

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.

MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, June 15.—A very interesting, though one sided, game of ball was played here last evening, between the K. of P., and the home "Sports," score 8 to 0 in favor of the former. It was a hard fought game from start to finish, the "Sports" fought hard for one score, if no more, and the Knights fought hard to shut them out—and they succeeded. One of "Sports" players did reach third base, but only to die in Dr. Tarrant's arms—so to speak.

Batteries—Jack Griffin, p; Edwin DuRant, c; for K. of P. Leland Wilson, p; for "Sports."

Umpire—Col. J. A. Rhame.

Miss Viola McIntosh boarded the train this morning for Sumter, where she will spend several days visiting among relatives and friends.

Miss Kittie Boyle will leave in a day or two for Charleston where she has a sister, Mrs. J. W. Butler.

Miss Ellis of Sumter, is spending sometime at Mr. Mahoney Kirby's.

Miss Annie McIntosh is improving, and we hope to see her out very soon.

Mr. Isaac Keels is erecting a brick store in our town, and the work is being pushed.

Another big business in our little town is in sight, which this correspondent will in the near future expatiate on.

Our young friend Tommie Kilpatrick and Rufus Griffin are figuring on visiting Sumter and Charleston soon, but for what purpose they are reticent. Well, a little thinking on the right line will probably solve the problem.

HAGOOD.

Hagood, June 18.—I never go to Sumter that I do not see something that reminds me that the town is alive, awake, active. Yes sir, she is up and doing. Now I am not going to refer to its fair sex, very fair which ever way you take it. I will not talk about its beautiful homes where they luxuriate. I will not speak of that fine corps of physicians and two excellent infirmaries, one complete the other nearly so that will furnish every attention when they are sick, neither will I descend on of the streets, sidewalks and drives unsurpassed, where hearts are broken and hearts are won. Oh, me, I said I would not speak or words to that effect, of those pretty Sumter maidens but does that debar me from speaking to them when they speak to me?

Somebody else has been looking at them besides Hagood else why that talk of loading wagons with them, hauling them to the passenger depot labeled, "This is what Sumter grows," and why do I see so often in the papers "married," or "a pretty marriage," etc. All that is wise and timely no doubt. What I took up my pen to write particularly about was that I saw a newsboy vending a Sumter paper, "The Daily Item," and he was selling them too. What do you call that? Get up and push. That is the way to get there: first get up and then push with all your might Sumter people ought to patronize the Item. I heard a man that same day, who ought and does know, talking about the Carnival. If I were to tell all he said that would make an article, but he said, "This paper published here, 'The Item,' is responsible for the whole thing. Why it was a tremendous success, a marvel to the whole country, eclipsing anything of the kind in any part of the State. Then to think of its splendid management even to the little details of entertainment. There was not a jar or break any where to mar it as an occasion of pleasure. A mammoth advertisement of Sumter, that's what it was, and it will take years for South Carolina and the country to forget it. I would discourage these stock shows, they will not amount to anything and will not impress the visitor with the progressiveness and growth of your city. They ought to call off their stock shows, etc., and in a year or so more have another Carnival. Getting it up, and on a more magnificent scale, would be child's play compared to the first. Attendance? No question about that, and in numbers surpassing anything ever seen in the State, or the impression is gone out that what Sumter undertakes she does, and does well." I say these open montied, never once looking at the girls, and when he ceased to speak, I said "Amen." When I got to the depot there was another big fellow, and he was saying, "I never come to this place that, I do not find crowds not any where else to be met in cities of twice its size.

"It must be quite a railroad centre." At any rate he was interested.

Mr. C. J. Jackson is a successful man, his latest success was to persuade the finest woman in Lexington county to keep house for him. They were married at her home at Lexington Court House, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Stateburg High School has done more for the Jack-on family than for any other family for besides giving the children an education it has enabled one of the adults to set up house.

Mrs. Frank Caple out in the sand-hills near New Hope died one day this week, after a lingering illness. She was poor with no opportunities, but she was a good woman.

Crops are clean and everything is growing, looking very well. We have had plenty of rain.

HAGOOD.

Hagood, June 19.—After twelve days of good dry weather, the water man has again put in his present with buckets full of over-flowing. From appearances, our portion has been more than other sections received.

