

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

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

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, Feb. 17.—A delightful entertainment was given at the home of Miss Callie Wells on Friday night the 10th inst. A small admission fee was charged for the benefit of the aged ministers.

The young folks spent a very pleasant evening at Mr. J. R. Kolb's the 14th inst. Valentines were the order of the day.

Miss Lillian Harvin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. Harvin, for some time, has returned to her home.

Miss Laura Whilden, of Sumter, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Kolb.

Miss Kate Bradford is visiting relatives at Wedgefield.

R. F. D. No. 2 has been extended so that it passes by Mr. Marion E. Rivers' residence. The R. F. D. is a great convenience for the country people.

EDWARDS.

Edwards, Feb. 17.—Farm work is on a standstill on account of the bad weather.

Mr. George Brown has established a saw mill in this neighborhood. He is now ready to supply the demand for lumber.

Mr. F. E. Hancock is building for himself a new dwelling.

The farmers of this section have about finished hanting fertilizers.

There was a valentine party at the home of Mr. B. C. Cook on the night of the 14th inst.

Mrs. J. C. Coughman, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Miss Madge Weston, one of Heriot's most charming young ladies, has been visiting Miss Elma Hancock, of Edwards.

IONA.

Iona, Feb. 20.—You don't know how hard it is to get news in the country and the weather so cold and you know we correspondents always tell it just like it is.

Mr. W. C. Corbett is very sick, also one of Mr. F. J. Boykins' children.

Some time ago Mr. J. J. Chewning had some cotton seed stolen from him. Mr. Chewning had Peter Anderson arrested. He was tried before Magistrate Munnerlyn last Wednesday, but the State failed to produce evidence enough to convict.

Miss Emma Pipkin, our school teacher went to Bishopville last Saturday.

Rev. S. H. Booth failed to fill his appointment here last Sunday on account of the rain.

Mr. A. M. Corbett and Mrs. J. F. Matthews are visiting Mrs. J. E. Corbett of Antioch today.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, Feb. 20.—After two weeks freeze and with business almost suspended, our farmers have commenced plowing again, and in a short time with good weather our lands will be completely reutilized in this section, but don't be in too big hurry to plant for March as well as April, will be damp and cold.

Miss Lottie Wiggins, principal of St. Matthews school, here is getting up a very interesting program for the celebration of Washington birthday.

Mrs. Mamie Moffett, of Congaree who has been visiting her sister Mrs. McLeod here has gone to Bishopville to accept a position in the postoffice there.

Our friend and neighbor, J. M. Jenkins is erecting a beautiful six room cottage and when completed will add very greatly to his handsome estate here.

Tommie Jenkins who has been attending South Carolina college in Columbia is at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jenkins.

Mr. S. Lee Young spent a few days in Columbia last week.

H. C. McLeod, H. C. Bethea and W. M. Cohen attended the cotton growers convention last Saturday in Sumter, as delegates from Rafting Creek Township club.

Much to the regret of our community, Mrs. Mary C. Young age 70 years had a fall on yesterday, spraining her ankle very badly, and is confined to her bed.

Mrs. Essie DuBose wife of Rev. M. DuBose of the South Carolina Conference is visiting Mr. T. D. McLeod.

Am glad to report our measles patients here are all convalescing, and that the school children can soon resume their studies.

Mrs. S. Lee Young will visit her mother, Mrs. Walker, of Columbia, who is very sick with the grippe, this week.

MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, Feb. 20.—Our two up-to-date physicians are having their hands full now with colds in various forms, but this correspondent has heard of no case of pneumonia in this immediate neighborhood, as yet.

Out of seven members in Mr. H. McIntosh's family, only one is able to be up. Mr. P. R. McIntosh barely escaped pneumonia.

The smallpox patient, Tom Boyle, is out again walking about. The negroes around visited his house freely, although he was confined to his bed, and could not be persuaded to keep away; so if it is a virulent or contagious type of smallpox, others will surely have it.

State dispensary detective, J. C. Scarborough, was here again last week and had two arrests made for violation of the dispensary law. Both persons were bound over to the court at general sessions.

