GOUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPF. CIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

tiems 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, May 13 .- We have had rain, hail, &c., since my last. On last Wednesday evening we had three large rains and a little hail, but not enough to do any damage. But all of our low lands are either under water or boggy, so we cannot plow, and we will now have a hard fight with Gen. Green to keep him down, as we have not been able to scrape our cotton as we wanted to do. We have not commenced to chop out cottor yet. All early planted cotton looks very well, but corn is quite small.

Mr. J. L. Ardis was stricken with a slight stroke of paralysis on Frida;; the 3d, while on a visit to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Laura Ardis, near Paxville, though he was able to walk about the house a little on last Thursday, the 9th, Mr. Ardis is a Confederate soldier, over 70 years old.

W. J. Ardis and T. D. Weeks visited near Paxville last Thursday.

Mrs. Ben. Geddings, of Pinewood, visited her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Ardis, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash. Scott, of Cane Savanna, visited relatives here westerady.

Miss Eunice Osteen came down Friday evening from your city to spend Saturday and Sunday with her parents at the Sycamores, which I suppose will be her last trip until after the commencement on the 29th and 30th instant, when she will graduate. I am proud to see that she (Miss Eunice) has obtained a teacher's certi-

We have no new cases of sickness this week; only myself. I have been sick for over a week. I wanted to go to the reunion in Clumbia last week, but was not able. Sorry I missed meeting the old boys. But the Lord's will e done, for He knows best.

MAX.

Max, S. C., May 13 .- The fifteenmonths-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Goodman died last Thursday morning. Dear little Earl left empty arms and aching hearts.

Friends here and at Beulah are grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Crosswell, which occurred at his home in Timmonsville last Satur-

Messrs. B. C. Truluck and E. H. Sauls attended the reunion at Columbig last week.

Dr. Hugh T. Kirby made a short

visit to friends here last week. Mr. Fred McClam, of Lake City, and Miss Hattie Lee, of Scranton. were married at the home of and by Rev. B. K. Truluck.

Oats are greatly improved.

BROGDON.

Brogdon, May 13 .- One month ago we were having lots of frost and ice. and today there is again a touch of winter-fires and wraps are in evidence. All had hoped that winter, which had so long lingered in the lap of spring, had departed and that the summer days were here for good. We much prefer the cool weather to the continued rainfall, for the heavy rains of last week evidently brought to our minds the sad experience of last year.

the earth is too damp and cold. Corn will have to be planted over and that is small for the time of the year. A great deal of it has been destroyed by birds and has been replanted. Gardens are quite pretty. Nearly every family is having plenty of headed cabbage, peas, beets, etc.

crop of spring chickens seems abundant. The ladies of this section compete with each other as to who can raise the greatest number. Mrs. S. S. Davis has between 50 and 60 at present, with several hatchings to follow. Mrs. J. I. Brogdon, Mrs. J. C. Stukes and Mrs. D. H. Smith each have large broods of turkeys.

We must not forget to mention what some of the little boys are doing since they have been released from school. They have made fish traps for themselves, and are now bringing in lots of nice fish. These, of course, are much enjoyed by the members of each family. One trap produced one hundred fish in a few days.

two weeks ago, and Misses Mellett and Smith and H. R. Murchison. Davis returned to their homes.

Mr. Spruell, the new pastor at Graham, preached last Sabbath to a large and appreciative audience.

Quite a number of folks here at-> tended the reunion in Columbia last week.

Messrs. Maxwell Jenkins and Bradley Wilson, of St. Charles, were in the struction September 1. neighborhood a day or two ago on

business. Miss Lucile Brogdon has returned

to her home in Savannah.

and Savannah. Mr. Graham McDowell and daughter are visiting at Mr. S. S. Davis'. Winnie James, a colored woman, had the misfortune to have her house destroyed by fire this morning. The building was a two story one and very well insured.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, May 11.-We have been nishing the first surprise of the day. having rains with high winds and The weather continues very gleomy and threatening.

The farmers have finished planting cotton, and some few have fine stands of both corr and cotton.

On many farms the cotton is dying out very badly.

