CUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

LETTERS FROM OUR SPE. CEAL CORRESPONDENTS.

of marcas From all Parts of r and Adjoining Counties.

TO CORRESPONDENTS Wall your letters so that they will this office not later than Tuesng. When the letters are Wednesday it is almost an ity to have them appear in sper issued that day.

STATEBURG

burg, Jan. 7 .-- Mrs. Sam Cain. ber father, Mr. S. H. Ramsey. Er. Early Mollette spent Sunday at

of the Sumter High School reto Sumter on last Wednesday we resumed their studies. Ina Mellette has returned to

sol near Sumter, after spend- here. the holidays at home. Doma Frieron, now of Saspent a few days here during

W. H. Barnwell spent Monday d, visiting friends.

Annie N. Burgess visited relain Camden during the Yuletide. Amelia Holmes was at home al days during Christmas

vicinity resumed on Monday and the teachers after their vacations of two Ardis' last night.

ant, Jan. 8.-Mr. Arthur Plowand wife returned to Albany, Ga..

ira, W. B. Dickson and children ty Mount, N. C., are spending

r. Robbie Durant, who has beer Christmas have returned to their

with paralysis during the brethren of the pencil pushers? and to still quite sick.

High Witherspoon and family ot few days.

efficient school teacher, Miss a, has taken up her work after a delightful visit home. moving spirit among the colrace has been greater this year usual. It gives the farmer an a feeling until February when laborer is content to settle down work again until full.

DUBOSE CROSS ROADS.

Bose Cross Roads Jan. 11 .- Mr. 2. B. Drakeford and family have movto the J. Rurton Lee place.

Miss Ella Poundt (not "Pounds" as had it in my last) has returned her school, after a pleasant Christwith her family and friends in Charleston, S. C.

L. M. Ring is moving to Sumwe understand, to enter into e mercantile business.

Dr. W. W. Fraser and his wife are the sick-neuralgia and grippe. Mr. R. W. Rembert and Scott Du-

Fraser will go to Columbia Busi-College on Monday or Tuesday Miss Janie Fraser and Miss Nottle

derson left on the 6th for Clifford ale Seminary, Union, S. C. Men fattie Fraser has not fully re-

covered from her recent attack of tyold pneumonia and is at her home. Not many farmers have, as yet, ade their plans for the year. Laers are still backwhard in entering me contracts, or are really scarce. I a thinking that Judge Brawley's tum" has discripinized them and

the farmers also. Mr. Grayden, of Abbeville, sees Weath in the pot" about the lien law The same thing was predicted when

the "fence" law was enacted. I think your views on the "lien law"

are correct. Mrs. L. L. Fraser, Sr., has not. as yet, returned to her home from her protracted Christmas-visit to her ughter, Mrs. J. P. Booth. She has on quite sick while there, but her bealth is improving.

Mr. W. D. Fraser is still ginning remnants of cotton for the farmers. I am a little curious to know where it afternoon in the court house before comes from. Labor is triling and it could not be gathered out of the Sold, I guess.

Mr. Bradley (Tom, I think) has taken the Kennedy house in place of Mr. Drakeford.

on of the Presbyterian parsonage, near the Manning place, and The court room was crowded, mosteverything looks nice and neat about ly with negroes, showing the great in-

I don't hear much of litigation in which the crime was committed. out crops, failure to pay, etc. The Mors remind me very much of that ous animal, the "o'possum"—the football team for 1908.

moment the creditor puts his hand upon him he turns on his back, grins and gives up.

Well, go ahead; you are right about the lion law and the Citizens' League, too. It's a "delusion and a snare."

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Jan. 11 .-- Nothing of an interesting nature in these diggings. No marriages, no births or deaths. Not even a shin-dig to keep up the life of the folks in this corner. Farmers have not commenced

prepared for another crop yet. - I believe most of the moving of the people is through with. Richard Brewer has moved from Pinewood to Pinopolis, is spending some time Bob Ardis' place. Mr. Rollins Kolb has moved from Central Privateer to Pinewood, on D. W. Bowen's place. W. E. Kolb has moved from the Dr. Fur-Anua P. Burgess returned on man old place to the Dr. Beckham from Baltimore, where she place in Central Privateer. L. N. Barspending the Christmas holi- wick, Jr., has moved from near your city to Pinewood. Isaac B. Bagnal Hall Ramsey and Miss Sarah has moved from Pinewood to Paxville, J. B. McIntosh, Jr., has moved from Southwest Manchester to Fulton. J. B. McIntosh, Sr., has moved from near Pinewood to his wife's place

> Miss Mary Lee Ardis returned from her visit to Manning on last Saturday,

> Mrs. Henry Ridgill and son, Frank, spent last Sunday night with Mrs. Ridgill's sister, Mrs. Joe M. Ardis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geddings, of Paxville, visited at Joe M. Ardis' one day last week.

