

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.

DAIZELL.

Daizell, July 29.—Farmers are about through laying by their crops now, but still there is a plenty of work to do; for the farmer has no more days to lose than the merchant, if he is energetic and ambitious. We are sorry to report that our only little doctor is sick at the Mood-Osteen infirmary.

We hope he will soon be well, for what would become of us, if we should get sick while he is away? He is thought highly of around here.

The recent heavy rains damaged our fine roads considerably.

How enjoyable Dr. Brown's letters in the item are.

Another new store going up at Daizell in the near future, Messrs. Smith and Galliard.

Rev. C. S. and Mrs. Felder have gone home with Mrs. Felder's mother for two weeks stay.

Misses Florence and Kate Cummings are off on a visit to their aunt, Mrs. John Jenkins of Bossard.

Misses Ellen Harrell and Daisy Bowman visited Misses Irene and Estelle Moore this week.

Miss Lella Thompson of Louellen, was at Miss Angela Crawford's.

Miss Cornelia Kingman, of Sumter, is on a visit to Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Joe Boykin has just returned from a trip to Bishopville.

We had another fine rain last night.

Just now we country cousins are feasting on grapes, figs, fine water-melons, apples, crushed peaches and sweet cream; all of which contribute to our happiness and contentment.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, July 28.—Crops are about all laid by, now for pulling fodder. Then picking cotton. We farmers have plenty to do all the time if we will do it.

I spent last week in your city, and would have had a good time if it had not been so hot, and that I was taken sick on Wednesday night. I am under many obligations to Sheriff Epperson, H. C. Cuttison, E. T. Windham, A. H. Weeks and J. J. Kolb, for their kind hospitality while in your city. And I wish to thank Dr. Durant for his gratis treatment while I was sick and also all of those who sympathized with me, also old man Sol Pringle who was so ready to do anything he could for me.

There is nothing interesting hereabouts. Some few went from hear to the farmers meeting at Tindall's mill yesterday.

There have been some fine rains just below here.

I have seen some real good crops since my last. Will mention J. M. Kolb, S. A. Harvin and J. J. Kolb.

Cotton has surely improved in the last few weeks.

G. W. Scotts and wife of Soeven, visited the latter's father here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Geddings and Mrs. Francis Jackson of Soeven and D. J. McCall, of Rimini visited at W. J. Ardis, last Friday the 21st.

Mrs. W. J. Ardis and Miss M. E. Weeks visited at Mr. J. L. Bartlett's near Pinewood, yesterday.

Little Charlie and Corbett Weeks, sons of Pink Weeks who spent several days this week with their sister, Mrs. G. W. Scott, at Soeven, returned home yesterday.

Mr. L. N. Barwick, Sr., of Reids, had his barn and stables burned, together with all of his corn, fodder, oats, farming implements, &c., last Tuesday morning. Origin of the fire unknown. His son Robert had just fed the stock and gone into breakfast when it was discovered.

Mrs. J. B. McIntosh, Sr., has been quite sick. Also A. S. Weeks had another attack of fever.

Mr. A. S. Owens's sons Mack and John, of Orangeburg, have been on a visit to their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Osteen, at the Sycamores, for a few days.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, July 31.—An electric storm passed through this section last Saturday night, and lightning struck a negro house, property of Miss Emma Saunders, and it was totally destroyed, including its contents. The rain that followed the storm was very heavy. We are getting too much rain for cotton, and it is noticeable on the light spots, which have begun to turn yellow, and if the rains continue the crop will be seriously injured. Corn has improved very greatly. Fodder pulling will commence next week. Broadcast peas are doing finely, and pastures are excellent.

A small party, consisting of Mrs. S. L. Keels, Miss Annie Keels, Mr. D. V. Keels and Mrs. H. C. McLeod, left here this morning over the Southern railway for Chick Springs to remain a month.

Mr. J. L. Irby and Mr. E. E. Rembert paid a flying trip to Columbia last week in their automobile, and in returning made the trip from Columbia to Rembert in three hours.

Mrs. Flowers, of Sumter, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Young.

Dr. Gordon Weinges, from near Charleston, S. C., is the guest of relatives in this section.

Master James Reames, Jr., returned home last Saturday night from a visit to relatives near Sumter, accompanied by his friend, Master Douglas Chandler.

Mr. Marion Reames is visiting relatives near Sumter.

I noted mention was made in your last week's issue that Mr. S. Murry McLeod would be transferred from the Sumter and Camden run as mail clerk on the Northwestern railroad, to the Sumter and Lucknow run. His many friends regret to see him leave, and hope he will be pleased with his new charge.

