

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.

DURANT.

Durant, February 15.—Miss Carrie Durant died at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening after a lingering illness. The funeral was preached Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Grier, assisted by Dr. McKay, and her body was laid to rest in the family burying ground in sight of the old homestead. Miss Durant was a noble Christian lady and was an active member of New Harmony church until the hand of affliction was laid heavily upon her several years ago. She will be greatly missed in the neighborhood. The large crowd that assembled at the funeral was a manifestation of the esteem in which she was held by all.

Miss Ruby Williams is visiting in Charleston.

Mrs. D. C. Shaw has returned to Durant after spending some time with relatives in Sumter.

There died here last Sunday Sallie Jacobs, a colored woman of the old style, few of which remain. She was taken sick on the road and died soon after reaching home, never having regained consciousness. "Maum Sallie," as she was known by all was respected by and had a great many friends among the white people.

HERIOTS.

Heriot, S. C., February 16.—We have been having some bitter weather but the sun is shining bright again, the farmers are stirring every chance they get. I believe about all the people in this community have about hauled their fertilizers.

Mrs. R. L. Heriot still has two children very sick with typhoid fever. She still has a trained nurse with her, Miss Lenoir.

Mrs. R. P. Weldon is spending this week with her parents at Smithville.

Misses Cora and Madge Weldon spent last week with Miss Anna Smith in Kershaw.

Mr. R. C. Wactor is spending today in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCathern's little daughter, Margie has been very sick but is better.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, February 19.—Mrs. E. W. Rivers is spending some time with relatives in Elloree.

Misses Amy, Inez and Corine Wells spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Wedgefield.

Messrs. L. L. Hunter, Bruno, Claud Harvin and Lessene, of Sumter, visited Privateer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lee, of Oswego are spending sometime at Mrs. S. J. Bradford's.

Mr. Willie Tisdale, of Paxville, spent Sunday in Privateer.

Mr. LeRoy Wells and Miss Willis, of Wedgefield, spent Sunday at Mr. W. G. Wells'.

Mr. E. W. Nettles, of Sumter spent Sunday at Mr. G. A. Nettles'.

The Rev. Mrs. Mitchell, of Dalzell, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. William Wells.

Mr. Jim Davis and family, of Rocky Bluff, spent Sunday at Mr. W. D. Osteen's.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, February 17.—News hereabouts is at a premium. Plenty of wind and cold weather here of late. Farmers are availing themselves of every day that they get to plow, but still we are behind with our work.

No sick to report, though I have heard that Mr. D. R. Life, of Pinewood, is quite ill from sticking some nails in one of his feet one morning week before last. He has been unconscious from pain part of the time. His kitchen caught on fire and he ran up on the top, without his shoes and stepped on the nails. I understand his foot was stuck in seven places. He was still getting along badly last Wednesday, the last time I heard from him.

Mr. Warren W. Weeks, who lives near Pinewood, is, or was quite sick a few days ago. His sister, Miss Lizzie Harvin, of Columbia, is on a visit to him and will remain with him for a few days.

Jasper Bell, a colored man who has lately moved here on F. J. Graham's place, lost a fine cow yesterday. I am sorry for Jasper as he seems to be a hard working, honest negro.

The wildcats have been very bad on chickens hereabouts this winter. Last Friday or Saturday night some one (a thief) made a grab at old Pink Weeks' Dixie plow, carrying off his clevis singletree and his Georgia Ratchet plow stock and plow; so I think that fellow must surely want to work, don't you?

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, February 17.—Miss Kib-

by Hall, of Lucknow, spent several days of this week with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith spent Wednesday in Camden.

Mr. W. F. Smith and Dr. John W. Parker spent Saturday in Camden.

Rev. S. H. Booth was in Sumter from Tuesday till Friday in attendance upon the Ministers' Conference.

Valentine Day created some interest among the young people here, most especially with the school children who had a good time passing and receiving valentines.

An idiot about 14 years old, half starved and with but few clothes, startled the family of Mr. E. W. Smith with his sudden appearance on Thursday morning. After feeding the boy about a peck of potatoes with bread and other provisions in proportion, he was permitted to take his leave. Mr. Smith and family spent Thursday night with Mr. B. R. Hatfield. Returning home the next morning they found Tom Chisolm, the idiot's name, had returned his kindness by breaking into the house and spent the night in cooking and eating. About three or four dollars' worth of provisions had been damaged beyond further use than Tom's cooking. On Friday Tom was handed over to the sheriff and steps taken to have him entered in the asylum or some other house of refuge where he could no longer do any damage.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of St. John's M. E. church meets at the parsonage at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

A social gathering was held at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Booth on Friday night in honor of Mrs. Booth's sister, Miss Lillian Russell, of Williamston.

