

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.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, June 9.—The Mayesville Musical Comedy Company made a decided hit on Thursday night when they presented the following comic sketches with specialties: "Madame DePortment's School" and "Mrs. Oakley's Telephone." The cast of characters in the sketches were under the direction of black face comedians with Robert Chandler, Jr., as middleman. Misses Annie Chaffin, Annie Wilson, Annie Anderson, Fannie Strauss, Sarah Smith, Hattie Mayes and Mrs. M. A. Strauss. W. Gus Thomas, W. B. Chandler, Robert Chandler and Lucian Strauss did stunts in the specialties. The jokes were well received as time and time again the Ethiopians were called back on the stage. Parodies on popular songs with prominent citizens used for a good thing brought forth much applause. The manager of the Musical Comedy has been requested to give another entertainment at an early date but as the company is booked for other towns it will be some time before the programme can be changed.

Mr. Hawkins Corbett has returned from Clinton, where he has been attending the Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

The following young ladies have returned from Winthrop: Misses Susie Mae Burgess, Elma Mayes and Netta Corbet.

Mr. G. P. McKinney has returned home with his bride, who was formerly Miss Watson, of Travelers Rest.

Base ball here seems to have taken a start again. Last season Mayesville put out one of the fastest amateur teams in the state. In the early part of the season practice was resumed, but the amount of proper material was wanting and the fans and players seemed to lose all interest. Now that some college men are available, we hope to soon have a fast aggregation. The South Carolina State League will no doubt revive interest in all the small towns near here as the tone of all baseball conversation seems to lean that way.

A party of young folk from St. Charles came down Thursday night to take in the play. They went away pleased. That's right St. Charles. Let us know when you want us to come to your entertainments.

Miss Edna Mayes, formerly of Mayesville, but who has been residing in Brownwood, Texas, for the last seven years, has returned to spend the summer at her old home. Her many friends are happy to see her again.

Messrs. Jno. Parnell, H. S. McBride, Rhodes and Lucian Strauss have taken their "first" in the K. of P.

Mr. W. G. Thomas has accepted a position at Bradley's Pharmacy.

MAX.

Max, S. C., June 11.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gaskins, of Lee, visited Mrs. Martin Truluck last week.

Mrs. J. A. M. Caraway spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Truluck, of Lynchburg.

Mr. William Whitehead, of Timmons ville, spent last Wednesday with his daughter.

Rev. Mrs. T. H. Harrison and children of Lifton are at her father's to spend the summer.

Mrs. Fannie Weddiken and children of Sumter are spending some time with her sister, Mrs. S. J. Tomlinson.

Mrs. Rebecca Truluck is visiting her son, Mr. S. W. Truluck of Shiloh Dr. Mood of Sumter was called to Mr. Ed Plumer last Friday.

Callie Truluck, youngest son of Mr. E. C. Truluck, is laid up for some time by a wound in the leg from a rifle carelessly handled.

Oats are gathered; crops are growing.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, June 11.—Miss Annie Reese, who recently graduated from Winthrop College, is at home for the summer.

The friends of Mr. J. Temple Frierson, one of Stateburg's former residents, were glad to see him at church on Sunday. He spent the day with relatives at "Cherry Vale."

Mrs. James S. Pinckney and Miss A. N. Moore, after spending a week in Sumter as the guests of Mrs. A. P. Manning returned to their home, "The Ruins" on Thursday.

Mr. F. P. Burgess spent Monday in Wilmington, N. C.

Miss Bettie Frierson, a recent kindergarten graduate, has returned home.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell is visiting friends in Clarendon today.

Miss Emma Barnwell and Virginia Saunders have returned from St. Mary's College, Raleigh, N. C., and are enjoying their summer vacation.

Miss Mayo Rees, who has been teaching near Sumter, is at home for the summer months.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday with relatives in Stateburg.

Miss Lee Morre, who has spent several months in Sumter is at home again.

There was a small but very pleasant dance at Cherry Vale on Friday evening.

The young people of the neighborhood are looking forward with great happiness to the Acton house party dance, to be given by the ex-members of the J. A. C. on the evening of June 13.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, June 9.—News items are not plentiful here this morning. There is plenty of grass and more coming, as we are having so much rain. On last Monday we had two as large rains as I ever saw. There is water standing on some of my corn from it yet, and we have had rain every day since, except Thursday. And again yesterday evening we had a large rain. We have not been able to do but a day and a half ploughing this week. Crops on the higher lands are growing and looking well.