The new residence of Mr. J. M. Jenkins is nearly completed and he assures his many friends that as soon as finished he will give them a house-warming.

The health of our community is very good.

MAX.

Max, July 31.—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Moore, after visiting friends and relatives here and at Beulah, left Saturday to spend sometime in Manning before returning to their far western home, Ben Wheeler, Texas. The best of friends must part.

Mr. J. R. Williams returned to Athens, Ga., Monday. Mrs. Williams will remain here a few weeks longer.

Miss Ellen Carraway visited her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Goodman, last week.

Messrs. J. C. and M. E. Truluck went to Sumter Saturday on business.

Mrs. Kizzie Harrison, of Spartanburg, is very sick with typhoid fever at her father's, Rev. E. M. Hicks.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Bradshaw, a manager of a skidder in the Alderman lumber business, near Wood's mill, was seriously hurt, but soon recovered. About noon of the same day a colored man working for the same company was accidentally killed.

It was glad news to hear that Rev. E. K. Truluck had landed safely in New York on his return trip from London. It will be characteristic of him to have gathered a full store of knowledge from which to draw for the remainder of his life.

We have had gentle showers of rain.

CATCHALL.

Catchall, July 31.—Mr. E. C. Lee has made quite an addition to our little town by having his new home painted.

Miss Annie Lou Smith, of Baton Rouge, is spending a while here now before opening her school near Paxville. Her many friends are glad to have her with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lee.

Mrs. Addie Gaillard, of Columbia, is visiting Mrs. Walter Lenor.

Miss Jennie Mae Smith, who has been visiting here since her school closed, left today for her home in Baton Rouge.

Miss May Lee visited the Misses Thompson, of Louellen, last week.

Miss Grace Allen attended the Baptist union meeting at Paxville.

Mr. Shepard Nash, of Sumter, is spending a few days at Mr. William Sanders'.

There is not much doing in our little town now, so news is a scarce article.

Gardens are looking fairly well though are not as good as we have seen at this time of year.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, July 29.—Pete Wilson, colored, a poor, afflicted boy, or little man, as he was about 24 years old, was found between this station and Lynch river, near noon today in an unconscious and dying condition. He was lying in a few feet of the railroad. Mr. Quick, who lives near where the accident occurred, did all he could to revive him to a state of consciousness, but without effect, as he soon breathed his last. There was a terrible bruise on his head and shoulders. The prevailing theory is, that, as it was his custom to rise very early in the morning and take a milch cow out to a spot near the railroad to graze, he became drowsy, sat down on the end of a cross-tie and fell asleep, and while in this condition was struck by the early morning through freight train. The fact that the engineer on said train did not report this accident is evidence that it escaped his observation, or that he was guilty of criminal negligence. The accident was first reported to this station by the engineer or

conductor on the local freight, who saw the body as they passed. The coroner has been notified.

The drouth in this section, which had begun to cause the expectation of farmers to wilt as much so as it did vegetation, was broken by gentle and copious showers this evening, and everything is refreshed and buoyancy is read on every face. How prone we are to become depressed or encouraged by every little turn things take.

Our doctors appear to have their hands full, and they are in good spirits.

Mr. Jno. T. Hawkins is quite sick, and his many friends are quite anxious about him.

Mr. R. J. Mouse, our railroad agent, is confined to his bed—has fever.

Mr. Jno. F. McIntosh has gone to Glenn Springs for a few days.

Misses Annie and Janie Chandler have returned to Sumter, after a prolonged visit to Mr. M. L. McIntosh's, and as a result, some of our boys are "down in the mouth."

Old Mr. J. Frank McIntosh spent today in Timmonsville.

Santee Wilson, the inky dude, is the first person to grace our guard house, and he seemed at home in it.

A big meeting is in full blast in the Pinewood corner of town, and the shouting is becoming terrific.

As the excitement calmed down a little Thursday night last, one old saint (?) arose in a very dignified and exalted manner, fully realizing his importance and great wisdom, calmly and slowly said: "Bredren, de Lord, moves about, in a mischievous way—his wonders to preform, &c., &c." He then touched them up on "feet washing," &c., but it was ludicrous in the extreme. This correspondent did not attend, but some of the boys, out of curiosity, did, and so reported.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, July 29.—Owing to the rains the farmers have about ceased working the crops, and they are now practically laid by. The seasons have not been favorable all the year, and it is a wonder the crops are as good as they are, but this, in a large measure, is due to the untiring energy of our people, who have worked hard, in and out of season. According to the old saying, if it rains on the first dog day, it will rain forty days, we will have it this year, as it rained on July 25th, considered the first dog day.