Mr. Willie S. Rhame, of Summerton, visited relatives in this place last week.

I am going to report that Prof. Brunson is sick.

The farmers, both white and colored, in this section, can be depended upon to reduce their cotton acreage, at least, 25 per cent, and fertilizers in proportion; but, there is a section in this county that refuses to get in harness. Some of this class are merchants, bankers and farmers.

MAX, Feb. 20.—Mr. Henry Sims died last week of pneumonia at the Alderman lumber camp.

There was a beautiful spirit of charity shown by several gentlemen, they nursed Mr. Sims kept up his work, supplied his table, fed his visitors horses and assumed payment of Doctor's bills.

A little grand son of M. R. M. Thompson, Sr., died at his home Saturday afternoon. The family has the sympathy of the friends. Mrs. Thompson having died recently and other members of the family have been sick.

Mr. Thomas Steele is seriously ill. Mr. John Truluck has not recovered from his recent sickness.

Miss Janie Wilder, of Sumter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wheeler Oblander.

Mr. Bishop Burgess and sister Miss Sunie, of Mounzous, visited in the community last week, also Miss Bessie Carraway, of Pine Grove.

Miss Stalene Hicks, of New Zion is spending sometime with relatives and friends about here.

Mrs. Rebecca Goodman, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Carraway.

Mr. E. C. Bailey, of Timmonsville preached at Beulah Presbyterian church Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. George Ham and Miss. Lula Waters were married Sunday morning.

ALCOLU.

Alcolu, Feb. 20.—On account of the illness of the correspondent the news from Alcolu will be scarce this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Alderman have returned from a visit to Florida. Mr. Alderman was very much impressed with the contrast between the temperance of our state and that of Florida.

Miss Bertie Pringle was called to her home in Sumter Monday on account of her father's illness.

Miss Lucy Hinson, of Babcock Ga., is visiting Mrs. Hinson of his place.

The young folks of Alcolu spent an enjoyable evening at an entertainment last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin.

Mrs. Tom Wells is spending some time at lanes with her mother who has been ill for quite a while.

Miss Lamb Mims, who has been Mr. E. J. Alderman's stenographer for the past two years has resigned her position and returned to her home at Silver, S. C. Miss Mims has won many friends in Alcolu who regret to see her leave.

Mr. George Hodge from new Sumter paid Alcolu a flying visit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gough of Manning visited friends in Alcolu last week.

The new mill plant recently put in at Alcolu is about completed.

A Valentine party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Owens was attended by some of the young folks of our town.

Miss Selden Epps of Brogdon, spent the latter part of the week with her sister at Alcolu.

The people of Alcolu extend to Mr. Haonkinson their deepest sympathy in the loss of his sister Mrs. H. E. Gyles of Aiken.

MANCHESTER.

Dark Corner, Feb. 20.—Well we have had some few good days, and farmers have started up their work again after the severe cold spell we have been having.

J. E. Johnston who moved from Paxville to Hon. W. O. Cain's place in January has moved this week here on old Mr. Pink Week's home place and H. C. Scott's family who moved to Cain Savannah last week moved back here to old Mr. Jim McIntosh's.

They say they were not satisfied at Cain Savannah.

Mr. T. H. Osteen has done a great deal of repairing on his place in south west Privateer this winter.

Mr. Ben McLeod, of Privateer visited at W. J. Ardis's last evening.

Mrs. Robert J. Gedding's daughter, Miss Hattie, her son Richard, and grand daughter Nannie, of near Pinewood, visited Mrs. W. J. Ardis yesterday.

I had the pleasure of meeting in your city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alb Owen of Bloombill, also Miss Lyon Edgefield who teaches the Bloombill school this season. She is the prettiest Lion (Lyon) I ever saw in Sumter. No wonder she was allowed to roam around loose in the streets. But I expect she will devour some poor man yet.

So mote it be.

Old man Jim Ardis hired him a young white man in Pinewood some time ago (Walker Howard) who I think came from Georgetown county who has proved to be a fine young man so far.

