

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.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, July 11.—Col. J. J. Dargan who has been at Clemson delivering a series of lectures on South Carolina history to the great benefit of the teacher-pupils, is again with his family at Mrs. E. N. Frierson's.

Mrs. C. M. Holcombe is visiting her brother, Mr. Bonneau Murray, of Sumter.

Mr. W. D. Frierson left on Saturday for Wilmington, N. C., where he had a business engagement.

Mrs. E. F. Holmes and Miss Annie Holmes left on Saturday for North Carolina, where they will spend a month enjoying the mountain breezes.

Mr. Singleton Moore, of Sumter, who has just returned from New Jersey, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. James Pinckney, at "The Ruins."

Mr. A. M. Lee's family of Charleston, are at their summer home, "Farm Hill."

Mr. Guy Nelson, is in Sumter this week attending court.

Mrs. John Fishburne, of Florence, is on a visit to her sisters, the Misses Gibson.

Mr. E. F. Holmes spent Monday in Sumter.

Mrs. W. L. Saunders, who has been visiting in Sumter, is at home again. The long looked for and much needed rains have at last come, and the farmers are just a little more cheerful now. Cotton is looking very well in this part of the county, but the rain came almost too late to benefit corn. There are, however, a few farmers who hope for a better crop than was at first expected.

Stateburg, July 17.—Mrs. S. R. Flud and Misses Mattie, Tillie and Sadie Flud left on Saturday morning for Myrtle Beach, where they are to spend a month.

Master Warren Burgess of Sumter, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss H. Lee Moore, left on Friday for McEllanville, where she is to spend two weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. C. M. Holcombe, who has been visiting relatives here for the past month, left on Sunday for North Carolina.

Miss Mary Burgess, of Sumter, spent several days last week as the guests of her cousins, the Misses Burgess of "Waverly."

Mrs. J. Temple Frierson is spending a few days with relatives in Columbia.

Mrs. James Pinckney and Miss Aime Moore left on Saturday to spend a month at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Bessie Dargan is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Flud, this week.

Mrs. S. H. Ramsey returned last evening to her home, after a short stay with relatives in Privateer.

Mrs. S. R. Cain returned to her home in Pinewood today, after a pleasant visit to relatives here.

Mrs. P. C. Kirk of Trial is visiting her mother, Mrs. George M. Murray.

Mr. W. D. Frierson left last night for Charlotte, N. C., where he was called on business.

Mrs. Early Mellette left today to visit relatives at Pinewood.

Misses Alice and Henrietta DeVeaux of Summerville, are the guests of Mrs. W. D. Carson.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell is visiting friends at Hagood today.

Mrs. J. Murray Nelson and family moved to Sumter last week and are to reside in future on Church street. Their many friends here hate to see them leave.

Master Sidney Burgess returned to the country on Friday, after spending a few days in Sumter.

Mr. F. P. Burgess is spending today in Sumter.

HERIOTS.

Heriots, July 13.—We are having lots of rain now. The farmers thought that there would be hardly any corn made, but now since the rain I think that there will be a good deal made.

A protracted meeting is being held this week at the Presbyterian church at DuBose X Roads and we are glad to see Mr. Johnnie McCutchen able to attend the meeting.

Mr. R. E. McCathern's little boy, who has been quite sick, is improving now.

We will have children's day at Rembert's church Saturday, the 15th. There are a good many little boys and girls to recite and then will have a good dinner for them.

Miss Belle Scott, of Sumter is visiting Miss Adelle Dunne.

Mr. R. M. Aman sold 144 bales of cotton in Sumter today.

Mr. S. M. Colclough and family

Summerton are visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Hattie McCutchen of Mannville is visiting Miss Lillie McCutchen of this place.

MAX.

Max, July 17.—Mr. John McSween, of Timmonsville, visited his friend, Mr. J. T. Truluck, Sunday afternoon, whose conditions seems to be the same as it was several weeks ago.

Mrs. Julia Onell, of Lake City, paid her uncle, Mr. Daniel Kirby, a short visit last week.

Mr. S. C. Moore from Texas, is visiting relatives in this county.

