

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS 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.

MAX.

Max, May 8.—Messrs. W. D. Truluck, B. A. Smith and Allison DeFe went to Alcolust week selecting and buying lumber.

Mr. W. D. Truluck is remodeling his dwelling.

Mr. Smith has about completed his new residence.

Mr. D. W. Alderman was hustling around here several days last week looking after his business. He has purchased a tract of land known as the Hickson land and has built two cottages on it.

Mr. Platte Moore, who is fond of his two adopted nephews, will now make room in his affection for a son who is a new comer and is no doubt already crying out for equal rights.

Webber, son of Mr. W. B. Good, was bitten on the foot by a snake Friday. He pulled it loose from his foot with his hand and turpentine was applied freely.

Rev. E. C. Bailey preached two sermons at Beulah yesterday.

Mr. S. C. Caraway, of Timmons, attended preaching at Bethel Sunday.

Max, S. C., May 15.—Children's Day at Nazareth next Saturday.

The many heavy rains have injured growing crops and have caused farm work to be badly behind.

Mr. Lynthus McGee and Miss Lizzie Lynch were married at Bethel parsonage Sunday afternoon. Rev. P. K. Truluck performed the ceremony.

The marriage of Mr. Elijah Mort and Miss Italee Hicks is announced to take place Wednesday.

Rev. B. K. Truluck is quite sick, also Mr. John Truluck.

EDWARDS.

Edwards, May 8.—We are having very heavy rains at present and farmers think if these heavy rains continue the cotton acreage will be cut to a great extent.

The farm work is at a standstill here now as it is too wet to work the small crop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLeod have gone to visit relatives near Winnsboro.

Mr. Luke Davis who has been in Alabama for quite awhile has returned home for a visit.

Mrs. S. A. White of this place has come to visit relatives at Paxville.

There was no preaching at New Hope Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon on account of the heavy rain.

Mr. W. D. White of this place was in your city on Saturday last.

Rev. S. H. Booth filled his regular appointment at St. John's Methodist Church yesterday morning and had a very large congregation.

Edwards, S. C., May 13.—We are having some pretty weather at present.

The farmers are busy now chopping their cotton.

The barn and stables of Mr. F. C. Peebles was burned last Thursday night. It was a heavy loss to him as he lost quite a lot of corn and fodder. The fire was supposed to have been incendiary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. White spent Tuesday in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Weldon, of Braun, spent Thursday with the former's parents here. Mr. Weldon reports the heaviest rainfall of the season on last Wednesday evening at Braun.

Mrs. J. W. Weldon has been quite sick for the past few days, but is up again.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. White spent Tuesday in Bishopville.

The health in general of the community is very good.

HERIOTS.

Heriot, May 12.—The farms of this neighborhood are very much behind with their work. Many of them have had to plant over on account of the washing rains we have been having.

Some are plowing up their cotton and planting corn. Everybody around here have very fine gardens and also plenty of young chickens coming on, and I think these are the best things we could have.

The Kings Daughters met Wednesday afternoon at Remberts church. The regular meeting is on the first Wednesday but on account of the State Convention, held in Charleston, May 3, 4 and 5, they met on the second Wednesday. Miss Maud Aman was sent as a delegate from the Remberts circle.

Mr. H. P. Aman has returned home from Alabama, where he has been employed about three months.

Miss Leila Sparks, of Sumter is visiting Miss Lily McCutchen of this place.

Miss M. J. Privett has returned home from Mr. J. W. Weldon's.

DURANT.

Durant, May 15.—The closing exercises of the Durant school were held in the school house on last Friday evening and were very much enjoyed by the patrons and a few friends. The children acquitted themselves well and reflected credit on their teacher, Miss McFaddin. The piece, taken from one of Louisa Alcott's popular books, "Little Men," in which ten of the children took part,

was one of the most entertaining on the programme. The self-possession even of the smaller children was surprising.

Miss Pauline Williams left on Thursday for a week's visit to relatives in Charleston.

The heaviest rain for several years fell here on last Thursday afternoon. Lightning struck a tree in Mr. John DuRant's yard a few miles below here and stunned a horse that was hitched near it.

Miss Virginia DuRant is home for the summer vacation.

MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, May 12.—The weather bureau promised us "no rain" for today and tomorrow, and we are inclined to agree with them, as in our judgment too, there should have been no rain, as we like they, thought it was time to guess "no rain," but we, and they too, have guessed wrong. Large clouds are gathering in the north and west, and the wind is howling furiously—almost a storm. So we and the bureau, too, had better withhold expressions of opinion, until there are unmistakable signs of settled weather.

Dr. E. F. Darby returned from Mayo, Fla. last night via Jacksonville and Charleston. He left Mr. Potts much better and thinks he will be able to return to his old home in two or three months, with good care.

While in Jacksonville he witnessed a fine game of ball between that city and Columbia in which the latter was victorious. The doctor said many nice things about Mayo, Fla., and its people. The town is at the terminus of a short railroad about 25 miles from Live Oak, Fla., and settled by excellent people. Doctor Darby said he caught quantities of fish out of the Suwanee river during his stay in Florida, and while gliding along on the swift, but smooth current of the river, which carries with it a sentiment, he could not refrain from humming (musically added) the old and ever familiar song, "Way Down on the Suwanee River."

Of course he had a couple of friends with him who sang the other parts. Somebody ought to have been there as reproducer—'cause we know how fishermen sing.

Our genial, popular and ever welcome young friend, Eddie Daily, is with us for a short while again. Everybody likes Eddie—he is so even, smooth, gentle and refined in his manners.

Dr. Daily is having his handsome residence painted. The painting of Mrs. McFadden's is completed, and it is real pretty among the beautiful evergreen oaks. "Old man Frank" Potts is the painter and it will be done right.

BRAUN.

Braun, May 15.—We have had some very heavy rains during the past week. Last Sunday we also had considerable hail. The farmers are very much behind with their work. Cotton, in several places, is being replanted.

There are several cases of sickness in the neighborhood. Drs. Britton and Foxworth both have patients near here.

Mrs. T. M. Bradley has been quite sick, but is improving.

Mrs. Charlie Jackson and Miss Lula Thompson, of Horatio, spent Friday at Mr. J. C. James'.

Mr. T. M. Bradley is in Bishopville today.

The farmers have had very few good days for farm work and while they are having sunshine they are all hard at work—too busy to frolic, too busy to travel—so consequently news is very scarce.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, May 15.—Misses Tillie Flud and Sadie M. Flud are visiting relatives in Clarendon county.

Mr. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, spent Saturday and Sunday at "Farm Hill."

Miss Mattie Gibson, who has been teaching school near Sumter, is at home for the summer months.

Masters Yeadon and Mellette Pitts, of Sumter, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Julia Burgess, leaves on Tuesday for Pinopolis, where she is to visit Mrs. Henry Gilliard.

Mr. C. C. Slaughter, of Orangeburg, spent Saturday and Sunday at his old home. He was accompanied by Mr. W. D. Frierson.

Mrs. J. Nelson Frierson and little daughter, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. E. N. Frierson.

Miss Sarah Nelson returned today from Sumter where she has been visiting.

Mr. John H. Burgess is spending this week in Sumter.

Miss Hallie Saunders, of Hagood, was the guest of Mrs. W. L. Saunders on Sunday.

Mrs. Mark Reynolds and family, of Sumter, spent Saturday at Dr. W. Anderson's.

Mr. C. Gazes spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. W. J. Norris.

ELLIOTT.

Elliott, S. C., May 9.—Down in the lower part of Lee county is an imposing church. Up to a few years ago

this church was known in the South Carolina conference as Rock church, being originally built on rocks of Stony Run on the hill by which stream it stood, but now it is called Wells' church. On these same grounds is Wells' school, whose teacher, Miss Mattie Jackson, closed her second term last Saturday with a most creditable entertainment of recitations songs and dialogues. It is exceedingly hard to say which deserved most praise—all were perfect. The song, "Sleep, Baby Sleep," by seven little girls dressed in long Mother Hubbards, white aprons and caps, swinging while singing doll babies, was certainly most comical. And the way the school rallied to the Bonnie Blue Flag was inspiring. The recitation, "The Morning After the Ball," was acted so well and seemed natural enough for that young lady to be put on the "old maids" list before many years roll around.

After all these treats came a fine address from Col. J. Harvey Wilson on education, and I hope parents and children were all inspired to press forward.

Still this was not all for among the green trees was built a regular extension table (from its length) and by the time all trunks, boxes and baskets were emptied it was loaded with good things to eat and there was a large crowd to eat it, and not a drop of rain all day.

