

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.

REMBERT.

Rembert, January 19.—Little T. D., Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dan McLeod, died on yesterday afternoon. The little fellow was taken sick on last Sunday and developed acute gastritis. His physician, Dr. Hay, remained with him twelve hours and did all he could, but God saw in his wisdom best to remove him. This is a terrible blow to the entire community as he was a general favorite. He was 15 months old, and the idol of his parents and we extend to them our deepest sympathy. The funeral and interment will be at Rembert's church tomorrow morning and Rev. Mr. Booth has been requested to officiate.

Mrs. Holliday, of Sumter, was summoned on yesterday to the bedside of her grand child, but did not arrive in time to see him alive.

Mr. S. Murray McLeod came up from Sumter on this morning's train to attend the funeral of his little nephew, T. D., Jr., tomorrow.

We are having a great deal of sickness in the neighborhood at this time, mostly colds and grippe.

The weather is dry and bright and our planters are taking advantage of this dry spell and you will notice subsoiling and deep preparation which is half of the battle on nearly every farm.

A large quantity of cotton seed were held in this section for fertilizing purposes this season, but the twenty-dollar per ton was too tempting so the mills will get them all and cotton seed meal will be used instead.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, January 20.—I have not seen but one farmer turning the soil as yet. Ransom Cummings, a brother in black, has started into preparing his land for another crop. I expect a great many of us will start next week to plow.

Henry Scott, of Alcolu, has been visiting his brothers Hamp and Wash here this week.

W. J. Ardis and T. D. Weeks went to R. S. Bartlett's, Southwest Manchester, last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Ardis and daughter, Miss Hattie Ramsey, teacher of the Reid's school, were at W. J. Ardis last Thursday.

Wash Scott and A. S. Weeks spent the day Friday in Southwest Manchester and dined with Messrs. R. S. and E. B. Bartlette.

Mrs. Kolb is still improving and it is thought if she has no back set she will soon be well again.

There are no other sick to report, everything else is calm and serene on these coasts.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, January 22.—Dave Davis, the colored freight handler and porter at the Atlantic Coast Line warehouse, was very badly injured about 3 p. m. today from a fall while tracking a bale of cotton from the platform of the warehouse to a box car. He was shoving the truck on two pieces of timber extending from the platform to the car and one of the pieces slipped, throwing Dave and the truck violently to the hard ground. Dr. Darby was soon by his side and rendered such relief as was possible. As a result of the examination the doctor found one broken rib and a dislocation of the right hip, which he soon adjusted giving poor Dave much relief. But, as yet, the doctor cannot tell the extent of the internal injuries. Dave was popular here, especially among the white people, and afforded much amusement for the boys, and men, too. Everybody is sorry for Dave and wish him a speedy recovery.

It has been raining here nearly all day, and traveling around is extremely disagreeable. This correspondent has no recollection of ever having seen as many days of warm weather in January. Neither has he ever heard as little thundering as he has since last July. Who has? There has been scarcely no thundering in six months.

Hon. E. D. Smith rolled in this morning after a considerable absence. He talks very interestingly of his travels and experiences. He had a gold match box with diamond set, presented by members of the S. C. G. association.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, January 22.—We have been having a long spell of warm weather, with some rain and high winds today.

Dr. N. Y. Alford and Mr. Hugh Scott, who were sent as delegates to the Cotton Growers' Convention in New Orleans, have returned.

Mr. Weatheriv, our mill man, is moving his machinery from Wisacky

to the Stuckey neighborhood. Miss Lottie DesChamps, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Master Myron Smith, of Clarendon, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to his post of duty. Mr. Clifton Ledingham, who has been spending the past four weeks with his mother in Marion, has returned to his home.

Miss Katie Smith, of Bishopville, spent yesterday with relatives here. Mr. J. S. Williams, of Timmonsville, has been here on business.

