

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

SWIFT LETTERS FROM OUR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

LETTERS 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.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, S. C., Sept. 14.—There was a sudden and unexpected death in this town last evening. Cicero McCleod, one of the most peaceable, industrious and inoffensive colored people in this community, just now convalescing from a spell of typhoid fever, came in town to make some purchases at the Griffin-McLeod B. & M. Co.'s store, and just as the clerk went to the till to get him the necessary change, without any warning, reeled and fell to the floor and was dead in less than three minutes. Dr. Bardin pronounced the trouble heart failure.

The tumble in the price of cotton, here, as elsewhere, produced a little nervousness among the farmers, especially.

Col. J. A. Rhame, who had such a sudden and violent attack of acute indigestion, has gone abroad with a hope of recuperation, and we trust he will be benefited by the change.

Our young friend, W. Ernest McSpoth, left a few days ago for Lynchburg, Va., where he will engage in business with a promising outlook.

BARK CORNER.

Bark Corner, Sept. 12.—Farmers have had a set back for the last few days on account of rain. We had a rain here last Wednesday morning, and it has rained every day since, and this evening we had a heavy rain. Since the wet spell will not last long, some of us have come hay cut and some to cut. Also, there is a good deal of cotton open in the fields, though we have been trying to keep up with our cotton.

I have no sick to report. Mr. Ardis seems to be still improving.

Miss Mary Lee Ardis is on a visit to her uncle, John McLeod, near Manning.

Miss Nellie Ardis visited at W. J. Ardis last Wednesday.

Miss Eunice Osteen is on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Robt. N. Owen, in Orangeburg.

Miss J. E. Mcintosh, Sr., of Pinewood, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ardis.

Mr. W. R. Lacey and Miss Sarah Snowley were married last Sunday in Southwest Manchester, at the home of Mr. Wooten, brother-in-law of the bride. Rev. N. J. Brown officiating.

Mr. Cam Broughton, formerly of Pinewood, S. C., was killed in Arizona a few weeks ago by falling off of a scaffold at the pumping station of the government irrigation works. The deceased was a cousin of Mr. W. C. Broughton, of this city, a brother of James G. B. Nab, Will, Charlie and Edna Broughton, of Pinewood, also a nephew of Mrs. J. E. Jervey of your city.

Mr. T. H. Osteen and Mr. L. E. McLeod have had to kill their dogs recently, as they were showing signs of being mad.

DURANT.

Durant, S. C., Sept. 13.—The "good old summer time" is over and our boys and girls are leaving us for college. Miss Vera DuRant enters Chicago. Mr. Eugene DuRant, Clemson; Miss Carrie Reeves, Winthrop; and Mr. Henry Reeves, Davidson.

Dr. Muldrow Montgomery is here on his way from New York, where he has been taking a special course in medicine.

Mr. Perry and Miss Carrie DuRant were married Wednesday week at the home of the bride's parents. Only relatives and a few friends of the contracting parties were present.

Miss Daisy Witherspoon leaves Saturday for Pinewood, where she has accepted a school.

Mrs. Smith, of Columbia, came down to be present at the Perry-Durant marriage.

Rev. Charles Montgomery and family returned last week to Hazelhurst, Ga., after a pleasant month's stay with relatives here.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, Sept. 16.—Miss Marie Jenkins spent a few days in Sumter last week.

Misses Inez and Corinne Wells are visiting relatives in Wedgefield.

Miss Sudie Furman, of Sumter, spends a few days this past week at Dr. R. B. Furman's.

Misses Dinkins and Eden and Messrs. James and Andrews, of Sumter, spent Sunday at Mrs. L. B. Jenkins.

Miss Roberts, of Georgia, is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. L. B. Jenkins.

Misses Bailey and Townsend, of Charleston, are visiting Mrs. Dave Tindal.

There was a very enjoyable dance given at Mr. and Mrs. H. Drane Tindal's home last Thursday night. Every

one had a most delectable time and found Mrs. Tindal a most charming hostess.

There is to be a fish fry at Cain's Savannah mill next Wednesday evening, in honor of Misses Roberts, Bailey and Townsend, three charming young ladies visiting in our midst.

The ladies of Bethel Church will serve ice cream next Friday evening in the grove near the church, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the church. Everybody come.

REMBERTS.

