

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.

MAX.

Max, August 27.—Mr. B. C. Truluck seems very much refreshed and improved in health by his recent trip of several weeks to Glenn Springs and elsewhere.

Master Lucius Truluck is spending sometime with his grandfather, J. A. Carraway, recuperating after an attack of fever.

Mr and Mrs. McDaniels of Cartersville visited at M. J. Truluck's recently.

Mr and Mrs. Smith of Sardinia visited Mr J. L. Moore recently. Rev. B. K. Truluck has returned from Tigersville and will conduct a revival meeting at Sardis this week. He also has an appointment to preach a sermon to the Knights of Pythias at Nazareth next Sunday afternoon.

A heavy rain fell here Sunday night Farmers have saved a good deal of fodder and are picking cotton.

The army worm injured young corn and crab grass hay to some extent.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mrs. Roy Ham to Dr. Courtney.

Max, Sept. 3.—Rev. Mr. Bedenbaugh commenced a meeting of several days at Shiloh yesterday.

Dr. Seigmon Courtney, of Lake City, and Miss Roy Ham, of Lyra, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ham, on Sunday at two p. m., by Rev. B. K. Truluck.

Miss Ellen Carraway went to Columbia Saturday to visit relatives.

Miss Violet Young returned to Columbia Saturday.

Dr. Hugh T. Kirby visited relatives here last week.

The roads are rough from recent work of the road plow. The bridges have been repaired.

Six of Mr. J. C. Truluck's children have fever.

A carpenter, who was working on Bethel Church building, fell several feet last Friday and was badly cut and bruised.

DURANT.

Durant, S. C., August 27.—Hon. J. H. Montgomery, of Birmingham, Ala., has been in the neighborhood for several weeks past.

The young people attended a very pleasant sociable last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. E. B. Muldrow's given in honor of Miss Mayes of Texas.

Mrs. Elmo Plowden, accompanied by her son, Mr. J. M. Plowden, visited her parents last week.

Miss Pauline and Ruby Williams have returned home after a month's absence. They spent sometime with friends in Virginia on their return from Washington and points North.

Miss Maggie Durant, who has been for the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Thompson, returned home Friday.

Miss Carrie Durant is at Glenn Springs for a stay of two weeks.

Quite a little crowd gathered at the park Saturday afternoon to witness a game of ball between the Durant Juvenile club and Sardinia. Owing to some misunderstanding only a few of the visiting team came, however, two nines were selected and gave a very good game.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, Sept. 3.—The rains have stopped at last and the farmers are hustling to get their fodder gathered.

Cotton is opening in the fields and will soon be white with the fleecy staple.

The crops in this section are very much injured by the heavy rains, especially the cotton crop in the low lands.

The army worms are eating the grass and it looks as if the hay crop will be short as well as the other crops. In some places they have taken to the corn and cotton and are stripping the fodder and leaves.

There seems to be a great deal of sickness in the community.

Mr. Wilson Scott, who has been quite ill is able to be about again. We are glad to see that Mr. Melvin Williams, who has been quite sick is improving.

Mrs. Willie Gibson, who has been visiting relatives at Eastover, has returned home.

Miss Lula Williams has just returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Columbia and Eastover.

Miss Dora Williams, from Ocala, Fla., is visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. Eva Smith, daughter and little son, of Bishopville, are visiting at the

home of Mr. J. H. Ledingham. Mrs. K. J. Williams is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Shirer at High Shoals, N. C. Miss Sallie Ledingham has just returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Conway, S. C.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Sept. 3.—Cotton is opening fast these hot sunshiny days and picking has commenced in good earnest. But the crop will surely be a light one, not much over thirty-three and one-third per cent. of a full one, I am sure.

The election here at Manchester, passed off with a little friction. Some few made hard feeling by wanting to dictate to others who to vote for. I think that it is pure foolishness in one man to insult another just because he does not see fit to vote for the man he wants him to vote for. I am one that will vote for whom I please, but allow everyone else to do likewise.

