

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.

ZOAR.

Zoar, S. C., Aug. 22.—Crops are generally good in this section, but are having too much rain at present. Most of the fodder is ready to be pulled, but owing to the incessant rains, the farmers are not making much progress.

Miss Mary Emma Mitchell and little sister, Laura, returned to Savannah, Ga., Monday morning, after several weeks' visit to their grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Jones.

Rev. David Hicks, assisted by Rev. S. D. Bailey, has just closed a very successful meeting at Zoar Church. Twelve united with the church as the result.

Mr. Bossard Britton, who has just returned from the exposition, has gone to the Isle of Palms for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawrence were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jones last Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Wriston is teaching a singing class at Graham's Baptist Church. From all reports they are making rapid progress.

Miss Fannie Pipkins, of McColl, S. C., is the guest of Miss Leslie Jones this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Britton, Jr., and daughter, Lizzie, have just returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives near Monroe, N. C.

Rev. G. S. Sprull preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Graham's Baptist Church, to the regret of the entire congregation.

Messrs. Robert Jones and David Britton, Misses Lizzie and Mary Britton and Miss Gussie Hood went to Stateburg, from this community, to the unveiling of Gen. Sumter's monument.

Zoar, S. C., Aug. 27.—Friday night there was an ice festival at the home of Miss Leslie Jones, given in honor of her guest, Miss Fannie Pipkin, of McColl, S. C. Among those present were: Misses Pipkin, Grace and Susie Brogdon, Sallie, Hattie, Lou, Leslie and Estelle Jones, Sudie Stukes, Pauline and Neta Brunson, Lizzie and Mary Britton, Eva McDonald, Beulah Richardson, Mabel Proctor, Martha Rice, Mrs. T. C. Proctor, Messrs. Turner White, J. D. Lemon, Rolan, Lampley, Brogdon, Lee, Julius Robert and Howard Jones, Jr., Bossard, David, Henry and Lester Britton, Clinton, Allard, Julius, Jake, Ben and William Brogdon, William Lawrence, Allan, Harry and S. S. Davis, A. W. Bradford, Hazel and Pringle Brunson and Darby and Richard White. The evening passed in a very enjoyable manner.

Miss Fannie Pipkins made many friends, who will be delighted to have her visit here again.

Miss Leslie Jones and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, did all they could to make the occasion pleasant for their friends, and they admirably succeeded.

The young folks in this community had a moonlight straw ride Saturday night.

Messrs. James Cunningham and Parrott spent Thursday afternoon with Misses Leslie Jones and Fannie Pipkin.

Mrs. J. J. Davis, who has been very ill at the Sumter Hospital, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. J. J. Britton, Jr., has gone to Charleston to buy fall goods, and visit the Isle of Palms for a few days.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Aug. 24.—Nothing sensational in this corner. Farmers are busy trying to gather their fodder, for which we have had a very good week of weather. We are in a hurry to get through with fodder so as to get ready for cotton, which is opening very fast now these sunshiny days we have been having; but no one has commenced to pick as yet. The cotton crop will be rather short hereabouts, as it cast off so much after those heavy rains we had about two weeks ago. But the corn crop will be better than it bid to be about the first of July.

W. J. Ardis has the finest Spanish peanuts I have seen, also some fine sugar cane and sweet potatoes.

Mrs. W. J. Ardis is still improving, but Mrs. Joe M. Ardis is still suffering with pain at her heart.

Mrs. S. C. Kolb is improving. She was critically ill about ten days ago, but thanks to God and Dr. R. B. Furman she was better at last reports.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod, of near Manning, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Joe M. Ardis, on Thursday, the 15th instant, returning home on the 16th.

J. R. Kolb and wife, of Ramsey, visited at W. J. Ardis last Sunday.

W. J. Ardis dined with Mr. Joe M. Ardis last Sunday.

Old man J. L. Ardis was a little better a day or so ago. He could walk around his bed by holding to the bedstead.

Gus Weeks visited at Mrs. Laura Ardis', near Paxville, last Thursday night.

There was a pinder boiling at W. J. Ardis' last Wednesday night, the 21st, which was enjoyed by Lee, Ben and Mrs. Ben Geddings, of Pinewood, with Gus, Charlie and Corbett Weeks of this place. A pleasant time was passed.