J. H. Ardis and T. D. Weeks visited elatives at Bacon Hill, near Pinewood, last Sunday night.

Misses Nealie and Mary Lee Ardis pils have gone cheerfully to and brother, John, visited at W. J

Well, I am glad to see that the Prohibition League is to meet on next Thursday, the 16th instant. Would be glad to attend if I was able, but I bid them God-speed in their underafter a pleasant visit to his taking, for I think we church members have held up the whiskey trade long enough. I know it is said that the mile of whiskey is what keeps up our schools. It also keeps our jails full and our graveyards growing. to his hed for two weeks, has Which would be best, to give the monsufficiently to be out again, sy direct to the schools or to give it se boys and girls after a to the whiskey shops and cause so many of the youth of our country, both white and colored, to be ruined facbeth and Miss Ellen Gail- for time and eternity? I think now is and are at the bedside of the a good time to call a halt at the begin-Mr. W. P. Gaillard, who was ning of the new year. What my your

> I forgot, John Griffin has moved from Northeast Privateer to near Pinewood.

ANTIOCH.

Antioch, Jan. 13 .- We are having some very bad weather at present. On yesterday morning we had a very hard hail storm, and I have heard several old people say that they never saw it hail in the winter before.

Farmers are quite busy now hauling their cotton seed to the market and bringing guano back in their place. Some have begun ploughing, but it is rather early for that.

Miss Irene Weldon spent last week with relatives at Rembert and says she had a very nice time.

Messrs. J. K. and Harry McLeod, of Rembert, were here on last Saturday. Also, Mr. Tommie Jenkins was here Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Marshall, of Rishopville, visiting in this community.

Mr. Elwell Rollins, of Bishopville, visted 'n this community on Sunday. The ttle baby of Mr. and Mrs J

w. We. n has been quite sick, but is much better now.

TINDAL

Tindal, Jan. 14 .- On account of bad weather, the farmers in this section at it in the right way, will not those out of the year, the earth road, if prohave made but little progress on their who have been asserting in London perly cared for, is reasonably satisfacwork for the new year.

The health of the community is good. Very little, if any, sickness could be reported.

Miss Eva Stone, of McCall, has been visiting relatives in the neigh-

borhood. Mrs. J. W. Broadway is spending some time with relatives at Silver. Mr. T. E. Hodge spent Sunday in

PRISONERS WERE RELEASED.

Five Suspects Held for Walter Blanding's Murder Given a Preliminary Hearing Thursday Afternoon.

The five prisoners who have been in jail here on the charge of being implicated with the murder of Walter Blanding, colored, at Pinckney's Cross Roads, on the night of Dec. 23, were given a preliminary hearing Thursday Magistrate Reese, of Stateburg. Marion Moise, Esq., represented the State and L. D. Jennings, Esq., the defendants. A large number of witnesses were examined, but the evidence produced was not sufficient to hold the

and they were released. terest taken in the case in the section

COL. DARGAN'S PROPOSITION.

to Hold Great Peace Conference on Calboun's Birthday, March 18.

