

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.

HAGOOD.

Hagood, July 27.—Katie and her beau were walking in the moonlight among the trees, and when there was the sound of osculation, a dispute that seems to be unending, arose among a little people living among the overhanging boughs, as to who did it. Some such condition of affairs obtains among the farmers about the tremendous fields of corn promised them this year. Some of them are willing to attach all the blame to Mr. E. McIver Williamson. Certain it is that all those who followed his plan have very fine corn crops. I have seen that thirteen-acre field of E. E. Rembert and it is certainly fine; his neighbors tell me his other corn is pretty good, too, but I would have you know that they too have fine corn. Capt. W. J. McLeod, deceased, had not simply a local reputation as a corn farmer. His sons and grandsons are following in his steps. Henry C. McLeod has one large field finer than one is accustomed to see. Hard by are James Reams and the Young boys with acres and acres of corn any one would be proud of.

Jim is the smartest fat man I know, "Prince William" not excepted. Three years ago he came to the Team place badly run down and cut up by washes, and began farming. The first year he fell behind, but since then he has cleared much money. Speaking of corn, competent judges give the palm to W. S. Thompson, for the finest corn in this section, with Rembert and C. A. Mitchel, next.

I am told that Charlie Jackson has very fine corn, and Dr. Algie Alston has, for I have seen it. The best cotton I have seen, as good if not the best in the county, is that of our R. R. Agent, Mr. J. L. Hartness, next to which is the widow's, Mrs. Barfield, then shoulder to shoulder, stand W. S. Thompson, J. M. Reams and Chas. Jackson. All the cotton in this section has seen great improvement lately, and that in spite of rains and hail. Grass continues to grow and people to hoe.

A tenant house on Mr. G. M. Sanders place, in which were sixteen negroes, was struck by lightning yesterday but not a soul was hurt beyond a small shock.

The Rev. J. C. Chandler will dedicate the new Methodist Church, Bethesda, next Sunday, July 29th, the services to begin at 4 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, S. C., July 27.—The hail storm that passed through the lower part of our township on Wednesday wrought destruction in its path.

The following suffered most from the effects of the hail: Messrs J. H. Aycock & Sons had 122 acres of their Glenco plantation beat down that conservative estimates say will not make more than one-third of what it would have made with favorable seasons. Messrs. R. C. Burroughs, E. W. Nettles and the Coulter brothers also had the most of their crop beat up badly.

Mr. R. B. Cain, of Privateer, passed through town on his way to Paducah, Ky. to be present at the marriage of Col. F. N. K. Bailey, of Edgefield, to one of Kentucky's belles.

Mr. W. H. Ramsey made a flying trip to Atlanta, Ga. this week.

Mrs. Leila Mellett had the misfortune to have a part of her household effects burned on Tuesday night, when the house she was occupying at Tiverton, was burned.

Miss Bessie Aycock has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives at Marion.

Messrs. M. E. Rivers and George Nettles, of Privateer, spent today in these parts.

Messrs. Marion Mellett and W. J. Nunnery, stood the examination for R. F. D. Carier on last Saturday for the new route to be established on August 15th, from here to Bloomhill and back. Guess one of them will likely come out first and second respectively.

Mrs. Cloe Troutman, our efficient postmistress, is taking a needed vacation. She is spending the time in the mountains of North Carolina.

The Wedgefield boys got up fresh courage and went up and backed the Hagood aggregation again yesterday, but lost again in a hard contested game. Score: Hagood 1; Wedgefield 0.

I have been noticing for some time to see if some of my fellow scribes would not venture to express their views on the coming election, but none have done so far. Has the time come or is it near at hand when the voters of the Gamecock county are going to bow to the com-

mand of the G. M. I. Chief, Benjamin R. Tillman, who poses as the political dictator of South Carolina, and whose command is, don't elect any man to the legislature who is opposed to the dispensary, as the means of encouraging the youth of our land to form the habit that will eventually cause their ruin from a business, social and most of all religious standpoint.