The first quarterly conference of St. John's church will be held at the parsonage on next Monday week. Rev. H. H. Browne, presiding elder, will of course, preside.

There were two errors in my last items that had better be corrected so that there may not be any future indictment of my future veracity. I was told that two days' of schooling had been lost on account of the bad weather last week, but I now know that there was a good attendance every day. I was also told that ground had been broken for building Dr. Foxworth's residence. They have only had the lot measured off so far, but expect to begin building soon.

SALEM.

Salem, February 19.—This usually quiet section has recently become the centre of turmoil, life and some bloodshed among the colored population. About ten days ago Jonas York and George Davis, two neighbors, had some words about the latter's taking up the former's hogs. When York used a knife or razor on the throat of Davis' wife. In return for this piece of carving, Davis emptied the contents of his shotgun in the arm of York. The friends of the combatants here interfered and peace once more was thought to have been declared. But in this they were mistaken, for on Sunday night, shortly after dark York went in pursuit of Davis whom he knew had gone away from home in his buggy; met him on his return trip and demanded satisfaction. Davis' explanation, not meeting with his approval, the ever ready shotgun was again brought into play and Davis came off second best this time with a load of duck shot in his arm and back which has nearly cost him his life and may still prove fatal. No arrests have been made as yet, but as soon as Davis is sufficiently recovered action will in all probability be taken. This outbreak was very much of a surprise since both parties bore good reputations.

Mr. E. L. McElveen had a close call on Friday evening from losing his residence by fire. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark on the roof. The roof being of cypress shingles burned slowly and gave time for his neighbors to come to his assistance. Mr. McElveen was away from home and the prompt and efficient work done by Messrs. Warren, Jones, Nesbit, Ard and others would do credit to any fire fighters. To them and to some colored people is due the credit of extinguishing the flames. Nearly one side of the roof was burnt off and considerable damage by water, etc., was done the building. Mr. McElveen has some insurance and the adjusters are expected on the scene today or Tuesday to adjust his loss. Few houses in the country are snatched from destruction as was this one.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker, who have made their home in Florida for the past four years, have returned to make South Carolina their future home. They will in all probability make Bishopville their home where he expects to engage in business.

Mr. Robert Witherspoon returned to his home at Guthrieville on Friday after two weeks spent here on business.

Hon. E. W. Dabbs arrived home on Sunday morning from his legislative duties, on the sick list.

Rev. Mr. Curr, from the Seminary, preached here on Sunday morning.

Very little farm work has been done, and in many places it will be several days of dry weather before some can get into their fields.

Guano traffic is in full blast with the movement on the increase.

MAX.

Max, February 19.—Business is getting good in real estate circles at Beulah. The Beulah Real Estate Company are developing their property and have sold several lots.

Mrs. Neaves and Miss Annie Bray, who have been spending some time in this community, will return to their home near Greenville today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodman are the happy parents of a third son.

Mr. Bryant Smith is still critically ill, also Mrs. P. C. Truluck.

KERSHAW NEWS ITEMS.

Camden, February 15.—Another of Kershaw's "land marks" passed away in the death of Mr. Joel Haugh, clerk of the court of Kershaw county, whose death was announced Tuesday in the daily papers. Mr. Haugh was a gallant Confederate soldier and one of the best men in the county. He had held public office for over 20 years and had been clerk of court for the past 13 years. He will be missed by all.

Miss Floride Thompson, who is well known in the upper section of Sumter county, living five miles south of Camden, was married on the 14th inst. to Mr. Willie L. Brown, of Boykih, Rev. Mr. Moore of Camden officiating. Miss Floride is one of our best girls and we wish her much happiness. She is the daughter of Mr. J. J. Thompson, one of our best citizens.

We have had all kind of weather the past week. We are sorry, for the weather man if he is held for all the mistakes he has made.

Farmers are behind with their work and no doubt will think it impossible to make the usual preparations for planting. But we want to give them a word of war. Make good preparation even if you do not plant on time. There is no economy in hurried preparations. One day's work now will be worth two in the summer. It is an old saying that there are more fine days than fould. etaoin fair days than foul.

