

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.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, July 3.—Miss Irene Garrett and Mr. Morgan Johnson were married Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's father. Rev. T. P. Lide officiated.

The Rev. T. of Alcolu, spent Sunday at Mrs. S. J. Bradford's.

Miss Daisy Lide is visiting friends and relatives in Hartsville.

Mrs. S. H. Ramsey, of Stateburg, spent several days the past week with her brothers, Messrs. W. S. and W. D. Lyman.

Miss Rosa Kolb and Mr. Eddie Wise, of Packsville, were among the visitors at church Sunday afternoon.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, S. C., July 5.—It was a great disappointment to the fans that the Summerton baseball team did not show up for the game on the Fourth of July, as advertised. A great many people intended going to Darlington to see the junior Game Cacks do up McCullough's pets, but when the game was scheduled, they remained at home to see the home talent work. It appears that the Summerton management fired the cancellation of the game, but the message never arrived at this point. Several people came over from St. Charles, Oswego, etc., to witness what promised to be a battle royal, but all in vain.

The Mayesville Live Stock company have received a carload of mowing machines and farming machinery. J. F. Bland, Jr., has just disposed of a car of the above goods and A. A. Strauss is now in the field selling the Champion goods.

Messrs. Geo. Deschamps, Hawkins Corbet and Andrew Mayes are in Sumter today, taking in the baseball game.

Mr. A. A. Strauss is spending the day in Sumter. Mr. Strauss is a warm fan. Today he takes in the Sumter-Camden game.

Mr. Robt. J. Mayes, Sr., is now at home, after a few weeks at Cleveland Springs. Mr. Mayes is looking much better and his vacation seems to have driven away his malaria, which reigned over him some days past.

The Mayesville Rounders, the colored baseball team, played against Timmonsville on the morning of the Fourth. Mayesville was victorious to the tune of 5 to 2.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, July 9.—The Fourth passed off quietly here. The rain put such a damper on every thing that nothing was dry enough to want moisture, so there was no racket from "red eye."

If people who make their living by farming expect in the future to live and pay their debts, they will have to change their system of planting and cultivation. Big planting is out of the question in the future, however humiliating it may be to one's pride to be called a small planter. Labor conditions and the changed seasons will force a small acreage to the plow. Up to the rainy season I never saw the crops in better fix, and I have seldom seen them in worse condition than now, owing altogether to the rain. Corn, generally is a failure; cotton small, grassy and sickly looking. The guano leached out of the land, and nothing but nature's manure to make the crop on. A few planted corn on the Williamson plan.

Mr. H. H. Evans has the finest I have seen. T. M. Rogers, J. L. Gillis, James Irby and others have fine corn and their cotton is good for so bad a year.

Mr. C. T. Evans and S. B. Hatfield, Jr., have fine cotton. Cotton can come out some, but the failure of the corn crop is a severe loss.

Rev. J. W. Kenney of Orangeburg was here last week and he says the crops over there are all poor.

Mrs. Gordon Hutchinson is quite unwell, also several children from various complaints.

Mr. T. W. Hawkins lost a good mule during the extreme hot weather not long since, and Mr. J. L. Gillis lost a fine one last week. We are all sorry for our friends in their losses.

A gentleman and some young girls carried a dog to a mill pond to see him swim and he swam backwards. I wonder if Dark Corner has ever seen the like of that? Tell us friend Joe.

A Democratic club was organized here last week by authority of the county Democratic committee with the following officers: T. W. Hawkins, president; J. L. Gillis, first vice president; S. B. Hatfield, Jr., secretary; J. E. DuPre, member county executive committee.

Mr. Lumpkin showed his sense by withdrawing from a contest where he

would have been overwhelmingly defeated. After all he has done, Tillman should receive the unanimous endorsement of the people for reelection.

The legislature is the power to settle the liquor question, and there the fight should be made, for or against the system.

Rev. Mr. Cole preached a fine sermon at Pisgah church yesterday. He is very much admired as a man and preacher.

IONIA.

Ionia, July 6.—There has been so much rain here the crops are almost drowned out. A lot of land is so boggy that it cannot be ploughed. Cotton suffers more from so much rain than any other crop. Grass just cannot be killed, it is being knocked about to keep it from growing. Cotton is behind last year at least 30 per cent in this section.

Politics are warming up in our county (Lee) now. We have five candidates for the legislature all in favor of the dispensary. Now we are in favor of prohibition and if we can't get that then the next best thing is local option, but as yet we have no candidate on our platform. There are three for the senate, one a local optionist, and I will vote for him.