Miss Nealie Ardis visited at W. J. Ardis' last Thursday.

Mr. Willis L. Jackson and sister, Miss Ola, of Soeven, with Miss Spivey, of Columbia, visited at Thomas H. Osteen's, the Sycamores, last Saturday, calling on Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Ardis on their return to Soeven.

Some of the roads hereabouts have been worked and some have not. Why not, this scribe knoweth not. But yet, everybody wants good roads. But few want to work them.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, Aug. 24.—The rains continue, and in some sections of this county it has been excessive and the cotton crop is very much injured. The prospect is far from being as good as it was the first of this month. Late corn and cotton are very promising.

Fodder pulling is the order of the day, but farmers are making slow progress on account of the heavy rains.

Mr. B. A. Williams and family, of Mechanicsville, have been visiting friends and relatives here recently.

Miss Clara Yarborough, of Columbia, who has been visiting Miss Marguerite Scott for the past few weeks, has returned to her home, greatly to the regret of the young folks.

Miss Sadie McCutcheon, of Bishopville, is visiting the family of Mr. M. L. Williams.

Master Nelson Scott has gone on a visit to relatives in Williamsburg.

Mr. J. S. Williams, of Timmons ville, was in our midst a few days since. His aunt, Miss Ledingham, returned with him to his home for a few days stay.

The young folks are having a gay time riding on Lynches' river.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, Aug. 26.—The heavy rains of the past two weeks have had Bethel branch up to the high water mark for some time. We were promised a bridge there last year, by Maj. Seale—the lumber was cut and hauled, though the bridge was never built. Now some of it has been hauled off to build bridges elsewhere, some floated off, and a little there yet. I think if Mr. Seale had occasion to cross there when the water is running over the seat of the buggy he surely would have the bridge built.

Fodder pulling is progressing nicely.

Cotton is opening fast. Those who planted the Early King have commenced to pick.

Mrs. Guest and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Denmark, are spending some time at Rev. Hayn-worth's.

Mrs. L. B. Jenkins and Miss Marie spent a few days in Sumter this past week.

Mrs. R. J. Kolb, of Ridgeway, is visiting relatives and friends at Privateer.

Mrs. I. E. Mims and children, of Elloree, are spending awhile at the former's father's, Mr. E. W. Rivers.

Mrs. W. A. Nettles and Miss Sula, of Sumter, are spending some time at Mr. G. A. Nettles'.

Misses May and Grace Parler, of Elloree, are visiting at Mr. W. G. Wells'.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, of Wedgefield, spent yesterday with relatives.

Mrs. G. A. Nettles, who has been sick, is convalescent.

Mr. Joe Brooks is better, too. We are glad to report there are no others on the sick list.

Miss Cammie Nesbit is visiting in Columbia.

TINDAL.

Tindal, Aug. 26.—The farmers are having fine weather this week to finish up their fodder. Some are commencing to pick cotton.

The protracted meeting at Providence Church closed on Friday night, with two additions to the church.

Mr. R. H. Broadway, who has been spending some time at home, returned to his work at Mr. S. A. Harvin's on Monday.

Mr. H. D. Tindal spent Friday in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cuttino and children have returned from their summer trip.

MAX.

Max, S. C., Aug. 26.—Rev. E. M. Hicks conducted the funeral services of Mrs. John Nett, age 81, at Bethel last Monday. She was a gentle spirited Christian.

Rev. B. K. Truluck spent last week in North Greenville with his family. He will preach at Bethel this week, commencing last night.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Hicks spent

last Tuesday at Mr. J. A. M. Carraway's.

Mr. Chris Tomlinson, of Vox, visited his parents near here last week.

Miss Annie Truluck spent last week in Timmons ville.

Master Marvin Joyner, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting relatives about here.

Mr. Douglas Moore has gone down to see after his uncle, Mr. Charlie Steele's, business, while he is at Glenn Springs.

Several men from Timmons ville joined Mr. Jeke Truluck and others in a fox chase near here one morning last week. Two foxes were caught.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, Aug. 25.—The rains still come. Enough has fallen in this section since the first of March to make four or five crops; consequently, the crops are sopped to death. Big weed in places, but no fruit. Notwithstanding the bad seasons several have good crops. Among this class is Zeke Saxton, an industrious and honest colored man. He settled in the woods some years back; has built a nice house, and is one of our best farmers, highly respected by his white friends, and whose note is worth one hundred cents on the dollar. What is said of him can be said of his son, Simpson, in every respect. He has some corn that is as fine as any in this section.