PINEWOOD PENCILINGS.

Pinewood, February 14.—Mr. D. R. Lide's dwelling on Hampton street had a very close call a few days ago by fire. In trying to extinguish the fire Mr. Lide stuck several nails in his foot. He is suffering severely. His physician, Dr. Murray, says he is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. N. C. Stack is erecting a handsome and very costly two story dwelling in the most desirable portion of the town. It will take several months to complete the building.

Mr. Hill, of Geneva, N. Y., who has been in the community for several days purchasing old mahogany furniture, paid \$500 for one parlor suit. The suit contains 13 pieces, 11 chairs, 1 smoker and one sofa.

Mrs. Inez Daniels, of Lumber, S. C., is the guest of Mrs. D. R. Lide.

Mrs. Rosa Brogdon, of Sumter, is spending several days with Mrs. Allison Lide.

Messrs. J. W. Weeks, N. C. Stack and R. L. Felder went to Sumter today on business.

Messrs. J. E. Broughton, Dr. P. M. Salley, C. D. DesChamps, J. H. Louder and Magistrate A. P. Ragin are attending court at Manning.

LOST BONDS TURN UP.

Cornelson Coupons Presented for Payment—Were Lost in Australia.

Columbia, February 17.—Some of the coupons for the celebrated Cornelson bonds have turned up. The State treasurer received them the other day with request for interest for the year 1901. Efforts are now being made to trace them, as they are now in the hands of the Palmetto bank, an innocent purchaser.

The Cornelson bonds have an interesting history. There is just \$10,000 in the lot and they were held by J. P. Cornelson, a native of this state, who went to Australia where he died. After he died the bonds disappeared and several times efforts have been made to get the legislature to reimburse the heirs of the estate for the missing bonds. This has always been refused.

The numbers of the bonds were obtained and when the 1901 interest coupons were sent down recently Mr. Cornelson's brother was notified. It is understood that he will go to New York at once and trace them from there. It is said that the bonds were brought from Australia by some one and sold on the open market just after Mr. Cornelson died in 1901.

There is just one other case like this one in the bond history of the state—the lost Lord bonds. This amounted to nearly \$25,000 and it is supposed that they were stolen by some of the thieves that infested the South years ago. The legislature a few years ago instructed the state treasurer to write these bonds off the books, and although the matter was taken to the courts, the heirs will never get the money.

Harry Beard, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Beard, was burned to death at Bennettsville Saturday.

A rear end collision of two freight trains occurred at Wimbos Saturday night. The track was blocked by the demolished cars, but no one was injured.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

J. W. Norwood has resigned the presidency of the City National Bank of Greenville. He is succeeded by H. P. McGee.

E. W. Hughes and B. A. Hagood have qualified as receivers of the Columbian Banking Trust Company, which failed in Charleston a few days ago.

James Sanders, colored, who is in the Chester county jail awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court in his appeal for a new trial in the case of himself and Arthur Whitner, charged with the murder of Mack Anderson, and sentenced to life imprisonment, frustrated an attempt at jail delivery on the part of a fellow prisoner a few days ago. Another negro, Alex Marion, had succeeded in picking a hole almost through the masonry of the wall, when Sanders wrote Sheriff Peden a note informing him of the attempt, and thus enabled the authorities to prevent it.

Magistrate O'Shaughnessy of Charleston has committed to jail Henry Sterling, a stranger, who is charged by the police department with having been the man who held up Messrs. Siegling and Spear during the past week, robbing them of money and valuables. Sterling is six feet five inches. He has been walking on crutches, which the detectives say, however, he discards at night, when the hold-ups occur.

Railroad Commissioner John H. Earle has made an inspection of the Southern railway between Columbia and Spartanburg and condemns the condition of the road-bed as being dangerous.

Walter McCully was acquitted at Anderson on Wednesday of the murder of J. M. Bagwell.

W. M. Ball has filed a suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000 against the American Tea Growing Company.

The investigation into the recent wreck on the Seaboard near Columbia shows, that the freight crew, while really to blame for the wreck, were exhausted having been on duty continuously for 25 hours.

D. M. Miles, of Spartanburg, contradicts Chief Fant's testimony in an affidavit that W. W. Harris never gave him any money, and that to his knowledge Harris turned over to the dispenser a keg of whiskey sent him personally.

United States Attorney Cochran has reapointed Lawson Melton and T. W. Bacot his assistants.

A school for printing will probably be added to the list of technical schools at Clemson.