Rembert, S. C., Sept. 16.—The Rembert high school was opened here this morning with a very good attendance of pupils. Mr. C. S. Crowther, of Abbeville county, S. C., is principal, and Miss Annie Keels, of this place, is assistant. Mr. Crowther comes to us very highly recommended as a teacher of experience, and very high moral character, while our assistant, Miss Annie Keels, who is well known and very popular, comes to us also with fine recommendations. For the past three years she has taught very successfully at the High school at Lynchburg, S. C. The prospect for a successful school term here is brighter and more encouraging than ever before. For the present the school has opened in the old school building until the handsome new school house is completed, and later on your correspondent will write a full account of the new school building, also the deep interest being taken in educational lines in Rafting Creek township.

Quite a building boom is on at Rembert. First I will say Mr. E. E. Rembert is breaking ground to rebuild, and will before the year closes complete a very handsome residence. Next, Mr. D. V. Keels, who had the misfortune of losing his barn and stables by fire one year ago, has rebuilt, and must congratulate him on putting up such nice ones, as they add so much to the appearance of their beautiful place. Mr. J. M. Reames is also improving his house by adding two rooms, besides having just completed a very pretty barn. If cotton keeps up around 13 cents I expect to see other improvements before the year closes.

Our community is glad to see Mr. S. Lee Young with O'Donnell & Co., and from what I hear the neighbors say, he is taking a good trade to them—formerly this trade went to Camden.

Our cotton up here has deteriorated very much within the past few weeks, and rust is very prevalent. Other crops, such as corn and peavine hay, are doing nicely.

MAX.

Max, S. C., Sept. 17.—Mr. George Truluck returned from Georgia last week where he has been engaged in business for several months. He will leave for Clemson tomorrow. A number of other young people will leave for different schools and colleges this week.

The young people enjoyed a social party at Mr. A. J. Goodman's, also one at Mr. W. G. Moore's this week. Apples, candy and boiled peanuts were the refreshments.

The picnic at Mr. J. L. Moore's last Friday evening was enjoyed by the young people of this community. Cake and lemonade were served.

Rain still continues.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, Sept. 16.—Miss Nina Mellette, of Marsville, S. C., is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Fream Mellette.

Mr. Guy Nelsoh spent Sunday at home.

Misses Sadie Flud and Irene Moore are visiting friends in Camden.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell spent yesterday and today in Columbia.

Miss Alice Murray, of Fort Motte, is visiting her cousin, Miss Lottie Nelson.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday at home.

Miss Frances P. Moore went to Charleston on Saturday to attend the Memorial school.

Miss Sarah Moore and Masters Hall Ramsey and Harrison Saunders left today to attend the Sumter Graded School.

Among those from Stateburg who went over to attend the consecration services Sunday were: Mrs. W. R. Flud, Mrs. Screven Moore, Misses Helen, Bettie and Julianne Frierson, Miss Georgie Dargan, Mrs. Gus Flud and Mr. Preston Brooks.

Mr. J. H. Winburn, of Sumter, spent Friday in our midst.

Miss Amelia Holmes, of Marion, is at home for a week.

Mrs. W. J. Norris is visiting at Spring Hill.

Mr. W. M. Boykin spent Sunday with relatives in Lee county.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, S. C., Sept. 17.—Everything is quiet in this neck, so far as I know, and everybody is busy who will work. Cotton is opening rapidly, and is being picked and ginned as fast as possible. The crop is going to be short. We see a lot of cotton that is not nearly as good as it was last year.

The cotton seed market has opened up right briskly this week. About 95 cents is being paid at Dalzell per 100 pounds, which will give culls some

spending money, or at least all who have not already drawn the money on them and spent it. Some of the buyers have advanced considerable money on seed. Well, they may get it, but it is so much nicer to pay for them when you get them. We can sleep so much sounder at night when we have not got so much out.

The health of the community is good. There are a few cases of fever among the colored folks.

Rev. S. D. Bailey is holding a protracted meeting at St. James M. E. Church this week. Rev. Dr. Daniel is expected to fill the pulpit there tomorrow, Wednesday.

School opened at Dalzell on the 16th, with Miss Edith Barnett, teacher. We are glad to have her back again.

Miss Alice DeVaux is spending some time at Mrs. W. D. Carson's.

Mr. W. D. Carson is having the lumber sawed to build a residence in Sumter.

HELP FOR TELEGRAPHERS.

President Gompers of American Federation Calls for Funds for Strikers.