Corn is small for this season of the

Cotton chopping is the order of the The oat crop has been greatly im-

proved by the recent rains. A number of the old veterans here

attended the reunion in Columbia Some we have seen report a very pleasant time indeed. Mr. Kenneth McKaskill, after a

very pleasant visit to his son, Rev. K. McKaskill, of Ivanhoe, N. C., returned home Thursday, feeling much better by the trip. Mrs. John Smith, of this neighbor-

hood, who has been very sick, we are glad to know is very much better. . The frieds here of Mrs. James Eng-

lish, of Bishopville, are grieved to hear of her extreme illness.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, May 13 .- Miss Meta Seas Boykin, of Boykin, S. C., is visiting Mrs. W. H. Barnwell at "The

Mr. James Simons, of Ferguson, spent Sunday in our midst.

Mrs. W. B. Nelson, with her attractive little children, Samuel and Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Sam Nel-

Messrs. W. H. Barnwell and John G. Barnwell are at "The Rectory" for a few days.

Mrs. George Saunders and Miss Marie Manning, of Hagood, were the charming guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Saunders on Sunday.

Mr. Early Mellett sepent Sunday at

Misses Theo. and Georgia Dargan returned on Saturday from Orangeburg, where they have been attending the Federation of Women's Clubs. Rev. W. H. Barnwell spent yester-

day in Clarendon. Mr. W. J. Rees, of Wedgefield, was the guest of Mr. W. L. Saunders on

Miss H. Lee Moore spent Sunday in Sunmter.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, May 11.-This section has had this week very destructive rains. Crops are washed up and buried in the sand, and the land washed in gullies. Last night was the captain of all on light places. The cotton is killed out and will have to be replanted. The storm and hail the first of the week did more damage than was reported.

In the Mizpah section it was very severe, and several will have to plant over. In general, the loss all around is great. The only thing flourishing is

Lee County Notes.

(Bishopville Vindicator.) .

There was considerable hail and wind last Monday evening in the Browntown and Rattle Snake sections. We were told that the young Crops are doing only tolerably well; cotton was beat into the ground and J. R. Kirkley's store was blown down and goods badly damaged. A little hail fell here.

Mr. E. B. Colclough, of Heriots. was in town last Monday and closed a deal with Mr. J. B. McLauchlin for 30 The fruit crop is a failure, but the acres of land suitable for town lots in exchange for a rice farm near Sum-

Death at Bishopville.

Bishopville, May 9 .- Mrs. Annie Lula Mooneyham, wife of Supervisor Henry E. Mooneyham, died yesterday at her home in Bishopville, after a lingering illness.

daughter of Mr. Newell B. Scarbor-

Besid her husband she leaves five small chaldren to mourn her loss. The funeral services were held this morning at the Bishopville Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. W. D. Cappel', The Graham Graded School closed officiating, assisted by the Revs. C. B.

> Rev. Ernest McCauley of Pennsylvania has been called to the pastorate of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at Newberry.

> The South Carolina Public Service Corporation says it will begin con-

southern part of the State.

THE D. A. MINOR CASE.

Toils In Florida Court.

Jacksonville, May 13 .- When the case of the State of Florida against Howard C. Jones, Bryant Nicholas and D. A. Minor, charged with grand larceny and knowingly receiving stolen goods, was called in the criminal court of record yesterday morning, Jones entered a plea of guilty, fur-

The second surprise came during some hall for the past several days. the testimony of Ed. Harris, a negro porter, who testified that Minor had threatened to blow his (Harris') head off if he talked about the case, and that J. D. Horn had continued the wages of the negro during the time that he (Harris) was held at the

The specific charge on the plea which the defendants were placed on trial was that of stealing, on February 15, about 5,000 cigars from the VanDeman Company, while in possession of the Southern Railroad Company, valued at \$87.50.

Little evidence that is really new has been brought out, though it is generally admitted that the State is making out a strong case, forging the chain of evidence, link by link, around the two men on trial. Jones, who entered a plea of guilty, appeared during the afternoon as a State witness.

The defense consists of a sweeping denial, and a number of character witnesses are to be put on the stand before the case is finally closed. Though a night session of the court was held, the case was not concluded when the recess was taken.

Though the entering of a plea of guilty by Jones was unexpected, the testimony that came nearest to creating something like a sensation at the trial yesterday was that of Ed Harris, who was one of the negro porters at the J. D. Horn Company

Harris had given, on direct examination, evidence about taking two barrels packed with cigar boxes from Nichols' home to Minor's home, at Minor's orders. Solicitor Bryan then turned him over to the defense for cross examination.

Col. Pope asked if he had been givcase and the negro answered promptly in the negative. Then Col. Pope that he had been told that his wages would be paid him while in jail. He denied strenuously, however, that any \$50 offer had been made him, but admitted that if any money was offered him he would take it.

