

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.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgfield, June 11.—Wedgfield played Hagood yesterday afternoon and what seemed to be a sure victory up to the ninth inning, when the score stood 4 to 2 in Wedgfield's favor. The boys were too sure of victory, got careless and let Hagood make four runs, thereby losing the game. But they met their Waterloo this afternoon when they played Mayesville. Mayes for Mayesville sustained his reputation by causing the home boys to fan 13 times and allowing only five hits. Moore for Wedgfield had five strike outs to his credit and allowed 13 hits. In the seventh M. Moore for the locals lined out a three base hit just to show the visitors what they can do sometimes. Score 19 to 7 in favor of Mayesville.

Only a few went over to town today to hear the numerous candidates make known their views as to the G. M. L. etc.

Miss Bessie Aycock is visiting relatives in Marion.

Misses Rosa Cain and Mildred Mellett who are employed in the sewing department of Schwartz Bros., are at home for the summer.

BROGDON.

Brogdon, July 11.—Mrs. J. C. Stukes and daughter, Miss Sudie, returned this morning from a pleasant visit to the family of Dr. Lionel Stukes at Summerton.

Misses Sudie and Mattie Venning of St. Stephens have been visiting relatives here.

Misses Susie and Kate Brogdon have recently returned from a delightful visit to the family of Mr. T. C. Proctor at Charleston.

Miss Mamie Freeland is spending some time with Mrs. J. A. Blackwell. Miss Minnie Chandler of Mayesville is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Brogdon.

Miss Iva Belle Hughson is at Mr. J. I. Brogdon's.

Mrs. D. H. Smith and children returned several days ago from a pleasant visit to relatives and friends at Foreston.

Mr. Warren Durant and Dr. Edgar Durant spent last Saturday in the neighborhood.

Rev. J. M. Holladay of Manning and Rev. Marion of Sumter visited at Mr. W. T. Brogdon's on Monday last.

This is our fourth day of sunshine and farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather to have their crops laid by. Cotton and corn have been materially injured by the vast quantity of rainfall.

The protracted meeting with the Graham church begins on Friday next continuing through the following week. Rev. M. Toler will be assisted by some other minister.

Our telephone line which has always been so strong and furnished us so much pleasure and convenience is now perfectly silent, having been demolished by the electric storms of several days ago. It is now ten days since we have heard a phone bell, or received a call. Indeed we feel quite cut off and it is hoped the linemen will soon reach us and place our phones once more in position.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, July 9.—It keeps on raining. We had a good rain here yesterday. Some of our land is too wet to plow yet, and it is too late to plow old corn, to do it any good, and what plowing we have been doing, planting peas, &c., we just sifted the grass and it is still living—peas, grass and all together.

Cotton is still small and red. I have not seen any fine cotton anywhere so far.

The finest corn I have seen is at Mr. Dave Osteen's.

Miss Lucy Ardis continues critically ill. It is feared that the fever is about to run into typhoid.

J. N. Geddings, of Levi, Northwest Manchester, lost his wife on the night of the 25th of June. Mrs. Geddings was the oldest daughter of Mr. John W. Ardis of Pinewood.

I attended the picnic at Bethel on the Fourth. It sure was a pleasant affair, though it caused the death of three porkers which were barbecued alright by Henry Smooth, colored, and others. The dinner was sure a success. But those Bethel folks are too easily pleased. They said that they intended to make me pay for my dinner. But I am sure they got cheated. I am in hopes some other pen than mine will give you a fuller report of the whole picnic than I can.

Mr. Duke M. Lackey had a family reunion on the 4th at his home near Tindals.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott of Cane Savannah visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott here yesterday.

Rev. T. P. Lide was at the Greenland Savannah Sunday school yesterday and gave us a talk on the Lesson. Come again Brother Lide, we are always glad to see you.

Miss Mary Lee Ardis was at Mrs. W. J. Ardis' last Saturday.

Mrs. Ben Geddings of Pinewood is spending the day with her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Ardis today.

Douglas Weeks killed a 7-foot alligator in his father's mill pond today.

Well, I suppose Col Lumpkin has thrown up the sponge and cried out enough before the battle has hardly begun. But I suppose a hint to the wise is sufficient.

Well, we have not warmed up on politics in this Corner yet though Wells, Ingram and Osteen are look-around for fuel to make the magistrate pot boil, which is the hottest pot generally in those coasts. But let it boil I am going to try and keep calm and serene.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, July 12.—Misses Bettie and Julianne Frierson are visiting relatives in Summerton.

