

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.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, March 16.—Nothing exciting in this corner. Farmers, or most of them, are ready to plant corn, but none have commenced, as far as I know, and this morning did not look or feel like planting, as we had a heavy frost and perhaps some ice. I did not see any ice, as I did not look for any.

Old man Weeks has his mill repaired and is turning out the finest of water mill meal.

Gus and Dud Weeks attended a shin dig at Mrs. Laura Ardis', near Parxville, last night.

A wild cat has been bothering the neighbors' chickens. It carried off a fine hen one night this week from Mrs. Tabby Lackey.

I understand that the Greenland Savannah Sunday school is to reorganize tomorrow morning.

Mr. John W. Osteen was at Mr. Joe M. Ardis' a few Sundays ago, where he visits rather often, so I have been told. Some attraction, you know—pretty girls. Who blames him? I do not.

Mr. Blanding Ardis spent yesterday in your city.

Our guano has not yet arrived, and we cannot get any cars to ship off wood. We have had wood at Broadway siding ever since January, and no cars are put in there. There have been none there since Cunningham and Anderson moved their mill.

Dark Corner, March 23, 1907.

Terrapins are out a crawling. The alligators are loudly squalling. The sun no longer shines slanting. And the farmers their corn are planting.

The weather is pretty and warm. The bees around the flowers doth swarm. Which tells us spring has about arrived.

I hope we will not have any more severe cold weather, so that we may have a fruit crop this year. This week has been a good week for work and we old clod hoppers have been improving our time planting corn, hauling out black manure, &c. Some have finished planting corn, others have not commenced yet, but we have not seen anything of our guano yet. What is the cause is more than this scribe can conjecture.

There was quite a mad dog scare just below here on last Wednesday, the 20th instant. It seems as if the dog was first seen somewhere in Southwest Manchester by Mr. Jeff Powell, who had to knock it away from his horse with his gun to keep it from biting his horse. The next place it was seen was at Mr. Ed. Bartlette's, who lives at the old Dick Weeks' place, just across the line in Clarendon, where the dog tried to get into the house, where Mr. Bartlette's wife and baby, five weeks old, and her cousin's, Mrs. Nattie Johnston, baby, four months old, were, but Mrs. Bartlette knocked it out of the door with a chair, when it left and went to Mr. Lee Geddings', who shot it down, but it got up and started on again, to Mr. Bob Geddings, Lee's father, where Mr. Ben Geddings, another son of Mr. Bob, shot it and killed it, but not before it had bitten Mr. Bob's dogs, which he has had killed since.

Mr. J. E. Johnston and family spent last Sunday at Mr. Pink Weeks'. Mr. W. J. Ardis and wife visited Joe Johnston last Sunday evening.

No sickness, only colds, this warm, dusty weather, to report.

Our school teacher, Miss Mabel Mellette, left for Mayesville yesterday evening to visit relatives.

I understand that the Black River Baptist Union meets with the Providence Church, Privateer, on Friday, the 29th instant.

Mr. Poplin and Stubbs Furman tried the finny tribe at Weeks' mill here last night, with pretty fair luck. I was in hopes when the State dispensary was killed that the blind tiger would become extinct, but from what I see and hear he seems to be anything fatter and sleeker than ever. There are more drunks and better drunks hereabouts than when we had the dispensary.

MAX.

Max, S. C., March 25.—Spring is here with its balmy weather, sweet singing birds and fragrant blossoms. The ground is getting very dry.

Mr. J. A. Goodman's two little boys, who have been sick for two weeks, are improving.

The funeral of Mrs. Ollie Kirby Wilson was conducted by Rev. Bedenbough at Shiloh last Tuesday.