Hampton Clarkson is also an industrious man, who settled in the woods like the Saxton's and built a nice house. He is a good farmer.

A great deal of cotton has died in places, not by blight, but drowned, I think.

Capt and Mrs. A. P. Vinson left here Thursday for Davidson, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rogers have been on a visit to Columbia, but have returned.

Mr. Gordon Hutchison has returned from a visit to his parents in Virginia.

Mrs. T. M. Bradley and daughter, Miss Alma, have gone to Glenn Springs.

Miss Dessie Hatfield, of Borden, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Capt. C. L. Emanuel was here this week on business.

Mrs. T. D. McLeod and daughter, Miss Adele, have returned from Chick Springs.

Mr. J. D. Evans went to Columbia this week.

MAYESVILLE.

Mayesville, Aug. 27.—The ginners have commenced to get ready for the season, cotton picking has begun, and the merchants are getting in fall goods. Everything points to a good fall business, and within a few days the general rush of business will be on. Good prices are expected for the fleecy staple.

Messrs. Burgess and Fort have installed a gasoline light system in their store and it has improved their place of business very much. The system was put in by Mr. A. B. Carroll, of Wilson, N. C.

The baseball season has closed here as many of the players will engage in their regular fall work within a few days. The team closed the season with a percentage of 700.

Mr. Ernest Holley, of Atlanta, spent the past few days with his sister, Mrs. H. C. Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thomas, of Sumter, and Mr. G. W. Thomas, of Kingsree, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thomas.

Miss Sarah I. Grant has returned from New York, where she has been attending the summer school of Columbia University.

Miss Elma Mayes has returned from a visit to Laurens.

Miss Susie McKinney, of Sumter, spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Leila Burgess has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Burnside, at Lykesland.

Mrs. J. R. Mayes and Mrs. E. W. Mayes have gone to Rural to visit Mrs. Everett Alexander.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, S. C., Aug. 26.—We are having fine weather for the last few days and farmers are having a fine time to save their fodder. Most of us will finish pulling in the next day or so.

Cotton is opening rapidly now. Mr. G. W. Wingate commenced picking today and others will begin this week. In a short time the gins of the community will be busy, and we expect to have a good deal more to do this year than last.

There will be a basket picnic at the school house at Dalzell on Saturday, the 21st, and Mr. B. F. Earle, of Anderson, S. C., State secretary of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, will be present and make an address in behalf of the union, and there are expected to be other short addresses. Wedgefield and Rembert unions are respectfully invited to be present. The ladies and children are also invited to come. Everybody is welcome. Come out and bring your basket and let us spend a pleasant day for pleasure and profit.

We are sorry to report Mr. A. E. Smith, our popular railroad agent, has been confined to his bed for several days with fever. Hope he will soon be out again.

Mrs. S. F. Moore and children returned home on Thursday from a visit

to relatives and friends in North Carolina.

Misses Abbie and Margaret Bryan, of Sumter, also Miss Louise Carson, have been visiting Miss Grace Carson for the last week.

Miss Mattie DeVaux, of Summerville, S. C., is visiting Mrs. W. D. Carson.

Mr. W. C. McCall, of Florence, is visiting Col. and Mrs. W. D. Scarborough.

BASEBALL IN MAYESVILLE.

Interesting Game Between Wedgefield and Mayesville—Score 5 to 2.

Mayesville, Aug. 23.—Mayesville defeated Wedgefield this afternoon by a score of 5 to 2. The pitchers did good work, especially Mayes, for the locals. A costly error allowed the visitors to score.

Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Wedgefield	0	0	0
Mayesville	5	12	3
Batteries—Mayes and Corbett for Mayesville; Thomas and Ryan for Wedgefield.			
Struck out—Mays 8, Thomas 4.			
Bases on balls—Mayes 4, Thomas 1.			
Two-base hits—Rhodes, Moore.			
Umpire—Grant.			
Scorer—Mayes.			
Time—1.30. Called on account of rain at the end of the eighth inning.			

Railroad Meeting at Bishopville.