Mrs. M. S. Burgess and Miss Daisy Burgess are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinckney, at "Sans Souci."

Mrs. S. N. Cain, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsey, has returned home, after a pleasant stay of two weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Nelson and children, of Charleston, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Miss Mary Pinckney, of Summerville, is the guest of Miss Annie Rees.

Messrs. Warren and Sydney Burgess are visiting Mr. F. P. Burgess at "Waverly."

We are looking forward with much pleasure to the return of the young people who are attending the State summer school, the latter part of the week.

The rains continue with unabated zeal, it being a rare thing for a day to pass without the usual copious showers.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, July 16.—Last week's meeting of Rafting Creek farmers' club was poorly attended, owing to the busy season of the year with the farmers, but at our next meeting, which will be held on the first Saturday in August, we hope to have a full attendance, as business of importance will be transacted, and I trust our newly elected president will show himself.

The crops have improved very much during the past ten days. Most of our planters have recently applied soda and other high grade fertilizers and the improvement is very noticeable. Very little grass is to be seen and with the fine rains on last Saturday and again on yesterday, I hope to see still greater improvements. Still we cannot make a full crop of cotton.

Some corn up here is fine. Mr. E. E. Rembert has about 100 acres planted on the Williamson plan, and good judges of corn here say he will make from 75 to 80 bushels per acre.

Your correspondent has travelled all over Texas and I have seen finer corn in Northern Texas in the Red river bottoms, but this is the finest upland corn I have ever looked at in South Carolina.

Mr. H. C. McLeod has a fine field of 50 acres planted on what we would style the old plan, 5 by 3 feet, and he will make 30 bushels per acre, and others in this section have fine corn also. So the farmers around Rembert cannot complain if the cotton crop is short. Most every one will make a plenty of corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Yates of Sumter, spent most of last week with W. J. Young and family.

Misses Mat and Nannie Team also Margaret Hoyt of Sumter are now visiting Mrs. M. E. McLeod.

Mr. E. E. Rembert is spending a few days on the Isle of Palms.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, July 16.—It still rains. Grass is growing and a day or two of plowing now and then. The farmers are catching it this year all around. It will be August before cotton can be finished, if then, and next fall every man will be calling for his money whether it is made or not.

Mr. A. H. Boykin of Swift Creek has fine corn. It bids fair to make fifty or sixty bushels per acre if any corn can make it. Mr. H. H. Evans made sixty-seven bushels per acre about twenty years ago. If agriculture is in its infancy, no telling what we will make when it gets grown.

I have long heard of Florida as a place to get rich quick, but when people tell me they made this year \$600 worth of tomatoes to the acre clear of expenses with very little trouble, I am under the impression that all poor folks should go there, work a year or so and retire on their capital. Some people have bit of the tempting bait and will go, but we will find out in the future whether the bait is a real fish or imitation.

J. D. the little son of Mr. J. D. Evans, is so much better that he can go in the yard. He has been sick

a long time and the friends of the family are glad to know of his continued improvement. Miss Furgason, who nursed him, has gone to her home in Sumter. She was faithful to her trust and Dr. Parker feels rejoiced at the successful outcome of his long hard fight with a bad case of typhoid fever.

A little step child of Mr. Joe Benton, died recently and was buried at Pisgah church.

Candidates of Lee county keep the roads hot up here. Each fellow says he is the best man.

None of Sumter's crowd have been through here.

Aman who is afraid to show where he stands on any public question is unworthy of being supported. Fence straddling is contemptible and shows a weak candidate, but so many like to "run with the hare and bark with the hounds."

Rev. J. W. Kenney has a pair of mill rocks that were once owned by General Sumter. They might be useful when his monument is built.

Captain and Mrs. A. P. Vinson, of Charleston are here visiting their son, Mr. L. S. Vinson. Their many friends are glad to see them.

Mrs. Ellis Croft is quite low. She has been sick a long time with some throat trouble, and the end seems near.

A select party was at Mr. T. M. Bradley's last Friday evening, which was a very enjoyable affair. The writer acknowledges with thanks an invitation to be present.

Lyon and Ragsdale have done themselves no credit by opposing General Youmans for Attorney General. His long and eminent services to his State should give him the office unopposed. I hope the old General will sweep the State from the mountains to the Seaboard.