Charleston's Chamber of Commerce has just celebrated its 122 anniversary.

The Standard Oil Company has reduced the price of oil to 12 1-2 cents the gallon at Yorkville.

The residence of J. O. C. Fleming, of Laurens, was partially destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon.

A row of wooden buildings on the public square at Bennettsville were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

A polo tournament will be given at Camden in March. The team from Orlando, Fla., will meet the Camdenites.

The farmers around Blackville have decided to engage in the raising of cantaloupes on an extensive scale. Several of the farmers will plant large crops.

A store and several stables were burned at Bamberg Monday afternoon and other buildings damaged. The loss was \$4,000.

Will Saluda, a Spartanburg blind tiger, was sentenced Monday to pay a fine of \$100 or serve 120 days on the chain gang.

The negro laborers employed at the Read Phosphate Works, near Charleston, have threatened to go on a strike.

Mr. Charles R. Rich, of Sammy Swamp, Clarendon county, shot himself in the head with a pistol Monday morning, with suicidal intent. He will probably die, though the ball did not penetrate the brain. He is 73 years old and bears a good reputation.

Mrs. Pamela Foster died in Union Sunday night, aged 100 years, lacking a few months.

A PENNSYLVANIA HOLOCAUST.

Five Persons Burned to Death in a Mining Village.

Tunnell Hill, Pa., Feb. 20.—Five persons were burned to death here this morning in a fire which destroyed several houses and four stores. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Grogan, aged 63; Patrick Grogan, aged 11; Willie Grogan, aged 8 and Watie Grogan, aged 10 and one unidentified body. Three members of the Grogan family escaped by jumping from the second floor of their home. Those who lost their lives were trapped by flames and smoke on the second floor. This place is a mining village and the flames were extinguished by miners who formed a bucket brigade.

Old papers for sale, 20c per 100, at his office.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THREE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS LEFT UNSOLVED.

When Adjournment Was Reached Nothing Had Been Done to Settle the Issues of Taxation, the Dispensary and Biennial Sessions.

Columbia, February 17.—The General Assembly, which adjourned tonight, was expected to deal with three most important matters: Taxation, the dispensary and biennial sessions. It did nothing on any one of the three topics. The record is a blank, perhaps, more than a blank.

Just for the moment it may be well to give the finale on the dispensary legislation. The whole situation is expressed in the trite expression, "Nothing done." Not a syllable in the Act in force when the members came here has been changed. One proposition to amend the law after another was killed. The House stood to the finish against the State dispensary, while the Senate on the other hand, insisted and persisted that the State dispensary must stand, and that the thing to do was to purify the State dispensary and not abolish it. As was said last night the House would have agreed to almost any reasonable proposition that would have contained abolition of the State dispensary. It wanted local option, and it voted to that effect time and time again. The Senate, with its forty-one members, blocked everything that was proposed by the House, and persisted in its one idea that the State dispensary could be purified by its bills. Last night, when the House by the largest vote recorded, rejected the Senate bill, practically all hope of legislation was gone. Some seemed to think that there might be something done by the conference committees, and if the Senate had agreed to the proposition to abolish the State dispensary and let the counties run the dispensary, where they wished, and kept prohibition in those counties that have it, the way would have been very clear.

This morning there was a whisper that the General Assembly would adjourn without electing the new board or commissioners, and in this way force Governor Heyward to appoint a board of directors. It was urged that in this way a business-like and good board would have been selected by the governor. Governor Heyward, however, did not care for this to be done and thought the General Assembly ought to meet its own troubles, but if left to him he would do the best he could, but he much preferred not to have a thing to do with the appointments.

The first bill which went to conference and then to free conference was the remnant of the Morgan bill. The committees on this bill were:

Conference—Senators Blake and Williams, and Messrs. Browning, Gaston and Otts.

Free Conference—Senators Walker, McIver and Eford, and Messrs. Richards, Sanders and Whaley.

Then the Rucker relic went through the mill. On conference there were: Senators W. J. Johnson and J. B. Black and Messrs. Gaston, Arnold and Ashley. On free conference Senators Stackhouse, Pates and Wells, and Messrs. Richards, Otts and Nash.

All the work of the conference committees counted for naught, and both of the bill were re-rejected and absolutely nothing was done in the way of dispensary legislation, except to elect the executive officers of the dispensary under the old law, which provides for the \$400 salaries, about which so much has been said.—News and Courier.

CLEMSON COLLEGE NEWS.