The railroad meeting called for last Friday evening was well attended by the business men of the town and community. The object was to consider the feasibility of building a road from here to Bethune or some other point on the Seaboard. The matter was discussed earnestly and much enthusiasm shown, which shows that our business men feel the need of a connecting line with the Seaboard.

Messrs. J. M. Reid and J. P. Kilgore were appointed to go over the route carefully as a preliminary to making a survey and so soon as they are ready to make their report a second meeting will be called and the project put in shape for business.—Bishopville Vindicator.

BENNETTSVILLE CHURCH BURNED

Presbyterians Lose Building They Had Just Erected.

Bennettsville, Aug. 24.—The splendid new Presbyterian Church here is in ashes. At 4.30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the southeast corner of the basement. It spread rapidly till the building was consumed.

The church had just been completed. The pews were put in yesterday and the library moved in. The building cost \$20,000 and was the handsomest church edifice in the eastern part of the State. They still owe \$9,200 on the building and had only \$8,000 insurance. Fortunately the new pipe organ and the carpet had not been put in.

RAILROAD ASSESSMENT RAISED.

Figures to be Made Public Shortly—Southern Valued at \$20,000,000; Coast Line at \$14,000,000.

The figures on the assessments for the railroads doing business in South Carolina will be made public in a few days. The assessments were practically decided upon by the State board of railroad assessors some time ago, but there has been much discussion as to the basis of taxation.

It is understood that the Southern railway has been assessed on a basis of \$20,000,000, which is a raise of about \$6,000,000, and the Atlantic Coast Line on a basis of \$14,000,000, a raise of about \$3,000,000. There has been no material change in the assessments of the Seaboard Air Line railway.

On the increased assessment the two roads would pay \$45,000 additional to the State on the 5-mill levy for general purposes and \$27,000 on the constitutional 3-mill tax for schools, not to speak of an average of 4 mills for general purposes in each county through which the roads pass.

FORTUNE FOR A CHILD.

New York Woman Sends \$30,000 to Georgia Baby.

Cordele, Ga., Aug. 26.—In return for kindness shown her Mrs. J. R. McKay, of Cuba, N. Y., has sent a check for \$30,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Powell, of this place, the money to be used for their youngest child, who is only a few weeks old.

Mrs. McKay was returning to her home after spending the winter in Florida, when she missed connection and was obliged to lay over a short while in this city and by accident was thrown in with this family. When she heard of the birth of this child she asked permission to name it, which was granted her. The letter when received bore the name of James Edward Powell and contained the check for \$30,000, drawing 4 per cent, to be paid annually, and when the infant is 21 years of age the entire amount will be paid to him. The father of the child is a hard working carpenter and brick mason.

TELEPHONE LINEMAN KILLED.

Walker Forrest Killed Instantly in Greenville.

Greenville, Aug. 25.—Walker Forrest, a lineman employed by the local management of the Bell Telephone company, while making repairs on some of the burned-out cables on a lofty pole at the southwest corner of Main and Broad streets yesterday, was instantly electrocuted by a circuit which he accidentally effected. He fell limp, being held by the straps used while linemen are at work. He was let down by means of a rope and pulley. When he reached the ground it was clearly seen that life was extinct. After an examination by two physicians he was carried to his father's home on Rutherford street, where his body was prepared for burial.

CLEMSON COLLEGE OFFICERS

Col. R. W. Simpson Has Resigned as President of the Clemson Board of Trustees—Alan Johnstone Successor.

Clemson College, Aug. 23.—The board of trustees held an important meeting there this week, which was adjourned yesterday. All members were present except Senator B. R. Tillman and Hon. Jesse H. Hardin.

The committee which went to Washington to visit the war department made its report, stating that the department had received them with the greatest courtesy, and at once detailed Capt. Josiah C. Minus of the Sixteenth infantry to act as commandant at Clemson, if the board so desired. The board unanimously elected Capt. Minus.

Capt. Minus is a South Carolinian, a graduate of the Citadel and of West Point and has seen several years of service, in which he has distinguished himself. He comes highly recommended as a disciplinarian and as a gentleman of sterling worth and steady habits. Everybody at Clemson is delighted with the appointment of Capt. Minus.