MAX.

Max, S. C., July 16.—The children's day at Shiloh last Saturday was a success and several attended from here.

Rev. Mr. Beadenbough will conduct a revival meeting at Nazareth for several days, beginning on Sunday.

The Knights of Pythias picnic at Beulah last Friday was an enjoyable affair.

Farmers are nearly done plowing for this season. Those that planted tobacco are curing and some have been selling.

A DESPERATE CRIMINAL.

Knoxville Youth Killed One Man and Fatally Wounded Another.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 16.—John McPherson, aged 24, is a fugitive from justice with two posesses pursuing him, charged with the murder of Grant Smith, a former merchant of this city, and the fatal wounding of Deputy Sheriff William Walker, who attempted to arrest him. McPherson shot and killed Smith in the house of Nettie Hall, apparently without provocation. McPherson was accompanied by his father, Dr. Buck McPherson, at the time and the two left the city in a buggy going toward the mountains. Three miles out their buggy collided with one driven by Dr. Joseph Waddell, breaking a shaft which so enraged young McPherson that he pulled the physician from the buggy and beat him seriously. Waddell went to Sheriff Walker's home and the two pursued the McPhersons. One mile further out they met Walker demanded surrender of young McPherson and was shot through the right lung as a result. Walker will die. Young McPherson continued into the mountains, while his father returned here and surrendered and is now in jail. Rewards have been offered for young McPherson's arrest and posesses are pursuing him. Dr. McPherson shot and killed a fellow physician some eight years ago and served five years of a seven years' sentence before he was pardoned.

LEAVE FOR R. F. D. MEN.

Having had inquiries from R. F. D. carriers in different parts of the State as to leave of absence with pay I will state for the information of those interested that carriers will be allowed 15 days' leave with pay after they have served 12 months, effective July 1st inst. Wyatt Aiken. Abbeville, S. C., July 12, 1906.

THE BANNER YEAR.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—According to the preliminary report of the inter-state commerce commission, the gross earnings of the railroads of the United States, covering approximately 219,000 miles, will probably show for the fiscal year ending June 30th, an increase of ten per cent. over \$2,073,000,000 earned in 1905. This will prove the banner year for the American railroads.

The mayor of Mountville wired the sheriff of Laurens county Sunday that a negro row was in progress there. One negro had been killed.

Mr. W. P. Pollock of Cheraw, who is a candidate for congress against Hon. D. E. Finley, was operated on for appendicitis in Columbia Sunday. He is in a serious condition.

LABOR UNION AFFILIATION.

The Switchmen's Union With Twelve Thousand Members Join American Federation.

Washington, July 16.—President Gompers announced this morning that the Switchmen's Union of North America, with headquarters at Buffalo had become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The union numbers 12,000.

COTTON MARKETS.

Special Agents Appointed to Make World Wide Investigations.

Washington, D. C., July 16.—Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has appointed as special agents to investigate the markets for cotton products W. A. Graham, clerk, editor and chief of the American Cotton Manufacturer and William Whitaker, son of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

FOUR OF FAMILY BUTCHERED.

Crime of Revolting Horror in North Carolina.

Barber Junction, N. C., July 14.—One of the most horrible tragedies in the history of this county was committed near this station this morning between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock.

An unknown person or persons entered the house of Mr. Ike Lyerly, a well known farmer, while its occupants were asleep, killing Mr. Lyerly, his wife and little son, Johanne, and wounding their infant baby, Alice. The two parents and two children were sleeping in the front room on the first floor, there being three elder daughters sleeping up stairs, who were unmolested, and who were awakened by the smoke of the flames from below, the criminal having set fire to the house.

The three elder girls descended the stairs to awake their father and mother. On reaching the lower room a most horrible and appalling scene, their father, mother and the children, still in their beds, all save the youngest, in cold death, their heads being crushed and faces badly disfigured.

Through courageous and heroic efforts the elder daughters, Mary and Addie, ages 18 and 16, respectively, managed to carry the dead bodies from the house and extinguished the flames, whereupon they ran to their nearest neighbor, Mr. W. P. Barber, and told the awful story of the tragedy. There being no officers at law at this place, Mr. R. R. Mulliken, train dispatcher, on duty at that hour, was notified, who promptly dispatched the news to the sheriff at Salisbury. The sheriff started at once to the scene of the killing with bloodhounds and a posse of armed men. Bloodhounds were also sent from Winston-Salem to assist in apprehending the criminal.