How foolish it is to hear men say just as much whiskey will be consumed if the dispensary is abolished as before. There is about as much logic in it as to say the law is not enforced we had just as well strike from our statute books capital punishment. While it doesn't always prevent murder, it lessens it to a great degree, and to remove the temptation would lessen the amount of whiskey consumed in our county or State. Are the majority of voters in Sumter county going to vote as they think for the promotion of Christ's or Satan's kingdom? Can church members conscientiously vote for a man that says I am in favor of keeping a place open in our county seat, where the drunkard can go and get his liquor when he chooses, thereby many a time he is depriving his wife and children of the comforts of life? Or will he say, I am going to vote for three men who openly declare on the stump, I am going to vote for the closing up of the dispensaries from one end of this State to the other, making no proviso for the sale of it, and truly going on record as one who voted to rid our proud old Palmetto State of the most iniquitous law ever placed on its statute books? Won't your conscience feel clear if you vote for the latter. There is no use in advising against making it an issue, Boss Ben has said it must be, and if he had never returned to the State, would not the present status of affairs of the G. M. I. warranted the respectable people of the State making it an issue.

What a predicament for a member of the most august and dignified body in the world, the U. S. Senate, to be in. Instead of traveling around with the campaign party, discussing national political graft and R. R. Rate Legislation, instead he is conducting a personal campaign for two reasons if no other, to prevent, if possible, the election of the man who in bringing some of our grafters to justice when he is elected Attorney General, the other to defeat the man who voted against the dispensary, which if it is done will shut off the revenue his friends are getting, and hope to get.

TINDAL.

Tindal, S. C., July 30.—On last Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock this section was visited by the most severe storm of wind and rain that has been here for many years. Several houses and many trees and fences were blown down. Corn was also seriously damaged.

Mr. J. Haskell Broadway spent Wednesday and Thursday in Manning.

Mr. H. D. Tindal is on a trip of several days to the seashore.

Mr. S. F. Osteen spent last Wednesday on his farm here.

Mr. T. H. Harvin, of Silver, spent Wednesday at Mr. J. W. Broadway's. One of Mr. W. L. Osteen's lox cart mules was accidentally killed by a fallen tree in his woods on last Tuesday.

Mr. E. E. Hodge was in Sumter Wednesday.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, July 27.—We have been having heavy rains for the past week, and the cotton crop is very much injured.

There is a good deal of sickness in this community, and Dr. N. Y. Alford is kept very busy.

The friends and relatives here of Mrs. Eva C. Smith, of Bishopville, rejoice to know she is improving slowly after a long and severe spell of fever.

Mr. J. H. Ledingham is quite sick with a severe cold and cough.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth McCaskil, of Ivanhoe, N. C., after a pleasant stay with their father and friends, will return to their home tomorrow.

Mr. George Weldon has begun building on his place.

Miss Mamie Gibson has returned home from a pleasant visit to relatives in Newberry, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Bertie Williams.

Dr. N. Y. Alford is having an arthritic well bored, also Mr. Robert Cooper.

Mr. W. W. Player has succeeded at last, after many failures, in having a pump put down at his new home.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, July 30.—Farm work in this section is almost wholly suspended and numbers of farmers are compelled to lay-by their cotton with grass covered middles in the rows. We had a lightwood knot heater Saturday, a repetition Sunday and today the rain came down for over an hour in torrents, but very little wind and no hail so far. Cotton in some places is beginning to take a yellowish cast which means no more rallying for it.

Mr. P. R. McIntosh, who married Miss Fannie Stokes about two weeks ago, is now a resident of Clio, Marlboro county, where he is about to en-

gage in business.

Rev. S. O. Cantey and family are spending some time among relatives in Summerton.

Mrs. Tarrant, mother of Dr. J. W. Tarrant, after spending several days with him, has returned to her home in Orangeburg county.

Mrs. John A. Durant is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Sanders, in Timmonsville.

The Timmonsville nine, pursuant to appointment came over here Friday afternoon and played the Magnolia nine. The game was fierce and full of interest, spiked with considerable excitement, from start to finish. Score 5 to 4 in favor of the home team. We had a drizzling rain during the whole game, which, while it kept the players comparatively cool was quite disagreeable to the lookers on. Leland Wilson, by his fine pitching, won considerable applause. The two Franks, Hawkins and Truluck, catchers for the home team, got their share of applause. This was the best game ever played on the Magnolia diamond. Be it said to the credit of the visiting team, they were a gentlemanly nine, and played excellent ball. The two teams were evenly classed, which added much to the interest of the game. Lynchburg is to play Lake City next on their grounds.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, July 30.—Our section up to this time has escaped the heavy foods of rain I see reported in other sections of the country and the crops around here have greatly improved. Corn is very fine and I can safely say about made. Cotton is doing nicely and if we do not get too much rain there will be a fair crop made—in fact some of our neighbors have already much better crops than they had at this time last year.

Protracted meeting will commence here at McLeod's Church tomorrow and will be continued throughout the week. Rev. J. W. Apfall of Johnston will assist Rev. E. F. Scoggins and a cordial welcome is extended to the entire community to attend the meeting.