Mrs. U. K. Moore returned from Timmonsville Saturday.

Miss Edith Graham, of Morrisville, is visiting her cousin, Miss Vivian Brockington, of Mott Bridge.

Miss Ellen Burgess, of Timmonsville, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carraway.

Mr. J. L. Kirby, of Shiloh, was here Sunday.

Robert Cain, of Glasgow, Scotland, who has been in the employ of D. W. Alderman for several months, has accepted work with the John McSween Co., of Timmonsville.

There were petitions being circulated in our neighbor county, Florence, tending to an election to abolish the dispensary. Yes, Christians, want prohibition and if every Christian were to join in earnest prayer and would exercise faith in God's word this baneful law would soon be only a sorrowful memory—by faith the mountains can be removed—where two or three gathered in my name there I am to own and bless.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, July 15.—This has certainly been a year of extremes. The first part being very cold, March pleasant, May wet, June dry, and July extremely wet again.

Some of the best corn around was considerably damaged, being blown down by the hard winds of the 4th, 5th and 6th.

Cotton is running too much to weed and not bearing.

Cabbage season is nearly over, but I believe every family in the neighborhood has a plenty nice milk, butter, eggs and chickens. So we ought not to complain. Although it takes a lot to feed these men around Dalzell to keep them smiling and happy.

Miss DeLong "the sweet musician," who has been spending several weeks with Miss Jennie Scarborough, left for her Kentucky home yesterday.

Miss Emmie Parker has returned from Rock Hill, and brought with her, Misses Inez Frew, and Katharine Moore.

Misses Lila and Pearl Powell, of Columbia, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Mrs. John Parker.

Miss Susie Lucius of Columbia has been visiting Mrs. T. M. Crosswell.

Miss Mac McLaughlin of Eastover is with her now.

Miss Claire Hoyt of Sumter is with Miss Pauline Woodley.

Miss Lennie Bowman of Sumter is visiting Misses Irene and Estelle Moore.

Miss Angela Crawford is off on a visit to Eastover.

Misses Edith and Hattie Jervey of Sumter are visiting the Misses Durant.

Mrs. Coskey of Summerton is paying her daughter Mrs. C. S. Felder a visit.

Mr. Parrott of Clinton assisted Mr. Mitchell in the meeting which closed at Horeb last night.

Mr. Bowman is building another nice store at Dalzell.

Messrs. Lee Jenkins, Harry and Thornie Parker have moved their saw mill here.

MANNING.

From the Manning Times.

Dr. J. A. Clifton will dedicate the Methodist church at Jordan next Sunday. He will also preach at night. Public invited.

The Manning Brass Band has secured the services of their former teacher, Prof. W. S. Schumacher, who will instruct them every Thursday night.

The barn and stables of Mr. W. T. Lesene, about three miles northwest of Manning, were destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock by a servant. The family was away from home. Mr. Lesene was in Darlington visiting his sister, Mrs. A. E. Briggs. The barn contained about 300 bushels of corn, 30,000 pounds of oats and a lot of other forage, all of which was destroyed. The timely discovery of the fire gave those who responded to the alarm a chance to save the horses, mules, wagons and farming machinery. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The servant that discovered the fire, we are told, said that immediately after she saw the blaze, she thought she saw a man running off towards the woods, but she is not able to identify him. Insurance on building and contents, \$700.

BISHOPVILLE.

From the Bishopville Vindicator.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Joye and Little

left on Monday evening for Chick

Springs. Mrs. Joye and son will stay a month, but Mr. Joye will stay only a few days.

A brass band has been organized by the young men of the town. Mr. Schumacher of Sumter is director.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fort left last Monday evening for Mayesville where they will be gone for about six weeks or more. Mr. Fort has a contract over there to build two dwellings and two stores.

The installation of Rev. H. R. Murphy as pastor of the Presbyterian church here will take place next Sunday. Rev. Holliday of Manning will preach the installation sermon and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. V. R. Gaston of Mt. Zion will deliver the charge to the pastor and Rev. Geo. Howerton of Bethune will deliver the charge to the congregation. Members of other denominations are cordially invited to attend.