Monday afternoon brought forth three heavy showers, either of which, in our opinion would have been sufficient for present needs. Tuesday afternoon, the bottom dropped out and the heaviest rain of the season was our lot.

Since that day it has been too wet to use sweeps to advantage. The "Dixie Boys" were the boys, mostly our favorites, but the miserable little cotton was too small, and knock over by the shock of the slow process of removing the grass from it to make much progress. This has been a very unsatisfactory year for most farmers in this section. Some few seemed to have been more fortunate in obtaining labor and have not suffered from the season while others had to resort to plowing up their cotton stands with sweeps. Come barrows &c. Most of us have gotten over and are fully satisfied that we are making expensive crops and will have to get 10 to 12 cents before we can figure any profit with 1/3 of a stand left and fertilizers l-a-ched.

March corn is a failure and what little is left from the ravages of insects will at the present rate they are devouring it, soon be gone. There is considerable late corn planted that will be our main dependence for a crop. This too is meeting the fate of the earlier planted crop. The oat crop was good and saved in good condition. We were fortunate in having two dry weeks in which to save them in and coming just at the right time. From the effects of so much rain, most of the old stacks of peavine hay left, are badly rotted.

Dr. McKay and little daughter, Nancy, left on Monday last, for a two weeks visit to his relatives in Cheraw.

Mrs. W. J. McKay left at the same time to visit her eldest son, in Salisbury, N. C., who is quite sick.

Rev. Mr. Robt Bradley, of Sardinia filled the pulpit at Brick church last Sunday.

Col. J. R. Muldoon went to Bishopville today on business.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, of Goodwill, had a close call from the destruction of his dwelling by fire on last Tuesday morning. The fire originated from the stove fire, where there had been a hot fire the previous night and smoldered in the weatherboarding until day light before it broke through. The cook came early that morning to prepare breakfast and discovered the fire just about the time it had burnt through the walls and was getting a plenty of air. She at once aroused Mr. Dabbs, who by prompt action quickly had the flames extinguished and his dwelling saved with comparatively little damage done to it.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, June 19.—Mrs. C. M. Holcombe, who has been visiting her son in Charleston, is now with Mrs. J. Temple Frierson. Her many friends are glad to see her in our midst once more.

Col. John J. Dargan is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Flud.

Miss Annie Bradford of Wedgefield and Mr. Carnes of Bishopville were married Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. T. P. Lide officiating.

Mr. Touchberry and Broadway of Clarendon were among the visitors Sunday. Mr. A. W. Bradford is reported on the sick list.

Mr. M. G. Ramsey is still improving.

Master Rutledge Hall, of Sumter and Miss Janetta Bradford are visiting at Mrs. L. B. Jenkins this week.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, June 19.—The most interesting theme of conversation to our farmers every where of course is the crops. It is more interesting now than ever from the results of the continuing rains of a short time ago and now on account of the unbroken dry spell. The rains have done for the farmers what many of them would not do for themselves—that is reduced the cotton crop. The plowing up of grassy and unchopped cotton and replanting in corn still goes on. Unfortunately there will also be a reduction in the grain and fruit crops. The outlook is very discouraging for a good many farmers.

Miss Eva and Lucille Britton also Miss Irene Weldon are home from school for the holidays.

Dr. John W. Parker, of Catey, N. C., spent Saturday and Sunday in the village and left this morning for his home. Dr. Parker is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland.

Miss Lillian Russell of Williston is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. H. Booth.

On next Saturday afternoon the ladies of this community will join with the ladies at Heriots in selling ice cream and cake in Mr. R. C. Wactor's grove to raise funds for the purpose of having a wild dog at the parsonage at Smithville.

Mr. T. W. Munnerlyn was at Norway a few days last week. He was called quite suddenly to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Butler who has been critically ill. Mr. Olin Munnerlyn also went to Norway but has not returned.

Mr. Harry McCreight, of Camden was in the village yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Booth are well established in their new home, the parsonage, where they will be glad to welcome their numerous friends.

Little Mendel Smith who has been quite sick for some time is now better.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, June 20.—On last Sunday evening Miss Annie, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Bradford was married to Mr. W. D. Carnes of Bishopville, Rev. T. P. Lide officiating. The bride and groom left on the night train for Asheville.