Mrs. U. K. Moore is very sick.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, S. C., March 25.—The warm days for the past week has caused everything to put forth a spring-like appearance. The flowers and the forest have all awoken from their winter sleep and the sweet smell of the fragrant flowers and the green leaves of the trees, the cooling dove and the whippoor wills' song all tell us that the sowing time upon us. So it will be well for us, sow as we expect to reap. If we sow sparingly, we may expect to reap also

sparingly, and as we are all to be awarded according to our works, if we sit down on a stool of do-nothing for the next few months and loaf around some store waiting for some one to give us a drink of soda water or something else and tell lies when we ought to be at work, don't go around next fall cursing the merchant who was good enough to carry you through the summer, or because you have to wear patched pants and ragged shoes, and your wife and children have to hide when some one comes around for the want of decent clothing, when trifling laziness has caused it all. Let us all put forth our best efforts for the next few months. Sow bountifully, fertilize well, and don't neglect the careful cultivation, and trust in God for the rest, and my word for it, next fall there will be more bright faces than we have ever seen before.

The fun in the cross tie business at Dalzell still goes on. We don't have to pay anything to see races when they see a load coming. The races are right tight some times to see who will be the first one to reach them. They reached the high notch of 36 cents each Saturday.

Messrs. Porcher and Phillip Gaillard, Charles and English Williamson, Albert and Peyton Moore took to the play at the Opera House Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Jackson visited R. B. Gaillard Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantey, of Summerton, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bailey last week.

The patrons of the Dalzell school held a meeting Saturday afternoon and Miss Edith Barnette was unanimously elected as teacher for the next term.

Mr. T. M. and little Bessie Crosswell and Mr. G. W. Wingate went over to Eastover on a fishing trip Friday morning.

BISHOPVILLE TOWN ELECTION.

Mayor J. E. Stuckey and Other Officers are Re-elected.

Bishopville, March 20.—Yesterday being the general municipal election in Bishopville for town officers, the following were re-elected without opposition to serve the town for another two years:

Mr. J. Ed Stuckey, mayor; Messrs. J. D. Hill, W. R. Scarborough, Jas. A. DuRant, W. M. Reid, A. M. Lee and J. W. Davis, aldermen. Mr. J. M. Hearon was also elected commissioner of waterworks, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. W. K. Crosswell.

A WOODMEN MONUMENT.

Erected to the Memory of James Edward Gaillard.

A monument to the memory of James Edward Gaillard, whose tragic death is familiar to the public, has been executed by Mr. W. P. Smith under contract with the Woodmen of the World. The monument is one of most handsome design and a beautiful tribute to the deceased, as well as one which will reflect credit upon this popular organization and the executor of the work. The monument will be carried to the Episcopal cemetery at Stateburg tomorrow and placed over the grave of this lamented young man.

SCHEDULE ON COAST LINE.

Change to be Made on the Orangeburg-Sumter Train.

Columbia, March 25.—As the result of a number of complaints from citizens of Orangeburg regarding the schedule on the Atlantic Coast Line train between that point and Sumter, the railroad commission yesterday received notice that a change would be made in the local morning train and that hereafter, if the commission desired, the train would leave Orangeburg earlier and make connection at Sumter with trains for Columbia, Charleston and the north.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

Spring Trade in Some Lines Ahead of Last Year.

New York, March 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "Spring trade is at its height, and the turnover bids fair to exceed even last year's, the stimuli being furnished by more favorable weather, the approach of Easter and the visits of country merchants to the larger centers. In fact, doubt as to the future is nowhere in evidence in the great producing sections of the country. At some points in the west the sales of dry goods on spring account are fully 10 per cent. above those of last year, while fall business thus far is also in excess of that booked at this time in 1906.

"Wool is quiet, and less tendency to contract for new clips is shown by dealers. The strength of foreign markets is the sustaining feature.

"In the dry goods market new business does not come forward so rapidly, though a good sample business has been done in men's wear goods.

"The shoe and leather trades report fair activity. Shoe shipments for last week are slightly larger than a year ago. New business in shoes is quiet and shipments for the year are 6.5 per cent. behind a year ago.

ROOSEVELT TALKS OF 1908.

His Conference With Woodruff and Cortelyou.

Washington, March 24.—Chairman Woodruff of the Republican State committee of New York came to Washington this evening for a conference with the president. He was at the White House for an hour and a half, talking over the political situation in New York State and some tentative plans for the national campaign next year. Secretary Cortelyou, former chairman of the Republican national committee, was also present.

