

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Some 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 Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Sept. 7.—It surely is dry and dusty here about this time. Have not had any rain to amount to anything since the 27th of August. Cotton has given up growing, and I am fearful that peas will almost be a failure hereabouts. Some of the Whippoorwill peas have been made, but they are not what they would have been if we had had good seasons. Corn, potatoes and gardens are suffering for rain.

It was my privilege to go to old Calvary church last Sunday, where I saw the pastor, Rev. J. N. Tolar baptize eighteen converts. Fifteen of whom will belong to Calvary and three to Pinewood. After the baptizing Rev. Tolar preached a very instructive sermon on growing in grace, from the first clause of the 18th verse, third chapter, 2nd Peter. That night at 8:30 he preached a fine sermon at Pinewood on giving from 2nd Cor. 9th chapter and 7th verse.

Mrs. W. J. Ardis has been sick for the last eight or ten days, but is better to day.

Miss Ida B. Burke, of Ramsey, visited Mrs. W. T. Kolb last Sunday afternoon and night.

Miss Nealie Ardis, daughter of Mr. Joe M. Ardis went to her uncle's, Mr. John F. McLeod's, (who lives near Mahoning), yesterday morning to see her grand mother, who is quite sick.

Dud Weeks and Ran Bracy visited at Mr. Joe M. Ardis last night.

Mr. Editor allow me to say to that young brother, who said I wrote that a colored man said that whiskey fattened two of his (the colored man's) calves, that I think he had better get him a new pair of specks as there is something sure wrong with his eyes as he cannot tell the difference in cats and calves.

Miss Maud Christmas, of Bloom Hill and Mr. Ed Lee, of North Carolina were married one day week before last. Miss Christmas is the second daughter of Mr. J. Helton Christmas, and Mr. Lee is a young man from North Carolina, who has been working near Bloom Hill for some time.

Miss Eunice Osteen and Miss Mary Kolb returned from their visit to relatives and friends at Winnsboro, Ridgeway and Columbia last Tuesday, the 31st.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, Sept. 7.—Notwithstanding this town can boast of three hustling physicians, there is a plenty of work for them all. Every day the sick list is swelled and the disease comes on suddenly and terribly in some cases.

Mr. J. Ernest McFaddin has been very ill, but is now slowly improving.

Miss Julia McIntosh is dangerously ill and recovery doubtful. Her father, Mr. M. L. McIntosh is suffering from some lingering malady, which baffles the skill of the best physicians.

Mr. G. W. Stokes, who has been quite sick is reported better.

Mr. J. H. Cribbs, who is at the Hood Infirmary in Sumter is still ill, but a little improved.

Master Vernon Lewis, also at the infirmary, is reported much better.

In the country around there is a great deal of fever.

Prof. and Mrs. Brisson left today for Batesburg, their home for the past year or more. He has been spending his vacation at this place and at Florence.

Mrs. J. O. McDonald, of Savannah, Ga., is spending time here at Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McEvelevan, her relatives. Mrs. Graham Hawkins is reported some better.

The drought is still unbroken and cotton is seriously injured. Estimated loss is 20 to 25 per cent. though prices are fair. Cotton seed are selling at \$39 per ton.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgfield, Sept. 8.—The long dry spell through which we have just passed will shorten the cotton crop at least 20 per cent. In this section and unless rain comes soon the pea crop will also be a failure.

Messrs. Frank Mellett, Calvin McLaurin, Peter Dwight and Frank Cain left for Clemson College on Tuesday.

Messrs. Burney and Lee Thomas left last week for Davidson College.

Misses Ammie, Inez and Corinne Wells of Privateer are spending some time with their sister, Mrs. R. H. Ramsey.

Mr. J. F. Spears, of Conway, has accepted a position with Messrs. J. H. Aycock & Sons for the fall.

The many friends of Mr. N. D. H. Jordan are glad to learn he has sufficiently recovered so as to leave the hospital at Florence and return to his home at Cool Springs, Horry county, to regain some strength before returning to his work here.

The Wedgfield graded school will begin its 1909 session on Monday. We are fortunate to have the same teachers return to us. Prof. O. H. McMillan of Mullins and Miss Ruth Harrington, of Cheraw, and Miss K. M. Pickens, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. LeRoy Brohun, of Asheville, N. C., is spending sometime with his brother, Mr. T. D. Brohun.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ramsey had a few friends to call on Monday evening in honor of the Misses Wells of Privateer.

Mrs. R. N. Thompson, of Olanta, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cain.

REMBERT.