Miss Hallie Singleton is spending some time with relatives in Charleston.

Miss Floride Broban who has been attending school in Charleston is at home for the holidays.

Miss Edith Will, is visiting friend at Williams, S. C.

Prof. R. H. Willis left for Landrum a few days ago, to spend some time with his daughter.

Mr. F. E. Thomas, Jr., is in Asheville, N. C., for a short stay.

MANNING.

Died last Sunday night, near Paxville, Mrs. Hattie Broadway, wife of Mr. C. H. Broadway, aged 19 years. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Brown, of Paxville, and a sister of Mr. E. B. Brown, of Manning.

A conflagration started last Monday afternoon at the D. W. Alderman & Sons Co., mills at Acoluca, and for a while things threatened to be serious, but the well equipped fire service did its work so well, that only one house, the "dust house" was destroyed.

The railroad committee appointed at a recent meeting of citizens is made up of men who have a personal as well as patriotic interest in this town, and the people may feel assured that everything possible will be done by that committee to accomplish the desired results.

We are informed that an effort will be made at Summerton in the near future to change the charter of that town so that a dispensary may be located there.

Colonel E. L. Wilkins and Colonel D. J. Bradham left last Monday to attend the Confederate Reunion at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. J. N. Robson, visiting her parents here, was called to her home at Buffalo, S. C., by the illness of her husband.

The first cotton bloom of this season reached us yesterday from the farm of Mr. L. S. Barwick of Paxville. We showed the blossom to several, and one man said that was nothing, he had plenty of them last year.

Miss Gertrude Bradham and Lucie Jonsson are home from the Greenville Female College.

Died Tuesday of last week, near Sardinia, Mary M., six months-old daughter of Mr. H. F. McFadden.

Miss Corinne DuRant, of Rome is in Manning on a visit to her brother Hon. Jno. S. Wilson.

Died at her home, near New Zion, last Tuesday, Mrs. Emma Gibbons, wife of Mr. J. P. Gibbons, aged about 30 years.

DURANT.

DuRant, June 10.—There was considerable wind in the storm that passed here Monday evening. A house belonging to a negro on Mr. Joe DuRant's place was damaged to such an extent that the family had to leave and seek shelter in one near by.

Mr. Hugh Haysworth and Dr. Cheyne passed through here on Monday.

Mrs. M. T. Williams returned today from a visit to relatives in Charleston.

Mrs. Anna Shaw from Tampa, Fla., is on a visit to her brother, Mr. J. T. McFaddin.

Mrs. Hugh Witherspoon and little son arrived here Tuesday evening from East Lake, Ala.

Owing to the sickness of Mr. McKay services were not held at Concord church on last Sunday.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, S. C., June 19.—Having talked to a number of country people

on the subject of the prohibition movement now being agitated in South Carolina I find that the sentiment is in favor of prohibition, and while the dispensary is the next to the best solution we have ever tried on the whiskey question, still the country people are the greatest sufferers. They have no police protection as in the cities, and whenever a difficulty arises from the cause of too much whiskey they resort at once to the gun as this is the only safe guard or protection they have—hence so many murders and shootings throughout our State. Now come forward some of the most representative men we have in the State and say the dispensary must go, it has outlived its usefulness, and we must try prohibition. I must admit I am a prohibitionist if for nothing else than from a Christian standpoint, and here I must say it is the duty of every church member and Christian man to support the prohibition movement, and let us have a full ticket out and I guarantee every community which has no police protection will support it. I would like to hear from the other correspondents throughout the county on the prohibition movement.

We have had nice rains this past week and some of our neighbors had too much for plow work. We can take a good rain this week which will benefit the crops very much. Cotton is still small, but everybody is making applications of soda and other fertilizers, and we may yet make a fair crop—we certainly cannot make a full one. The stands are badly broken, both cotton and corn, and the worms are still very destructive. The crops are clean of grass and our hustling farmers are well up with their farm work.

The farmers' movement is still alive here and I agree with our Hagood correspondent. Let us have a grand rally on the 4th and have some good speakers. Why, the social features connected with the gathering would more than repay us by meeting our old friends and acquaintances and discussing the advantages of the association and learning what is being done for the advancement of the order.

