

**COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.**

**NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.**

**Opinion 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.

**TINDAL.**

Tindal, S. C., Sept. 4.—We are glad to see that our people are getting aroused upon the subject of education and better schools. Several mass meetings of our citizens have been held recently, looking to the establishment of a graded school in our district. The result has been that our board of trustees are making preparations to build two graded schools in the township. That the patrons are willing to consolidate the schools and send their children further from home in order to get better school privileges is indeed commendable and shows that they appreciate what is being done for them and are willing to assist in the establishment of better schools.

The cotton in this section is opening very rapidly and the farmers are making every effort to gather and market it as early as they can, there being no disposition to hold at present prices.

Misses Blanche Townsend and Bertha Bailey, two charming young ladies of Wadmalaw Island, are visiting at Mrs. Drane Tindal's. Miss Bailey is a sister of Mrs. Tindal.

We were pleased to see Messrs. Boscard Britton and Julius Brogdon, of the Zoar section, and Messrs. W. H. Burgess and J. F. Glenn, of Sumter, in our little village Sunday afternoon. We enjoy your visits, boys, come again.

**EDWARDS.**

Edwards, Sept. 2.—We are having some very hot weather at present. There has not been any rain of any consequence in about ten days. The farmers have about finished with their fodder and have begun to pick cotton. We think the cotton crop will be somewhat short in this community.

Messrs. Harry McLeod, James Jenkins and Marion Reames visited here last week.

Misses Eva and Loucile Eritton are visiting their sisters in Camden.

Misses Etta Marshall and Lottie Goff, of Bishopville, visited in this section last week.

Miss Valrie Blackwell, of Darlington, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Baker, at this place.

Mr. J. W. Weldon and daughter, Miss Irene, spent Friday in Camden.

Mr. C. T. Robertson, of Smithville, and wife spent one day of last week in this beat.

Mr. J. C. McLeod has returned from the Jamestown Exposition. He reports a very pleasant time.

Mr. W. M. McCaskill is building a new gin house. Also, Mr. C. L. Britton is preparing to build one.

Mrs. Johnnie McCaskill is still critically ill.

Mrs. T. M. Grier and daughter, who have been sick so long, are improving slowly.

Mr. T. M. Grier has gone to Bishopville today.

Mr. J. R. McLeod spent Saturday in Camden.

Mr. Hugh Evans, Jr., of Rembert, spent yesterday evening in this vicinity.

Messrs. Marvin Weldon and Olin Mannerlyn attended a game of ball at Oawego on last Saturday.

**DARK CORNER.**

Dark Corner, Sept. 3.—Hot and dry it is in this corner at this time. Cotton is opening fast, and we are trying to pick it out fast as we can. We are needing rain on our gardens, peas, rice, potatoes and cane, as we have not had any rain to amount to anything in about three weeks. Farmers are about through gathering fodder on all their corn, except stubble land corn. Mr. Henry Pritchard has the best piece of stubble land corn I have seen this season.

I have no sick to report. Mr. J. L. Ardis was able to walk from his bed into the dining room last Sunday, for the first time since the Fourth of July last.

Miss Eunice E. Osteen has been elected teacher of the Gligal or Reid school. I congratulate Eunice on her appointment.

Mr. J. R. Avin and Mr. J. W. Osteen were at Mr. Joe M. Ardis' on Sunday before last. Who blames them? I do not. Mr. A. has had four wives and Mr. O. none; so I say, yes, go where pretty girls are to be seen.

Gus Weeks and little brother, Corbett, visited at Jim Kolbs, near Ramsey, last Sunday.

Richard Geddings and Lee Shular, of Pinewood, were up to the Green-land Savannah Sunday school last Sunday morning.

Mr. Wm. S. Ardis, who lived here a few years ago, but now of Georgetown, Ga., visited relatives and friends here and at Pinewood last week, re-

turning to Georgia on the 29th ultimo. He (Mr. Ardis) is speaking of selling out in Georgia and moving back here.

Mr. Lon Rollins, of Lancaster county, visited relatives at Pinewood last Friday and Saturday. His wife was the youngest daughter of the late J. D. Weeks.

I was in your city for a short time last Saturday, but it was so hot I did not see but little of your city. Had the pleasure of dining with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hancock. May their shadows never grow less.

**MAX.**

Max, S. C., Sept. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Myers Moore, of Frierson, La., Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Mr. Roy and Masters Warren and Garris Moore, of Wilmington, N. C., are visiting relatives in Beulah and around here.

Mr. Elliott McElveen, of Mayesville, passed through here last week.

Mrs. S. M. Truluck spent last week with relatives in Florence.

Misses Eva and Annie Lou Moore have returned from Wilmington, where they have been visiting for several weeks.

Mr. J. P. Truluck, Sr., had a light stroke of paralysis last week.