The Democratic club of Rafting Creek Township will meet at St. Matthews school house here on the 2nd Saturday afternoon in August for the purpose of electing a president and to hear the report from the committee for revising the club roll and looking after registration certificates and it is earnestly desired that every voter in the township will be present.

Messrs. E. E. Rembert and T. P. Sanders are spending a few days on the Isle of Palms.

BORDEN.

Borden, July 30.—Lottie Ruth Cato a daughter of Mr. B. Cato, returned yesterday from Columbia where she had been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Johnson.

Miss Jess Brown and Lettie Cato returned home after a pleasant visit to friends.

Dr. M. S. Kirk of Hagood has opened an office here on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. He seems to do a good business.

Emanuel & Co. commenced to build a livery stable 100x40. When completed it will add much to that part of town.

Mrs. Carrie Turentine returned to her home in New York after a week's visit to her father, Mr. B. Cato.

Mr. Arnold Hatfield has a position in Sumter.

Mr. Lewis Yarbro of Manning visited Mr. G. W. Hatfield.

Mr. B. Cato returned from Florida after a short visit.

Mr. T. J. Brown of Pisgah, spent Sunday with W. H. Freeman.

Mrs. P. H. Boykin and Miss Jennie Jackson of Dalzell, are visiting in town.

Mr. W. R. Brown was with us Sunday.

Protracted meeting will begin at New Hope Church Sunday, August 5.

HAGOOD.

Hagood, July 31.—A flying trip around our community reveals the fact that after all things are not in such bad shape. As has been said by some of the Darlington papers those who followed the Williamson plan in corn cultivation are considerably in the lead. I never in all my life have seen as fine corn on upland.

W. S. Thompson's corn, according to the judgment of competent men, and not the dictum of your scribe, is the finest corn in the upper part of the county, then comes C. A. Mitchell, E. E. Rembert, H. C. Bethea, Dr. Algie Alston, H. C. McLeod, J. M. Reams, the Youngs, and others. The best cotton up here is that of J. S. Hartness, railroad agent at Hagood, with the widow Barfield next.

All the cotton has shown great improvement in the last twenty days. Thus far we have escaped the floods of rain, the hail and wind so destructive in other places. Our farmers have had to hustle and are at it still to keep the grass under, and as a consequence their crops have cost them considerable.

Rev. J. C. Chandler, one of Sumter's boys, conducted a successful meeting at Providence church last week, and on Sunday afternoon ded-

icated the new Methodist church Bethesda. John has a great many friends and admirers here who were very glad to see and hear him again. Hagood.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, July 30.—It still rains. This week making the ninth consecutive one of continuous rain, something unprecedented in the history of this section. It makes one sick to see crops that won't scarcely make anything, when last year bountiful ones were made. The farmers generally will be in worse fix next year than they have in years. No corn in the country, not enough cotton at a low price to pay their debts. This is not very encouraging to this hard worked class, whose lives to say the least are ones of drudgery and toil.

Rev. Mr. Cole will start protracted meeting at Pisgah church next Monday and continue probably during the week. There will be two services daily.

Mr. T. H. Smoot, of Sparta, Ga., is visiting at Mr. J. D. Evans'. He taught school here a few years and his many friends are glad to see him. He is principal of the high school at Sparta.

Miss Nita McLeod gave a birthday party last Friday evening to a number of her young friends. Among those present were: Misses Marie DuPre, Margaret Hoyt, Mattie and Nan Team, of Sumter, Pearl and Alene Rogers, Mary Harley, Elizabeth Reams, Cecil Young, Gilbert Young, Annie and Crawford Jenkins, Sarah Miller, Rosa McLeod, Benjamin Sanders, Fannie McLeod, Hazel McLeod, Douglas Jenkins, Irene Young. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Marie DuPre of Sumter, who has been visiting her father, returned home Saturday.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, July 31.—Mrs. Mark Reynolds, Master Mark Reynolds and little Miss Julia Reynolds, of Sumter, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson at "Hill Crest."

Mr. Hallie Bull of Greenville, has been visiting his brother, Mr. D. Bull.

Misses Anne and Mayo Rees are visiting friends in Summerville.

Mr. Cain Mellette spent several days last week with the family of Mr. Freaan Mellette.

Miss Daisy Burgess of Sumter is the guest of her cousins, Misses Sarah and Frances Moore.