Editor Sumter Item: March is a notable month in South 'arolina history. 'Twas in March that Calhoun was born and in March he died and in March Hampton came into life. Other notable things have happened in and for South Carolina in March; but of these (save one) I need not speak here. I write now only to call attention to the fact that Calhoun delivered his great peace speech in the senate of the United States on March 16th, 1864. It ctaken in all its connections and results) protably the most interesting peace speech ever delivered. Yet the peace makers of the world today appear to be almost entirely oblivious of it. It seems to be a plain duty of South Carolina to the memory of her greatest statesman, to ask the attention of the world to that speech while the peace novement is so much before the eyes of men, as it now is It is a duty we owe Calhoun, we owe the State historically viewed and a still higher and more imperative duty to the State of today and in all its future career, to place it right in this most widespread, energetic and humane effort of mankind to escape from the horrors and disasters of war. Therefore, I propose that we have a great uprising of the people of South Carolina on the next anniversary of Calhoun's birthday -- March 18th-to testify our sympathy for and co-operation in the peace movement-to show how Calhoun labored in the long ago for the coming of the conditions which today make possible the advancement of the movement. We should invite all the Christian churches to prepare the people for participation in the day's exercises, as only those can do who are devoted followers of the Prince of Peace. To the lawyers we may confidently appeal as that profession has done so much to displace "trial by battle," for trial in the forum of reason. To the teachers, who have four times sent a delegate to peace congresses, we look with assurance of support of the most thorough-going kind. It is they who are leading the young people into path; of peace as none others can, because it is their daily task to elevate the mind, refine the taste and form the habits that make the coarse brutalities of war abhorrent. To industrial workers who wish to reap the profits of their labors, it is apparent that the energies of war destroy faster than theirs can produce articles useful to man and leave only markets for the supply of the destroyers' needs. So to all classes and professiions we can appeal without fear of a vain cry for help, for the State to do itself honor and do the race of mankind everywhere, and for all time, an inestima-

Seeing the names of our junior United States senator and three of our congressmen among the members of the American Peace Society, we doubt not that they would be glad to act as a committee to wait upon President Roosevelt and ask him to join in the great meeting at our State Capitol or. that day and who doubts but that "our peace-making ruler" will be exceedingly happy to give South Carolina a hand of recognition as she moves into her rightful position in the grand onward march, she was long ago so well identified with; and would it not be an easy task for Gen. Wille Jones, the chairman of the Democratic exehere, whose favorite lecture is "The Prince of Peace."

Should all this come about, and and other parts of Europe and in many parts of America, that South Carolina is a State where rioters and peace-breakers are favorites of the people, have a scene to reflect on which will tend to remove such an impression and substitute therefor the happier and more corerct view that we are peace lovers and the ardent supporters of the movement looking to the substitution of courts of law for fields of battle in the settlement of international differences? We trust Gov. Ansel will lead, while all peace-Lving Carolinians join in this undertaking. John J. Dargan. Jan. 6, 1908.

WILLIAM E. LUCAS DEAD.

Prominent Mill Man Expires in Philadelphia-Funeral in Spartanburg. Laurens, Jan. 14 .-- William E. Lucas, president of the Watts cotton mills and for 12 years one of the foremost cotton manufacturers in the State, died this morning at 2 o'clock in Philadelphia, where he went two weeks ago for special treatment. The news of his death came as a great shock, as Rev. sampel Hay is now in full defendants in the opinion of the court only a few of his friends knew the seriousness of his condition.

The body will be taken to Spartanburg tomorrow for interment, the services to be conducted by the Rev. W. S. Holmes of Orangeburg. The pallwill go from Laurens for the burial.

WILT RESISTANT COTTON.

Wishes All People of South Carolina Improved Cotton Seed Ready for Distribution in Seventh District.

> Washington, D. C., Jan. 8, 1908. Hon. Asbury F. Lever, Seventh South of the ditch for a 20-foot road, and Carolina District, House of Representatives.

Dear Sir: We have on hand a small supply of seed of wilt-resistant cotton, which we desire to disseminate among the farmers of your district.

These new varieties have been bred by this department for the resistance ross the road in open ditches, tile or to the disease known as "wilt" or "black-rot," and have not been sent out heretofore except in a small way for experimental purposes. They have proved very successful on land infected with this disease, yielding abundant crops where the ordinary kinds die. They are good varieties for any soil, but the small amount of seed available makes it necessary to restrict distribution to farmers having infected land.

We are, therefore, placing this seed on a different basis from any other varieties of cotton, and propose sending it only to farmers who have need of it and express a desire to procure the seed. The quantity of seed sent each farmer is set at one-half bushel -this increased amount being sent in the hope that each recipient will raise a bale and have seed saved. The department will also follow up each case to stimulate seed improvement by farmers.