Mr. D. K. Matthews has gone to Hartsville to visit friends.

Mr. S. J. McCaskill and Mr. D. N. Matthews, who have been visiting friends at Stateburg, have returned home.

There will be children's day exercises at Mizpah church the third Sunday in this month. At the same time the protected meeting will begin.

Little Dalton Ford, son of Mr. T. P. Ford, has been very sick, but is better now.

TINDAL.

Tindal, July 10.—Mrs. T. A. Bradham, who has been in declining health for several years, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. James T. Brogdon, on last Friday night.

Mr. C. M. Witherspoon spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. Harry Hodge, after spending several days at home, returned to Draughton's Business College on Monday.

Mr. R. H. Broadway is spending some time in Sumter.

Miss Inez Ridgeway of Columbia is on a visit to relatives in the community.

Miss Olga Hodge spent Sunday in Sumter.

The health of the community is very good. We have no sick to report this week.

Miss Lillie Richardson spent Saturday in Sumter.

The crops are improving some, but still show the effects of the rainy weather.

MAX.

Max, S. C., July 9.—Mr. B. C. Truluck left this morning for Glenn Springs and may extend his trip to other places.

Mr. Fred Truluck will teach singing at Workman, commencing this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Williams, of Tampa, Fla., also Miss Hettie Tomlinson, of New Zion, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mims' girl baby, also Mr. and Mrs. John Lemon's fine boy are new additions to the family of the respective parents.

Saturday, the 14th, will be children's day at Shiloh.

The Fourth passed off very quietly about here.

Dr. Jacobs and Mr. S. C. Carraway of Beulah attended the celebration in Darlington.

The old soldiers' annual picnic will be held at Beulah Saturday, the 21st.

PINEWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Pinewood, July 2.—Corn and cotton crops in this neighborhood have been very promising up to this week. The heavy rains will cut our crops to a two-third crop.

The Atlantic Coast Line has put on a mail car on trains 46 and 47 between Orangeburg and Lanes, which is a great convenience to the people along the line. The Sumter Daily Item, if mailed at Sumter at 6 o'clock, should reach Pinewood the same evening at 9 o'clock, also other points south a little later. This would give the public along the line between Sumter and Orangeburg the news quicker. The State and News and Courier.

The people at Pinewood and along the line between Orangeburg and Lanes are indebted to Maj. H. B. Richardson for this train service. Maj. Richardson, during his administration as legislator from Clarendon, worked hard to get this train service, which he effected.

Thursday last the Pinewood baseball rooters went to Sumter to root for Sumter—Orangeburg vs. Sumter—the score 1 to 0 in favor of Sumter. Of course, this was on account of good rooting from Pinewood for Sumter. Play ball, Sumter, and we will be the best rooting possible.

Levi Bros., of Sumter, are erecting an up-to-date gin.

Several new residences have been

completed and occupied. Several parties are wanting houses.

Mrs. N. C. Stack has completed her new residence. This building is among the finest in the county.

Mrs. J. P. Lawrence and daughter left this morning for Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. H. B. Richardson, Jr., left today for Chick Springs.

Messrs. Earby Moses, of Sumter; Manning Richardson, of Summerton, and Thos. Richardson spent Monday in the Sand Hills.

Mr. L. A. Graham, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out again.

Mr. N. C. Stack is erecting a very neat store on Commerce street.

Miss Jesse Moise, of Sumter, was the guest of Miss Susan Richardson last Saturday.

Mr. R. S. Deschamps left a few days ago for Glenn Springs.

MANNING NEWS NOTES.

From the Times, July 4.

The sheriff had only one sale to make last Monday and that was the lot upon which R. L. Bell's shop is located. It brought \$1,100.

Beginning last Monday we have a complete double daily mail service. A much needed accommodation that will be appreciated by our business men.

The electric storm Sunday afternoon was the severest we have seen in years and several persons received electric shocks.

We are told labor is so scarce that the Alcolu railroad has been offering double price for cross ties, trees standing on the roadside, and cannot secure the hands to cut them. It will be better as soon as whortle berries and watermelons are done. Hire the Manning ball team.

Lightning struck an outbuilding on Mr. R. H. Davis's place, near town last Sunday afternoon, and burned it down. Mr. Davis was sitting on the piazza, saw the flash when it struck the house and was himself charged with the electricity. It was a close call for him, as the distance from where he was sitting was but a few feet.