Mr. W. J. Young sprained his ankle very badly last week and has suffered very greatly ever since. He is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. Alex Reames and child have been on a visit for several days to J. M. Reames and family.

Miss Ida Chandler and little sister, Margaret, of Sumter, are now visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reames.

MAX.

Max, S. C., June 19.—Crops were benefited by the recent rains. There is a great deal of late planted corn in this section.

Mr. John Truluck continues very feeble. Inactivity is the reverse of his past life. He says he is not afraid to die.

Bethel folks heard Rev. B. K. Truluck preach his last sermon before leaving for London.

Mrs. S. C. Carraway, of the McSween Company of Timmonsville, is home from a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Truluck, of Shiloh, visited Mr. Truluck's mother Sunday.

BRAUN.

Braun, S. C., June 19.—Mr. Willie Burgess, of Sumter, was in the neighborhood last week on business.

Mr. Hugh Evans, who has been at South Carolina college, is at home for the vacation.

Mrs. Mattie Ferguson, of Augusta, Ga., is spending some time with her brother, Mr. S. W. James.

Mrs. Charlie Jackson and Miss Leila Thompson, of Horatio, spent several days during the past week with Mrs. Jackson's parents.

A number of cotton blooms have been seen and cotton, although small, is growing very fast.

BISHOPVILLE NOTES.

Bishopville Vindicator.

Mr. W. H. Rogers has quit the express business and returned to Bishopville. He says there is too little money in railroading for the amount of work and time required. He will resume his position as chief of police here.

Mr. A. H. Baker is the first one in Bishopville to own an automobile. It is a nice one and he has been riding some of his friends around to show the merits of the machine.

Miss Lucile Parrott returned last week from Sumter and Florence, where she had been visiting. She was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Juanita Hoyt.

We congratulate the congregation of the Presbyterian church here in securing the services of Rev. Hugh R. Murchison as pastor. He has accepted the call and will enter at once upon the duties of pastor.

Miss Janie Green, of Lancaster, and Miss Aileen Green, of Charlotte, are visiting at the home of Mr. Arthur Green at Wisacky.

Mrs. Martha Corbett, wife of Mr. W. S. Corbett, of Tiller's Ferry, died May 26. Her remains were buried at the Methodist church there.

The following veterans left here

last Monday for the reunion in Louisville, Ky.: David E. DuRant, Commander County Camp, H. S. Cunningham, A. W. Parrott, W. W. McKenzie, W. H. Crosswell, Mrs. David E. DuRant, Mrs. Whittle, sponsor, and Miss May Baskin, maid of honor, were the ladies of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stuckey and daughter also went along to the reunion, and will visit relatives in Kentucky.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, June 17.—Well, Mr. Editor, it is under many disadvantages that I write today. I am tired from fighting General Green all day while in the field, and fighting yellow flies when I come to the house at night. And fighting mosquitoes at night. So you see we are having one continued war at our house.

Corn has improved some since the fine rain we had last evening, the 12.

Cotton that was cleaned out early is looking well. Though I have seen some real grassy cotton since my last. Some that has never been touched since it was planted. Corn crops undoubtedly will be short.

Some have fine sweet potatoes; cane also looks pretty fair so far.

Some are about done planting peas, others have just started to plant.

There was a crowded house at the Greenland Savannah Sunday school last Sunday evening. The school had a short talk on Christ's messages to the churches—the lesson of the day—from W. J. Ardis by request of the superintendent, J. M. Kolb.

Mrs. R. D. Kolb, of Privateer, and Mrs. J. W. Rodgers, formerly of Manchester, but now of Camden, spent the evening last Tuesday with Mrs. W. J. Ardis.

Mrs. J. B. McIntosh, Sr., of this place, spent last night with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Scott, near Ramsey.

I will stop and fight yellow flies.

TINDAL.

Tindal, S. C., June 20.—This section has been visited with several fine rains during the past week and most of the crops have been worked out and are doing well.

Mr. T. E. Hodges large new store building will soon be completed.

Miss Esther Osteen, who has been sick for several days, is able to be up again.

Miss Dora Bradham, of Paxville, is visiting at Mr. W. H. Broadham's.