The Crime is Confessed.

Barber Junction, N. C., July 14.—At 8 p. m., the latest development in the Lyerly family assassination up to this hour, is the finding of the coroner's jury as follows:

"That Isaac Lyerly, his wife, Augusta, and little son, Johnnie, came to their deaths by blows from an axe or axes in the hands of Neise Graham, or Gillespie, his son, John Gillespie, Jack Dillingham and wife, George Erwin and Henry Lee."

All the above mentioned are negroes and have been lodged in the county jail at Salisbury.

Since the arrest of these negroes Gillespie's son has made a full confession that Gillespie, the father, and son, John Gillespie, killed Mr. Lyerly, his wife and the little boy, Johnnie, and injured the little girl, who died this evening, and that the other named negroes were implicated in the commission of the tragedy.

COL. FULLER LEAVES.

Popular Military Man Will Go to Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Columbia, July 16.—Col. Ezra B. Fuller has asked the governor to relieve him as the representative of the government in the State militia in order to accept a place on the faculty of the Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

The resignation takes effect after the Chickamauga encampment. As Col. Fuller's work for this year is practically over, Gov. Heyward will not ask for his successor to be appointed, but will leave this to the choice of the next governor and adjutant general. Col. Fuller's leaving will be regretted throughout the State.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—That hundreds of Japanese have secured admission to this country by intrigue during the last year, has been proven to the satisfaction of the bureau of immigration and naturalization after a careful investigation into the subject. Incidentally the agents assisting the immigrants have made large sums of money by charging commissions for their part in outwitting Uncle Sam's law makers and executive officials.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

J. W. Irnegan, a well-to-do farmer of Ruffins, Colleton county, killed his wife and three children and fatally wounded a fourth with an axe Wednesday. He is insane and has been acting queerly for some time.

The Union hose wagon team was ruled out of the Asheville firemen's tournament at the last moment because the team had a negro driver.

Reuben Ford, a negro boy of about 18 years of age, was killed by the shifting engine at Union Saturday.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway has begun work on the improvement of their large freight yards at Florence. It will double the present capacity of the yard by duplicating the present yard out of the transfer station. This will give them storage room for at least one thousand more cars and an additional transfer station the size of the two they now have. North-bound trains will be made up from one, and south-bound trains from the other. The additional tracks, thirty in number, which will be almost a mile in length, are to be laid to the north and east of the present yard.

Charley Kennedy, a negro 50 years old, was taken to Columbia Saturday by Sheriff Duckett of Laurens county to save him from a mob of lynchers. He was accused of outraging a demmented white girl.

The publishing house of the Southern Lutheran church will be established in Columbia.

Isaac Knight, who last week assaulted Mrs. Chapin in Aiken county, has been arrested in Bartow, Ga., and Sheriff Roborn and a citizen of Aiken left Sunday morning for Bartow to identify the negro. The town marshal of Bartow wires that the negro in his custody admits being Knight and admits the crime.

ESTIMATE ON COTTON CROP.

South Carolina Division of Southern Cotton Association After Interesting Figures.

Columbia, July 16.—The South Carolina division of the Southern association is now sending out to every cotton planter and to all requesting them, blanks to be filled out in order that an estimate can be made on the cotton crop of South Carolina at the meeting of the association at Hot Springs, Ark., September 5. The same work is being done in all the Southern States and the officers here expect the estimate to be very close to the actual mark. The blank to be filled contains the amount of cotton harvested the previous year and the amount expected for this year. In the address issued the association says:

"The last of September, 1906, will find the world absolutely bare of cotton. The visible supply will be the smallest on record. The 25,000,000 bales of cotton with which the South has supplied civilization during the past two years are all consumed. The United States department of agriculture estimates that it will require 42,000,000 bales of cotton to adequately clothe the world's population and the progress of civilization is rapidly advancing the world's population to the point at which it will require to be adequately clothed.

"Whatever the size of the coming crop, there is no reason why it should be sold at anything less than the average price obtained for the last crop, through the efforts of the Southern Cotton association, namely: 11 3-4 cents and 12 cents a pound. Interested and self-constituted authorities have of late been endeavoring to stampede Southern holders and producers of cotton into the belief that the coming crop was likely to be an abnormally large one, produced from an acreage very much in excess of any previously planted. This disposition seems to have penetrated even into the crop estimating board of the United States government, who apparently have not as yet fully emancipated themselves from the maladroit influences which resulted in the scandal which the efforts of the Southern Cotton association last year disclosed.