Rembert, Sept. 9.—We have had a very light rain and some cooler weather, which I suppose will help our feelings some, but I don't think it will do the crops very much good. Cotton picking is in full blast and the darkies are singing a glad song, because they know cheese and crackers await them at night, but this won't last long, for three weeks fair weather and the crop will be about through. Gins are humming around us and the wagon drivers are happy because they are going to town and you know the dispensary is running.

Remberts is on a boom. There has been several additions made to the postoffice for the convenience and accommodation of the public, also a nice stock of goods has been opened up. Remberts is a beautiful place and we hope in the near future to see a good many improvements added, which will beautify and advance its projects. If Mr. Rembert would throw open the gates of admission to the world, there would soon be a beautiful town there, and a fine market for the farmers. Mail advantages, wholesale opportunities and banking privileges would soon open up and Remberts and the surrounding country would soon come to the front and take its place among the leaders of progress.

The little missionary society at McLeod's Chapel will serve ice cream and cake at the Rembert graded school building on Friday, 17th at 5 o'clock p. m. for the benefit of missions. Come one, come all, and assist in this glorious work for the Master's cause.

Mr. J. M. Reames is having some repairing done on his residence, short crops does not seem to worry him.

The graded school at Remberts will open on the 13th.

MAX.

Max, Sept. 10.—Messrs. W. E. McBride and A. J. Goodman went to Florence yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Truluck went to Timonsville today on business.

The water in the mill pond near here was turned loose last Monday and work commenced rebuilding the mill.

Mr. J. D. Moore has taken a position with McLendon & Co., at Newtown.

Immense numbers of people attended the protracted meeting at Bethel last week. Perfect order prevailed. Every sermon was by the pastor, and was to us wonderful and impressive.

The Southeast Missionary Association convened with the W. M. S. of Bethel on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Boatwright, of Mullins, a gifted and consecrated worker, made excellent talks to the societies at the morning session. Rev. Piani, foreign missionary, preached an exceedingly impressive sermon to the public in the afternoon. Dinner was served on the ground.

Farmers are ginning and selling cotton rapidly.

Very little rain has fallen here for sometime.

OUR SUMMERTON LETTER.

Summerton, Sept. 9.—Until yesterday's good rain there had been nothing more than an occasional shower in this vicinity since the cotton season opened; the drought although too continuous for most purposes has enabled uninterrupted harvesting for several weeks, and consequently the cotton receipts have so far been all but phenomenal. That deterioration has taken place is an unquestionable fact, but the price received should make up for all deficiencies. Whether warranted or not the Summerton market on Tuesday reached the high point of 12 1-2 cents, which was, of course, the result of sharp competition. That was not a representative price and was only paid for a very few small lots. Even at 12 cents, which seems to be the prevailing price today, our farmers are hurrying their cotton to the gin with a view

of putting it on the market. Yesterday over 90 bales were ginned in town, and about 150 weighed on the local platform.

Corresponding strides are being made in all the various business enterprises in town; and the freight receipts are unusually large. Coincident with the arrival of their new fall goods, the Summerton Mercantile Co., procured as valuable assets to their dry goods business, the services of Misses Lucy Mood and Alethea Davis. The Strauss-Rogan Co., has recently repainted the interior of their building and made such improvements as will the more advantageously show off their full and up-to-date line of goods.

As an adjunct to their business, the Summerton Hardware Co. are acting as agents for gasoline engine outfits, in which much interest is being aroused. These engines we understand, may be put to various uses—from the threshing of oats to the generation of electricity. Rumor has it that Capt. J. A. James of the Summerton Hardware Co. will soon install one in his home for the purpose of lighting.

The runaway accident on Saturday of last week will serve to prove the wisdom of the town ordinance with regard to hitching vehicles on Main street. A horse belonging to Jim Jones, colored, ran a considerable distance down Main St., kicking the top off the buggy and throwing the driver out. There happened to be only one other buggy on the street, but that one was struck, incurring, however no serious damage. We can not help but wonder what might have been the consequences had there been any number of vehicles hitched along the street.

On Thursday night, Sept. 2, Annie, the 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rogan died at this place, and the funeral services held at 11:30 Friday morning. On Sunday, Sept. 5, Mrs. Isaac Lenoir died in Hendersonville, N. C., where she had been taken some six weeks ago for treatment. Mrs. Lenoir was Lou Dingle, whose father is a member of the well-known Dingle family of this community.

On Tuesday night, Sept. 7, Misses Mildred James and Lucy Mood entertained a few friends at the home of Capt. J. A. James. The feature of amusement was games played in progressive fashion and the first prize, being a five pound box of Huylers, was won by Miss Genie Mae Furse. During the evening ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Carrie Rodgers, of Woodruff S. C., is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lanham.

