

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS 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.

DURANT.

Durant, S. C., April 16.—Services will be held at New Harmony Church on Saturday, and dinner served on the grounds in order that the congregation can have two sermons. Communion services will be held the following day.

Miss Olivia DuRant spent Friday in Manning.

Mrs. Laura Montgomery was called last week to Hazelhurst, Ga., to the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Muldrow Montgomery, who is extremely ill. Mrs. Montgomery has many friends here, and they wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Keller, of Creston, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robt. DuRant.

Mr. J. M. Spann was down here for a few days last week.

The recent cold spell played havoc with the gardens and the corn was injured to such an extent that the farmers are plowing up and replanting.

MAX.

Max, April 20.—Some of the farmers are plowing up corn or cotton and some are doing both. Some will not have to do either.

Unless there is more severe cold, there will be apples and berries.

Mr. J. C. Truluck went to Timmonsville last Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Carter, of Darlington, visited at Mr. B. C. Truluck's last week.

Master Marion Truluck, after spending five weeks with his grandparents, returned home Friday, much to his regret. He is greatly missed at his grandparents. There is nothing like a boy on a place.

Several fine looking young men who live not far from here, recently agreed among themselves to quit chewing tobacco, which objectionable habit they had gotten into. This resolution on their part is very commendable.

Mr. Quint Moore is still suffering from an attack of grip.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, April 22.—The farmers are having a hard time getting a stand of corn. Some of them have had to plant a part of their crop the second time.

Mrs. E. W. and Miss Winnie Rivers are reported on the sick list.

Mr. Ned White spent Sunday at Mrs. S. J. Bradford's.

Miss Gueline Mellette, of Wedgefield, spent the past week with Miss Edna Ramsey.

Miss Lollie Rivers, of Lauchua, Fla., spent the past week at Mr. E. M. Rivers'.

Mr. LeRoy Wells, of Sumter, spent Sunday at Mr. W. G. Wells'.

Mr. Bosard Britton and Miss Dora Bristow were among the visitors at church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Winburn Wells, of High Point, N. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. William Wells.

Miss Elma Geddings will close her school Wednesday, with the usual exercises, picnic, etc.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, April 22.—Miss Sarah Nelson is in Florence, visiting her sister, Mrs. F. H. McLeod.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. W. B. Nelson, of Charleston, arrived on Saturday, to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson, at "Hill Crest."

Rev. W. H. Barnwell is visiting friends in Clarendon today.

Miss Lottie Nelson is visiting in Sumter.

Miss Emma Barnwell left this morning for Acton, where she has gone to attend the Singleon-Barron wedding.

Mr. James Cain returned this morning from Pinopolis, where he attended the wedding of his brother, Mr. William Cain, and Miss Elizabeth Lucas.

Miss Annie A. Stuart, who has been visiting the Misses Burgess at Wisacky, expects to leave tomorrow for Summerville, where he will visit relatives until May 1st, then she will return to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. Matt Moore, who is attending the medical college in Charleston, will be at home this week for the summer holidays.

Mr. W. L. Saunders spent Wednesday in Camden. While there he enjoyed the polo game.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, April 20.—The freeze last Sunday night done us up in fine style. The lives of the fruit and vegetation went out in a hurry. Large trees are

black as winter, and in the low places the woods look black. Gardens went left. Today heavy clothing is comfortable.

Corn planting has been going on all the week. The farmers would not risk the frost bitten corn to come out, so ploughed it up and planted over. Indications are that all the early planted cotton is dead. Seed, both corn and cotton, is very scarce, and hard to get. Oats show some improvement, but not enough to warrant a full crop. All this is on the dark side. The bright will come later on. It helps people to give them a little of Job's experience some times.