Mr. R. L. Felder of Pinewood has rebuilt his stables and is building a nice buggy house, now in place of those he had burned some time ago. And I see Mr. Dolph Stack has his brick ready to start to rebuild his store at the same place.

HERIOTS.

Heriot, Feb. 22.—Miss Sadie Burrows who has been at Dr. Bakers Infirmary two weeks returned home Thursday. We hope she will soon be well.

Mrs. Dr. DuBose is still improving.

Mr. John Wactor who has been running Mr. R. C. Wactor's gin returned to his home in Orangeburg yesterday.

Rev. S. H. Booth and Mr. L. H. White of Smithville were here yesterday. They were going around getting up money to build a parsonage at Smithville where one is needed very much.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, Feb. 21.—It is a little difficult to give you actual news from this section. We keep in such good health here that we have but little sickness and consequently but few deaths to report. We do see by our neighbor's correspondence that the measles and even smallpox have been near us, but they must find our elevation too much for them as we have had none on the hill yet. As for marriages, they are not as numerous new as when cotton was at 10 cents.

Horse trading and all other business is at a stand still except lien business which is more flourishing than ever before. There will not be much investment in guanos though, for the general talk is less guano and less cotton.

Plowing is almost impossible yet, and late planting is expected by all. There is a general prophecy that the severe season and late planting will give us another good crop year.

Anyhow pass the good word around and let all keep in good spirits no matter what's in the wind. My belief is that cheerfulness is a contagious disease that spreads encouragement wherever it goes. Let's have no quarantine against it.

The cats in this section have received some hurt from the cold, but I hear of no serious damage.

Mr. W. F. Smith was in Camden Friday on business.

Mrs. M. B. McCutchen, of Bishopville is in the village visiting Mrs. Egsworth.

The Masons had their regular communication on last Wednesday night in the new school building. Several took their second degree and could as it was there was a good attendance. This is a busy lodge. There is rarely any meeting but what agrees are conferred.

The Knights of Agriculture met for organization on last Saturday night.

The new parsonage is an assured thing now. Rev. S. H. Booth and Mr. L. A. White went out collecting yesterday and met with big success.

There is every probability that all the churches will be open and well attended tomorrow, Sunday. We must have bright weather for that, you know. The following is the honor roll of Smithville high school for week ending February 10.

2nd grade—Ollie McKenzie, Mary McKenzie.

3rd grade—Pearl Smith, Robert Mathis, Charlie Mathis, Marshal Hancock, Mendel Smith, Annie Hancock, Nellie Mathis.

4th grade—Geneva Mathis, Minnie Boyce, Estelle Hatfield, Sadie White, Joseph McManus, Harley Hancock.

Honor roll for week ending February 17:

4th grade—Estelle Hatfield, Harley Hancock, Sadie White.

3rd grade—Marshal Hancock, Robbie Mathis.

BRAUN.

Braun, Feb. 21.—The cold weather continues and for past week or more nothing has been done on the farm.

Mr. T. M. Bradley, is adding a grocery room to his store.

Mrs. T. E. Hurst is introducing a new line of silverware into the neighborhood and is finding splendid sale for it.

Miss Mattie James, who has been in Columbia for several months is at home again.

Mrs. A. K. Weldon, spent last week in Sumter with her parents.

Mr. Albert Bradley spent Friday in Camden.

Mr. Willie Hurst from the "State Farm" spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Sid Hurst.

Mr. Marvin Weldon and little sister paid Mr. A. K. Weldon a short visit last week.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, Feb. 21.—Miss Inez Cunningham returned from Bishopville last Tuesday after spending a few days at home with her parents.

Mr. C. Gazes returned to Sumter yesterday after spending a day or two in our neighborhood.

Mrs. J. N. Cautey and little daughter of Summerton, are the guests of Mrs. E. N. Frierson.

Mr. J. Singleton Moore, of Sumter spent Sunday at "The Ruins."

Miss Mary Anderson of Summerton is visiting relatives and friends in Stateburg.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess spent Sunday at home.

Miss Lily M. Holcombe who has been visiting in Charleston is in the neighborhood for a few days. She is on her way to North Carolina.