After dinner off in another part of the grove by a splendid artesian well, was served "ice cold lemonade" for everybody. I think from the way Jonah handed it out his arms must still ache.

Then the exercises of the school were encored after which the old folks went home and the young ones repaired, rather paired, to Mr. Geo. Muldrow's and played tennis until a late hour, for some it was too late, one of a pair was—I won't tell for "Mollie" said I must not.

Miss Mattie gets and well deserves a lot of praise. She has been unanimously elected for another term by all the patrons.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, May 15.—Mr. W. A. Cooper, who had been very ill at his brother's, Mr. Robt. Cooper, died Saturday night and will be buried at Brick church today.

Mrs. Strickland, an aged lady living at Wisacky is exceedingly ill at this time.

Mrs. Dr. Alford has been seriously sick the past week.

Mrs. Robt. Cunningham and little daughter, of Bishopville, have been visiting in the neighborhood, also Mrs. Willie Gibson and Miss Mamie.

Messrs. Edgar Scott and Myron Smith, of this place, attended a very pleasant picnic last Saturday at Elliotts at the close of Miss Jackson's school.

Master Woods Corbet and Russell Shaw have been in our midst the past few days.

The farmers are in a great rush trying to catch up with their work.

The prospect of a peach crop in this section is very doubtful and the fruit continues to drop.

Miss Lula May Williams is in a very feeble state of health.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, May 16.—The rain still continues. Only a few days could any plow work be done this past week. Cotton is looking bad and dying out in light, sandy land. Much of it has been chopped out, but very grassy. Plow work is greatly behind and with a heavy rain again today the prospect certainly looks blue. Corn is turning yellow owing to not being able to cultivate, but most planters this week have commenced making second application of fertilizer. The bud worms still continue bad, which necessitates frequent replanting. Oats are maturing in places and look well.

J. K. McLeod could not attend court in Sumter this week as jurymen owing to sickness.

J. M. Reams and S. W. Young are on the jury this week and I hope they will enjoy their visit to the Game Cock City.

Mrs. E. E. Rembert and children spent last week in Spartanburg taking in the May festival.

Notwithstanding the press for plow animals at this time Mr. W. C. Harlee had a very faithful horse foundered on Sunday last by over feed of corn.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, May 16.—Our quiet neighborhood was greatly shocked on Friday afternoon by the brutal murder of Mr. D. E. Wells by Colclough Stukes. From all we have been able to learn the murder was undoubtedly premeditated.

We are sorry to have to report Miss Edna Ramsey on the sick list.

Mrs. S. J. Bradford is visiting relatives in Wedgefield.

Mrs. Brown, of Sumter, is spending some time at Rev. T. P. Lide's.

Messrs. Singletary Carnes and King of Bishopville, visited in Privateer Sunday.

Misses Annie Bradford, Aretis Bradford, Katy Bradford, of Bishopville, spent Saturday and Sunday at

Mr. A. W. Bradford's.

Mr. Thomas Harvin, of Panola, is spending some time at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, May 13.—Well, this beautiful evening I will write, but everybody in these coasts are so busy that news is scarce. General Green has an army on hand of many corps and Rain Water has been in command for several days during the past week and the farmers have had to resort to all sorts of movements to flank him, but if the sun will continue to shine for the next ten days like it does today I think the farmers will win the fight.

I have just heard that Capt. D. E. Wells, who lived in S. E. Privateer, was shot to death at his home yesterday by a colored man named Colclough Stukes. Have not heard the particulars of the difficulty.

Mrs. W. J. Ardis has been quite sick for the last day or two with an attack of neuralgia. She is some better this evening.

Mr. J. B. Mcintosh, Sr., has been very sick this week. Something wrong with his heart.

Mr. T. D. Weeks had an attack of bilious fever this week, but is better again.

Mrs. Jos. H. Geddings, of Pine-wood, visited at W. J. Ardis' last Sunday.

A mule ran away one day the first of this week with Mr. Ed. S. Bartlett and knocked his shoulder out of joint besides bruising him up generally. He was getting along as well as could be expected at last accounts.

The young bucks of Pinewood have a fine time bathing, etc., here at old man Pink Weeks' mill every Saturday.

There is a good deal of sickness in the neighborhood, mostly spring diseases. Dr. R. B. Furman told me that some times he had more cases than he can attend to.

MANNING.

From the Manning Times.