Died last Monday night at the home of Mr. R. C. Plowden, near Jordan. Mr. G. Whitfield Plowden, aged 63 years. The deceased was a bachelor, a Confederate veteran, was a member of the old Manning Guards, a part of the famous Hampton Legion. The burial took place in the Plowden family burial ground in the Fork.

Dr. G. W. B. Smith and Miss Glesner Kefauver, of Hagerstown, Md., were married at the bride's home the 28th inst. Miss Kefauver is a charming lady and made a host of friends here while she was in charge of the Summerton Mercantile Co.'s millinery department. The couple will locate in Greenville, where Dr. Smith will practice his profession.

A CARD.

To the Voters of Sumter County:

I beg to call the attention of the voters of Sumter county to my card among the list of candidates for the office of County Superintendent of Education in the approaching primary election. I have placed it there by the advice of my friends in the said county where I have always lived and by those in the city of Sumter where I expect to live after December 1st, 1906, and I beg to say to those friends and the public that if they do not see me around as often as my opponents it is because I am honorably bound to Messrs. Parrott and Stuckey to look after their share crops, etc., on their place where I now live and cannot, therefore, absent myself, as much as I desire to meet the voters of Sumter county before the coming primary. But I refer those who do not know me to the banks and business men of Sumter with who I deal to ascertain whatever they desire to know concerning my personality. I wish the office for the honor it confers, and solicit the suffrage of my friends and the voters of Sumter county for the same. Feeling that I am capable of filling it and pledging myself to do so with all my integrity if elected, I am respectfully,

Charles Pinckney, Dalzell, S. C., Route 1. d6t w2t

John Carter, colored, was killed in Lexington county on Sunday by Jim Porter.

Cojah Williams has been arrested in Spartanburg for the abduction of Miss Corrie Waters, a 13-year-old girl of Woodruff. This is the second case of the kind in Spartanburg county within a week.

Ben Lanford and Tom Williams were acquitted at Aiken of the murder of Mrs. Cecilia R. Wilson at Beech Island. The murder of this lady remains a deep mystery.

John D. Bell, clerk in the Carolina National bank at Columbia, has been appointed secretary pro tem of the State Democratic executive committee to take the place of J. T. Parks, deceased. Mr. Bell has for some time been acting as assistant secretary.

As a result of the award of book contracts by the State board of education a temporary injunction has been secured by some of the disappointed bidders from Associate Justice Woods and a hearing will be had this week.

TILLMAN ROASTS LYON.

ATTACKED HIM BITTERLY IN COLUMBIA SPEECH LAST NIGHT.

Urged the People to Vote Against Mr. Fraser Lyon Because Mr. Lyon Had in a Letter to an Attorney Made a Slanderous Insinuation Against Him.

Columbia, July 9.—At the campaign meeting tonight the State House was crowded, crowded beyond endurance almost. Every available seat was occupied and standing room was at a premium. When the meeting began Senator Tillman had to go in the open air. He spoke from the State House steps to the largest crowd he has ever addressed in Columbia, and it was certainly the largest political gathering seen in Columbia in this day and generation. It was simply amazing. All classes were in the immense throng.

Senator Tillman's defense of the dispensary as a system was not as vigorous as it has been on previous occasions. It was not from the shoulder in spots, but he seemed to reserve his ammunition and what some folks call cussedness for Mr. Fraser Lyon. He jumped on this young aspirant for office with the ferocity of a bull dog. There was nothing delicate or insinuating about it, but it was just a brutal, harsh, knock-down and drag out trade against Mr. Lyon for his having said that he had heard that he had gotten a piano from a liquor house.

Mr. Lyon did not at the time charge the piano incident as a fact, but simply, as it is remembered at the time, said that there were all sorts of rumors and insinuations and that he had once gotten a piano from a liquor firm. Senator Tillman took the position that after he could find no proof of such a thing that Mr. Lyon should have apologized for such an insinuation or written him a letter, as the whole thing was a lie and slander, and such a man ought not to be elected to office.

Congressman Lever spoke first tonight. He is popular here and spoke well, and was well received. He outlined what practical work he had done for his district. He said if kept in Congress long enough he and Tillman would get a half million dollar building here. Tillman would do the cussing and he the praying.