Miss Sadie McCutcheon, of Bishopville, has been the guest of Miss Maud Williams.

The oat crop is more promising than it has been in years.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, January 22.—Misses Mattie and Sadie Flud are to return tomorrow from Chester, where they have been visiting Miss Ethel Cross.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess spent Sunday at home.

Miss Mattie Moore spent last week in Sumter with Mrs. A. P. Manning. Mr. J. Nelson Frierson, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a few days at his old home last week.

Miss Mary Burgess, of Sumter, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with her cousins, the Misses Burgess, at Waverly.

Mrs. James Pinckney and Miss A. N. Moore were the guests of Mrs. A. P. Manning from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Saunders is spending today in Sumter.

Miss Theo Dargan spent Sunday and today with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Flud.

Mr. W. W. Reese and Mrs. Tom Sumter, of Sumter, spent Sunday at Midway, with their mother, Mrs. F. C. Rees.

With the thermometer at 70 degrees, a gentle rain falling and electrical disturbance, one might well imagine it to be the middle of April.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, January 23.—The warm weather of last week has made the buds swell on the peach and plum trees and it has been just the weather for colds and pneumonia. Several persons have hogs to kill, but will have to hold on until the weather turns cold.

Some progress has been made on the farms for another crop. What the acreage of the staple crop will be has not been settled yet. The labor question, in a large measure, will decide that.

A good deal of building is going on. In a mile on the Columbia road three new houses have been built, and two more in the near future, in the same distance will be erected. How is that for progress? Others are putting additions to their houses.

A good deal of sickness is reported through this section, mostly among the children. Drs. Parker and Foxworth have handled the cases remarkably well. Both are popular doctors and are very successful in their practice.

Rev. J. W. Kenney went to Orangeburg last week to preach. He will settle over there this year.

Mr. S. B. Hatfield, Jr., went to Sumter Saturday on business.

The trade of this section has gone to Sumter. The merchants there have offered inducements for trade far superior to other places, and if the farmers here could get their cotton weighed promptly in Sumter many a bale of cotton would go there that goes to other places just because they can get it weighed promptly. I am under the impression that the cotton weighers' law is against the interest of Sumter.

The legislature seems to want to kill time in order to sit as a body for forty days and do what has been done in thirty days. The body seems badly split on the dispensary matter. Maybe enough of manhood will develop to settle the question for the good of the State. I hope so.

TINDAL.

Tindal, January 23.—Most of the farmers took advantage of the few good days during the past week to commence their work for this year.

Mr. W. E. Hodge spent Friday in Sumter.

Mr. W. H. Bradham who has been sick for several days, is able to be out again.

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

Mr. T. E. Hodge spent Friday in Sumter.

MAX.

Max, January 22.—E. Willis, of Beulah, has sold his stock of goods and rented his store to young Mr. Knight, of Williamsburg county.

Another stock company will soon be organized at Beulah.

The efficient and obliging mail carrier, Mr. John Brown, reports that a fine baby girl was added to his family last week.

I beg pardon of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Truluck's fine month-old boy for not reporting him earlier.

A number of strangers attended service at Bethel Sunday afternoon. The pastor's sermon from the text "Whatsoever Ye Sow, That Ye Shall Also Reap," was plain and impressive. Farmers are busy hauling cotton

seed and guano. Plow deep while sluggard's sleep, etc.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Clifton Introduces Bill to Erect Monument to Gen. Sumter—Bill to Put Domestic Servants in Contract Law.

Columbia, January 17.—There was a lengthy and spirited debate in the House today over Mr. Cothran's resolution endorsing Senator Latimer's good roads scheme. The Anderson delegation lead the fight against it on the ground that Latimer's scheme was nothing but buncombe in the interest of Latimer's campaign thunder bureau. The last State Democratic convention had rejected such a resolution. The resolution was passed by an aye and nay vote of 66 to 45.