It has been several years since I visited the DeSaussure State farm. I went there yesterday, and will now give you readers what I saw on "our farm," which, of course, belongs to us all. Mr. W. R. Gardner, the efficient superintendent, kindly took me in his buggy over the entire place, pointing out everything in detail, and explaining the working of the farm.

There is in cultivation this year about 1,200 acres, divided among the various crops as follows: 250 acres in cotton, 500 acres in corn, 350 acres in oats and wheat, now sown in peas, and about 100 acres in minor crops, such as sugar cane sorghum, potatoes, pinders, vegetables, rice, etc. The cotton is in rows four feet apart, and is locking in the rows. If the seasons are good from now on it will make from one and a quarter to one and a half bales per acre. Part of the corn is on upland. It is safe and the fodder nearly ready to pull. The rest of the corn is on low lands, and is a sight to be seen. Now tasseling and silking. It is about laid by and will make 50 bushels per acre. The place is well drained, and the dykes protect it from freshets. A few years ago the dams broke and the disastrous effects can yet be seen. About 7,000 bushels of oats were raised. They are now threshed out and ready for sale. 800 bushels of wheat was made. This is used on the place and also shipped to Columbia. Molasses, potatoes, &c., will be raised in abundance for the use of the farm. The prisoners number about 70. Two white ones among them, who are finishing a large, new barn, conveniently divided off for the cows, mares and colts, and grain for the ground floor, and forage for the upper story. A gin house very conveniently arranged, and large stables and barn combined have been recently erected. The stock looks well; several mule colts two years old, are about grown, and have done some service this year; other mule colts three months old look fine. The farm can soon replace its old stock with young ones raised at home. The convicts look happy and contented. The government of them is kind, but firm. They are well fed on the substantial of life, and get their share of fruits and other things.

Mr. Gardner is a good planter and manager, as his fine crops, so nicely cultivated, show. He closely attends to the details of all parts of the business. Nothing escapes his eye that I can see.

The health of the convicts is closely looked after as well as sanitary matters.

He and his family know how to make it pleasant for their friends and visitors.

The place needs more hands. It will take fully 100 to do all the work that is needed. The State made no mistake when it purchased this farm. It is worth largely, more than what was paid for it, and is a source of revenue. It is increasing in value all the time, and with more help it can be developed, thereby increasing its revenue.

I am fully convinced, as I have been for some time, that the best solution of the convict system is to work them on the farms, where they can be well cared for, and to a large number of them their natural employment. On the farms they can support themselves and make money for the State. Our public highways should be worked by taxation, and contracts let out to work them to responsible parties under authority of the powers that be.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, July 31.—Miss Johnstone and Master Ervin Griffin returned to their home in Georgia on Thursday, after a pleasant visit to the Misses Gibson.

Mr. Tom Jordan, of Winnsboro, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Muldrow.

Miss Bessie Dargan spent several days with Miss Lottie Nelson last week.

Mrs. M. S. Burgess returned to Sumter today, after having spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pinkney.

Miss Boykin, of Boykins, visited Miss Lee Moore last week.

Miss Virginia Reynolds and little brother, William, of Sumter, are visiting their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Misses Theo and Georgia Dargan spent Monday in Sumter.

Miss Lee Moore is attending the county summer school.

Miss Grace Carson is at home again after a delightful stay of six weeks in Georgia and the mountains of North Carolina.

Misses Alice and Henrietta Devaux, are visiting in Sumter this week.

Messrs. C. C. Slaughter, James Pogue and Frank Burgess spent Monday in Sumter.

On Saturday night, the lower part of the Statesburg neighborhood was visited by a very severe storm, which amounted to a tornado in some respects. Trees were uprooted, out-buildings blown down and the crops along the path of the storm are greatly injured by the wind and hail. Heavy rains fell and great damage was done generally.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, August 1.—Miss Carrie Bradford, of Sumter, is spending sometime at Mrs. S. J. Bradford's.

Miss Camilla Wells, of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Parler, of Elloree, are spending sometime at Mr. Jno. M. Tindal's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nettles, of Wedgefield, were the guests of Mr. G. A. Nettles.

Mrs. Conyers, of Lake City, Fla., who had been sometime at Rev. T. P. Lyde's, left Friday for Asheville, N. C. Miss Daisy Lyde accompanied her.

Rev. T. P. Lyde is conducting a protracted meeting at Wedgefield this week.