M. H. Plowden of Brogdons and Tink White of Cane's Savannah were here last Wednesday. The former was around to see the dear people as he wants to root Bill Seale out of his bed something like the hog roots out his potatoe. But I suppose they (the candidates) think it is root hog or lose your tater.

Mr. R. L. Geddings, formerly of this corner, but for many years a resident of Clarendon, dined with W. J. Ardis last Thursday. He was representing the Turkey Creek Nursery Company, of Florida, and says he is making fine sales. We were glad to see old Bud and hope he will come again.

R. W. Barwick lost a horse one day last week.

Charlie Weeks, a son of Pink Weeks, has been real sick this week with malarial fever.

It seems that the meat that we buy is anything but clean from what I have been reading in The Item this week. I hope old Teddy and others will keep on prodding them.

DURANT.

Durant, June 11.—A severe wind storm passed through here last Saturday afternoon and in some places it was accompanied by hail. A number of trees were uprooted and the tops of some were twisted off as though a cyclone had passed over them. The wheat and oat crop were very much blown but do not seem to me injured otherwise.

Mr. J. M. Blanding, of Corsicana, Texas, spent several days here this week with relatives and met many friends of his boyhood days.

Miss Maggie McFaddine is visiting her friend, Miss Witherspoon.

Captain Paden, of Texas, who attended the general assembly, came to visit his old friend, Mr. J. T. McFaddin.

Mr. J. M. Spann was also among the number who were in the neighborhood this week.

Services were held at New Harmony last Saturday and Sunday. Lunch was served on the grounds on Saturday and the pastor, Mr. Grier, preached two excellent sermons on that day.

BISHOPVILLE NOTES.

Mr. Harry Dixon, who has been spending several months among the mountains of North Carolina for his health, is home for a few days, looking after his business interest.

Mrs. Jegcoat was bitten last week by a dog supposed to have been mad. The dog was killed and Mrs. Jegcoat was taken to Dr. McClure and he applied a mad stone, which adhered, but Mrs. Jegcoat does not seem to be worried over it, and the wound is nearly well.

Mr. Jake Smith, who farms on Hon. R. I. Manning's place, has sent us a cotton plant taken from a 10-acre field, that measured 10 inches and had on it four well developed forms for blooms. He said it was a good average.

Miss Beck Reid, of St. Charles, who has been teaching in the High School at Kosciusko, Miss., and Miss Ione, who has been attending that school, got back last Friday. She was elected principal of the school over 13 other applicants. We are proud of the record Miss Reid has made as a teacher.—Victorator.

Hagood's Crop Report.

Crop conditions in the Old Game Cock county were never fairer, though they are a bit backward, two weeks, perhaps. Starting out from the far-famed, never-to-be-forgotten (?) Dinkins peninsula, one sees the crops of cotton of Lepas Tav's on the right and of wide-a-wake, energetic Sylvester Allen growing, full of promise, the latter clean as a garden. Then comes W. J. Spencer, a small man, but check full of energy, with every thing in fine shape. He made a splendid crop of cotton last year and means

to do the same this, if we judge by appearances.

Reko Sanders is that big, fat "yaller" man out on the Camden road. He is after good things as he takes the Watchman and pays for it, and has the largest corn that up to time of passing we had seen. He owns the land he lives on and carries his end of the stick. All the land between the big road and Borden is cleared and were it not for a branch between, the station could be clearly seen. How the country is being cleared. From Borden you look to the north-east three-quarters of a mile away and you see Sumter's mount towering may I be allowed to say, above the surrounding country. Well, I have been there and spent a pleasant half day with some rollicking school children. Somehow, as I tread its soil, drank its refreshing water and looked out over the country, a feeling of awe possessed me. Providence and Dalzell. My, how the lands have been cut up by the floods of recent rain, but withal the crops are clean and growing.

Progress and development are apparent on either side the railroad to Sumter. Here are deep ditches draining large savannahs, now producing luxuriant crops, and every where land that had long lain idle for lack of proper drainage has been redeemed until it begins to look as if every foot of Sumter soil will be made to pay tribute to honest toil.