Mrs. S. M. Truluck, Misses Vivian Brockinton, Bessie Hicks and Pearl Truluck attended an annual missionary meeting at Scranton Saturday.

**SALEM.**

Salem, Sept. 9.—The baseball season is over, and the pan out seems to have been poor this season. If those who had to pull the clubs out of the hole, stand by them another season with prospects of some luck, they could not be considered good business men. But with ball playing it seems the right thing to do. Much valuable time has been lost, money spent, bones broken, faces put on a few, and so on.

One aspirant here for professional honors in the person of Abraham Fortune, colored, while playing ball about a week ago, broke his leg between the knee and hip. It is claimed that the accident was not the result of a collision, but the bone broke from his weight, 145 pounds, while base running at a high rate of speed.

Jack fish jumping has been indulged in lately by some young fishermen who came out a few nights ago with about 50 to their credit.

For the past month the waters of Black river which are as black as indigo and no doubt cause or suggested the name for the streams, have been muddy, and does not clear up. The oldest inhabitants claim they never saw the water remain muddy so long after washing rains, as those that fell during the month of August.

Maj. W. L. Lee has been exploring parts of Black river where man has not been recently, and where he says he does not care to go again after following his needle through this time, until he can ride across on the iron horse that he is piloting the way for now.

Mr. Hudson Warren wears a mangled arm caused by a collision with a mower blade that he encountered in the dark a few nights ago.

Mr. G. W. McDride came down from North Carolina on Saturday night to spend Sunday and Monday at home. Then on Monday night he will leave again and it will be two long weeks before his smiling face will be seen again.

**STATEBURG.**

Stateburg, Sept. 10.—Miss Emma M. Frierson is at home after a short visit to Mrs. F. H. McLeod in Florence.

Messrs. Ransom and Richard Richardson, of Sumter, spent Sunday in our midst.

Miss Julia A. Holmes, of Macon, Ga., is at home for a few weeks.

Mr. Matt Moore returns today from St. Charles, where he has been visiting friends.

Misses Julia and Anna Burgess spent Monday in Sumter.

Mr. Frank Harris, of Macon, Ga., spent a few days last week with the family of Mr. E. F. Holmes.

Miss Bettie Frierson will return to Pelzer on Saturday to resume her duties as teacher in the Kindergarten.

Mr. Henry Moore is visiting friends at Boykins.

Miss Emma Barnwell returned last week from Highlands, N. C., where she had been for the past six weeks.

**WEDGEFIELD.**

Wedgefield, Sept. 11.—The continued dry and hot spell is causing cotton to deteriorate rapidly, and it is opening very fast, and little is being held for better prices, as long as it brings 12 1-2 and 13 cents.

The only public gin here, operated by Mr. F. E. Thomas, commenced on last Saturday and is being kept busy.

The Wedgefield school will open on next Monday with Mr. H. W. Scott of Wyzack as principal and Miss Ruth Harrington of Cheraw as assistant.

Mrs. J. H. Aycock, Miss Bettie Aycock and Mr. E. E. Aycock are at Jameson taking in the exposition.

Mr. Sam Barfield, of Privateer, will run the Triveton gin of Messrs. J. H. Aycock & Sons.

Mrs. A. E. Aycock, Miss Bessie and Master Albert Aycock are spending some time at Rutherfordton, N. C.

Messrs. Gerald Ryan and Collin McLaurin will leave this morning for Clemson College.

Mrs. T. S. Barnes has returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in Bishopville.

Mr. T. D. Brohun left for his home at Asheville, N. C., this morning.

**PRIVATEER SCHOOL MATTERS.**

A Statement of Facts Relative to the Consolidation of the Schools in That Township.

Privateer, S. C., Sept. 9, 1907. Editor Watchman and Southron, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: In your letter from Privateer last week, we notice the following in reference to the school meetings which have been held lately:

"Tuesday afternoon a self-appointed committee recommended to the school trustees that they establish two graded schools in Western Privateer. But it is hoped that the trustees realize that the committee had no authority and were not representing the sentiments of the majority of the people concerned."

As I was the secretary of the three mass meetings held, I deem it my duty to correct this statement and give the facts in the case.

At the first mass meeting, in which every school in the township was represented the matter of consolidation was freely discussed and a motion unanimously passed to submit the question of consolidation to the patrons of each school at a meeting at their respective school houses, and for them to decide if they wished to consolidate or continue as heretofore.

All of the schools held their meetings and at the second mass meeting of all the schools in the district a report was made from each school as to its decision.

At this meeting the chairman appointed a committee of two from each of the schools which voted to consolidate to meet the following Tuesday afternoon and decide upon a suitable location. This committee decided for the Bethel and Ingram schools to go together and the Mellett and Red Oak schools to also unite. The matter was left to the trustees as to locations. Respectfully,  
R. B. Cain.