Capt. C. L. Emanuel, of Bordens, paid us a flying visit this week. He has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mr. J. A. Gillis lost his barn by fire Wednesday night. Two new wagons, all his corn, peas, fodder, guano and soda, and cotton seed meal was burned, and tr. stables. He just saved his cow and mules. The fire was on them when they were released. His loss is about \$500, with no insurance. It was an incendiary act, and the fellow who did it is now in the keeping of Sheriff Epperson. Such a loss is heavy at any time, and Mr. Gillis has the sympathy of his friends.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, April 21.—For the benefit of the farmers I will say so many complaints were made to the United States department of agriculture at Washington of the inferior quality of cow peas, the department sent a request to each of their correspondents throughout the country asking them to send as much as one pint of their cow pea seed made on their farms last year, and they would report the result of the test found to germinate. A few days ago your correspondent received from Mr. E. Brown, botanist in charge of the seed laboratory, Washington, a report stating that only 62 per cent would germinate, and in sowing the seed this year the farmers must take into consideration the per cent of germination, more seed being used proportionately, as the quality throughout the entire pea belt is very poor. I am sorry to say very few farmers in this section made any pea seed last year, but those who have any I hope will be guided by this report.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of a very interesting conversation a few days since with a very intelligent botanist. He informed me that throughout the entire country we have the greatest number of pine blossoms we have had in 20 years, which means that during the fall of 1908 there will be the heaviest pine mast we have had in 20 years.

So the farmers who are so fortunate as to have forest pastures for their hogs will next year reap a great harvest.

The farmers of this community are very despondent owing to the critical condition of their crops at this stage, caused by the continual cold weather, and while I am writing a cold east rain is falling, which may again precipitate another freeze and cause all the cotton to be destroyed.

Very few planters in this section saved only enough seed to plant one time, and very nearly all the crops here are in the ground, and should a freeze come now we all would be in a deplorable condition. I trust, however, it may soon turn warm, and gladden the hearts of many who are looking so sad today.

There will be no services at McLeod's Church next Sunday, as Rev. D. A. Lewis will attend the district conference.

PINWOOD.

Pinewood, April 17.—The county board of Clarendon county has not as yet established a dispensary at Pinewood, which was expected by the majority of the people who petitioned for the dispensary in order to keep down the illicit sale of whiskey. The most people are in favor of a dispensary, as it will be the best and safest way to curtail the sale, and further, the liquor will be sold according to law.

The Atlantic Coast Line trestle gang expect to move their living cars from Rimini to Pinewood on Friday next. We are glad to welcome our popular trestle foreman, Mr. T. S. Stone, back here for the season.

Mrs. M. E. Barwick, who was burnt out several weeks ago, has bought the Cash Grocery stock of goods, and is occupying the N. C. Stack building, which is the best stand in town, and she is doing a flourishing business.

Dr. Ashleigh Wood was in town today.

Miss Mary Griffin, daughter of Mr. B. D. Griffin, who has been in ill health for some time, is some better.

Mrs. N. C. Stuer, who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mera Stack, of Sumter, has returned home.

The Pinewood baseball team, with Mr. A. P. Toomer, manager, has organized and have built a neat park with a nice grand stand for ladies, and will soon be ready to play ball. Here is good luck to the boys.

Mrs. H. F. Stack left a few days ago for Lake City, S. S., where she

will spend sometime with relatives. Mayor Burkett has received electric lights for the town and will have them in operation soon.

Woodmen Monument.

The monument erected by Holly-wood Camp, No. 19, Woodmen of the World, to the late J. E. Gaillard at Stateburg will be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on May 5th.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The case of Jas. H. Scarborough vs. J. M. Woodley, an action brought to recover the possession of two acres of land and damages for its unlawful retention for eight years, went to the jury Wednesday afternoon. A sealed verdict was read to the court when it convened next morning, which awarded the property in dispute to the plaintiff without damages. It is stated that the case will be taken to the Supreme Court. Appearance, L. D. Jennings, Esq., for plaintiff Messrs. Lee & Moise for defendant.

The case of Kolb vs. the Southern Railway was concluded in less than an hour on Thursday morning. The action was for \$320 damage alleged to have been suffered by the plaintiff by reason the defendant's delay in delivering a gin, and for damages to the extent of \$10 for injury to parts thereof. The jury awarded plaintiff damages in the sum of \$10. A. B. Stuckey, Esq., represented the plaintiff, and Messrs Abney & Thompson appeared for the defendant company.

The case of J. T. Burkett vs. the Southern Railway was a suit brought to recover damages for the burning of timber land of the plaintiff, the fire being alleged to have originated from sparks from an engine of the railroad, and the action was for the sole purpose of fixing the amount of the defendant's liability. The amount sued for was \$300, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$150. Messrs. Lee & Moise were for the plaintiff, and Messrs Abney and Thompson, of Columbia, for the defendant.