That was a shame the way those citybucks treated Messrs. Dabbs, Dorn and McElveen on the night of the 24th of August. I heard a good old Baptist Divine say once that city people liked to get out into the country and mix up with country folks, but that they did not like to have the country folks come to the city and mix up with them and theirs, and that kind of behavior goes to prove it. Your city candidates had been all over the county and had been treated in a becoming manner, but just so soon as the country man arose in your city, there was some simpton ready to try and make sport of them. And allow me, please, to ask those Smart Alexs a question. Where would the city be if it was not for the sun browned countrymen? I know the poor old elod-hopper does not count for much with the city dude but nevertheless he is the one that has to feed all those Bucks and Buckestes.

Mr. Ardis is not any better. Mr. Griffin's child is about all right, again.

Mr. Blanding Ardis has a real sick child with fever.

Dr. R. B. Furman has gone to Pawleys Island to spend awhile, as his health was about to break down.

Mrs. Annie Christmas and son, Caleb, of Manning, visited relatives here on the 24th, 25th and 26th of August.

John J. Geddings, of Wedgefield, and Chas. Jackson, of Soeven, passed through here last Saturday coming from Rimini, where they have been on a visit to relatives.

I forgot to mention that there was something at the election on the 28th to make men lively and then sleepy. Though I did not see any of it, yet I could tell it was there by the actions of some of those present.

Allow me to say to Dick Manning, never agree to what the News and Courier says, but fight on to the last ditch, remembering that it is better to fight and lose than to never fight at all. So hurrah for Manning.

A TERRIBLE FATE.

Respectable Girl Marries a Stranger in Haste and Repents in Bitterness.

Leesburg, Ga., Sept. 4.—Six months ago, Miss Eva Green, daughter of a prominent family was wedded to A. T. Wilson, after a brief courtship. One week after the marriage she learned that her husband had negro ancestors. The girl informed her parents and, her husband, believing her parents would kill him, fled. On petition of a relative of the girl Gov. Terrell has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Wilson. The girl's relatives made no secret of their intention of lynching Wilson if he is found. The girl is prostrated and is being watched to prevent her from committing suicide.

CRIME IN PICKENS.

Greenville, Sept. 3.—Charged with criminally abusing the two little daughters of a farmer, near Pickens Court House, Jeter Lawrence, a negro 45 years of age, was arrested by Sheriff Jennings and brought over and placed in the Greenville jail early Sunday morning.

Congressman George S. Legare of the Charleston district acted as one of the sheriff's deputies and came to Greenville with the prisoner and officers. The party reached here just at daylight.

Lawrence is said to have been one of the hands on the farm, and his treatment of the two little girls, seven and nine years of age, respectively, is said to have been going on for two months. It seems that he had frightened them into silence, though one of them finally told her playmate, who later told her parents, and then the news came to the father of the outraged children. The negro was captured about 11 o'clock Saturday night. There was no excitement until Sunday morning, for nothing had been known of the outrageous behavior of the negro, until after he had been landed in the jail here. No trouble is anticipated, though it is likely Lawrence would have been lynched had he been kept in Pickens.

WON'T HELP CUBA.

ROOSEVELT THINKS PALMA SHOULD MAINTAIN HIMSELF

Believes President of Cuba a Weak Man and Wants to See Him Tried Out Washington Opinion That Annexation Must Come Sooner or Later.

Washington, Sept. 1.—President Roosevelt has determined that President Palma, of Cuba, must stand or fall by his own strength, and that the United States will no longer play the part of nurse to the young republic. This is authoritatively, although not officially, stated, and it affords the only explanation yet offered of the difference toward the Cuban situation displayed by the administration.

According to the same authority, two or three companies of United States Infantry could be sent to the island and on short notice subdue all signs of rebellion. It is said, however, that President Roosevelt has become tired of the attitude of Cuba, which he believes to be one of leaning up against the Platt amendment, and that he is not loath to see the Palma administration tried out for good and all. If it can restore order within its territory Mr. Roosevelt is ready to respect it; if it fails to do so, he is willing to recognize any other administration willing and able to maintain a peaceable government, which will not have to call upon the United States for help.

In the meantime the President has refrained from ordering either the navy or the revenue cutter service to do extra service in the way of preventing filibustering expeditions from leaving the United States for Cuba. According to information here the President believes that Cuba should have become well enough established by this time to prevent such expeditions from landing upon their shores. It is said that she has been thoroughly independent in other matters, and that no doubt she is independent in this. Of course, the United States will enforce neutrality, but thus far no evidence has been received of any breach of neutrality, present or prospective.