How land values are going up! Unless a fellow has a mint of money, so to speak, he will not try to buy Sumter dirt. After a time the porter, suppose I may call him that, calls out Sumter, and from the car window I behold the liveliest young city in all the country. A few years ago the croakers, there is always a crop of them, said "This boom will soon pass off, and leave some in a hole." The story don't read that way but this: "The boom will go on, and some one will get in a hole."—the old croaker who was fool enough to believe his own word and sold out his holdings to the wide-awake prospector. Were I a cartoonist I would draw him lying prone upon his back with bulging eyes, while the procession passes leaving him in the lurch. From Sumter to Mayesville, from Mayesville to Lynchburg, crops look so well as to bring to the farmer that sense of satisfaction which betokens good drainage. Drainage, what may not one accomplish if he will but try. I am told your dry city was once a flat with stagnant ponds about. Certain I am that much of the lands around Lynchburg and extending down the Kings-tree road, none of which can be bought less than \$25 an acre, was a few years ago in that condition. All these lands, under the efficient management of such men as Lee Parnell, R. W. Welch and Manton McClam are producing the finest of crops. For a long time I had desired to visit the Pudding Swamp country, which privilege I enjoyed when my good friend of former years, Willie Goodman, met me last Friday at Lynchburg with conveyance. It was a fine country we passed over, land that a few years ago could have been bought for a song. He and his brother, A. J., are doing an extensive business and succeeding admirably farming and merchandising out on Wood's bay. I met the latter and also their aged father in his four-score years and still active. These young men want to keep up with the times, to be up-to-date, etc and so take the Item and Watchman. I will get through soon if I have to jump through. Had I been dropped into Shiloh I would never have dreamed it, so great has been its development. Plenty of people here and fine crops, good as any I have seen. That corn of Turner Player is the best I have seen, but I want to look as "Mass Bobbie's" R. R. Tomlinson. On the way I see other crops that are fine, crops to be proud of, but that corn of "Bob" Tomlinson, almost as high as you can reach, as green as can be, is the largest I have seen in three counties. Here I jump through because I have not time to do otherwise.

Hagood, June 11.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, June 12.—There is a great improvement in the cotton prospect in this section, as elsewhere, and the corn crop is indeed promising, and the grass, especially in the fields of cotton, is indeed, not idle and a fierce battle with this foe, if these showers continue many days is imminent.

Mr. James Graves, the oldest person in this section, died on the 10th and was buried yesterday at the old Cole burying ground. Mr. Graves was about 94 years old, and died as he lived—peacefully and quietly, and although he was respected for his honesty and many other praiseworthy qualities, he entertained peculiar views of the plans of salvation, believing as he had nothing to do with his coming into this world, he had nothing to do with preparation for his departure, and could not be persuaded to the contrary.

Col. J. A. Rhame is visiting in Orangeburg.

Mr. Eustace Rhame of Summerton was in the town yesterday.

Several of the young ladies and

gentlemen of this town attended services in Timmons ville Sunday evening. Rev. Thomas Leitch the evangelist, is preaching a series of sermons there—using the Baptist church it being so much larger than the other churches, was thrown open to Rev. Leitch's hearers. The Methodist greatly appreciated this kind and Christian-like act. All the denominations in Timmons ville, characteristic of these good people, are aiding and encouraging Mr. Leitch in his efforts to do good. This correspondent attended all the services there on last Sunday and on Sunday evening, nearing the conclusion of that day's services, he witnessed an unusual and an impressive scene. While Rev. Leitch was beseeching the people to bury their creeds and their differences in general, and come to Christ, there stood with folded, and now and then outstretched arms, on either side of him, the pastor of the Methodist church, the Baptist and Presbyterian churches of that grand little town, all aiding and encouraging their visiting brother in his efforts to awaken and arouse their people to a sense of their responsibilities. The absence of jealousy, envy and selfishness was so apparent, while an earnest desire to accomplish that which was for the spiritual betterment of all the churches was strongly in evidence. This indeed speaks volumes for Timmons ville. Rev. Mr. Peeler, Baptist evangelist was there aiding and encouraging. His very presence lent encouragement.

Timmons ville is a fine flourishing town and will ere long say good-bye "town" for I'm a city.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, June 12.—The Bush League of South Carolina opens here Thursday when a fast aggregation of ball tossers invades the local camp. Mayes and Mayes (younger brothers of the old battery) will do the delivering and receiving of the home team and upon them relies the task of putting the blocks to the visitors. If they cannot do the proper work, Chandler and Corbett will be given a try out. At a meeting of the players a few days ago, C. E. Mayes was elected captain of the team. "Bic" knows every detail of the game and it's worth money to see him put his men through a fast practice.

Mayesville has a fast set of men on the bases so the opposing catcher can exercise his wing as an innovation.

A large crowd of followers will accompany the St. Charles team. Very noticeable is the fact that the fair sex from those regions don't mind smiling to see St. Charles play. The park is being put in good condition and the diamond is faster than ever.