**FARMERS DIFFER.**

Questions Hudson's Farming Methods.

To the Editor of the State:

I feel it my duty to protect my community against such absurd statements as Mr. Hudson sent you recently and was published in the State. I have had years of experience in farming and I have never been able to prove conclusively that stunting cotton does any good. We want Mr. Hudson to state publicly how many pounds of lint cotton did he put to a bale.

He uses from 40 to 50 bushels of cotton seed to the acre, and then does not make as much to the plow as some of our two-horse farmer renters. His experience as an overseer for the last 16 years has been very flimsical and some of his ideas have been too foolish to mention.

Now, Mr. Editor, will you please publish this? I felt it my duty to reply.

J. W. Cassidy.

Camden, S. C., Sept. 9, 1907.

**Bishopville News Notes.**

The contractor has hands cleaning off the court house lot getting ready to break dirt.

We need badly a long distance telephone here. Can't the business men and Dr. McLure combine their efforts and secure a connection?

Mr. W. M. Reid has commenced the survey of the proposed railroad line from here to Tiller's Ferry and from there he will survey two routes, one to Bethune and the other to McBee.

Last week we reported only one bale of new cotton. This week it is rolling in from 40 to 50 bales a day. The farmers are on the right track to run the market down. Just glut the market and you will soon see where the prices will go. The market is steady at 12 3-4.—Bishopville Vindicator.

**Mr. Jennings Recovering.**

Orangeburg, Sept. 9.—The latest reports from the home of Mr. R. H. Jennings state that he is getting along as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances. His physicians say that he will probably be able to come out and attend to his usual duties very soon. It will be remembered that Mr. Jennings lost his left hand and a portion of that arm below the elbow in a gin accident several days ago.

The police department of Union has commenced a crusade against blind tigers and gambling.

John Hillis, a young negro of Marlboro county, was burned to death on a saw dust pile that was on fire.

**DISPENSARY AFFAIRS.**

Mr. R. M. Ives, the new dispenser at Mayesville took charge Saturday and opened the dispensary at that place. It had been noised abroad that the dispensary would be re-opened this morning and there was a congregation of thirst-tortured individuals ready and waiting when the door was opened. Dispenser Ives got busy at once and handed over the booze with both hands for the first half hour.

Two members of the dispensary board of Williamsburg County spent a day in the city last week inspecting the county bottling works and investigating the methods of management followed by the Sumter County dispensary board. They were induced to come to Sumter for information by the statement made in his official report by Auditor West, that the average net profit on the dispensary business was greater in Sumter county than in any other dispensary county, notwithstanding the fact that the gross sales in several other counties were much greater than in this county. The Williamsburg visitors were given every facility in making a thorough investigation and all possible information was placed at their disposal by the county board. They were well pleased with what they saw and learned, and it is possible that they will establish a bottling plant in Williamsburg.

The local dispensary is doing a rushing business and the average daily sales show the effect of the opening of the cotton season—the cotton picking season especially.

It is a noticeable fact that the larger part of the liquor handled by the dispensary is sold to negroes, while the patrons of the beer dispensary are largely white.

The county board will place orders for the ensuing quarter's supply on the 20th instant. Few samples are sent by liquor houses now.

**THE COTTON MARKET.**

Advance Due to Steady Cables and Cooler Weather—But Market Broke Later.

New York, Sept. 10.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled again today, and after moderate early advance sold off sharply in the late trading, with the exception of September, which closed 28 points net higher, while the other months were 11 to 13 points net lower. Sales for the day were estimated at 350,000 bales. The closing tone was steady.

The market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points, and during the middle of the morning worked up to a net gain of 6 to 8 points on the active months and of 33 points on September, which felt the effect of support from parties who stopped notices earlier in the day and absence of fresh business. The advance was due to fairly steady cables, reports of low temperatures in the western belt, buying by yesterday's sellers and support from the bulls in the nearby months. But offerings increased in the afternoon and the market broke under a renewal of liquidation and bear pressure promoted by a more favorable weekly bureau report than expected, the forecast for warmer weather in the western belt, rumors of an easier spot situation, the weakness of Wall street and uncertainty regarding the action of the revision committee which meets tomorrow. The close was about 3 to 5 points up from the lowest on covering.

Receipts at the ports today 17,616 bales against 5,769 last week and 28,737 last year. For the week 100,000 against 44,573 last week and 139,161 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 615 against 3,113 last year, and at Houston 9,506 against 16,738 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 20 points lower; middling uplands 13.05; middling gulf 13.30; sales 100. Futures opened and closed steady.