Last Monday, July 10, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Coroner Brown was notified that one Joe Stevens was found dead in the road near the negro church known as Bluff church about a mile and a quarter from DuBose bridge. Coroner Brown immediately left for the purpose of holding an inquest if necessary, but as Stevens was subject to fits and there was no evidence whatever of foul play, the Coroner decided there was no use to put the county to the expense of an inquest, and returned to Bishopville. Stevens was on his way to work at the brick yard of Mr. McKenzie, when he was seized with a fit, and died as above stated.

DURANT.

DuRant, July 15.—Mr. J. M. Spann and Miss Bessie Ingram returned to Sumter after a visit of several days to relatives here.

There was a game of ball played this afternoon between Concord and Goodwill. The former was victorious, but they expect to cross bats again soon at Durant when Goodwill hopes for better results.

Mr. Warren DuRant had his foot sprained last week during a wreck on Mr. Alderman's tram road.

Mr. Craig Burgess pent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Boyle, of Greeleyville, visited her brother near Concord last week.

Mrs. Mary Brunson, while on a visit to her son, Mr. Tommie Brunson, received a fall and fractured her collar bone.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, July 18.—Our community was visited with a very damaging rain on last Friday afternoon. The rain lasted two hours, and the oldest inhabitants here say they have never seen such a downpour of water in the length of time, not a single terrace dam stood the terrible flow of water and cotton and corn was washed up by the roots at every point the dams gave way. The lands are ruined in places as the soil is all washed away. Still our farmers have been greatly blessed this year through this section as the present prospects are very encouraging and with good seasons from now out will give them a good return.

Mr. O. W. Hartness, railroad agent at Remberts, has resigned his position and will go to Atlanta and take a course in telegraphy. Mr. D. P. Bell, of North Carolina, has succeeded him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reese and two children are visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLeod's little son, Robert, is very ill and they have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Robert McDowell, of Camden, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. McLeod.

Services will be held at McLeod's Chapel next Sunday and the community is cordially invited.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, July 15.—We have had some fine rains this week, which have improved corn, which is green and healthy if it is small. I heard one gentleman say yesterday that he believed his corn crop would be better this year than last. I told him he was a lucky dog, for I knew he made a fine crop last year. Cotton seems to be doing all right so far in these coast; no wit has been seen so far by this scribe nor I have not heard of any.

I am told that J. M. Kolb has one of the prettiest fields of cotton on the Cain Savannah road, about 100 acres, level and green. Mack is sure a good farmer.

I saw Messrs. W. E. and J. Rollings Kolb, passing through here one day this week to their home at Privateer from Pinewood, where they had been to see their mother, who is and has been quite sick with yellow jaundice for some time.

Pink Weeks and family who I mentioned in my last, has had a pretty tough time, but have all missed the fever for the last day or so. Mr. A. S. Weeks, an older son has been down with fever also, this week, but he is up again.

Mr. Isaac B. Bagnal of Pinewood, says all of his family have had fever but one, but are up again.

Joe Johnston's baby has got a severe rising on her. She had to be carried to the doctor for treatment.

G. W. Scott, and wife of Soeven, visited N. P. Weeks's family last Sunday. Mrs. Scott remained (as her mother and father was sick) until Thursday.

Miss Cleo Geddings, of Calvary is spending some time since the 4th with

her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Osteen at the Sycamores.

Rev. T. F. Lide gave us another of his good talks on the lesson last Sunday at the Greenlaud Savannah Sunday school. We are always glad to have Bro. Lide with us.

Mr. I. B. Bagnal of Pinewood was here yesterday on business.

Miss Hattie Geddings and her brother Richard of Pinewood, visited at W. J. Ardis's yesterday.

Mr. L. M. McLeod, is spending the week in your city as a jurman.

A. G. Stack, of Pinewood has his store about completed. Now for a fine stock of goods for Dolph. Success to him.

Mr. G. W. Smith, of the same place has treated the postoffice and his store to a new coat of paint.

Mrs. M. E. Barwick formerly of your city has built additions to her house and treated all to a new coat of paint, which is quite an improvement to Main street in Pinewood, so thinks this scribe.