Much surprise was expressed when Sumter's Game Cocks made such a gallant opening in Orangeburg. Say, Chappie, let Columbia keep the name of Game Cocks even if Sumter has first claim. As was expected Camden, under the leadership of Guy Gunter, walloped Manning, and Darlington put dampers in the playing pipes of Georgetown. The season is just beginning and those remarks may look like the "chief looser" a little later. At the present writing the standing of the clubs in the opinion of the writer is: Orangeburg, Camden, Darlington, Sumter, Georgetown and Manning. It is up to the last four clubs to do some tall recruiting and strengthen up a little. Nervousness may be the chief fault now but the next few weeks should wear off all rough edges.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, June 11.—The recent rains improved the crops wonderfully and they are now in fine condition and growing beautifully.

The oat crop has been harvested and the yield was very good on some farms.

The berry crop is very promising and there will be a great quantity gathered.

The health of the community is very good at this time.

Mrs. Wm. Ledingham, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse and little Mark, have returned to their home in Marion, after a very pleasant stay with relatives at Wisacky and Bishopville.

Miss Lula M. Williams and little Miss Florrie Mae Smith have returned from their visit to relatives at St. Stephens and Sumter.

The friends and relatives here of Mrs. Dr. Shirer of St. Stephens received a telegram the 6th announcing the death of Mrs. Shirer's youngest son, Walter. Her sister, Miss Sallie Ledingham, left immediately on the afternoon train for the sad home.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, June 12.—Mr. Robert Lide and family of Orangeburg, spent a few days the past week at the Rev. T. P. Lide's. Mr. W. D. Lynam spent several days the past week with friends and relatives in Columbia.

Miss Edna Ramsey is spending this week with friends and relatives in Sumter.

Mr. Thomas Nettles of Lanes and Mr. Ned White of Sumter spent Sunday at Mrs. S. J. Bradford's.

Mr. Bostick, of Sumter is visiting at Mr. S. A. Harvin's.

Mr. F. G. Rivers of Elmore spent

Saturday and Sunday at Mr. E. W. Rivers.

Misses Laura and Beula Geddings of Manning are spending some time at Mrs. F. J. Jackson's.

Miss Callie Wells is visiting in Sumter.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

The Honea Path lynchings, J. R. Moore, Josh Moore, Will Moore, Sam Bigby and Hugh Bowen, were acquitted in Abbeville Tuesday of the charge of murdering Allen Pendleton, colored.

H. L. Watkins has been elected dispenser at Camden, to succeed John Hough. An effort is being made to establish a dispensary in the Kershaw county portion of the town of Kershaw, which is on the line between Lancaster and Kershaw.

The corner stone of the new administration building of Clinton college was laid Thursday.

A negro baby has been born in Edgefield county with three teeth, one of which was on the tip of its tongue.

The Semi-Centennial of Newberry College is being celebrated this week.

E. C. Teague, a contractor, killed a negro at Spartanburg Saturday. The negro drew a pistol but Teague shot first.

Dr. William Pressley, president of Erskine college, died at Due West Friday night, aged 70 years.

Palmer Lester, a young white man, was drowned at Appalachie, Spartanburg county, Saturday night.

A cotton warehouse company was organized at Batesburg Saturday with a capital of \$1,000.

David Sweet, a private in the United States artillery was drowned at Sullivan's Island Saturday night.

George Allsbright was captured by dispensary constables in Pickens county last week while operating a 60-gallon whiskey still.

THE TRAIN TO BISHOPVILLE.

Former Satisfactory Schedule Will Be Restored.

Bishopville, June 8.—Mayor J. Ed. Stuckey has just been notified that the "Gibson and Lucknow" train, on the Atlantic Coast line, which was so satisfactory to the Bishopville and Lucknow people, will be restored in a few days.

Mayor Stuckey has been making a splendid fight for the interests of the town in this matter and his successful efforts in their behalf are highly appreciated by the citizens.

Clarendon Court.

The Court of Sessions was convened Monday by His Honor Judge G. W. Gage, Solicitor J. S. Wilson and Court Stenographer Louis E. Wood.

Pat Johnson, assault with intent to kill, not guilty.

Henry C. Tindal, assault with intent to ravish, not guilty.

Charlie Frierson, Albertus James, David Tindal, burglary and larceny, guilty. James sent five years to chain gang, Frierson and Tindal five years to state reformatory.

Marion Smith, assault with intent to ravish, jury out all night, mistrial ordered.