Miss Sarah Nelson is to leave for Charleston on Wednesday, where she is to spend several weeks with Mrs. J. Temple Frierson.

Mr. Guy Warren, of Sumter, spent Sunday at the hospitable home of Mr. Charlie Pinckney.

Misses Janie and Lottie Nelson have returned from Florence, where they spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. F. H. McLeod.

Miss Mary Burgess of Sumter spent Sunday in our midst.

Mrs. W. B. Nelson of Charleston, who is spending the summer here, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Saunders, this week. Mr. W. B. Nelson spent Sunday and Monday here with his family.

Messrs. Frank and Sidney Burgess are spending today in Sumter.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday at home.

Miss Julia Burgess has returned from a very pleasant visit to Mrs. R. M. Cantey.

Miss Mattie Murray and her friend, Miss Mary E. Kirk of Trial, are visiting relatives in Sumter this week.

Miss May Pinckney of Summerville who has been visiting relatives here, has returned home.

Picnic at Dalzell.

There will be a basket picnic at Dalzell on August 21st (campaign day). There will also be a game of ball in the afternoon. All are invited to attend and bring baskets.

The campaign meeting will be held at Wedgefield Friday, and in the afternoon there will be a ball game.

RUSSIAN TRAIN ROBBERS

Revolutionists Attack Train, Kill Officers and Make Big Haul of Cash.

Warsaw, Poland, July 28.—At noon a party of revolutionists attacked a train near Czenstochowa, killed Count Zucato, commanding a brigade of guards and General Westemring, chief cashier of customs, and wounded five soldiers. The revolutionists escaped with 16,000 roubles.

Killed By Divorced Wife.

Shreveport, La., July 30.—Charles Attaway was shot and instantly killed today at Banchar, near this city by his divorced wife, Mrs. Will Kent, Jr. Attaway, who was insane, went to Kent's home and demanded his children. Kent appeared on the scene and while he was wrestling with Attaway, Mrs. Kent secured a rifle and shot her former husband through the heart.

Mrs. Etta Hancock, called on Gov. Heyward Thursday to request the pardon of her husband, E. D. Hancock, whose three year sentence for manslaughter expires next month.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Solicitor J. E. Davis has declined to recommend a special term of court in Aiken county to try Isaac Knight, the negro charged with criminal assault on a white woman.

William A. Marcus, who was convicted of the murder of his wife at Sullivan's Island, has but three days to live. He will be hanged on Friday next.

Anderson will hold a county fair in October. Much interest is being shown in the event and the indications are for a more successful fair than ever held before.

A farmer in St. Matthews, Mr. Albert Hane, is reported as having made \$157 off of one acre of melons. He shipped none of the melons out of St. Matthews.

WEEKLY WEATHER BULLETIN.

For the Week Ending 8 a. m., July 30, 1906.

Like the preceding one, the current week had an excess of cloudiness and a marked deficiency in sunshine, although in parts of the State there were one or two clear days.

Th day temperatures were unseasonably low during most of the week. The daily maximum temperatures ranged from 82° to 88° degrees except one day, and in places of two days, when they rose to 90° degrees, or above, over practically the entire State. The highest maximum temperature was 98° degrees at Blackville on the 27th and lowest minimum temperature was 60° degrees at Bowman on the 26th. The average temperature for the week was about four degrees below normal.

There were frequent and some very heavy showers during the week. The rainfall was quite evenly distributed, and was generally in excess of the week's normal amount in all parts of the State. A few localities only had less than the normal rainfall. The soil everywhere is saturated. Low lands and swamps have much surface water on them. Except over small areas in the western and central and northeastern counties where the week's rainfall was less than an inch, the weekly amounts ranged from one inch to over five inches, with a maximum amount of 5.46 inches at Clemson College.

Destructive hailstorms occurred in a few western and central counties, and high winds, accompanying thunderstorms, did much damage locally in the central counties.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE LOSSES.

Sworn Statements of Insurance Companies Made Public.

Albany, N. Y., July 29.—State Superintendent of Insurance Kelsey tonight made public the results of his investigation as to the losses of fire insurance companies in the San Francisco disaster.

All joint fire and inland marine insurance companies transacting business in the State were called on for a sworn statement as to their losses in California. The companies were asked for the gross amount of insurance involved in risks destroyed or damaged, the deduction for amount to be recovered from re-insurance, the deduction for estimated salvage, the total deduction and the net amount of loss as shown by the records June 30, 1906.

The gross amount of insurance involved by all 163 companies was \$223,836,307; the re-insurance \$65,246,771; salvage \$33,714,468 and actual loss \$122,823,067.