EDWARDS.

Edwards, July 12.—We have been having some very nice rains and they have brought the crops out wonderfully in the last week. Cotton is looking nice.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. James of Camden, have been spending some time with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weldon.

Mrs. James Kirkley is visiting friends and relatives in Orangeburg.

Miss Lottie DesChamps, one of Wisacky's most charming young ladies is spending some time with Miss Lola Kirkley of this place.

The ice cream festival at Spring Hill was largely attended and was quite a success.

Mr. Marvin Weldon went to Camden today.

Rev. Mr. Phillips filled his regular appointment at Mizpah Baptist church yesterday. The health in general of the community is very good.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, July 11.—Some of the farmers are complaining of blight or rust in their cotton. Mr. W. E. Kolb has ploughed up some of his that was affected and plauted peas in order to stop the pest.

The young men gave a fish fry at Cain's Savannah Friday night in honor of Miss May Harvin, and all say that they had plenty of fish, which is unusual at a fish fry. The young ladies voted M. H. D. Tindal and Mr. Charlie Jenkins the best cooks in the crowd which delighted them so that they decided then and there to buy an oil stove to take around to fry fish.

Miss Edna Ramsey and Miss Daisy Lide spent the fourth in Wedgefield.

Miss Susie Harvin of Manning is spending some time at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

Miss Olive Kelly of Bishopville is spending some time with Misses Edith and Vernell Wells.

Miss Hennie May Bradford is visiting in Marion.

Messrs Percy and Lucius Harvin of Manning spent Sunday at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

Mrs. Oliver and Miss Ruby Oliver of Sanford Fla. are visiting Mrs. L. B. Jenkins.

Mr. H. Drane Tindal left Monday or Pawley's Island where he will spend two or three weeks.

Miss May Harvin returned to her home in Manning Saturday very much to the regret of her many friends.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, July 17.—The farmers here kind of stopped complaining about the drouth now. Everything is looking better. The encouraging word has been passed around that the crops will turn out much better than anticipated. The lesson to be learned is to be patient under whatever is sent, for the management of rain and sunshine is in better hands than ours. Some eight or ten wagons loaded with cotton went from here to Camden yesterday and had a rather rough time returning on account of the heavy rains. Bridges were washed away, ditches and creeks flooded so much so that to get here the wagons had to make a circuit of a good many miles out of the way.

The proceeds from the sales of ice cream on last Saturday afternoon amounted to thirty-four dollars. As only a small expense has to be deducted from this amount the ladies of the church will have quite a neat sum to invest in parsonage furniture. The sales would have been much larger, but unfortunately there was nothing left to sell.

The District Board of Trustees and School Trustees of this district will meet conjointly here next Friday afternoon at four o'clock for the purpose of electing teachers and attending to other important business.

Mr. W. S. Smith went to Camden last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. S. W. Smith left here on Monday for Sumter on her way to White Stone Lithia Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Abbott, of Sumter are visiting the family of Mr. C. T. Evans.

Mrs. S. H. Latimer, of Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting Mrs. John Macey.

Mrs. T. W. Munnerlyn, who has been at Norway for some time has returned home. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Belsler, who has been quite ill but is now recuperating.

Dr. L. H. Peebles had quite a severe accident Friday. While upon a new building he is having erected, a board broke, giving him a hard fall. I understand that while his injuries are quite painful no bones were broken, and although he had to go to bed from the fall still there is no fear of anything real serious.

Mr. Elias Matties is quite sick at the home of his father, Mr. W. L. Matties.

Mrs. S. H. Booth leaves on next Tuesday for her home at Williamston.

Mr. C. J. Rollins, our county supervisor was in the neighborhood on last Monday looking after road and bridge work. This is our first personal acquaintance with Mr. Rollins and the impression he gives is a good one. We believe that he is the right man for the right place and his watch word is "duty at any cost."

There will be a game of base ball played this afternoon between the married men and single men of this place and Rose Hill.