Mrs. Oliver and Miss Ruby Oliver, of Sandford, Fla., who have been spending the past month with Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, left for Raleigh, N. C., Monday afternoon.

Mr. Brailsford, of Orangeburg, was the guest of Mr. W. G. Wells Sunday.

Messrs. Douglas Jenkins and Marion Rivers are erecting a ginney at Privateer station, which will be a great convenience to the neighborhood.

Miss Emmie Mellichamp, of Columbia, is spending sometime with Misses Edith and Vermilla Wells.

Mr. J. M. Mims, of Silver, S. C., spent Monday at Mr. E. W. Rivers'.

Mrs. L. B. Jenkins received a very painful bruise on her cheek at the A. C. L. depot this morning, caused by the sudden move of the train, when she was entering the car.

The chaingang has moved its camp from near Shadyside, over to Pootaligo swamp.

PINEWOOD PENCILINGS.

Pinewood, July 31.—Mr. Phillips, travelling salesman for Messrs Geo. D. Shore & Brother, of Sumter, was noted in town Wednesday.

Mr. Mikel, representing South Carolina Cotton Oil Co., of Columbia, spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. Walter D. Epperson returned from Sumter Thursday evening.

Mr. W. O. Futch, general travelling salesman for Marjehoff, Charleston Candy and Cracker factory, was the guest of Mr. W. C. Stack last Thursday.

Mrs. Jessie S. Turner, of Sumter, and Mrs. Clara Detines, of Columbia, have been reelected teachers of the Pinewood Academy for the coming term.

Mrs. Efram Kolb, an aged and highly thought of lady, is very ill at her home near town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Brailsford and daughter, Miss Masie, returned from Mount Pleasant last week.

Knights of Pythias Hall, Lodge No. 124, has been completed, where they can ride the goat soon. Everyone is wishing them a jolly good time.

Mr. H. B. Richardson, Jr., returned from Glenn Springs last week.

Messrs. Richard and Ransom Richardson returned Saturday from Myrtle Beach.

Mr. Howard Scott has accepted a position with Mr. R. F. Epperson.

The many social and business friends of the popular salesman, Mr. Julius Levy, of Charleston, are sorry to know that he is sick, the consequences of a critical operation, at Columbia Hospital, New York.

Mrs. James P. Lawrence and Mrs. W. D. Epperson left Tuesday morning to visit in Sumter.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, July 28.—Vincent Williams colored was arranged before Justice Reese yesterday for cruel treatment to one of his children. Mr. S. Moore stood his bond and his case was carried to the higher court.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weinburg left for Charleston yesterday where they will take a steamer for New York.

Mrs. Frank Thomas is visiting relatives in Summerton.

Misses Allie and Olive Kelly of Bishopville are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Annie Dwight is spending the week with relatives in Columbia.

Miss Louise Lenoir of Sumter is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. George of Pinopolis are spending some time with relatives here.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, July 29.—Something was seen in the matter at our 'phone on last Tuesday. In answer to our ring for Boykin's we were told that our "central," Miss Mamie Godwin had gone off quite suddenly to get married. We do not know yet who the fortunate man is but we do know that Miss Mamie's bright cheery voice is missed by all her friends up and down the line.

We have been having some nice, needful showers during the past few days.

There is not much plowing being done now as nearly everybody is laying by."

The two boards of school trustees met on last Friday evening but reached no definite conclusion as to a teacher for the Smithville High School. There is quite a number of applicants and it is thought a choice will be made at the next meeting which will be held soon.

Rev. S. H. Booth returned yesterday from Forrester where he has been assisting in carrying on a revival meeting. He reports large attendance and many interested though but few conversions. Next week he begins a revival at Salem church of this circuit.

The new physician here, Dr. Jno. W. Parker has begun work and is having his hands full. While he is quite a young man he has already met with big success in his four years of practice in hospitals and elsewhere and we predict for him a similar success here.

We learn that Dr. C. S. Britton is soon going off on a vacation. This good doctor has been faithful in his many rounds to the sick, covering many miles of ground every day for many years so we have no doubt that a little rest will prove beneficial and give fresh energy for the continuance of his work in his large practice.

E. J. Murray, a well-to-do and well known colored farmer, preacher and school teacher of this section died of typhoid fever at his home on last Wednesday. He was buried at Bracey's Mill. The crowd at the funeral was one of the largest ever seen in this county on a similar occasion. B. J. Murray was a brother to ex-Congressman Geo. W. Murray.