Mr. E. R. Murray of Sumter is spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. Temple Frierson.

Miss Anne M. Barnwell spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Manly H. Boykin, who has been at Providence for the past few months, is now at Mr. W. J. Norris.

Mrs. L. H. Ramsey returned on Thursday from a pleasant stay in Columbia.

Mrs. Screven Smith, of New Mexico is visiting her brother Mr. H. G. Muldrow.

The beautiful comfort made and raffled by the ladies of the Sewing Society at the residence of Mrs. S. E. Nelson on last Tuesday evening was won by Mr. Henry Moore. The Society held a meeting on last Saturday at Mr. E. N. Frierson's.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 18, at Mrs. J. T. Frierson's.

The Junior Auxiliary met on Friday at the residence of the Secretary and Treasurer Miss Anna P. Burgess.

Two new members were added to the roll and the young workers are quite enthusiastic over the work for 1905.

TINDAL.

Tindals, Feb. 21.—On last Wednesday afternoon while out hunting Mar-

lie Pack, a son of Mr. B. J. Pack, accidentally shot off one of his fingers.

He is said to be getting along well.

Mr. T. E. Hodge spent last Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. Sam Osteen of Sumter, spent Sunday here.

Mr. S. A. Harvin of Privateer visited in the neighborhood on last Saturday.

ELLIOTT.

Elliot, Feb. 22.—It has been misting rain all day, but since sun down it has been coming down right heavy. We've had a whole week of dry—but the most of this time has been very cold weather.

I think the early oat crop is all right, except what was drowned out by the heavy rains, it had just gotten so that the farmers could commence work again.

I think Mr. E. D. Smith, is doing a good thing for our country, and wish we had more of his stamp. He has been working in a more quiet way for several years—to benefit the farmers.

Mr. J. B. Carter is moving the first Atlantic Coast Line depot, and will turn it into a barn. It will take several days to move it a distance of two or three hundred yards, it is being moved by means of pulleys.

Mr. C. R. Craig, our depot agent is off on a visit to his old home in North Carolina. There is a relief man in his place.

We hear that Capt. Collins is to change his run on the Bishopville railroad to one from Florence to Charleston. His genial face will be greatly missed.

I always thought that Lee county had the finest lands of the State, and now it looks so, as such a thing as a railroad can't buy enough for a right of way.

An extra communication of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held at Masonic Temple on Thursday at 8 p. m. The E. A. degree will be conferred.

Notes Afield.

In writing you last week I failed to notice D. G. Brown, a hard working farmer who through sheer perseverance is succeeding on rented land.

Did you know E. E. Rembert is preparing to put up a residence the like of which is not seen in the country?

Sunday came and with it the hard weather predicted by the bureau. No preaching, no religious services again at Bethesda. Monday finds the Methodist pastor in our community visiting. He is well received everywhere.

Tuesday the writer is on the road. The new house of Sylvester Allen is nearing completion.

Oats along the road look bad. Found Mr. Spencer, our new neighbor laid up with cold and rheumatism.

At Borden found the saw mill of Mr. Brown at work with little timber and little in sight. Neither Mr. Emanuel nor Mr. Freeman were in.

Hear wild cat talk about reduction of acreage but let no man be discouraged. If the matter was examined carefully those who do such talk are nothing and can do no material harm by themselves. A cipher counts for nothing till it gets a figure beside it.

Young Robt. Cato, who married the second youngest daughter of W. R. Brown has moved to himself and is living in the Marion Cato house, which property his father has bought.

Marion Cato, now dead, an honest straightforward man who made a living farming has only one representative here in his son Marion.

Jim L. Baker who with his wife came so near dying of typhoid fever at the Jones place above Spring Hill has bought and is living on the B. G. Morris place near the old Cato mill.

S. B. Hatfield, Jr., is getting a decent living on rented land. He is a good man and a hard worker, whom we would like to see owning a place.

We are always glad to shake the hand of Mr. Wash Hawkins and to look into the kindly face of his good wife. His sons John and Wash, two fine young men, live with him still.