Mr. Lever talked well for half an hour, and when he had concluded the crowd had grown so large and the demand so insistent that Senator Tillman had to speak from the State House steps. There were no seats, no lights, nothing in the way of conveniences. It was a dense and patient crowd. No writing could be done in the jam. Senator Tillman spoke of his inauguration from the State House steps in 1890. He said then that there were few Columbia people present. He always felt a kindness towards Columbia. He said he had always tried to represent the entire people in the Senate. He spoke of his gratification at being re-elected without opposition. He expected to make twenty speeches and if any felt aggrieved they could scratch him, as 18,000 did six years ago. He said he had been a leader simply because he had the courage of his convictions, and had the manhood to go to the front regardless of results. He wanted the people to act for themselves.

He spoke of the small vote in the recent elections under the Brice Act. He saw no reason why he should not say the dispensary was the best solution of the liquor problem. If you don't want the dispensary, vote it out in the primary, but not under the Brice Act. The old factionalism of the early nineties is dead and buried thank God, he said. The real meaning of Tillmanism is that one white man's vote counts for as much as that of any other. There was no use to get mad about this liquor issue. He ridiculed the recent correspondence about the oath against blind tugging that was recently sent the officers of a social club in Greenville. He said the dispensary made money and reduced taxes and prolonged the school term, and as for himself he had no objection to such money.—News and Courier.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Bids for Sites are Called for and the Plans and Specifications are Being Prepared.

Washington, July 7.—The office of the supervising architect of the treasury is busily engaged in putting into effect the omnibus public building law, recently passed by congress. Advertisements are being sent out at the rate of 20 or 25 a day asking for bids on the sites for buildings authorized. In those cases where sites are already secured and appropriations have been made for buildings, the plans are being prepared.

Jim Nelson was stabbed to death at the Florence passenger station Sunday night by John Wilcox, both negroes.

Congressman Lever arrived at his home in Lexington from Washington Saturday.

YOUMANS WANTS EVIDENCE.

Says That Parker Testimony Was Hearsay and That He Cannot Prosecute Dispensary Grafters on That.

Columbia, July 10.—Mr. LeRoy F. Youmans, attorney general, was instructed by Governor Heyward about a month ago to proceed with prosecutions against certain dispensary officials. Mr. Youmans has been very ill since that time. Yesterday he wrote to Governor Heyward, in effect, that he could not proceed on the testimony which the supreme court ordered Mr. Parker to give before the investigating committee. Following is the letter to Gov. Heyward:

Dear Sir: It was stated in the Columbia State of June 8th that "the announcement was made yesterday that Governor Heyward had notified the attorney general, Mr. LeRoy F. Youmans, to proceed with criminal prosecution against dispensary officials suspected of misconduct by reason of the testimony of Mr. Lewis W. Parker."

The testimony of Mr. Lewis W. Parker referred to is to be found in the issue of The State of June 7th.

On the receipt of your letter, I had a conversation with you, in which I stated my views in regard to the most important fundamental legal proposition connected with the matter.

As the announcement referred to in the issue of The State of June 8th has been often iterated and reiterated without any mention of what transpired in the conversation between us, I think it proper to state in writing briefly the position I then took, and to which I still adhere.

It will be seen by reference to the testimony of Mr. Lewis W. Parker, alluded to, that it consists in the main of portions of what was said to him in conversation by a Mr. Lanahan, who is a citizen and resident of Maryland, and whom our criminal courts have no power to compel to testify on the matters which Mr. Parker says Lanahan told him. So much of the statement as relates to misconduct on the part of the dispensary officials, consists solely of what Parker says Lanahan told him (Parker), as having been communicated to him (Lanahan) by L. W. Boykin, a member of the dispensary board.

I did not then think, and I do not now think that anything revealed by the testimony of Mr. Parker afforded tenable ground on which any prosecution proper and necessary to vindicate the law could be instituted against a dispensary official.

Parties charged with the commission of such offenses as are spoken of, can legally be arrested only on warrants issued upon probable cause of the commission of those offenses supported by oath or affirmation. (Constitution, art. 1, sec. 16.) A warrant is a precept under hand and seal of a person authorized to take up any offender to be dealt with according to due course of law; is properly issuable only upon affidavit, which affidavit must accompany the warrant.

A prosecution at this stage of the affair, based on the testimony given would, in my judgment, be premature, ill-advised and unwarranted. It will be remembered, too, that in the very carefully prepared resolution, by which the legislative committee was appointed to investigate the State dispensary, the committee is to report its findings to the general assembly. What further developments may be had before this committee I, of course, cannot anticipate. I have so often seen ill-advised and premature prosecutions result in the miscarriage of justice that I have found it very unsafe to depart from established precedents and well-established practices. As I understand from your letter, the investigating committee has made no report to you of this matter, and what you saw in the public prints produced before the investigating committee as the result of a ruling of the supreme court, is the manner in which the subject was brought to your attention.