When he left the White House Mr. Woodruff said that the conference had not touched on the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the Presidential nomination next year, nor had any man been mentioned for that place.

ELKS GREAT MINSTRELS.

Professional Direction Will Make the Show a Success.

The Elks of the city are now getting together a lovely bunch of boys for their high class minstrel show which will be given in the Opera House on Monday evening, April 1st. The Elks will either put on a good show, or no show at all, for whatever the antlered tribe tackle must be up to the minute.

The services of the S. A. Grubb's Minstrel Syndicate, of Chicago, have been secured, and Mr. Grubbs will personally superintend all the work incident to the minstrel. Many letters of the most flattering nature have been received from various Elk Lodges speaking in the highest terms of the production of the Grubbs Syndicate, and Mr. Grubbs writes that if the show is not entirely satisfactory that he will donate his portion of the receipts to any charity that the Lodge may indicate.

In order to give the participants in the minstrel a pleasant outing as a return for their services, the show will be taken to Florence on April 2d, and will be given a royal time by the members of the local lodge and the Elks of Florence Lodge, No. 1030.

BRYAN'S OPINION.

He Says He Believes the Railroads are Leading Roosevelt Into Dangerous Trap.

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—In the opinion of William J. Bryan, President Roosevelt is being led into a dangerous trap by the railroad men. In exclusive interview to the Publishers' Press, Mr. Bryan denies emphatically that the attitude of the big railroad magnates that they favor federal control of the railroads are approaching the view-point he held in his Madison Square Garden speech last fall, when he came out flatfooted for government ownership of all railroads in the United States.

According to the Nebraskan, the railroads are planning a master coup. Mr. Bryan says: "The railroads wish to get rid of State and substitute congressional control. They had rather deal with one legislative body than forty-five. I didn't predict anything save that the ultimate result of the railroad situation would be government ownership."

May Commit McCleary to Asylum.

Columbia, March 22.—Nathan McCleary, the negro who was arrested on suspicion of being the criminal wanted for assault on the school teacher in Marion county, will probably be sent to the State Hospital for the Insane, as he is undoubtedly of unsound mind. Papers committing him to the asylum will be taken out within a few days, the negro being still in the penitentiary. It is thought that the negro may be the thief who stole the bicycle belonging to Mr. L. R. Jennings, of Sumter several weeks ago. From his description Mr. Jennings, it is understood, thinks he is the man and may take steps to ascertain if he is the negro wanted. The negro has made a rather incriminating statement about the wheel, but what he says is not to be depended on, as he confessed to the assault in Marion county and when the young lady came here to identify him she declared positively that he was not the negro. Meanwhile the negro who did attempt to harm the young lady has not been apprehended and may never be.

PUBLIC DEPOSITS.

Secretary Cortelyou Announces What Class of Bonds He Will Accept.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Cortelyou announces that he would accept substitution for United States 4 per cent. bonds, of 1907, now held to secure public deposits, any other government bonds and certificates, City of Manila bonds, Porto Rican bonds, District of Columbia bonds, all at par; Hawaiian bonds at 90 per cent.; State, municipal and high grade railroad bonds, such as are legal investments for savings banks in the States of New York and Massachusetts on the basis of 90 per cent. of the market value.

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NEWS FROM CAROLINA.

The Literary Societies Hold Oratorical Contest to Select Representative.

University of South Carolina, Columbia, March 22.—Last evening in the University chapel the annual preliminary for the State oratorical contest was held. This preliminary between contestants from the two literary societies is for the purpose of selecting one as the representative of the university at the annual contest in Greenwood on April 28. The association is composed of the following: Furman University, Wofford College, Clemson Agricultural College, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Erskine College, Newberry College, South Carolina Military Academy and University of South Carolina.

This is Carolina's second year as a member of the association and much interest was manifested in the contest last evening for it is hoped that our representative will be victorious. Last year we came out second.

The programme was as follows: Orators—Clarioriphic: A. M. Lumpkin, Richland—The Race Problem of the South. B. J. Wingard, Lexington—A Civic Renaissance.

Euphradian: R. D. Lee, Jr., Sumter—Obligations of American Citizenship.