The company with the largest net loss is the Hartford Fire of Connecticut, according to the report. Its loss is \$6,176,701.

GEN. MILLS RETIRES.

Chief or Artillery Corps Asked to Be Retired on Account of Ill Health.

Washington July 28.—It is announced at the War Department that Brigadier General Samuel Mills, chief of artillery, U. S. A., will be placed on the retired list, on his own application, because of ill health, on October 1st next. He will be succeeded by Col. Arthur Murray of the Artillery Corps. Several other changes in the artillery corps are scheduled to take place in the fall.

A MILLION IMMIGRANTS.

The Tide of Foreigners Was On the Height Last Year.

Washington, July 28.—It was officially announced at the Bureau of Immigration and naturalization this morning that the immigration to the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, was 1,100,073. During the preceding year there were admitted 1,026,499. The number departed during the year just closed, was 112,438, compared with 114,810 in the preceding year.

EACH TOOK ONE.

SUMTER AND MANNING BREAK EVEN IN SATURDAY'S DOUBLEHEADER.

First Game Will Me Protested by Sumter—Odiorne Gets Three Bagger—Second Game Fast and Close. Sitton Brothers Pitch for Locals.

Manning and Sumter split even in the double-header on Saturday, the score being 2 to 0 in each game. The first game which was called at the end of five innings will be protested by the Sumter club.

Vedder Sitton was in the box for the locals in the opening game. But one hit was yielded by him, a three-bagger by Odiorne. Yancey, who had gone to first on an error after striking out, scored on this hit. Although Odiorne scored soon after on an error the single run would have won the game.

Mercer, in the meantime, was pitching good ball for the visitors. He yielded but two hits in as many innings, and worked out of a bad place in the third. Sumter had three men on bases with one down but Coles forced Brennan out at the plate and Eskridge went down on a ground ball.

An unfortunate circumstance marred the pleasure of the afternoon and brought forth a prolonged discussion. Clouds of a threatening character had been hovering in the skies and about the fourth inning it looked as if rain were about to descend. When the Manning team went to bat in the fifth, two of the batters deliberately struck out and the third, having tapped the ball to our pitcher purposely ran the wrong way. It had now started to rain good and hard, but the umpire held out his watch, forcing the Sumter team to finish the five innings, thus completing the game. The reason for this was based on the alleged delaying of the game by the Game Cocks. At the expiration of rain the umpire declared the game as belonging to Manning. The rule book states that if it should rain thirty minutes continuously after a game has stopped the game shall be called. It is stated that rain on Saturday did not continue for thirty minutes, but Mr. Umps declined to allow the game to proceed. Thus Manning won the first game, which will be protested by Manager Huger.

The second game opened at the end of the discussion with Phil Sitton in the box for Sumter and Spencer for the visitors. For seven innings it was three men up and three men down on both sides, save in the seventh when a visitor reached first on an error. In the eighth Eskridge hit safely and McGiligan sacrificed. Holland flew out to King but Thompson got his base and Brennan hit to left field. On the overthrow towards the home plate Eskridge and Thompson scored and the game was won.

Sitton struck out 11 men and yielded three hits. In fact, the game was a pitcher's battle, being the shortest contest of the season in a full nine inning battle.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

At Sumter July 25, Two Games—Camden 3, Sumter 2. Camden 2, Sumter 4.

At Darlington July 24, Two Games—Darlington 4, Manning 2. Darlington 13, Manning 2.

At Georgetown July 24—Georgetown 5, Orangeburg 4.

At Sumter July 25—Sumter 2, Camden 2.

At Darlington July 25—Darlington 3, Manning 2.

At Sumter July 26—Sumter 11, Manning 0.

At Camden July 26—Camden 2, Georgetown 0.

At Orangeburg July 26—Orangeburg 0, Darlington 2.

At Orangeburg July 27—Orangeburg 7, Darlington 2.

At Sumter July 28, Two Games—Sumter 0, Manning 2. Sumter 2, Manning 0.

At Manning July 30—Manning 0, Orangeburg 1.

STATE LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Camden	29	8	784
Darlington	25	14	641
Orangeburg	21	15	571
Sumter	19	16	543
Georgetown	13	21	417
Manning	5	38	070

Rev. Jas. L. Vass, a prominent Baptist minister of Greenville, died Monday morning at Travelers' Rest.

Aiken is to have a new bank with a capitalization of \$50,000. Some of the town's most prominent business men will be connected with the institution.