Solicitor Bryan then took the negro in hand again, on the redirect examination, and asked him why he had stated that he preferred to go to jail to being free. The negro answered that he thought it would be safer and then, when pressed for an explanaion told the following story in sub-

On the afternoon before Minor was arrested, he (Minor) had told Harris that there was trouble brewing and that arrests were to be made and cauhad happened, or, as the negro put it. "this business." The witness claimed that Minor had added that if he would be shot off.

For this reason, he said, he thought it would be safer to, go to knew that Minor himself had been not specified as to who was to do the aforesaid shooting off of his head and that, not knowing the source of the danger he feared, he wanted to be

be paid him during the time that he was in jail was made him, he said, by Mr Horn.

Then Col. Pope took him in hand again, and asked him if the State had promised him anything for his testimony. Harris answered that he had been told, just before he came into the courtroom, not to worry about anything, because his time in jail would be paid for. When asked who had told him this, he pointed to Attorney DeWitt Gray, the assistant solicitor, who was sitting beside Solicitor Bryan.

When Harris left the stand Solicitor Bryan put Attorney Gray on the stand, and asked him about the offer Mrs. Mooneyham was the third concerning which Harris had testified. Mr. Gray stated that all that he had said to the negro was that he would be given his pier diem as a witness. There was no cross-exami-

Howard C. Jones, who had pleaded guilty during the day to receiving stolen goods, and to grand larceny, was called as a witness for the State. Col. Pope made a hard fight to keep out his testimony, but Judge Shaylor allowed it, noting an exception to the ruling for the defense.

the effect that early in Febuary, or Hampton Roads today was the cut- runaway on Liberty street. A bolt in about that time, Nichols had tele- ter event, three miles straight away. the shafts of the delivery wagon he phoned him to come to his (Nichol's) It was won by the crew from the was driving dropped out and the mule store. He went, and Nichols told him Bareso in 20 minutes, 27 seconds bolted. The wagon struck a telephone Unfavorable seasons have greatly he had 5,000 cigars which he wished from the crews of the other vessels, pole and was turned upside down, injured the crop prospects in the to sell, and that he would dispose of who finished as follows: Austrian, with Bill entangled in the wreck of them for \$7 per thousand. He asked American, Japanese.

Jones to sell them for him, and Jones, learning that Minor was preparing to day morning for a trip to Charleston A Former Sumter Merchant in the start a "stand" at Dixieland park, Another Alleged Attempt at Cutrage The Sumter Elks Will Be Well Repwent to him and sold him the cigars for \$10 per thousand, paid Nichols \$35, and pocketed the remaining \$15.

> He also told of another similar of a higher grade, were sold to Minor it is believed, little Waddelle Sawyer. by him, acting as agent for Nichols. On cross-examination he stated cigars had been stolen, and that the from town. question of the cigars not "being right" never came up between them. The other evidence, on the part of the State, was, for the most part, only a repetition of what has already been printed in the Times-Union, at the time the arrests were made.

The evidence for the defendants consisted of a sweeping denial of everything and flat contradictions of the testimony of Jones, so far as Nichols was concerned, while Minor claimed that any dealings he had made had been made in good faith, with no knowledge whatever that he was purchasing any stolen goods.

Next to the testimony of the. defendants themselves interest centered in the evidence given, on behalf of the defense, by the wives of the defendants. The ladies who testified in the case yesterday for the defense were Mrs. Nettie A. Minor, wife of the defendant Minor; Mrs. Ramgaser, a close relative of Minor's, and who lives at his home; Mrs. Bryant Nichols, and Miss Pounds, a sister of Mrs. Nichols, and formerly a clerk in the J. D. Horn Company store.

Prosecuting on behalf of the State are Solicitor W. A. Bryan, Assistant Solicitor N. P. Bryan, Assistant Solicitor DeWitt Gray and A. W. Cockrell. representing Mr. J. D. Horn.

Nichols is defended by Col. Frank Pope and Judge John W. Dodge, and Minor is represented by Col. Frank Pope. Both defendants were tried

The jury selected to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the accused of the crime charged is composed of Messrs. Richard Spiers, J. Kirby, E. C. Swartz, Ben McDowell, M. Ryer and J. F. Snelling.