Washington, Sept. 17.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, today issued an appeal to organized labor for funds to assist the striking telegraphers.

OIL TRUSTS' BOND.

Judge Grosscup Fixes Bond in Appeal at \$4,000,000.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Judge Grosscup today fixed the bonds for the appearance of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana in the appeal from Judge Landis' decision at \$4,000,000. He also fixed the bond in the plea for a writ of supercedas at \$2,000,000. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was accepted as surety in both cases.

ROGERS GETS SICK.

Main Spring of Standard Oil System Says He is Too Ill to Testify.

Fairhaven, Mass., Sept. 17.—It was announced here today that H. H. Rogers could not obey the summons served on him to testify in New York in the special proceedings being held there to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, owing to ill health. The townspeople who have met Mr. Rogers, state that his condition has not been exaggerated, but that he presents every appearance of a sick man.

RECORD PRICE FOR WHISKEY.

Advance of Two Cents at Cincinnati Over the Quotation of Saturday.

Cincinnati, Sept. 16.—The record price for whiskey was reached here today, when it rose 2 cents over the Saturday quotation, reaching \$1.34, the highest known price.

NOT RESIGNING KIND.

Attorney General Bonaparte Says He Has No Idea of Giving Up His Job.

Boston, Sept. 16.—Before leaving for Chicago today Attorney General Bonaparte said: "My resignation is not in the hands of the president and there is no likelihood of its being offered."

COTTON SPINNERS COMING.

Leaders of Cotton Trade of Europe Will Confer With Growers.

Washington, Sept. 17.—One of the largest delegations of European cotton spinners that ever visited America will sail for New York from Liverpool next Saturday to attend the international conference of cotton growers, spinners and manufacturers in Atlanta, on October 7th. During their stay in American they will visit seventeen States.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

Darlington County Boy Goes to Watery Grave.

Darlington, Sept. 16.—Frank Gainey, a white boy about 15 years old, was drowned in Jeffrey's Creek yesterday afternoon.

It seems that Gainey and three or four companions were bathing in the creek where a public road crosses it, and seeing some ladies approaching, young Gainey sought concealment under the bridge while his companions ran into the woods nearby.

When they returned Gainey was struggling in the water under the bridge. They made an effort to rescue him, but being excited failed and ran off for help. When they returned and recovered his body life was extinct. Gainey's position and the circumstances were such as to lead his friends to think he suffered an epileptic fit, and lost control of himself. He was subject to fits several years ago, but had not been troubled with them much of late.

ADMIRAL WALKER'S FUNERAL.

Body Will Be Cremated and Ashes Interred in National Cemetery.

Boston, Sept. 17.—The body of Rear Admiral Walker, who died yesterday, was brought here today by his family. It is understood his remains will be cremated and then sent to Washington for burial. There will be a private funeral here.

PRIVATEER SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

A Rejoinder to Mr. Cain's Article—More About the Mass Meetings and School Consolidation.

Privateer, Sept. 17.—In reply to Mr. Cain's letter to the Item, in which he said as "I was secretary of three mass meetings held," I deem it my duty to correct this statement and give the facts in the case. Referring to what this correspondent said about a self-appointed committee, etc., Mr. Cain may have been secretary of three mass meetings, held somewhere, but not in Privateer, this year, as there has been only one mass meeting and two committee meetings held. Mr. Cain says: "All of the schools held their meetings." Now all of the schools did not hold meetings, the Red Oak did not have a meeting and at the second meeting which he calls a mass meeting, was only a meeting of one or two from the schools which had held meetings at their school houses and they only met to report whether their school wanted to consolidate or not. They had no authority from their schools to appoint a committee or represent their schools further than to make a report whether or not their school would consolidate or remain as it has been heretofore. Now as to the Tuesday afternoon meeting, I was at that meeting and heard one of the committee say that "he could not vote for he was not appointed nor authorized by the school." "But as a matter of fact, he had as much authority as any of the committee," for none of them were appointed by their schools, therefore had no right to decide or recommend anything to the trustees, and then claim it as representing the desires of the majority of the people concerned. Now if the trustees build school houses as this self-appointed committee advised them to do, it will be contrary to the wishes of the majority of the taxpayers of Privateer, as expressed in the only mass meeting held in Privateer, and the schools will be only for the benefit of a few, contrary to the express wishes of a majority of the taxpayers of Privateer.

INVESTIGATION BY CORONER.