Dr. J. W. Parker and W. F. Smith were in attendance at court in Camden on last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Lottie DeChamps of Wisacky and Miss Annie Mackey, of Orangeburg are visiting Miss Lola Kirkley at the home of Mr. J. R. Kirkley.

MANNING.

From the Manning Farmer.

All the stores in Manning except the drug stores will close tomorrow so that everybody may go to the big county picnic at Tindal's Mill.

Mrs. Emma Scarborough and son, of Sumter came down Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. M. E. Walker.

Mr. A. L. Lesesne and family of Silver, have gone to Waynesville, N. C., to spend some time.

County Supervisor Owens has arranged to sublet the county chaingang to the Supervisor of Sumter county, the change to begin this week. It is a matter of regret that the arrangement was not made several weeks ago, for a number of escapes and perpetration of other crimes might have been prevented.

A correspondent of the News and Courier reports that Mr. J. F. Broadway and Miss Maud Hilton, daughter of Mr. J. W. Hilton, of Davis Station, were married at Paxville, last Sunday by Magistrate Keels. Miss Hilton was only 15 years old, and her parents opposed her marriage. She left home on Friday to visit a friend at Paxville, Saturday night Mr. Broadway followed, and Sunday morning they decided to get married.

Last Thursday a negro trusty on the county chaingang released Lee Walker from the cage and both made good their escape. Walker is the negro who was serving a term for assault and battery and killed a fellow convict in the cage near Summerton last year. For this he was indicted for murder but had never been put upon trial. In all probability he will never be apprehended. The office of trusty has been an expensive one in this county.

BISHOPVILLE.

From the Bishopville Vindicator.

The Kingtree nine will be over here Saturday, Monday and Tuesday to play Bishopville.

The Bishopville boys left here Wednesday evening for Cheraw to play two games over there.

Mr. J. M. Weatherly left last Monday for Jacksonville, Fla.

The dispensary will move into the new brick stores on C. Union street recently built by Mr. T. S. Joye and sold to Mr. R. M. Amos.

Mr. Houghtes and the engineer came over last Monday and tested the flow of water from the artesian well and found it to be an ample supply, giving 150 gallons per minute, with an inexhaustible supply after an all day's test with the steam pumps. The other contractors will go to work at once to put up the stand pipe and place the water.

The people of Bishopville will be pleased to know that the pastors of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches have arranged to have joint services every Sunday night. Last Sunday night Rev. D. A. Phillips preached a fine sermon to a large congregation in the Presbyterian church. Next Sunday night Rev. H. E. Murchison will preach in the Baptist church and so on. This is a nice arrangement and every one seems pleased with it.

The Three C Road to be Completed.

The South and West system, a reorganization of the old "Three C" line, which was started about fifteen years ago with the intention of affording a system, which would connect the cities of Chicago, Cincinnati and Charleston, has been placed in the hands of a new company for the purpose of affording an outlet for the resources of southwest Virginia and east Tennessee to the Atlantic Ocean. So far the road has been constructed and in operation a distance of about sixty-miles southwest of Johnson City. The line will be extended to Spruce Pine, connection will be made with the Chester and Lenoir Railroad.—Railway World, July, 28.

EXPECT GOOD TRADE.

Sumter Merchants Making Preparation for the Fall Trade.

In anticipation of large business the merchants of this city have commenced to make arrangements for the fall trade, although it is more than two months off yet before the season will open. The merchants have taken time by the forelock, so to speak, and are planning for future trade, for they are getting rid of their summer stock so as to make room for the fall and winter goods.

The indications are that there will be great activity in business circles in Sumter this fall and winter. Conservative men—men who have been in business in this city for a number of years—say there is every reason to believe that the business this fall will surpass that of last year. If the prediction comes true the merchants of the city will certainly have cause to congratulate themselves on the volume of business of the season.

A well known business man said that the prospects for a most excellent business this fall and winter are exceedingly encouraging, far better, he said, than at this time last year. He said that business has been good in the city all during the summer and that by reason of the advance in the price of cotton this month several hundred bales of cotton had been sold and the farmers had realized a good profit on their staple. The money realized from the sale of cotton has not as yet been placed in circulation, though just as soon as the new crop begins to be marketed thousands of dollars will be thrown into circulation giving a wonderful impetus to business.

Excellent Prospects for Crops and for Fall Trade Says Bradstreet's.

New York, July 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Crop conditions and fall trade advices are more unanimously favorable than at any preceding time this season.

Confidence in the crop situation is reflected by good fall orders and a volume of wholesale and retail trade certainly in excess of last year