Our colored team here is getting quite "sassy" on account of the good ball playing that they have been doing

lately. On last Saturday they beat the "Colclough" team from near Heriots 13 to 4. They were to play the Camden team on Thursday, but were prevented on account of rain. They go to Bishopville today to play the Stuckey team. There are some teams that decline to play the Smithville team unless they turn off their pitcher, Sam Boykins who is one of the best colored twirlers in the State.

Dr. Jno. W. Parker, Jr., of Carey, N. C., has located here for the practice of medicine.

The health in our immediate section is very good, but all over the country the doctors are having more than they can do, so the new doctor will begin his practice at a needed time.

BRAUN.

Braun, July 18.—The farmers of this section are beginning to think that the rains are injuring their cotton crops. Yesterday afternoon we had the heaviest rain fall of the season, it rained an hour steadily and the fields, ditches, and roads are all badly washed.

We certainly need the chain gang to do some work for us on the roads for they are almost too bad to travel on.

Mr. Simon Ross is still very sick.

Mrs. T. M. Bradley is improving slowly.

Mr. T. M. Bradley expects to start to build a store at Smithville in the near future. His son Mr. A. T. Bradley will take charge of it and it is predicted that he will do well.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hurst spent Wednesday in Camden.

Mr. S. D. Hurst sent a very fine horse to Sumter on yesterday to Mr. W. B. Boyle for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barfield spent Wednesday night in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Weldon have gone to Sumter to visit Mrs. Weldon's parents.

Mrs. Arthur Hurst has been sick in Camden but was able to come home day before yesterday.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, July 18.—We have been having fine seasons the past week, and the effects on crops is very noticeable, there being such an improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. John Singleton left for Virginia a few days ago to spend the summer.

After a pleasant visit to relatives at Davis Station, Miss Earle Mellett has returned home.

After an illness of several months Miss Hennie Nettles died on Saturday afternoon and the interment took place at Bethel church on Sunday evening. She was a member of the Baptist church and has been for years, and adorned her profession with a deep pervading and controlling piety, faith, hope, love, reverence, and gratitude shown with the lover of gems in the crown of her life. She was ready and waiting for the change, she saw the stealthy approach of death and hopefully met and vanquished him.

REPORT OF FERTILIZER BOARD.

Statement Submitted to Clemson Trustees Showing Amount of Tag Tax Receipts.

Clemson College, July 13.—At the meeting of the Clemson trustees the board of fertilizer control submitted the following report of the fertilizer department, for the year ending June 30th, 1905.

"As the annual tabular information in full cannot be available, until bulletins covering the whole season's work is published, and all bills in the hands of the treasurer, this report is only partial.

"The receipts from sale of fertilizer tags amounts to \$126,627.5.

"The board of fertilizer conceding the importance of having the fertilizer fiscal year correspond with that of the college, changed the time so that the fertilizer year shall end hereafter on the 30th of June each year. The secretary was therefore instructed to notify the manufacturers and dealers of fertilizers to send in for redemption in money all unused tags in their possession, by the 30th day of June.

"In compliance with this notice, tags have been sent in amounting to \$8,167.68, which have been redeemed.

"By deducting this sum from the total, viz: \$126,627.5, we have left a balance of \$118,459.82 from which the expense of inspection and analyses is to be deducted. Of this sum, the amount of \$20,805.50 was received from cotton seed meal tags, which is \$10,236.75 in excess of last year, due to the tagging of all meal used for stock food and which has hitherto been exempt by law.

"On account of the vastly increased business in fertilizers, and the evident importance of a closer and more rigid inspection of fertilizers, the board deemed it advisable, in fact necessary, to double the force of inspectors. It was also found necessary to increase the wages of these inspectors in order to get suitable men for the work.

"In order to keep the people of the State informed as to the quality of fertilizers being sold, the chemical force was instructed to issue weekly bulletins of the analyses of fertilizers and mail them to the people of the State.

"The board of trustees will readily see that on account of these increased demands the cost of inspection and analyses of fertilizers during the coming season, and your committee believes they should be the cost will still be more increased another year.

"Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Tindal, Chairman Board Fertilizer Control."

HARVIE JORDAN'S BULLETIN.

President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association has issued the following statement.

Heavy and continuous rains throughout the cotton belt during the past week have seriously affected growing cotton. The plants are