Save for an adjournment during the early afternoon, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late en any inducement to testify in this Judge Morris Dzialynski, the criminal court of record was in session, engaged in the trial of this case, for the swamp was pretty well surrounded asked if he had not been offered his longest day of the term, the recess by them. The fugitive was several wages and \$50, and Harris replied until the usual hour this morning not times seen dodging and running that he had wanted to go to jail, and being taken until 10.30 o'clock last among the thick bushes of the Attoreny General Bonaparte at Last

goods valued at \$112.10, from Jones & Shaylor's store; stealing cigars and tobacco, valued at at \$114.50, from Gus Muller, on February 16; also stealing \$37.50 worth of goods from the store of J. D. Horn Company; also another one against Minor, for stealing goods of the value of \$160 from the same company. Nichols is charged with receiving the goods after stolen. His wife is also held on the same charge.- Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union.

Havana Cigars.

During last year there were exporttioned him not to talk about what ed from Cuba the enormous number of 256,738,029 "Havana" cigars. Contrary to the general idea, however, that America gets the bulk of (Harris) did talk, that his head this trade only about 30 per cent. came here, the total purchases maounting to 79,483,125 cigars. while England took 92.459.687. Gerjail, and that even though he later many buys from twenty-five to thirty million, and France ten to twelve arrested, Harris said that Minor had million. One reason for the larger sales to England than to the United ficers for the year: States is the fact that America buys a large amount of leaf tobacco, secretary and treasurer, J. E. Whilwhich is worked up here; last year twenty-five million pounds were im-The promise that his wages would ported, while England took only twenty-five thousand pounds. But few Cuban cigarettes come to this country, most of the manufacture going to South America. Although two hundred and fifty million cigars -the number we received from Cuba-would appear a considerable stock, cigar dealers' cases would soon be empty if that were the only source of supply, as America smokes 8,000 .-000,000 cigars annually .- cientific American.

GEN. KUROKI'S TRIP.

His Way to Jamestown Exposition. Chicago. May 8 .- Gen. Kuroki's trip across the continent is causing the railroad officials encless worry lest some accident rouse Japan to inflamatory denunciation of what they

Gen. Kuroki, after a reception here by American army officers and Japanese, left today for Washington and the Jamestown exposition with Lieut. Gen. MacArthur and his staff.

might construe as a deliberate plot.

INTERNATIONAL BOAT RACES.

Jones' testimony was, in brief, to the international boat races held in ously hurt Wednesday afternoon in a

YOUNG GIRL HAS CLOSE CALL.

Mullins. May 6 .- An unsuccessful attempt was made today by a negro.

her usual custom, about 8 o'clock led the cow to the pasture, which was bushes near her, and then saw him start towards her. She immediately began screaming and turned to run. Her father heard her and at once started to her. When she began screaming, the negro, for such was the man, turned and fled.

The negro lived on the plantation of Mr. Gilbert Johnson, which adjoins the one on which Mr. Sawyer resides, and was at once recognized by the child. Mr. Sawyer, on learning who the party was, went to the home of the negro's father, but the boy at that ime had not arrived.

Mr. Sawyer discussed the affair with the boy's father and was advised by him to put the matter into the hands of the law as he could not control him at all.

About this time the news began to spread rapidly and, following on close on the affair of Saturday night, and being within five miles of the same place, intense feeling was arous-

The negro, who had started to his father's home, was soon caught by Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Sawyer was sent for. It was decided that he should take him to town and turn him over to the magistrate.

by one of the neighbors, who insisted that they tie him. On hearing this the prisoner jumped from the vehicle Pursuit was at once begun and the

tracks were followed to Buck swamp, and the negro was seen dodging through it. The pursuing party was fast increasing in numbers and the swamp, and was repeatedly called on The other charges are stealing to surrender, but refused to do so, place. At one time one of the party headed him off and caught him. In the scuffle the negro threw him aside and escaped again. The chase was continued until this afternoon about 3 o'clock when persons traveling the public road across the swamp heard several shots fired in quick succession and since that time the negro has not been seen. The news of the affair was not brought to Mullins until this evening about 3 o'clock .- News and

FURNITURE DEALERS MEET.

Officers Elected for Year After a Successful Meeting.

Columbia, May 10.-The meeting of the South Carolina Retail Dealers' association closed yesterday morning with the election of officers. The gathering has been a most successful one from every standpoint and much good has been accomplished by the gathering. The following are the of-

President, E. G. Cook, Columbia: den, Sumter; first vice president. F. B. Cobb. Greenwood, second vice president, D. H. Traxler, Timmonsville; third vice president, S. L. Krasnoff, Manning; fourth vice president, H. A. Taylor, Columbia: fifth vice president, A. W. Litschgi, Jr., Charleston.