Negro Boy Died Near Bossard Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Coroner Flowers was called to the Bossard neighborhood Monday to investigate the death of Henry Miller, a negro boy who died Sunday under what some of his relatives considered suspicious circumstances. He was an orphan, and about two weeks ago he was severely whipped by his employer, in consequence of which he left him and went to live with some of his relatives. He did not appear to be injured and while he had the marks of the whip on his body, he was in no wise incapacitated from work. For several days prior to his death he had been complaining and did not care for food, and on Sunday he died. His relatives with whom he had been staying for two weeks thought his death may have been the result of the whipping, asked for an inquest, but Coroner Flowers after making an investigation, and having the body examined by Dr. C. P. Osteen, decided that inquest was unnecessary as the statements of those whom he questioned confirmed the opinion of Dr. Osteen that the boy's death was due to natural causes and not to the whipping.

A MODEL PLANT.

"Brick," a Chicago Trade Journal, Has Complimentary Article on Sumter Brick Works.

"Brick," a trade magazine published in Chicago and generally regarded as the standard journal of the brick interests, publishes in its September issue a two page illustrated article descriptive of the Sumter Brick Works, the article being written by a representative of "Brick." The Sumter Brick works is equipped with the latest improved machinery in all departments—steam shovel for digging clay, cable cars for transporting it from the shovel to the grinding hose, automatic conveyances, steam dry kilns, permanent kilns and all other necessary apparatus for the convenient and economical manufacture of brick. The plant while by no means one of the largest in the South is a model plant of equipment and for this reason was selected by "Brick" for a write up. The works have an output of 40,000 brick a day, and as the plant is in operation winter and summer large orders can be filled at all seasons.

DROWNED NEAR FLORENCE.

Bridegroom of a Few Months Loses His Life While Bathing.

Florence, Sept. 16.—Frank Fisher, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen of this city, was drowned yesterday afternoon at Muldrow's mill pond by a boat capsizing with him and young Solomon Cohen. Mr. Fisher was only 19 years old and had been married for only a short time. His remains were taken to Baltimore, his old home, today, accompanied by Mr. M. Cohen and Mrs. Fisher. The untimely death of the young man is deeply lamented by those who knew him.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL LAW.

Letter Sent Out by Superintendent Martin to Committees Explaining the Law.

Columbia, Sept. 16.—In view of the opening of the school year and the active work to be done for education during the winter, State Supt. O. B. Martin and Prof. W. H. Hand, of the department of education, are getting everything ready for the establishment of high schools in every section of the State.

While there are many communities working hard for these schools, made possible under the act of last year, which gave \$50,000 for the work, still there are other sections where the act has not been studied and therefore do not realize the opportunities.

As a result of this Mr. Martin has issued the following letter:

"Dear Sir: We find that many places have conditions and surroundings which make it very easy to comply with the law and receive aid under the high school act. Isn't your place one of these?"

"In the first place it is necessary to have 25 pupils above the seventh grade. This is one of the most stringent requirements. If you haven't them a little hustling will secure them.

"The act requires two teachers in the high school department. One of these may be the principal of the school, and you can count his salary in receiving aid if he teaches advanced classes.

"You can get the surrounding districts to co-operate with you if you get them to understand that their primary and intermediate schools are to be continued, and only the advanced students sent to the high schools. An aggregation of districts or a township may include a large town.

"Prof. W. H. Hand or I will be glad to come to your community and give any further explanation of the law. A little enterprising work will secure \$500 to \$800 worth of aid and better school facilities for your whole section of country.

"Let us hear from you."

ENGINEER PREVENTS WRECK.

Summerton, Sept. 13.—What might have proved a serious and fatal wreck was prevented yesterday afternoon on the Northwestern Railroad only by the coolness and bravery of Engine Driver W. A. Seymour.

The regular afternoon passenger train between Sumter and Wilson's Mills, via Summerton, was speeding along at the rate of about 35 miles an hour between Silver and St. Paul when, without a moment's warning, the driving rod on the right side of the locomotive snapped in half. The broken section of the great steel rod, revolving at a fearful speed, struck the woodwork of the cab just under the seat occupied by Driver Seymour, tossing him several feet in the air and landing amidst the wreckage of his cab in the tender.

Although badly cut and crippled Driver Seymour instantly recovered his presence of mind and at the risk of being struck by the flying rod, which revolved every time that the wheel turned around, he reached the throttle and after shutting off the steam applied the air brakes.