The authority for this statement says that President Roosevelt believes that President Palma is weak, that he lacks the militant qualities necessary to cope with the present situation. He believes that twenty-five years ago Palma was an extremely able man, but since that time he has devoted himself to scholastic matters, and today is without the vim which is required to maintain political equilibrium on the island. It is estimated that the weight of the administration will be thrown toward Senator O'Farrill, secretary of the interior, provided the latter should obtain control of the government. President Roosevelt's indifference to Palma's predicament is because he thinks O'Farrill is the strong man of the Palma cabinet and the one best fitted to cope with the crisis. Senator O'Farrill was at odds with President Palma and with difficulty was kept in the cabinet.

The fact that Cuba has been growing away from the United States is considered one reason for President Roosevelt's indifference to Palma's predicament. Then, too, Secretary Root has just finished giving to all Latin-Americans assurances that the United States will not meddle in their international affairs. For the United States now to invoke the Platt amendment to recognize this political revolution in Cuba, it is realized, would nullify Mr. Root's entire effort and revive the suspicions he has striven to still. The suggestion made in Havana that President Roosevelt name a commission to investigate the manner of President Palma's election is not welcomed here. "Hands off," is considered the best policy.

In regard to the annexation of Cuba, the general attitude of official circles, is that sooner or later, the United States will be forced to annexation, as much for the safety of the island republic as for the preservation of the rights of the United States.

It's the only medicine known that penetrates into every organ of the body and stays there. It's the best tonic in the world—Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. China's Drug Store.

To the Democratic Voters of Sumter County.

I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks to the many voters of Sumter County who cast their ballots for me as Governor of South Carolina on the 28th ult. I feel very grateful for this manifestation of their confidence in me, and am truly grateful to the people all over the State for the splendid vote given me in the first primary.

I now ask that all my friends turn out on the 11th of September and let us roll up a large majority, and I respectfully solicit the solid vote of your county on that day, promising to give to the office my undivided time and best ability.

Very respectfully,
M. F. Ansel.
Greenville, S. C., Sept. 3, 1906.

CANDIDATE FOR GALLOWES.

Thirteen-Year-Old Child Victim of Monster—Made Girl Drunk and Married Her.

A story of immorality and crime that is revolting in the extreme has been brought to light in the cotton mill district in this city. Jennie Bradley, a girl not yet quite 13 years old, was enticed from her home in the Granby village, to the home of Mrs. Julia Collins on Sixth street in the Olympia village on the night of August 11, on the pretext that the child was to be taken to a prayer meeting.

Instead, however, the child was detained at the Collins house among a party of carousing men and women. She was given whiskey to drink until she was in a state of intoxication. While in this condition she was either persuaded or coerced into being married to Isaac alis Pat Hallman, the ceremony being performed by Magistrate S. I. Riley. Hallman is an employe in one of the cotton mills and one of the party at the house of Mrs. Collins during the evening. Hallman, it is alleged, was married at the time and his wife, from whom he is living apart, resides in North Carolina.—The State.

BUILDING MANY WAREHOUSES.

The South Preparing to Control Its Own Great Crop of Cotton.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 30.—The Manufacturers' Record says in its issue this week:

"The persistent advocacy by the Manufacturers' Record for the last eight or ten years of the building of fireproof cotton warehouses throughout the South, with sufficient financial backing to make their receipts gilded as collateral, is now producing fruit. Gradually during the last three or four years the South has been taking up this important matter, and here and there substantial warehouses have been constructed. Now this is spreading in many directions, and warehouses are going up in a large number of leading cotton centers of the South. We publish today full particulars of the great system now under construction at Memphis, where 160 one-story warehouses designed to minimize the hauling and handling of cotton are being constructed by one company. This, the greatest undertaking of the kind which the South has seen, is being supplemented at Macon, where a company has just been organized to build 20 or more warehouses to hold 1,000 bales of cotton each, and at many other points where the good work is being carried on. To a large extent these warehouses are being built of concrete, and those at Memphis especially are being equipped with many new labor-saving devices for handling cotton at the lowest possible cost.