A Record of the Events of the Week That Interests the Students.

Clemson College, February 19.—If every week ended as lively as last week we would not think the confinement so bad.

Friday night the Crecent Comedy Company gave one of their best performances. Then Saturday they gave a matinee and Saturday night they played "Nell Gwynn." All the boys are very prolific in their praise of this company. We had 35, 50 and 25 cent seats arranged in chapel. The performance came up to a high class company. The company was here under the auspices of the "Annual of '07."

Friday night after the show the Junior class gave a dance in honor of the visiting ladies.

Saturday afternoon before the matinee the class championship game was played between the Sophomores and Seniors and resulted in favor of the Sophs 5 to 0. This is the first time that this present Senior class has been beaten in anything and the Sophs are proud of their victory.

Our examinations begin the 9th of next month and we have already begun to dread them.

The Sumter crowd was "set up" to a box Saturday by some thoughtful parent and we are going around with beaming faces.

R. Posey, a Fort Mill blind tiger, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 Saturday.

HUNGARY'S PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED BY EMPEROR

This Act Violated Constitution and May Cause Fall of the Dual Monarchy

GREAT DISPLAY OF MILITARY FORGE

The Emperor Plans to Rule Hungary By an Absolute Regime Similar to That of 1818—Revolution Expected and Independence of Hungary May Be Declared.

Budapest, Hungary, February 19.—With an absolute disregard for the national constitution the Hungarian Parliament was dissolved today by order of Emperor Franz Joseph. There was a great display of military force in connection with the presentation of the order for dissolution, but there was little disturbance.

Hungary will now be governed according to the plans of the Emperor, by an absolute regime, similar to that which prevailed after the failure of the revolution of 1848. The dissolution of Parliament by royal command marks the culmination of the long standing quarrel between the crown and the coalition leaders of Parliament over the question of recognition of Hungary's rights and liberties. Today's proceeding marks the turning point in the destinies of the dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary and may lead to a revolution ending in the establishment of Hungary's independence.

JEROME AFTER GRAFTERS

NEW YORK'S PERSISTENT VICE PROSECUTOR BEGINS ON INSURANCE OFFICIALS.

Grand Jury Takes up Investigation of Charges Made Against Officers of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company—They Paid Individual Debts With Company's Funds.

New York, February 20.—District Attorney Jerome has finally begun the prosecution of the insurance officials. The grand jury today began the investigation of the charges brought by Jas. D. Wells, a former official, against the officials of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company. It is charged by Wells that the president, vice president and other officials of the company liquidated a judgment secured against them as individuals out of the funds of the company.

AN INHUMAN MOTHER.

A TRAGEDY WHICH OCCURRED ON BOARD A SOUND STEAMER.

Woman Throws Her Three Children Overboard in the Night and Then Jumps Over Herself—Left Note to Husband.

Fall River, Mass., February 20.—When the Fall River Life steamer Plymouth arrived this morning it became known that a frightful tragedy had in all probability, occurred on board during the night.

The night watchman, about 2 o'clock this morning, discovered a stateroom door open and on entering found a woman's wearing apparel scattered about and a letter on a stand addressed to John Waters, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The letter said that the woman, who was Waters' wife, had thrown her three children overboard and was about to follow herself. She said she was tired of life.

The note was first thought to be a hoax, but occupants of the adjoining stateroom said they heard children crying during the night and it is the belief of those on board that the woman threw the children overboard and then jumped in herself. A careful search of the boat failed to reveal any trace of them.

EIGHTEEN FIREMEN INJURED.

Boston, Mass., February 17.—By a hot air explosion in a six story granite building at 90 North street at 3:30 o'clock this morning eighteen members of the Boston fire department, including Chief Quellen and District Chiefs Garrity, McDough and Byron, were injured, several sustaining injuries that necessitated their removal to the relief station. The fire started on the lower floor of the building and firemen were blown from ladders and thrown down the stairway by the terrific hot air explosions that followed each other in rapid succession. The blaze was confined to the lower stories of the building, but the explosion gutted the building and blew every window out. The losses are estimated \$25,000. One hundred and fifty men in the Salvation Army barracks, back of the building, were thrown into a panic when the explosion occurred and ran into the street in their night clothing. Chief Byron was the most seriously injured.

Dock Casson, colored, was shot and fatally wounded by Jim Clark at Williamston Sunday. The shooting occurred in "Spartanburg," a suburb of Williamston.