Miss Maud King-bury is the guest of Mrs. J. A. James.

Miss Perthia Davis has returned from the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. J. Fred Lanham has returned from Canton, N. C., and will be employed in the dry goods department of W. R. Coskrey's store.

WHITE RAPISTS CONVICTED.

Cartersville, Ga., Sept. 7.—At a special term of the Bartow county superior court here Jack Worthington, white, was today convicted of criminal assault with recommendation to mercy and was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. Dink Worthington, co-defendant, was acquitted. The case of Will Golden, another white man, charged with criminally assaulting a white woman is now on trial.

Although there was considerable excitement in the northern part of Bartow county following the commission of the assaults and threats of lynching were freely made, the excitement was appeased when the special term of court was ordered to try the cases. While the verdict in the Worthington case fails to meet the approval of many of the hundreds of citizens from the northern section of the county, who are in attendance upon the court, it is not apprehended that there will be any attempt to do either of the Worthington any violence.

The spectacle of three white men facing trial at the same term of court, charged with criminal assault—a crime heretofore associated almost exclusively with a certain type of the negro—is unparalleled in the history of American courts. The details of the assaults upon the two young women, as recited by them, were revolting.

It is certain that Judge Flite's ordering of the special term of court was all that prevented at least an attempt to lynch the three men.

Howard Stakely, a negro, is in jail and will probably be tried on the charge of criminally assaulting a 7-year-old negro girl.

A verdict in the Golden case is expected tomorrow morning.

GINNERS REPORT ISSUED.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The cotton ginner's report issued today was as follows:

Total number of bales ginned to Sept. 1st, 1909, 377,552 bales; total number ginned to Sept. 1st, 1908, 200,278 bales.

JAMES T. BACON DEAD.

Edgefield Mourns a Son Whose Life Lent Luster to Her Name and Scattered Joy Among Her People.

Edgefield, Sept. 8.—Col. James T. Bacon died at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral will be from the Episcopal church Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Col. Bacon had been ill at his home here for several weeks.

Col. James T. Bacon was the best known and most universally beloved man in the county and his name was synonymous with all that is pure, generous, noble and good. Col. Bacon had attained his 78th year. He was descended from splendid revolutionary stock. His ancestors came from Virginia, where the family had been prominent among the colonists for over a century. Edmond Bacon, for many years a brilliant member of the Edgefield bar and the "Ned Brace" in Longstreet's Georgia scenes, was his grandfather. Edmond Bacon, although a Georgian by birth, in early life moved to South Carolina and he with Col. Arthur Simkins settled the town of Edgefield. He had four children, the second, Edmond Speed, being the father of the subject of this sketch, his mother being Sarah Bacon, a cousin to her husband, she having married twice, her last husband being the Rev. Arthur Wigfall.

The Bacon family has been closely connected with the county's and State's history. Col. Bacon had one brother, Hon. John E. Bacon, who was secretary of legation at St. Petersburg when Gov. Pickens was minister, and afterwards minister to Uruguay and Paraguay under President Cleveland, and a full sister, Mrs. Baker of McClellanville, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Kate W. Cheatham, of this place, and Mrs. Dr. Trezvant, formerly of Columbia. Col. James T. Bacon was born here and his long and useful life was spent amidst the scenes of his nativity.

After receiving an academic education at this place he completed his studies in Germany, making a specialty of music, in which he excelled, and which was one of the joys of his beautiful life. After his return from Germany he taught music here and at Anderson, but it was to journalism that he devoted his splendid talents, in which field he won for himself a name and reputation, seldom equaled in this country. After serving with conspicuous bravery in the War Between the States he returned home and assumed the editorship of the Edgefield Advertiser and the files of

that paper will best tell how ably and brilliantly he performed the duties of that office. Gentle as a woman, yet brave as a lion, he could write with all the softness and sweetness of Washington Irving, but when necessity and duty demanded it with all the boldness and fire of Wendell Phillips. During Reconstruction times, when Federal troops were stationed here, and the negro and scalawag, held high carnival, Col. Bacon printed The Advertiser in red letter and his "leader" was filled with such patriotic fire and defiance as to cause offense to the federals. For this he was arrested and carried to Charleston, but no harm befell him, and he returned home only to continue the brave fight for Anglo-Saxon supremacy. He was again prominent in those days, as he ever was, a gamecock, and never did his red plume lower its crest. After leaving The Advertiser he, with his nephew, Mr. L. W. Cheatham, conducted the Edgefield Chronicle, a paper that is loved and read by every man, woman and child in the county, because back of it has been the brains, wit and eloquence of "Jim Bacon." His correspondence to the Columbia State and special articles to The Sunday News and Courier attest the unique style, versatility and brilliancy of the man.