When the conduct of Black was reported to you by the investigating committee, as there was no affidavit or sworn statement, I advised you not to take any steps looking to his removal as a member of the board until there had been at least an affidavit or sworn statement of what objectionable action it was stated that Black had been guilty. On being informed of this by you, the affidavit was at once supplied. I see no reason, if a prosecution is to be instituted in this case against a dispensary official, why it should be taken out of the domain of the general and well-established law. It is perhaps worthy of remark in this connection that the press which informed us of Parker's testimony, informs us also that Lanahan does not agree to the version made before the investigating committee.

Very respectfully,
LeRoy F. Youmans,
Attorney General.

Luke Gray and Scott Oliver, negroes, have been convicted at Aiken for the murder of Clifford Woodward at Montmorenci. Gray was sentenced to be hanged August 3 and Oliver was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, a recommendation to mercy having been made in his case.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

At Sumter, July 6—
Camden.....000 000 001—1
Sumter.....000 000 31*—4

At Darlington, July 6—
Darlington.....141 111 001—9
Manning.....101 100 100—4

At Sumter, July 7—
Sumter.....000 000 001—1
Camden.....000 002 020—4

At Georgetown, July 7—
Orangeburg, 3; Georgetown, 1.

At Darlington, July 7—
Darlington, 9; Manning, 1.

At Sumter, July 9—
Manning.....002 000 000—2
Sumter.....000 010 03*—4

At Orangeburg, July 9—
Orangeburg.....010 000 00*—1
Darlington.....000 000 000—0

At Camden, July 9—
Camden.....010 103 10*—6
Georgetown.....000 000 000—0

REVENUE LICENSE AS EVIDENCE.

Important Act Affecting Blind Tigers in This State—Collectors of Internal Revenue Will Furnish Certified Lists of Holders of License Hereafter.

Columbia, July 6.—Collector Micah Jenkins, of the internal revenue office here, has received from the treasury department at Washington a copy of a very important act passed by the recent congress that will affect the testimony given by prosecutors in blind tiger cases.

It should be explained that all, or nearly all, blind tigers secure a retail liquor license from the government before they attempt to violate the State dispensary law. The government would not permit the book containing the list of licenses to be exhibited in the State courts, holding that the government has exclusive jurisdiction over the government books and also holding that government officials should not be allowed to testify in the State courts concerning the licenses issued. As a result, State officials in States or counties where the sale of whiskey was prohibited, could never obtain prima facie evidence from the government that would be admitted in any court.

Some of the congressmen from the Western States, however, got together and had the following act passed:

"That chapter three of the revised statutes of the United States be, and hereby, is amended in section 3,240 so as to read:

"Each collector of internal revenue shall, under regulations by the commissioner of internal revenue, place and keep conspicuously in his office, for public inspection, an alphabetical list of all persons who shall have paid special taxes in his district, and shall state thereon the time, place and business for which such special taxes shall have been paid, and upon application of any prosecuting officer of any State, county or municipality he shall furnish a certified copy thereof as of a public record, for which a fee of one dollar for each one hundred words or fraction thereof in the copy or copies requested shall be charged."

This means that the State officials here interested in the suppression of the blind tigers may obtain from the collector of internal revenue certified copies of all those who have obtained government licenses, and that as they practically contain the seal of the government may be introduced in any court in the State and thus become an instrument for conviction of the law breaker. The office in Columbia has not yet received any requests for certified copies of the list of license holders in South Carolina, probably because the law is not generally known, but it will not be long before this kind of evidence will be used in the State courts. No change has been made in that section of the act forbidding government revenue officers from testifying concerning the holders of these licenses.

MORE DISEASED MEAT.

Chicago, Ills., July 10.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture announced today that while the questions of the liability of infecting human beings by passing the tubercular and "lumpy jaw" meat to the markets for consumption was pending, he would not instruct his inspectors to change their custom. This means that cattle infected with tuberculosis and lumpy jaw will be killed where prior to the denunciation of the practice of the inspectors in allowing such diseased carcasses to be used for food by many of the expert veterinary experts and pathologists of the country, the infected portions will be cut off and the remainder of the carcasses will be sent to the markets for tables of the consumer.

R. H. Covar, who killed J. T. Parks at Orangeburg, is said to be in a fair way to recover. He will be tried for murder.