"With such a system of warehouses established throughout the South it will no longer be necessary for cotton to be dumped into the mud and dirt and left outdoors without regard to weather conditions or to the immense damage done by this barbarous way of handling such a staple. With the establishment of fire-proof warehouses where the lowest rate of insurance can be obtained, where warehouse receipts will become even better collateral than the elevator receipts of the grain elevator systems on the seaboard and in the central West, the marketing of cotton and its financing will take on entirely new features. It will no longer be necessary to rush cotton to the market as formerly, for it will now become whether owned by the farmer, the merchant or the manufacturer, the very best banking collateral. The saving in the cost of insurance and in 'country damage' will add many millions of dollars to the value of the crop. To the extent that the South develops its warehousing facilities it will eliminate the necessity of handling the entire cotton crop in three or four months, as heretofore, and the marketing of cotton during 12 months instead of three, will have a tendency to steady the price, to lessen the cost of rail and ocean transportation, and to enable the South to finance its cotton instead of depending upon other sections, as in the past.

"But not only will the establishment of warehouses prove of immense value to the entire cotton trade. These warehouses will be of equal value in the development of many other lines of business, since they will give to the South facilities for storing merchandise and carrying it at a low cost—facilities now enjoyed by the North and West, but only to a very limited extent in the South. Every development of this character adds to the financial power of this section and makes certain its more rapid growth in trade, in commerce and wealth."

Hallfax, N. S., Sept. 3.—A man about thirty-six years old, registering as Wm. Archer, Richmond, Va., committed suicide by shooting himself in the head here this morning. Financial embarrassment is given as the cause.

ROOSEVELT'S SPELLING.

Issues Instructions to Public Printer in Regard to Spelling Reform—If New Method Becomes Unpopular it Will Be "Dropt."

Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept. 2.—In a letter to Charles A. Stillings, public printer at Washington, made public today, President Roosevelt wrote that if the changes in spelling advocated by the simplified spelling board and put into the use in official documents meet popular approval they will be made permanent. If not, he wrote, they will be dropped. The President's letter follows:

Hon. Charles A. Stillings, Public Printer, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Stillings: I enclose herewith copies of certain circulars of the simplified spelling board which can be obtained free from the board at No. 1 Madison avenue, New York city. Please hereafter direct that in all government publications of the executive departments the 300 words enumerated in circular No. 5 shall be spelled as therein set forth. If any one asks the reason for the action refer him to circulars 3, 4, and 5, as issued by the simplified spelling board. Most of the criticism of the proposed step is evidently made in entire ignorance of what the step is, no less than in entire ignorance of the very moderate and common sense views as to the purposes to be achieved, which views are so excellently set forth in the circulars to which I have referred. There is not the slightest intention to do anything revolutionary or initiate any far-reaching policy. The purpose simply is for the government, instead of lagging behind popular sentiment, to advance abreast of it and at the same time abreast of the ablest and most practical educators of our time as well as of the most profound scholars, men of the stamp of Prof. Lounsbury and Prof. Skeat. If the slight changes in the spelling of the 300 words proposed wholly or partially meet popular approval, then the changes will become permanent without any reference to what public officials or individual private citizens may feel; if they do not ultimately meet with popular approval they will be dropped and that is all there is about it. They represent nothing in the world but a very slight extension of the unconscious movement which has made agricultural implement makers and farmers write "plow" instead of "plough" which has made most Americans write "honor" without the somewhat absurd superfluous "u" and which is even now making people write "program" without the "me" just as all people who speak English now write "bat," "set," "sum" and "fish" instead of the Elizabethan forms "batte," "sette," "dimme," "summe" and "fysse," and which makes us write "public," "almanac," "era," "fantasy" and "wagon" instead of "publick," "almanack," "aera," "phantasy," and "waggon," of our great grandfathers. It is not an attack on the language of Shakespeare and Milton, because it is in some instances a going back to the forms they used, and in others merely the extension of changes which, as regards other words, have taken place since their time. It is not an attempt to do anything far-reaching or sudden or violent, or indeed anything very great at all. It is merely an attempt to cast what slight weight can properly be cast on the side of the popular forces which are endeavoring to make our spelling a little less foolish and fantastic.