The train at the time of the accident was on a 20-foot embankment and was carrying a heavily loaded string of cars, including several passenger cars, and as every moment was one of imminent danger the courageous act of Engineer Seymour has been heartily commended here. The locomotive was badly demolished, the entire cab being shattered, steam pipes, air pump and other things having been carried away by the loose rods.

Engineer Seymour was hurriedly brought to his home in Summerton and given medical attention. While painfully lacerated about the face, arms and legs he is not seriously injured and hopes to be out before many days. Traffic was delayed on the Northwestern for several hours as a result of the accident.

Clarendon Marriages.

Married by Rev. R. L. Grier, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John S. DuRant, at DuRants, last Wednesday evening, Mr. John W. Perry and Miss Carrie DuRant.

Married by Rev. D. A. Phillips at the Methodist parsonage last Monday afternoon, Mr. P. Joy, of Sumter, and Miss Ella Richardson, of Manning, daughter of Mr. J. E. Richardson.—Manning Times.

PARTIES HAVING

Long Staple Cotton

For sale will do well to secure, as I make a specialty of same. Consignments solicited. Best prices always obtained for my customers.

Abe Ryttenberg.

Aug 27—1m

Fifteen Cents Cotton.

The buyers of cotton in the North and the executive committee of the Southern Cotton association differ by one million bales in their estimates of the cotton crop now being harvested and the usual protest may be expected from New England against the action of the Southern Cotton association and the Farmers' union in deciding to fix 15 cents the pound as the minimum price of the staple.

We do not pretend to know what the price of cotton should be. Ultimately the law of supply and demand will assert itself, but it is well enough to emphasize again that the crop will not bring its value unless the growers express and act upon their own opinion as to its value. There is precisely the same reason for a farmer with cotton to sell to name a price for it as there is for the owner of a horse, a share of railroad stock or of an automobile to name a selling price for his property. The Southern farmers are in better condition this year than ever before to hold cotton. Few of them will be forced to hurry it to market. The chances are excellent that better prices will prevail later in the season. Cotton is not perishable, warehouse facilities are more numerous than they have been and common sense makes plain the duty and wisdom of every cotton grower to follow faithfully the advice of his organization leaders.

Admitting for the sake of the argument that the crop will reach 13,000,000 or more bales, it does not follow in the least that the buyers should be allowed on that account to determine what the price of the crop shall be. The more cotton that is held between the present date and the beginning of the harvest in 1908 the more the market will be steadied and, although the farmer who holds necessarily assumes some speculative hazard, the chances of loss to him are so small as to make the argument in favor of loyalty to the association and the union overwhelming. The southern cotton farmer is in the saddle and he would be no better than a fool to listen to the pleadings and outcries of cotton buyers that they release their product for whatever the buyers choose to suggest.

Presupposing that there will be during the season, no substantial slump in the prices now prevailing, the present condition brings out clearly the strong position of the Southern cotton mills, the mills in the field. A considerable part of the crop must this year, as in every year, be promptly marketed. Many farmers are in debt. They owe the merchants and the banks for advances and money used in their farming operations. This cotton will become immediately available to the Southern mills, who may buy it at their doors and who can afford to pay the price of transportation in excess of the New York quotations. In time the New England and foreign spinners may find it advisable to send competitive buyers into the mill districts early in the season and take advantage of the quick offerings of cotton, but, of course, they would be compelled to meet the prices offered by the mills, with the result that the growers in the mill districts would save freight and sell all their cotton at a figure equal to or above New York prices. Heretofore the policy of outside buyers has been to withdraw from the Southern mill districts until the Southern spinners had secured their stocks for the year. This policy has been of material advantage to our spinners, but if the outsiders should abandon it they would still retain some advantage and a greater profit would inure to the farmers. At any rate Southern farmers who produce cotton in the neighborhood of the mills have had brought sharply before them the very great benefit that they enjoy through the establishment of the spinning industry.—News and Courier.

Summons for Relief

(Complaint Served.)

The State of South Carolina, County of Sumter:

Court of Common Pleas.

C. S. Williams, Plaintiff, against James Spears, Defendant.

Yo the Defendant above named:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the city and county of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated July 23d, A. D. 1907.

To the Defendant above named:

You are hereby notified, that the Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter county on the 19th day of August, 1907, and said Complaint is now on file in said office.

L. D. JENNINGS,

Plaintiff's Attorney.