Mr. John Hudson had the misfortune of getting his dwelling house together with some out buildings, burned on last Saturday night.

Donald Pack, a son of Mr. B. J. Pack, while walking the road on Sunday afternoon fell and broke his leg. He is said to be doing very well.

Mr. S. F. Osteen spent last Sunday in the neighborhood.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, S. C., June 20.—The week ending 8 a. m. June 19th, had a mean temperature slightly above normal, with extremes of a maximum of 98 degrees at Blackville on the 13th, and a minimum of 66 degrees at Greenville on the 13th. The sunshine averaged about normal, although in parts of the State there was considerable cloudiness the latter part.

There were no destructive high winds or other damaging conditions.

The precipitation was in the form of thunderstorms and local showers. The rainfall was heavy in places in the eastern counties, where it ranged from half an inch to over two inches, with scattered localities in all parts of the State that had no rain or amounts too small to be beneficial.

There were some heavy showers in the northern border counties but they were widely scattered. The need of rain is indicated for the central and southwestern counties, generally, and in places elsewhere.

Cultivation made rapid progress and nearly all fields have been rid of grass and weeds, except where laborers were scarce, or where the ground has become too hard to plow and cultivate. The weather was favorable for harvesting wheat and oats, which work is nearly finished except for spring oats.

There was a general improvement in the condition of cotton, with exceptions in the case of fields that have not been thinned or cleaned of grass, but only in exceptional instances have the plants attained normal growth, being generally undersized. Blooming is still sporadic, though fairly general in the eastern counties. Sea-island cotton is in good condition but as yet blooming sparsely. Lice are still present in sections, but are disappearing. Chopping has not been finished.

There has been only slight improvement in corn which continues small and yellow, except on fields that have received early and thorough cultivation. There are many complaints of corn tasseling low, and of damage by worms. There is considerable land yet to be planted in corn.

There is little change in the condition of tobacco, which shows the effects of too much rain, and lack of cultivation. Rice is receiving its har-

vest water in the Colleton district, and is generally doing well. Gardens and pastures need rain in the central and western parts. Melons are quite promising. Wheat is yielding poorly at threshing. Oats are also generally poor, but with numerous exceptions where the yields range from good to excellent. A large acreage of peas, for forage, being sown, and more lands will be sown as soon as it rains.

A Pinewood Wedding.

Pinewood, June 13.—Mr. H. A. Brailsford, a prominent young farmer near here, was married on last Wednesday evening to Miss Carrie DesChamps, youngest daughter of the late Senator DesChamps, and a sister of Hon. R. S. DesChamps, present member of the house.

Presentment of Grand Jury of Lee County.

To the Honorable R. O. Purdy, Presiding Judge.

The Grand Jury beg leave to make the following report, viz: We have passed upon all bills handed out by the Solicitor. We have also taken up and considered Expert Accountant Bondar's report as to the office of former County Supervisor DuRant's administration and find by consulting the records, also statements of Mr. DuRant, the following results: As to Cost of Building Jail, 1. Income from Rents, 2. Salary Account, 3. We recommend that Mr DuRant's offsets as herewith stated be accepted in the final settlement.

We have by committee looked into the Bonds of the County Officers and find same ample.

Also the condition of the jail and premises and find same satisfactory and from a casual examination find the County offices neatly kept.

We have appointed a committee to make a thorough investigation of all the county offices between this and our next term of Court.

There are additional items to which our attention has been directed, that will receive our attention if not remedied before our next report is made.

Thanking your Honor and the Solicitor for courtesies extended to us, Jas. E. McCutchen, Foreman.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, James R. Wells made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of David E. Wells, deceased.

These are therefor to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said David E. Wells, late of said county and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, S. C. on June 19, 1905, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of June, A. D. 1905.

THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

COPY SUMMONS. FOR RELIEF.

(COMPLAINT SERVED.)

The State of South Carolina, County of Sumter, Court of Common Pleas.

Ulrica Dinkins, Executrix, plaintiff, against Kershaw Nixon, defendant.

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the city and county of Sumter, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated March 10, 1905.

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby notified that the complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County on the 10th day of March, 1905, and said complaint is now on file in said office.

L. D. Jennings, Plaintiff's Attorney.

May 10-6t.

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