Sincerely yours,
Theodore Roosevelt.

CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER.

There Are Supposed to Be Four Aspirants in the Field.

The nomination of a large portion of the members of the house of representatives has given rise to speculations as to who will be the officers of the house and of the senate.

Mr. E. Marlon Rucker, who has been reelected to the house from Anderson county, offers for the position of speaker. The State was so informed last night in a telegram from its correspondent at Anderson. It is said that Mr. J. W. Nash of Spartanburg also aspires to the same position.

Mr. D. D. McColl, Jr., is said to have aspirations along the same line and it is probable that Mr. Frank E. Gary will also be put up. Mr. Gary and Mr. McColl are dispensaryites. Mr. Nash favored the Morgan bill and was a man of force in the last legislature. Mr. Rucker heads the Anderson delegation this year. He is best known as the author of the raise in the appropriations for Confederate pensions. He also introduced at the last session a bill to abolish the State dispensary.

Col. Tom C. Hamer of Bennettsville is a candidate for clerk to the house. Col. Hamer has held this position for several years and appears to be a fixture. He has the machinery of the house at his fingers' ends and always secures the best of assistants. There are never any complaints with reference to the work of the clerical department of the house.—The State.

AN ELECTION MURDER.

Candidate for Magistrate Slays Opponent in Barnwell County.

Barnwell, August 30.—News has just been received here of a shooting scrape that took place on election day at Ulmer, which has resulted in the death of one of the participants. It seems that after all the votes had been counted and the crowd was discussing the results, W. L. Brant, candidate for magistrate at Ulmer, entered into a discussion of his race with M. J. Smith, claiming that Smith had voted and worked against him. This statement led to bitter words, soon the lie was passed and a blow was struck, Smith striking Brant first. As Brant staggered under the blow he reached for his hip pocket. As he did Smith whipped out a pistol and fired six times, before Brant could get his gun out, three of the balls hitting Brant, but none inflicting serious wounds. By the time that Smith had emptied his gun he commenced to retreat and reload, but Brant had succeeded in getting out his pistol and fired at Smith, hitting him in the abdomen, the ball ranging up and stopped the duel. Brant was carried to his home where he is still confined in bed with his wounds. Smith was taken home and grew continuously worse and died yesterday afternoon.

The shooting is a particularly sad affair and is greatly regretted by all. Brant is one of the most substantial men in this section and enjoys the reputation of being a quiet law-abiding citizen. Smith was a young man, married, and leaves a wife and one child. He has lately moved to this State from Homerville, Ga., and was in the mercantile business at Ulmer. His relatives from Georgia were sent for and reached him yesterday. An inquest was held over Smith's body today, but we have not been able to get the verdict of the jury.

Bradstreet's Review of Trade.

New York, Aug. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Better weather and definite assurances of large crop yields stimulate fall and winter buying, which is apparently at or close to its zenith. Most leading markets report buyers present in unprecedented numbers, and the volume of Aug. sales exceed records for that month, except at a few months where weather conditions have been unpropitious. Sales of dry goods, clothing, shoes, leather, hardware and other iron and steel products and lumber are very large. The fall shipping season is also apparently at its height, shipping forces are working overtime, and the railroads are working to their full capacity. A smaller movement of winter wheat has partly relieved the strain on the railroads and made for a little more steadiness in price of that cereal, which, however, has sagged slightly as the feeling grows that with springlike weather winter wheat will prove a large crop. Reports from abroad are of better than earlier anticipated wheat crops, which seem likely to affect prices still further. The crop situation otherwise is very promising. The promise of cooler weather makes for increased activity in industry. The iron and steel markets are a little quieter, due mainly to scarcity of supplies rather than to weakening of demand, which, evidenced by advances in pig iron, old material and some finished lines, is still very heavy.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending August 30, number 138 against 155 last week.

The board of trustees of the Porter Military Academy met Wednesday and received and accepted the resignation of Capt. D. G. Dwight, the rector of the Academy. The Rev. H. J. Mikell was appointed temporary rector of the institution and at a future meeting the appointment of a permanent rector will be made. The board also elected Mr. R. E. Cochran commandant, to succeed Lieut. W. L. Venning, resigned.—News and Courier.

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