The House killed John Belton Watson's jury bill forbidding the publication of jury lists and providing for new county commissions to be appointed by the governor. Mr. Whaley led the fight against the bill.

The House deferred the elections attempted to be arranged for today until next Tuesday and declined an amendment to include the dispensary elections then.

The Senate.

Columbia, January 17.—The Senate had a do-nothing session today. It debated the last year bill to prevent strikes and lockouts in cotton mills but did not reach a vote on it. It prevents mills shutting down in sympathy.

Mr. Rucker introduced a bill in the House including domestic servants in the labor contract law.

Mr. Clifton introduced a bill to provide for a monument to General Sumter.

Columbia, January 18.—The House Commerce and Manufacturers' committee reported a majority favorable report on the ten-hour law. Four signed the majority report—Kershaw, Morrison, Dabbs and Taylor. The minority report was signed by Colcock, Mauldin and Harrison. If Watson, of Anderson, and Gibson, of Spartanburg had been present the majority would have been unfavorable. The senate committee has not yet passed on the bill.

Mr. Hall's bill to put gambling in the jurisdiction of magistrates and to authorize arrests for such offenses without warrant on Sunday, was passed by a heavy majority, as a remedy for Sunday gambling in the woods by negroes.

A favorable report was made on McColl's special bank examiner bill. At noon the joint assembly went into a memorial session in honor of the late Altamont Moses, of Sumter.

In the Senate.

Columbia, S. C., January 18.—In the Senate today the dispensary committee reported unfavorable on Tolbert's bill to abolish the dispensary.

Senator Cole Blease introduced a bill to abolish the Brice act and enact in its stead a law to establish dispensaries on petition to State board endorsed by supervisor and mayor. Dispensaries to be closed in the same manner.

The dispensary committee introduced a substitute for Rayson's bill. The principal difference is that the board is elected by the legislature at a salary of \$1,500 each, but purchases are to be made by a committee of citizens appointed by the governor, from lowest possible bidder; bids to be sealed.

Columbia, January 22.—The senate had a brief session today. Two bills were passed without comment, one forbidding supervisors and county commissioners to furnish county supplies and the other requiring clerks to State officers to give bond of \$10,000 each.

Senator Wells' bill to force the Atlantic Coast Line to build a new depot at Florence passed.

Senator Blease's bill requiring concerns using "And Co." in their business to put on record names of silent partners was passed.

The House.

The House agreed to the Senate amendment allowing the dispensary investigating committee to report after the legislature adjourns.

The House passed the Sanders' bill to require police to make weekly reports of names of witnesses to mayors as to gambling dens and blind tigers; magistrates are to prosecute on report from mayors. McCaw.

ALL JUDGES RE-ELECTED.

Columbia, S. C., January 23.—Chief Justice Pope and Circuit Judges James Aldrich, R. O. Purdy, R. C. Watts, Geo. W. Gage and J. C. Klugh were all re-elected by the joint assembly today, all without opposition, except Judges Aldrich and Klugh, who were opposed by Senator E. F. Warren, of Hampton, and Frank P. McGowan, of Laurens, respectively. Judge Aldrich won by a vote of 118 to 32 and Judge Klugh won by a vote of 109 to 41.

Miss LaBorde was re-elected State librarian. Her opponent, Miss Sallie Black, received 14 votes.

Columbia, January 23.—J. O. Wingo and D. B. Purifoy were re-elected

penitentiary directors, without opposition and August Kohn, J. Q. Davis and W. T. C. Bates were re-elected trustees of the South Carolina College, also without opposition.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Mr. F. Wellington Ruchstuhl, the sculptor of the monument to Gen. Wade Hampton, has written to the committee that the work is progressing satisfactorily and that the monument will be ready for unveiling by Christmas.

Dr. E. S. McDow, who has been in the Lancaster jail since the shooting of Mr. Hazel Witherspoon on the 6th instant, was granted bail Thursday afternoon in the sum of \$500 by Magistrate Caskey, physicians having certified that Mr. Witherspoon is out of danger.