Your Pisgah scribe can pile brush, clear land and make fine cotton, as I have seen with mine own eyes.

Do you know Rev. J. Walter Kenny a practical man with plenty of good hard sense? He's a jolly fellow, too, grown fat with laughter I reckon. He makes folks laugh and makes a good living. You always regret you have no more time to spend with him.

Tom Rogers, cousin to Rev. W. A. Rogers of the South Carolina Conference knows how to farm successfully and can turn his hand to other things beside, as was evidenced by some painting. Both he and Mr. Kenny have added on to their houses.

Who has not heard of Capt. Jas. H. McLeod, deceased, whose son, John R., lives at the old homestead. Besides this he owns another fine property in the Hilliard lands, which he bought and paid for years ago.

Here is a section near Rembert depot, that is easily the equal of any in our county and that because its citizens made it so. Several new roads have been built here adding greatly to the desirability and value of the lands. Three things decide a com-

munity: its roads, churches and school houses.

In the territory covered by this letter the following colored farmers deserve mention because of their respectability, industry, intelligence and success: E. W. Sanders, James Gettys, Daniel Davis, Mollie K. Corbitt, Zack and Simpson Saxon.

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DURANT.

Durant, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Keller, of Orangeburg, is visiting her daughter, Mrs., Robbie Durant.

Mr. James Montgomery spent Wednesday in Sumter.

Mr. Judson Witherspoon spent two days at home last week.

Mrs. W. P. Montgomery has recovered from her recent sickness.

Miss Keller, who has charge of a school near Manning, has been visiting in the neighborhood.

BROGDON.

Brogdon, Feb. 21.—Mr. M. H. Plowden and family, who moved to Georgia a year or two ago, have returned to this neighborhood to live. We are pleased to welcome them back.

The weather continues dark, gloomy and unsettled. Everything seems to be at a standstill. No plowing can be done, the ground being too wet.

Those who have attempted to garden have had their efforts thwarted. Cabbages that have been set out for early use are dead. Peas are a failure.

We are glad the much needed telephone connection between Sumter and Manning is soon to be established. Living on the line we expect to do our share of the talking.

At this depot only a few cars of fertilizers have been received. Farmers are moving slow.

All who have cotton are holding for better prices. The din of the gin has at last ceased. Cotton picking is just over. Everyone has decided to reduce cotton acreage this year.

Several of our folks went to Sumter last night to see James Jeffries. They report themselves as much pleased with the performance.

SALEM.

Salem, Feb. 22.—Rev. and Mrs. Gray, of Salisbury, N. C., who are on a visit to Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Muldrow, near Mayesville, are among the visitors in this section. Mr. Gray filled Brick Church pulpit on last Sunday for Dr. McKay, who has not fully recovered from the effects of gripe, but hopes to be well enough to fill his appointments on next Sunday at Brick and Concord churches.

The many friends of Dr. N. W. Edmonds here are pained to know that he has been so unwell. The item is scanned eagerly to know the latest from his bedside, and its readers are disappointed if no mention of his condition is made.

We heard three neighbors discussing the condition of things at their homes a few days since and each decided his home was a hospital, so we have our share of ills too, but would like to be slighted in this particular.

The farmers see unduly exercised about the over production of this year's cotton crop, but if the present condition of this weather continues much longer this problem will be fully solved without any more worry on their part.

Nothing has been done on many farms in the way of preparation and on some farms there is still a remnant of cotton to be gathered.

Mr. G. W. McBride is nursing a spell of gripe.

Mr. Geo. E. Wilson, of Charlotte, N. C., came down today on business and pleasure. He is always a welcome guest in these parts. Very little fertilizers have been hauled and only a few cars have been received at the Mayesville depot to date.

EGYPT.

Egypt, Feb. 19.—As I have never seen anything from "Egypt," I will try to give you a few dots.

Farmers in general are very much behind with their farm work; some of them have hauled their fertilizers.

Rev. Geo. Howelton spent Saturday night in the community and preached at New Hope church Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. Howelton is an able preacher and liked by all.

Mrs. S. A. White, after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, of Smith