The quota for your district is 20 packages. We will be obliged if you will provide us with the names of 26 good farmers with whom we can correspond regarding this matter. In case you have no application for wiltresistant cotton on file, we shall appreciate if if you will place us in communication with farmers in different portions of your district who could furnish us the desired information. In sending out the seed we shall state that it was done through you, or at your request.

The cotton "wilt," as you know. rather widely distributed in your district, particularly in the eastern and southern counties.

Very respectfully, B. T. Galloway. Chief of Bureau.

Any farmer who has had trouble with cotton wilt who will write me vill receive a packa re of these see so long as the supply lasts.

> Very truly, A. F. Lever, M. C.

GOOD ROAD BUILDING.

United States Office of Public Roads Is Doing Good Work To Help In Maintenance of Public Roads.

U. S. Impartment of Agriculture Office of Public Roads.

Washington, D. C. The U. S. Office of Public Roads will supply this paper with practical articles on various features of road buildin and maintenance, which will be published from time to time. Our subscribers are urged to give this matter careful consideration, and are requested to forward to this Office for transmission to the Office of Public Roads any practical question which they desire answered relating to road construction and maintenance. Questions and answers will be published by this paper at suitable intervals.

No. 1, Series A.

The Maintenance of Earth Roads. We may recognize the value of hard cutive committee, to bring Bryan and durable roads in all parts of the country, but still the fact remains that for a long time to come the majority of the roads will be composed of earth. come about it certainly will, if we go Furthermore, in about nine months tory, For many agricultural districts. it is the only road at present available. Hence, the communities should set themselves seriously to work to learn the best methods of maintaining earth roads and of getting the maximum service from them. Presperity comes to the country to a great extent through the prosperity of the farmers. This fact strongly suggests the importance of giving the earth road every possible care and attention in its location, drainage, construction and maintenan-

An earth road composed of water holding soil should be exposed to the sun and air as freely as possible, as comparison between the shaded and sunny portions of such a road will easily indicate. This should be accomplished by clearing a sufficient amount of trees and undergrowth away from the road. It must be remembered, however, that sandy and gravelly roads require moisture, and in these case some shade should be retained. Furthermore, trees are beneficial along river banks and on steep grades subject to

Drainage is one of the most important points to consider in connection Harby for return of dog license tax ed the judge. with an earth road. The majority of earth reads in all mountainous and nilly districts have too much drainage. Oceasionally a road will be found with five ditches, three in the middle made bearers will be members of the Watts by the horse's hoofs and by wheels of Christic Benet will coach Carolina's mills directorate and a large party the vehicles, and two on the sides. All

roadway. Keep the water out of the committee. middle of the road by giving it a crown or elevation in the center of 7 1-2 inches above the top of the inner slope where the hills are a little steep make about 1 inch to the foot from the center of the sides, the ditches which are often built across the road on steep grades to deflect the water will not be needed. Instead of carrying water acconcrete drains should, if possible, be provided. They should have sufficient capacity and fall to carry the maximum amount of water that is expected to flow through them at any time. The capacity is increased in proportion to the fall or grade; for instance, 12 inch pipe laid on one per cent. grade will carry 1,800 gallons per minute, while the same pipe laid on a 2 per cent grade will carry 2,500 gallons per minute. Futhermore, a culvert laid flat will soon fill up, while one having a good incline will keep itself clear.

In the maintenance of an earth road, avoid the mistake of changing the natural order of things. Naturally the soil is found on top and the clay on the bottom. If this is reversed in constructing a road, the result will be less satisfactory than if the soil is left at the top of the road, for soil makes a better surface to a road than clay. If the road bed is largely clay to start with, it will be well to place sandy soil or clean sard on top. A covering of 6 to 10 inches of sand upon clay that persists in breaking up into deep mudholes will usually be satisfactory, and if sand enough be added, this clay will cease to make mud. If the roadbed is composed of sand it can be improved by an application of clay.

The rule for a serviceable earth road, then, is as follows: Make ditches on each side and keep them open; haul sand and gravel upon sections needing this treatment; use a road machine and a split log drag judiclously (a full description of which will be contained in a later article); follow the "stitch in time" rule and give an earth road the same careful persistent attention you would your prize acre, factory or store. and it will pay as large a profit in proportion to your individual outlay.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY FATIL-ERS TUESDAY NIGHT.

Many Matters Discussed and Acted \$71.80; Stubbs Bros., \$299; T. R. Jen-Band-Sewerage Claims Approved -Other Business.