J. M. Hughes, Orangeburg—The Majesty of the Law.

C. D. Jackson, Richland—The Duty of the Present.

The presiding officer was W. C. Hughes, Oconee, of the Euphradian Society and the chief marshal was L. W. Smith, Spartanburg, of the Clarioriphic. The contestants handled their subjects with ease and ability and the contest was one of the most interesting and instructive that has been held.

Mr. Lumpkin, in discussing the race problem, showed the condition of the negro in the south today, and strengthened his statements with many concrete illustrations. He closed with a suggestion as to the remedy for the existing state. In Mr. Hughes' speech the lynch law was given the position of prominence. Mr. Jackson's was by far the best written, his peroration particularly being splendid.

The judges were: Mr. Stanhope Sams, Rev. P. F. Kilgo and Mr. R. M. McCown. After a few minutes' consultation Mr. Sams on behalf of the committee rendered the decision in favor of Mr. B. J. Wingard, '07, of Lexington.

The attendance was quite large and delightful music was rendered during the intermissions by the University Glee Club.

Washington, March 26.—The secretary of the treasury today directed the deposit of customs receipts in the National banks of deposit of New York city. This is an enlargement of the order recently issued by him. It will increase the public deposits in that city about fifteen million dollars. Another statement was issued anticipating interest on the two per cent. consols of 1930, and the four per cent. loan of 1907, due April 1st, so as to make it payable immediately.

THE THAW TRIAL.

An Inquiry Requested.

New York, March 20.—Jerome interrupted the trial today with a request for the court to execute an inquiry into Thaw's mental condition. This inquiry is to be for the court's own guidance. Jerome offered to give Justice Fitzgerald all the information he believes would help the trial.

Case Adjourned Until Wednesday Pending the Application for Lunacy Commission.

New York, March 22.—Justice Fitzgerald excused the Thaw jury until Wednesday morning, when court convened today. All of Thaw's relatives were in court. Justice Fitzgerald allowing this privilege and Thaw appeared happy at the presence of his family.

Jerome explained that he had not meant to accuse Hartridge and others of Thaw's counsel of unprofessional conduct.

An adjournment was taken until Wednesday. Neither Delmas nor Gleason was present and it is understood they are preparing affidavits for Jerome to offset the demand for a lunacy commission.

New York, March 23.—Thaw's defense to the insanity proceedings instituted by District Attorney Jerome was filed with Justice Fitzgerald this afternoon. It contains affidavits by his attorneys, Delmas, McPike and Gleason and Alienists Evans, Wagner, Jelliffe, Hammond and Shields and a large number of notes written by Thaw directing the continuance of his case.

All the attorneys and alienists who made affidavits assert that in their opinion Thaw is sane today. There are 18 letters and notes from Thaw to his lawyers. There are eight notes written in the court room by Thaw making suggestions to his attorneys and all these documents are written in a more coherent form than any of Thaw's missives thus far figuring in the case. Dr. George Franklin Shield's affidavit declares that he examined Thaw only yesterday and that he was fully competent to advise his counsel. A clerk from Delmas' office filed the affidavits.

One reason advanced for not wanting the commission is that it is firmly believed the commission must find Thaw sane and this might influence their opinion as to his sanity on June 25, 1906, when he killed White.

New York, March 25.—The hearing in the matter of Thaw's sanity was delayed today on account of the non-appearance of the Judge and Attorney Delmas. Mr. Delmas was in counsel with his client at the Tombs. At the hearing this afternoon, Thaw's attorneys believe the trial will be resumed.

A Lunacy Commission.

New York, March 26.—Justice Fitzgerald this afternoon decided to appoint a lunacy commission to inquire into the status of Thaw's present sanity.

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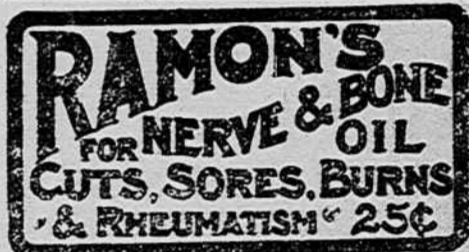
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