The Alcolu railroad has put on a passenger coach and will soon run a regular schedule which will be a great convenience for the Salem people.

Several of the immigrants recently landed at Alcolu have left that place, some of them came here, but found no employment.

Clarendon's tax levy for 1895 is 11 3-4 mill this together with the special school tax in most townships will amount to 15 3-4 mills. The levy in Sumter County is 11 1-2 mills.

Sumter county has about sold its present court house site for \$60,000 and will buy a new site for \$25,000 to erect a modern building. Clarendon has a magnificent court house site, but when will it be able to build a first pr of modern building?

Sheriff Gamble went to Kingstree and brought back a couple of gentlemen for Clarendon's changing. Speaking of the changing reminds us of a statement we heard on the streets very recently; in affect it was that those connected with the county service are good feeders. They are furnished with choice canned goods, butter, chickens and eggs, Worcestershire sauce, and hams. We do not know if it is true, but if it is true, the changing menu beats that of the average taxpayer.

Mr. Frank Anderson, of Summerton, was examined Monday and sent to the State Hospital for Insane. He has been mentally affected for some time, and has twice before been in the Hospital for treatment.

From the Manning Farmer.

Sumter will do wisely when she sells her old court house lot for a good round sum and erects a better building elsewhere, but it would be a mistake to build again on Main street. The new court house should be built safely away from business encroachment.

During the heavy thunder storm last Wednesday afternoon a white woman named Josephine Timmons, aged about 35 years, was struck by lightning in her own house and instantly killed. When the heavy rain came on, the roof began to leak, and a boy who was in the house got up on the foot of the bed to try to stop the leak. While he was up there the woman was in the act of handing him some instrument to work with, when the bolt of lightning came and killed her. The boy was knocked over on the bed and stunned for some time. The woman was a pensioner on the county, and had been for several years, being afflicted with the loss of one leg. She lived about five miles from town. Her aged mother lives at Greeleyville.

Dr. Lionel Stukes, of Summerton, who married a Miss Edwards in Florida last week, was at his father's in Manning with his bride last Friday.

Mr. Thomas Nimmer received a cablegram this morning from his brother-in-law, Abraham Salamah, at Manoa, Brazil, requesting that his sister, Mrs. Hannah Dursel, go to that place instead of returning to Syria as contemplated. It is probably the first cablegram ever received in Manning from Brazil.

A young white man named Daniel Driggers, living about four miles from Manning, attempted suicide very deliberately Friday afternoon. He came to town and got a pint of whiskey at the dispensary and a ten-cent bottle of laudanum at a drug store, and going back home, he went out a short distance to a branch, where he drank the contents of both bottles and lay down to take his last, long sleep. In a short time he was discovered by some of his relatives lying on his back with his hands folded on his breast. The empty bottles were discovered and the situation at once surmised. A telephone message was hurriedly sent for a physician, and in the meantime the relatives rolled the would be suicide into the branch. The physician arrived in a short time and soon had the patient out of dang r.

Driggers is only about 18 years of age and said he aimed to kill himself

simply because he is tired of living. He is well grown for his age, but has only one leg. He was afflicted with white swelling in childhood, and about eight years ago one leg was amputated on account of the incurable affliction. Since that time he has enjoyed good health, and there is no reason for his despondency. He says they got ahead of him this time but he will yet do away with himself.

On a Sunday afternoon, May 21st, Live Oak Camp. Woodmen of the World will unveil a monument to the late sovereign J. M. Fladger. The ceremony will take place in the Manning cemetery at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

NEWS FROM WITHROP COLLEGE.

Winthrop College, May 16.—The first graduates in expression, Misses Nan Blakeney and Marion Salley, gave a recital in the college auditorium last Friday night. Miss Blakeney intends continuing the study of expression in Boston next winter.

On Monday the annual recital given by the graduates in music took place. Four young ladies, Misses Irene Whisnant, Estelle Campbell, Metta Oaks and Kittie Kirkpatrick, rendered several selections with ease and grace. Miss Kirkpatrick will go to Germany to continue the study of music.

The college campus has been lighted by electricity, the wires having been put up last week. In the near future electric fans are to be put in the dining room, infirmary and auditorium. This will add greatly to the comfort of the teachers and girls during the warm days of the spring and fall.

Mrs. Logan visited her sisters, Misses Daisy and Martha Neil, last week.

Bishop Capers was at the college on Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

The Palmetto Realty Co. has been organized in Union.