Many of his close friends here have often urged him to collect and print his writings, but his innate modesty forbade. They would make a volume worthy of his wit and genius. Col. Bacon was never married, but he was beloved and courted by all for his magnetic personality, social attributes and brilliant conversational powers. One beautiful trait of his character was his love and loyalty to his immediate family. His venerable mother, the late Mrs. Wigfall, as well as other members of his family, would often urge him to seek broader fields, where his talent would have won higher distinction and greater pecuniary reward, but he preferred to remain with them, and with his life-long friends, and at the home he loved so well and administer to their happiness and support. Now that he is gone Edgefield mourns for him as never did she sorrow for man before. He has left a void that can not be filled. Col. Bacon leaves surviving him his sister, Mrs. Kate Wigfall Cheatham; his nephew, Mr. L. W. Cheatham; his nieces, Mrs. Fred G. Swaffield and Mrs. D. I. Denny, of Columbia, and Mrs. George Sharpton, besides several grand-nephews and nieces.

Beware of people who apologize everytime they do you a favor.

RAILROADS MUST REFUND.

Interstate Commerce Commission Issues Decree in Central Yellow Pine Association Overcharge Case.

Washington, Sept. 7.—An order involving approximately \$1,000,000 in reparation was issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It included claims in what is known as the Central Yellow Pine Association territory—Louisiana, Mississippi and western Alabama—and involved a refunding of amounts paid by a large number of shippers of yellow pine lumber from the territory to points in other States on which an overcharge of 2 cents per 100 pounds was collected by various railroads.

The settlement of the cases was made on the same basis as that effected in the yellow pine lumber cases in other territories of the South, 67 per cent. of the provable claims being allowed.

TURKEY NEEDS MONEY.

Ottoman Government Trying to Sell Bonds to Amount of \$30,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The Turkish government has invited bids for \$30,000,000 bonds bearing 4 per cent. interest with 1 per cent. for an amortisation fund.

The Imperial Ottoman embassy in Washington today announced officially that, on the strength of article 36 of the financial law for the current financial year, the Imperial Ottoman minister of finance has decided to contract a loan of 5,000,000 Turkish pounds (approximately \$30,000,000), the rate of interest being 4 per cent. and the rate of amortisation 1 per cent.

The product of this loan will be devoted to the payment of the debt due to the Oriental railways according to recent arrangements; the payment of the debts of the deposed sultan; to the establishment of an extraordinary relief fund to be used for repairing the damage caused by the recent disturbances at Adana; to the meeting of the deficit of the imperial budget for the current year; to the payment of indemnities to officials placed on the retired list as a result of the reorganization of the various departments of state, and finally to the meeting of the expenses to be incurred by the reorganization of the civil and military pensions service.

Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy. The General Sumter Memorial Academy will open for the fall session on Monday, Sept. 13th.

BOYLE LIVE STOCK COMPANY.

Our car of Stock has arrived. We have twelve nice mares in this shipment suitable for brood purposes, and several nice Saddle and Harness Horses.

Drop in and Have a Look.

This is hay season. Our trade on Osborne Mowers and Rakes has been good, but we have another car of Mowers just arrived, we would like to sell. Our Verticle Lift Mower is a wonder. You don't have to use your hands to throw the blade over a stump two feet high. The floating cutter bar allows the blades to cut level with the ground at all times. You can drive along one side of an embankment and cut your grass on the other. Can you do this with the others? You know the Osborne Rake! It is recognized as the best by all. Double life axles and wheels.

Blue Bird and Syracuse Steel Beam Plows. The entire John Deers' line of Plow Goods, Disc Harrows and Planters. The McWorter Broad-cast and Two-row Fertilizer Distributor.

Oat planting time is most here. The Farmers' Favorite Grain Drill is now perfect. You regulate both fertilizer and grain feeds with a lever on this year's improved drill.

We have a complete line of Buggies, prices right, but we have a special inducement for the trade while they last. It is a High Grade, Leather Quarter Top Buggy, with Iron Frame Leather Boot, shipped us without order by the manufacturers. In order to induce us to take them they made us a substantial reduction. This we pass on to you.

Price \$65.00.

Unloading today a car of One Horse, Steel Axle Wagons. \$24.00, Fully Warranted. Car of Hackney One and Two Horse Wagons to arrive next week.

Come and stop at our new barn with us when in town. Just across the street from the old stand. Fifty-three stalls. No charge for hitching.