John Elliott Boser, assault and battery with intent to kill, guilty of carrying concealed weapons; 30 days on gang or \$20 fine.

WAIT FOR HUNGER.

Good Advice From J. F. W. DeLorme as to How to Create an Appetite.

Any physician will tell you that it is unwise to eat unless one is really hungry. It is far better to miss a meal than to eat without appetite.

But do not take a tonic, stimulant, or appetizer to make you hungry. J. F. W. DeLorme says that the best way to create an appetite is to restore the digestion to health by the use of Mi-o-na stomach tablets, a reliable remedy that they have sold with the best of satisfaction.

When Mi-o-na is used, the irritation and inflammation of the stomach coating will be soothed, the gastric follicles will be strengthened so that they will pour out the natural digestive fluids with regularity, and the food you eat will be perfectly digested without distress. All headaches, sleeplessness, specks before the eyes, poor appetite, tired feelings, nervousness, back-aches, and other troubles caused by a poor digestion will soon disappear, and you will feel well all over.

A large box of Mi-o-na stomach tablets is sold for 50 cents by J. F. W. DeLorme, and it is so successful and reliable in curing indigestion and other stomach troubles, with the exception of cancer of the stomach that he sells it under a guarantee that the money will be refunded unless it does all that is claimed for it.

If you have any stomach weakness, here is an opportunity to be cured without risking a cent yourself.

SMITH WON'T RUN.

CAMDEN MAN WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Acts on Physician's Advice—Mr. Smith Will Stand for Reelection to the House or Go to the Senate.

Speaker M. L. Smith has decided not to enter the race for governor. Mr. Smith made the announcement while in the city yesterday.

Mr. Smith has had strong pressure to enter the race and his prospects were regarded as good. Mr. Smith has, however, for some time been in bad health, not serious, but unsatisfactory. His physicians advised him that it would be exceedingly unwise to undertake a campaign. Mr. Smith thought that he might be able to get in shape for the contest and has been hoping up to the last moment to be able to enter the fight. He has, however, consented to accept the serious advice of his physicians and will not enter the contest for governor, but expects to take a complete rest. Mr. Smith has deferred making any announcement or filing his pledge in the hope that his health might permit of his filing his pledge, but with the warning of his doctors he did not care to take the hazard.

It might be stated that the state is not to lose the experience and ability of Speaker Smith, as his friends insist on his remaining in public life and he will be either reelected to the house or to the state senate from his county, without opposition. Senator Hay has declined to stand for reelection, and the desire seems to be to have Mr. Smith accept this position, and if he does not run for the house again he will stand for the senatorship from his county. Mr. Smith does not expect to keep out of public affairs, and he had set his heart and his head very much on the approaching campaign and it is said that he is very much disappointed that he will not be able to go into the contest.—The State.

ACQUITTAL OF JENKINSON.

A Verdict of Not Guilty for the White Man Who Killed an Old Negro.

Manning, June 10.—The court of general sessions for this county adjourned yesterday morning. There was an unusually heavy criminal docket and on that account several cases had to be continued until the fall term of court.

The case of Chas. F. Jenkinson, indicted for murder, was one of the most sensational and hard fought cases heard in this county in the past 15 years. Last January Jenkinson in some manner shot and killed an old negro, Jim Roberson, seemingly without any provocation, as it was proven that Jenkinson had never seen the old negro before the day of the killing. At the former trial of the case a mistrial was ordered, it being currently reported that the jury stood 10 to 2 for acquittal. The defendant was represented by Mr. W. C. Davis and Messrs. Woods & O'Bryan. The plea of the defense was that at the time of the killing the defendant was temporarily insane from alcoholic poisoning.

A HORRIBLE MURDER.

An Italian Cuts Off the Head of an Irish Girl.

New Martinsville, W. Va., June 9.—Giuseppi Cernzi cut off the head of his mistress, a pretty Irish girl, at Mount Carbon and then attempted to kill himself, but was prevented by the opportune arrival of an officer. The cabin where the couple lived showed evidence of a terrible struggle. The murderer was hurried to Fayetteville, as there were threats of lynching.

There is every prospect that the new railroad scheme will be an assured fact before long. The matter is taking shape, and it will be up to the people of Manning whether or not we shall have the Alcolu railroad.—Manning Times.



HIGH LIVING

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GOOD EATING

and our bill of fare go together. Well fed men dine here because they get what they want and as they want it. It's a pleasure to pay for good food. That's why we have so many good patrons.

THE SUMMER RESTAURANT, V. E. Brunson, Proprietor. 3-21-6m