The executive committee for the

year is as follows: J. T. Simmons, Greenwood, chairmán; J. M. VanMetre, Columbia; J. S. Swygert, Columbia, L. A. James, Greenville; H. E. Kitchens, Winns-

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE.

Distinguished Japanese General On No Change in the Situation in New York City.

New York. May 13 .- The longshoremen strike situation is unchanged. Both sides are obdurate and business is greatly hampered. The companies have refused a conference with the strikers. There was no serious rioting today. The body of an unknown Italian was found in the cellar of a tenement. It is believed he was connected with the strike. Several residents of the tenement have been arrested on suspicion.

W. J. Andrews, the veteran fish and Norfolk, Va., May 13 .- The first of ice dealer, was painfully but not serithe top.

THT ORANGEBURG CONVENTION

Today and Thursday will be the ocdealing, in which about 1,800 cigars, named Mayo Carmichael, to assault, casion of the annual State Convention of the Benevolent and Protectthe eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. live Order of Elks, which convention and Mrs. John Sawyer, who live in meets this year in Orangeburg. All that he had not told Minor that the the Millers' section, about three miles Elkdom looks forward to these events with such interest and enthusiasm as This morning the little girl, as was no other occasion arouses. The cities of the State in which Elk lodges are situated vie with each other not only only about three hundred yards from in securing the conventions, but in the house. After letting down the extending hospitality to the visiting bars and turning in the cow she first guests. Sociability, hospitality and noticed some one behind a bunch of generosity are the cardinal attributes of all good Elks.

Sumter Lodge, No. 855, has thirty five or forty representatives at the convention, all of whom will be costumed in white duck trousers, blu : serge coats, white ties, white felt has with purple bands and will carry canes decorated with purple and white ribbons, the colors of the raer. It will be the endeavor of the Sum-

ter delegation to secure the next annual convention for the Game Cock City. The City Council unanimously passed a resolution extending to the Elks of the State the hospitality of the city, and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, through its executive officers, addressed a letter to the members of the order, requesting, on behalf of the business men of the city, that Sumter be chosen the place of meeting for the convention of 1908.

Sumter Lodge will be supported by the most influential lodges in the State, and the prospects for the success of the undertaking seems particlarly bright.

Among the Sumter Elks who are in attendance upon the convention are: Messrs. L. I. Parrott, J. C. Huger, Perry Moses, Sr., H. M. Assman, Jr., W. A. Sparks, A. J. Moses, Jr., Isaac Strauss, Abe Ryttenberg, Alfred Owen, Soon after starting they were met J. S. Dunbar, Geo. D. Levy, O. D. Harvin, P. S. Finn, I. H. Moses, C. L. Stubbs, J. H. Cunningham, G. R Barringer, J. A. Weinberg, P. F. Patton, J. H. Clark, W. H. Flowers, J. S. Sternberger, V. D. Keels, R. A. Hildebrand, E. W. Ware, Jas. F. Glenn, H. A. Mood, Elisha Carson, A. J. Stubbbs, W. W. Sibert, W. S. Wertz and others.

AFTER THE TRUSTS.

Gets Busy.

Washington, May 9 .- Preparations and continued to run from place to for action by the attorney general's office against the Harvester and Tobacco trusts are being made.

A Poor Organ.

Dam(s) the bile. That's what your liver does if it's torpid. Then the bile overflows into the blood-poisons your system, causing sick-headache bilousness, sallow skin, coated tongue, sick stomach, dizziness, fainting spells, etc. Ramon's treatment of Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets strengthens the liver and makes it do its own work. Prevents and cures these troubles. It aids - doesn't force. Entire treatment. 25 cents at Durant's Drug Store.

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Catarrh and Catarrhal Headaches

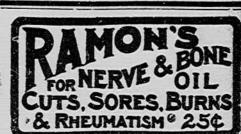
* Are quickly relieved by Nosena. It soothes the congested membranes allays inflammations and thoroighly heals and cleanses. It keeps whose moist all the passages tendency is to thicken become dry. Cures colds, throat troubles, hoarseness, hay fever, "stopped-up" nose, breathing through the mouth while sleeping, offensive breath, etc. It is antiseptic and contains no chemicals or drugs having a narcotic effect, or that can cause the 'drug habit."

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