Much to the regret of all the members, Col. W. R. Simpson resigned the presidency of the board. The members of the board plead with him to retain the position he had so ably filled since the founding of the college, but Col. Simpson would not yield. He said that he owed it to his family to give more time and energy to his private affairs than the exacting duties devolving on the president of the board allowed. It was Col. Simpson who was the attorney and intimate friend of Mr. Clemson, who knew the wishes of the benefactor of the college and who wrote the will of Mr. Clemson making the bequest to the State.

Col. Simpson has been passionately devoted to Clemson and her interests for about 15 years; in fact, since the beginning of plans for the college. The welfare of the college has been on his mind and heart day and night, and he has spent many a weary hour working in the interests of the institution towards which he has a fatherly feeling.

Realizing his devotion to the college and his years of abundant labors in her behalf, the trustees felt that he ought not to resign, but Col. Simpson claimed that the others should share the burden of responsibility. It was with genuine sorrow that the board accepted his resignation.

Hon. Alan Johnstone Elected.

Hon. Alan Johnstone of Newberry was unanimously elected president of the board. A better man for the position could hardly be found anywhere. Col. Johnstone was one of the original elective trustees and he was the first man to be elected a life trustee, taking the place of Col. D. K. Norris about three years ago. In addition to his long experience on the Clemson board, Mr. Johnstone has had experience in school matters in his home town where he served for years on the board of trustees. He is a man of affairs and is noted for his frankness and his justice.

Dr. Klein Resigns.

Dr. Louis A. Klein has resigned to accept a position in his native State, Pennsylvania, and in connection with his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania. While he gets a much better salary in his new position, he goes chiefly because the work is more congenial and more extensive. The trustees were loathe to give him up and for a time succeeded in getting him to wait about resigning, but the longing for home won, and Clemson loses one of her best loved professors. Dr. Klein is a finely equipped veterinarian and has already made a fine reputation, which is better known elsewhere, perhaps, than in South Carolina.

Prof. H. D. House of the chair of botany resigned some time ago. He had been here only a short time. He will go to a position in Syracuse university or in the Bronx park in New York, his native State.

Prof. John Michels, professor of animal husbandry, has gone to a similar position in the A. & M. of North Carolina. He is one of the best posted dairymen in the country and his going is a distinct loss to Clemson.

All these positions, for which there are many applicants, will be filled by committees of the board in ten days.

ELECTRIC LINE TO SUMTER?

Reported That One Will be Constructed From Columbia to the Game Cock City.

Hopkins, Aug. 26.—The State's correspondent was informed the other day by good authority that an electric railway would soon be built from Columbia to Sumter. It was also stated that the line would run through Lykesland. If this be the case, a determined effort will be made by the business citizens of Hopkins to have the road run on from Lykesland by Hopkins. Lykesland and Hopkins are only two miles apart and it is thought that the promoters of this road would make an excellent move to run this road through this rapidly growing little town.—The State.

DOCTOR HARRIS AGAIN.

Negro Arrested for the Illegal Practice of Medicines.

"Doctor" W. H. Harris, the negro who has been deceiving ignorant negroes around Sumter for a year or more and has been arrested more than once for practicing medicine without a license, was again arrested today for practicing medicine illegally and will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow. He is also charged with vagrancy, and both charges will be pressed against him. Harris is what might be classed as an undesirable citizen, and several of his unfortunate dupes upon whom he has practiced his arts as a medicine man are suspected of having met death more than half way, thanks to Harris' efforts to hurry them post-haste into eternity.

Master's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Marion Moise against Shias White, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in the county and State aforesaid, on sale day in September, 1907, being the second day of said month, at the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that tract of land in Sumter county, in said State, containing five acres, more or less, bounded on the north by land of Sarah Wilson, east by DesChamps' Mill, south by land now or formerly of January Durant, and west by land of Conyers White."

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

H. FRANK WILSON, Master.

Aug. 6, 1907—4t.

Master's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Rebecca H. Moise against Henry Rayford and A. A. Strauss, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in the county and State aforesaid on sale day in September, 1907, being the second day of said month, at the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

"All of that lot of land in the county of Sumter, in said State, being lot No. 6 on Block C on a map of villa sites made by H. D. Moise, surveyor, on October 30th, 1903, said lot measuring one hundred and fifty feet on its northern and southern lines, and fifty feet on its eastern and western lines, and being bounded as follows: On the north by lot No. 4 on