**RUSSIANS FORM NEW LEAGUE TO KILL JEWS.**

League Charges Jews With Attacks on Czar and Other Russian Officials and Accuse Them of Causing All of Russia's Troubles—Many Jews Killed in Odessa Already.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—Vengeance on the Jews for attempts on the lives of Czar Nicholas, Premier Stolypin and other high dignitaries is the object of a new anti-Semitic organization which is just making its appearance here. Prominent Hebrews believe the formation of the league presages a general massacre of their people. The league asserts that the Jews are responsible for all of their country's misfortunes and declare that its purpose is to save the empire from the Jews' conspiracies. It is estimated that a hundred Jews have been killed in Odessa within the past week, and the police are preventing them from leaving the city. Placards have been posted in Kisheneff and other towns calling on the populace to attack the Jews.

The city council of Anderson is spending \$97,000 on street improvements.

**Weekly Weather Bulletin.**

For the week ending 8 a. m., Sept. 9, 1907:

The weather was unusually warm during the week, the mean temperature having been from three to four degrees above the normal. The daily maximum temperatures were in the nineties, and the daily minimum temperatures were in the seventies in the southern portion of the State; in the central, northern and western portions they were from 4 to 10 degrees lower. The temperature extremes were 99 at Saluda on the 3d, and 57 at Greenville on the 6th.

There were generally light showers on two days in practically all portions of the State, though a few places received no rain. The rainfall was unevenly distributed. Widely separated places received amounts in excess of the normal, but the average precipitation for the State was below the normal.

The sunshine was slightly above the normal.

**CATARRH IS CURABLE.**

Successful Experiments in Abating and Curing This Disease.

Catarrh is an entirely unnecessary disease and should not be tolerated for a single day now that Hyomei is so generally known and has made so many cures in Sumter and other towns.

Until comparatively recent times catarrh was thought to be a blood disease and stomach dosing the only treatment. Modern science finally disproved this idea of the cause of catarrh, and found that it was a germ disease and, after many experiments, the remedy was decided to be Hyomei.

Hyomei medicates the air you breathe; it kills the catarrrhal germs; it heals the smarting and raw membranes of the passages in the nose and throat; it cures all catarrrhal troubles.

As there is life and health in the air in the mountain-tops where the pine forests give off their fragrant and healing balsams, so there is life and health in breathing Hyomei. There is no need of suffering from catarrh if the simple and natural treatment of Hyomei is used.

So sure is this prescription to cure even the worst cases of catarrh, that J. F. W. DeLorme sells it under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not do all that is claimed for it.

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A. W. Bessinger, aged 75 years, was rescued from a burning house in Bamberg county by an old negro who broke into the burning building and lifted the aged man out of the window. Mr. Bessinger's back and head were severely burned.

**COTTON CROP BULLETIN.**

Falling Off Attributed to Lateness of Crop—The Production by States.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The census bureau today issued its first bulletin on the cotton report for the season as shown by returns from the ginneries, showing a total of 191,416 bales up to Sept. 1, as compared with 407,551 bales up to the same period last year. In this statement round bales are counted as half bales. The great falling off is attributed to the lateness of the crop.

The report shows that there were only 4,067 ginneries in operation Sept. 1, this year, as compared with 6,628 in 1906. The product by States for the present year follows:

Alabama 7,345; Arkansas 85; Florida 54; Georgia 1,207; Indian Territory 3; Louisiana 112; Mississippi 1,128; North Carolina 43; Oklahoma 5; South Carolina 3,040; Texas 145,101. Last year Texas had ginned 328,586 bales before Sept. 1.

The bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture finds from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau that the average condition of cotton on Aug. 25 was 72.7, as compared with 75.0 on July 25, 1907; 77.3 on Aug. 25, 1906; 72.1 on Aug. 25, 1905, and a 10-year average of 74.55. The following table shows the condition on Aug. 25 of this year and of the preceding year, with the respective 10-year averages:

States.	Aug. 25, 1907.	Aug. 25, 10-yr. Ave.
Virginia	77	71
North Carolina	78	71
South Carolina	83	71
Georgia	81	72
Florida	80	70
Alabama	73	76
Mississippi	72	82
Louisiana	69	76
Texas	67	78
Arkansas	65	84
Tennessee	78	88
Missouri	75	94
Oklahoma	72	88
Ind. Territory	70	80
United States	72.7	77.3

**Wife of Naval Officer Murdered in Her Home at Norfolk.**

Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mary L. Rorschach, aged thirty-six, the wife of Lieut. Rorschach of the United States navy, who is now on the Tennessee, was shot and killed in her home here today by an unknown burglar.

Corporal G. E. Hardy of the State penitentiary guard, was assaulted by Jailer W. C. Dowie of the Richland county jail. Hardy was badly beaten in the face.

The police department of Columbia is being investigated by the police commissioners. It is rumored that a big shake-up will take place.

**SPECIAL**

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