Arrangements are in progress for the absorption of the Anderson Telephone Company by the Bell Company. The details have not been made public. The local company has been using the Bell instruments, and it is believed by many that the Bell people have been closely identified with the local company for some time. The Bell people will operate under the franchise of the local company.

Men are judged by the company they keep, but it isn't as easy to size up a woman by her hat. Judge her by the amount of Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea she takes. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned merchants of the city of Sumter, have agreed to discontinue the use of the "Punch Card or Ticket System," in connection with our business after February 1, 1906.

Customers holding cards or tickets will please have same redeemed as soon as possible. Cards not punched complete will be redeemable according to amount punched on same.

THE SUMTER DRY GOODS CO.
SCHWARTZ BROS.
O'DONNELL & CO.
SHAW & McCOLLUM MER. CO
BECK BROS. COMPANY.
1902-1.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1906.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER CO., Sumter, S. C., Dec. 10, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of real estate, personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year, commencing January 1, 1906:

- Tindal's Store, Monday, Jan. 8th.
- Privateer, (Jenkins' Store), Tuesday, Jan. 9th.
- Manchester, (Levi's), Wednesday, Jan. 10th.
- Wedgfield, Thursday, Jan. 11th.
- Stagburg, Friday, Jan. 12th.
- Hagood, Monday, Jan. 15th.
- Remberts, Tuesday, Jan. 16th.
- Dalzell, Wednesday, Jan. 17th.
- Gordon's Mill, Thursday, Jan. 18th.
- Oswego, Friday, Jan. 19th.
- Maysville, Tuesday, Jan. 23d.
- Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 24th.
- Norwood X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 25th.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in any wise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent penalty, which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1906. Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the Number of the school district must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1906, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1906.

Under instructions from the Comptroller General, a separate return must be made of each tract or parcel of land.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February, are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER,
Auditor Sumter County.
December 20, 1905.

BIGHAM FURNITURE CO.

The Furniture Store that Grows in Popularity and Magnitude With Each Month.

This growth is due to merit—quality of goods and low prices. The policy of the firm is to sell the best goods for the least money, and sell them rapidly—hence their popularity with the buying public.

If you happen to be one of the few who have not bought furniture from Bigham

You Can Save Money

By making your next

Purchase From Bigham

The growth of the business has necessitated a larger working force and more capital, and this has been supplied by the admission of

Messrs. R. S. and S. Cherry

As members of the company.

Come to us for

Furniture & Housefurnishings.

Fertilizers

The fertilizer season is now upon us, and every progressive farmer is calculating his requirements. We have always advised small acreage and liberal fertilization, as we believe it the safest and most economic policy to adopt, and particularly a season like the one upon which we are now entering, on account of the seriousness of the labor situation. Owing to our extensive association with farmers, we have an excellent opportunity of judging results, and our observations have convinced us that small acreage in cotton, with plenty of grain, both well fertilized, yields best results.

It is unnecessary for us to take up space in advocacy of the superior brands of fertilizers we handle. They are the same as we have been selling for ten years, and as some of the largest and most progressive planters in this and adjoining counties are our patrons, that is sufficient. A well pleased customer is the best advertisement any business can have.

Already we have made some large contracts, and we observe a growing disposition to buy the higher class of goods, and we want our friends to know that the factory we represent, and for whom we are sole agents in the county, will make for us any grade of goods for which we have demand. There is no material change in the fertilizer situation as compared with a year ago, and considering the difference in the price of cotton, farmers have cause to rejoice. We have every reason to believe we will sell all of our old customers, but in making our contracts we provided for some new ones, and those who have never tried our fertilizers, will do well to inquire from their neighbors, how they were pleased with them, then see us as to prices.

Wishing all our friends a Prosperous New Year.

O'Donnell & Company