The next case on the calendar was that of Street Bros. vs. Dean Bros. In this case suit was brought for the recovery of an amount alleged to be due under a verbal contract for the cutting and logging of timber. The plaintiffs brought suit for \$323.02, and the defendants interposed a counter-claim for \$728, an amount defendants claimed to have lost by reason of plaintiffs' refusal to carry out the stipulations of the contract. The jury disregarded defendant's counter-claim, and found for the plaintiffs, in the amount sued for. Mark Reynolds, Esq., appeared for plaintiffs, and Marion Moise, Esq., for the defendant.

The case of R. M. Aman vs. C. F. McFaddin was concluded on Friday. Judgment was entered, by default against the defendant, for \$147.

The Court of Common Pleas was adjourned Saturday morning to Monday on account of the death of Mr. John Bradley, of Abbeville, the father of Judge Klugh's wife.

The case of Evans vs. the First Baptist Church, which was pending, was to be resumed on Monday.

There was no court held on Monday on account of the judge's absence.

The trial of the case of Evans vs. the First Baptist Church was not resumed on Tuesday owing to the illness of one of the jurors. If this juror is not able to attend court tomorrow the trial will be continued with eleven jurors.

The business of the Court of Common Pleas has been dragging from one case or another, and there is little being done.

BASEBALL TALK.

The Reorganization of the Sumter Baseball Association—Every Business Man in the City Should be a Member.

Mr. J. P. Booth spent the morning calling on the business men of the city for the purpose of enlisting their interest, co-operation and financial support for the Sumter Baseball Association. The association is to be reorganized on a business-like basis with officers and a board of directors to control and manage the business affairs of the association. Mr. Booth and his associates who have taken the lead in promoting the reorganization of the State League, having succeeded in carrying their plans to a successful issue, are now in a position to place before the business men of Sumter a definite proposition. First and foremost they are able to say positively that Sumter is to have baseball this season; second, they can assure them that good ball will be played and that there is a reasonable certainty of the permanency of the State League, and that the organization will continue from year to year; third, that as now organized the State League will give the towns interested clean, honest sport, and the fact that Hon. M. L. Smith has accepted the presidency guarantees that each and every team will have a fair and square deal, that rowdism and oth-

er practices that have brought baseball into disrepute will not be tolerated in the State League.

This is all that the people of Sumter, who are interested in baseball as a sport, could ask, and there should be no hesitancy on their part in extending the support and co-operation that is needed to insure the present success and permanency of the local association. No one is asked for much, and no one will find it a hardship to assist in making the Sumter team the best in the league. It is the purpose of the promoters of the association to secure for Sumter the best possible team that can be maintained within the salary limit, and with Guy Gunter in charge of this part of the programme, there is no doubt about the result. Sumter is going in to win from the first game and there will be no let up in the fight for the pennant until the season closes.

The cost will be inconsiderable in comparison with the sport afforded, and it should be a matter of town pride to give the team all the support needed at the outset. After the season opens and things get warmed up there will be no more trouble. Of course Sumter is in the State League to stay on the guarantee of Messrs. Booth, Harby, Bultman, Blanding and a few others, but they should have the financial support and hearty co-operation of all other business men of the city. The team that will wear Sumter's uniform will represent the town and it should have the backing of the town, therefore when Mr. Booth calls on you, do your part cheerfully and liberally.

GOT BEATEN IN MULE TRADE.

Whiteford Thompson, Bound for Canada in a Wagon, Has Hard Luck at Clinton.

Laurens, April 18.—J. W. Thompson, who set out from Manning about two weeks ago in a wagon for Canada, has passed through the city. It seems that the first hard luck struck him after he reached this county. The old man claims to be a judge of horse flesh, but he evidently does not move in the "David Harum" class. He traded mules with a party at Clinton, and then had to hire a mule to draw his outfit to Laurens. He stated to a stable man here that he had started from Manning with a mule, a wagon and a dog, and that he now had the dog.

The governor has pardoned Elliott Robinson, sent up from Barnwell for 20 years for manslaughter. Elliott is a negro and has for some time been stationed at Clemson College, from where a numerous signed petition was sent for his release. He has been a model prisoner.

Report of County Supervisor of Sumter County, S. C. of Claims Presented and Approved for the Quarter Ending March 31st, 1907.

NOTE—The claims marked "X" belong to the Fiscal Year 1906.

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