. Richardson by H. B. Thomas of Orangeburg and J. H. Weston by E. B. Thompson of Columbia. The cornfield candidate had the "bag" and won. H. B. Thomas of this city was re-elected district chairman.

CANDIDATE'S CARD.

For County Treasurer.

In compliance with the wishes of many voters (as expressed to me), I announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of county Treasurer for Sumter county, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary, and pledge myself to abide by the result of same. T. W. Lee July 25, 1906.

For Auditor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Auditor of Sumter county, and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary. Robert Muldrow.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. D. Wilder.

For Judge of Probate.

Duly appreciating the generous support of my fellow citizens of Sumter county in the past, I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Judge of Probate at the approaching primary election and will abide by the result of said primary. Thos. V. Walsh.

For Congress.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the seventh congressional district, and pledge myself to abide the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. A. F. Lever.

For County Supt. of Education.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the same. Charles Pinckney.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Education, pledging myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary. S. D. Cain.

For the Senate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for State Senator from Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. John H. Clifton.

I hereby announce my candidacy for State Senator for Sumter county subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary. A. K. Sanders.

For the House of Representatives.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, pledging myself to support the nominees and abide by the result of the same. George W. Dick.

For Supervisor.

In announcing myself a candidate for re-election to the office of county supervisor I desire to thank the citizens of Sumter county for their liberal support in the past and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary. W. H. Seale.

For Magistrate.