"That the cotton crop for the season of 1906-7 is likely to be superabundant, or even a larger one, the Southern Cotton association does not believe. Its reports from its thousands of members and correspondents throughout the entire cotton belt indicates that the increase in acreage over last year is only 2.52 per cent., and the scarcity of labor, the lateness of development; the excessive rains in many sections and drought in the region west of the Mississippi valley foreshadow anything but a full yield for the season commencing September 1st next.

"The published opinion of 150 members of the New York, Liverpool and Southern cotton exchanges is that a crop of about 11,000,000 bales will be worth during the coming season 13.37 cents per pound, and those producers who part with their product for less than this figure are needlessly curtailing the hard-earned profits of their toil and depreciating the value of their fellow-producers' crop."

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

At Sumter July 10— Manning.....000 013 000—4 Sumter.....000 133 000—7

At Orangeburg July 10— Orangeburg, 3; Darlington, 0.

At Camden July 10— Camden, 9; Georgetown, 4.

At Sumter July 11— Sumter.....011 020 000—4 Manning.....000 000 000—0

At Orangeburg July 11— Orangeburg, 4; Darlington, 3.

At Darlington, July 12.— Darlington, 5; Camden, 3.

At Manning, July 12.— Manning, 2; Orangeburg, 0.

At Georgetown July 13— Georgetown.....000 010 000—1 Sumter.....000 020 000—3

At Manning July 13— Orangeburg, 4; Manning, 0.

At Darlington July 13— Camden, 7; Darlington, 2.

At Sumter July 16— Orangeburg.....020 010 000—3 Sumter.....000 100 000—1

At Camden July 16— Camden, 1; Manning, 0.

At Georgetown July 16— Georgetown, 2; Darlington, 1.

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Won. Lost. P.C. Augusta.....45 30 600 Savannah.....44 30 595 Columbia.....39 36 520 Charleston.....34 37 479 Macon.....35 38 479 Jacksonville.....22 48 313

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

Won. Lost. P.C. Camden.....22 15 815 Orangeburg.....17 8 680 Sumter.....15 9 625 Darlington.....13 12 520 Georgetown.....9 17 346 Manning.....2 27 060

THE STATE LEAGUE.

Team. Fielding and Team Batting Averages.

The playing of the South Carolina teams still continue to attract the attentions of many citizens of the state, and the reports of each day's games are awaited with interest. The league has had a very successful season and will continue to furnish good ball games for the patrons in the different cities until the end of the season.

Sumter still continues to lead the league in fielding, while Camden has risen from fourth to third place and Georgetown has dropped from third to fifth place. Sumter also leads in batting, while the other teams have changed their relative positions during the past week, with the exception of Manning.

Following the the batting and fielding averages:

Name A.E. B.H. Per Ct. Camden.....919 243 264 Orangeburg . 887 204 230 Darlington.. 765 176 230 Sumter..... 747 150 201 Georgetown .801 163 191 Manning..... 799 123 161

Team fielding averages:

Name P.O A. E. Per Ct. Sumter.....611 259 53 943 Orangeburg .678 287 64 931 Camden.....672 285 82 921 Darlington..623 242 77 918 Georgetown .632 258 86 912 Manning...649 324 108 900

—News and Courier.

STEEL PASSENGER CAR.

Southern Railway Puts the First of Kind Into General Use.

Washington, July 12.—The Southern Railway has just put into service what is said to be the first steel passenger car for general use on any road. It is said the car could not be telescoped and is non-combustible.

Do You Want to Vote?

All citizens who have resided in the State for one year and in the county sixty days, or who will attain the age of 21 previous to the general election in November are entitled to be enrolled in a Democratic club and vote in the primary election. See that your names are on the rolls five days previous to the first primary election, August 28, 1906.

Carping critics are complaining because Mr. Bryan had a suit of clothes made in Vienna. As he has been gone nearly a year it would seem that the critics expect him to come home in a barrel.—Bryan's Commoner.

Several days ago upon application for bail in behalf of Mr. Robert H. Covar before Judge Dantzler in Orangeburg an order to this effect was granted. The amount of bail was fixed at \$3,000. The bond was procured without trouble.