The tenth grade in the Yorkville graded schools has been dropped.

Governor Heyward has been asked to attend the commencement exercises at Winthrop College and to present the diplomas to the graduates on June 6.

Dr. Kenyon W. Millard, of Indianapolis, who has been held in jail at Orangeburg for several weeks on the charge of bigamy, was released from custody Saturday afternoon the evidence being insufficient to hold him.

Governor Heyward Saturday sent to the Governor of Georgia a flag which had been sent to this State. The flag belongs to the Sumter Flying Artillery of Georgia and the war department had sent it to this State under the impression that it belonged to the Sumter Light Infantry.

In the case of the State against Boyd Stone and Watis Nobles, tried at Greenville on a charge of killing policeman Nobles at Griens, on July 2, 1904 the jury brought in a verdict not guilty Saturday afternoon.

Letter to S. Coffin & Casket Co. Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: You are a maker so are we. You know what you make; you know all about it. We know our paint as you know your goods.

We know what it is, how it acts, what it does, how it lives, and how long—the conditions being favorable or unfavorable.

It is fair that we take the risk of it every way; but we ought not to risk any use or abuse of it.

Can't draw the line. We are dealing with strangers. We are strangers to them as they are strangers to us.

We want to be trusted by them. We trust them first; that's the way to get trusted. We trust them to paint with a fair degree of common paint-knowledge and care. We expect to be trusted to furnish paint as good as paint can be, and to last as long as paint can.

If you do your business that way, you are a fellow with us and one of a thousand.

A few mean men in the course of a year will abuse our trust and put us to loss; but 999 in 1,000 will tell their friends how true we are, and our paint is. That's what has made us the largest paint concern in the world. It is our best advertisement.

Yours truly
F. W. Devoe & Co.
P. S. DuRant Hardware Co. sell our paint.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the regular teachers' examination will be held in my office in the court house on May 19th, beginning at 9 o'clock, a. m.

S. D. CAIN,
County Supt. of Education.

RAILROAD TO CHARLESTON.

Another Railroad Chartered With an Immense Capital.

A Raleigh special says: The biggest corporation chartered in North Carolina in a great while was today given corporate life, it being the Charleston, Virginia and Ohio River Railroad, with principal offices at Morganton. The capital is \$2,200,000. The charter tax paid the state amounted to \$440. It is chartered for ninety-nine years and proposes to construct and operate a road from Charleston, S. C., to Norton, Va. The road is to be 140 miles of road in North Carolina, 180 miles in South Carolina, 70 miles in Tennessee, and 50 miles in Virginia—440 miles from Charleston to Norton.

The counties to be traversed in North Carolina are Gaston, Cleveland, Burke, Caldwell, Mitchell and Watauga. In South Carolina are Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Sumter, Kershaw, Chester, York and possibly Lancaster. Also Johnson and Carter counties, Tennessee. The company is to begin business when \$500,000 is paid in for the capital stock, and the incorporators and stock subscribers are: W. C. Ervin, two shares; H. L. Millner, ten shares; E. P. Tate, two shares; W. T. Hunter, 1,500 shares; Joseph F. Gowan, 1,500 shares, and Robert Regney, 1,895 shares, New York.

The Carnegie Library at Union has been officially accepted and the contractor paid for his work.

THE FIRST DOLLAR SAVED IS THE BEST.....

The Sumter Banking and Mercantile Company, of Sumter, S. C., will open a saving department and receive deposits of one dollar and over on which 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed, payable quarterly.

The way to have a bank account is to start, and you will find it easy enough to keep it growing. Save your pennies and nickles and you will soon have dollars.

Call and get particulars as to interest, deposits, etc.

Deposits, subject to check solicited.
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An Unusual Offer

By DeLorme's Pharmacy.

Who are offering their patrons an opportunity of a free bottle of the wonderful healing remedy, Paracamp, First Aid to the Injured. This remedy has become popular in a remarkably short length of time by its great success in curing the aches, pains and hurts of millions of people. Sumter people should know the value and merits of Paracamp, and to enable them to do so without risk or loss of money these gentlemen have produced a plan. "Being fully convinced of the merits of Paracamp, all you have to do, says Mr. DeLorme, is to deposit the price of a bottle at our drug store, take home a bottle of Paracamp, give it an honest trial, and if not satisfied, tell us and we will return your money."