City council held a special meeting on Tuesday night, Jan. 14.

Present-Mayor W. B. Boyle, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, J. H. Chandler, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth, E. H. Rhame, R. K. Wilder and R. L. Wright.

Minutes of Dec. 11th and 16th were

read and approved. Mr. Barnett, for the finance comtreasurer's report for December had been examined and found correct; and that all claims referred to them had been ordered paid.

Mr. Chandler, for the committee of public works, reported that they had been unable to secure the services of a surveyor to have an estimate made of the proposed drain over the Edwards property; and were granted further time. The committee called attention to the bad condition of Liberty and Calhoun streets, east, and were authorized to have the same improved

with assistance offered by citizens. Mr. R. F. Haynsworth, for the police committee, reported purchase of

was approved. Mr. Wilder, for the fire department committee, reported that the sale of property of Hose Co. No. 3 di not. according to his understanding, include bed room and bath room furniture, which the company now offers for \$65. The offer was accepted.

The fire department committee reported that they find considerable opposition from property owners to the proposed change in location of the Standard Oil Co.'s stables and tank and recommended that council refuse permission to make the change. The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Finn, of the Opera House committee, reported that the Peck Hammond Co. offer to install additional furnace and rearrange heating pipes to the Opera House for about \$1,000. Action was deferred in view of the fact that the work could not be done in time for the present season.

An invitation was received from Mr. S. H. Edmunds, for council to visit and inspect the new high school building.

License was granted Wm. Scott for a vaudeville show one week for \$20. Pemand was made by Mr. A. D. ill sounding decision, obstinately facpaid by him, on the ground that the law is not being enforeed. The mat-

ter was discussed and action deferred. A letter was received from O'Don ljudge. nell & Co. and other merchants asking council to take steps for removal pointing to the defendant's lawyer, of a restaurant near their store, on "I'm being paid by that man there."well-constructed earth roads are sup-laccount of damage to goods by smoke, Lippincott's.

posed to have no more than two ditch- disagreeable odor and adager of fire. es, one on each side of the traveled The letter was referred to the police

> Report of commissioners of public works for December was read and received as information.

Report of the sewerage commission, showing expenditures during Decemthe crown 10 inches. With a crown of ber, amounting to \$9,620.57, was read and approved. The following claims against the commission were ordered paid:

> H. L Scarborough, \$86.92. Consumers' Lumber Co., \$42.07. Sumter Lumber Co., \$6 70. C. W. Smith & Co., \$1.50. Sumter Railway & Mill Supply Co.,

Bultman Bros., \$69.50. Booth Live Stock Co., \$171.27. Burns Hardware Co., \$307.20. Carolina Hardware Co., \$2.10. Sumter Machinery Co., \$286.55. Sumter Brick Works, \$238.50. Kennedy building & Supply Co.,

Skinner Iron Works, \$25.26. Von Ohsen & Shira, \$24.95. Stubbs Bros., \$30.00. Sumter Iron Works, \$45.00. Durant Hardware Co., \$25,60. Penn Lumber Co., \$42.16.

The mayor and chairman of the sewerage commission were authorized to execute and deliver to H. Stevens Sons' Co. a note for \$3,243.97 in settlement of the balance due on sewer pipe contract to date, that amount including interest at 7 per cent. to December 15th, 1908.

On request of Mr. Finn the clerk aws directed to ascertain prices of steam fire engines.

The request of the Second Regiment Band for an annual appropriation of \$750 was discussed and granted, Messrs. Chandler and Barnett voting against the appropriation on the ground that they do not think council has legal authority to make the apprepriation, while they would be willing to aid the band by personal donations. Messrs. Wright and R. F. Haynsworth doubted the propriety of the aproportation, but did not oppose it, as they thought the band a great advertisement for the city and an organization in which the citizens generally have great pride and interest. Other aldermen felt that the aprpopriation was legitimate and not unusual in other cities.

The following claims were referred to the finance committee:

Sumter Brick Works. \$4.50; W. B. Boyle, \$57.35 and \$32.10; T. B. Fraser. \$25; Gen. D. Shore & Bro., \$46.88 and Upon-Fire Department Matters- kins, \$6; Booth Live Stock Co., \$3.45; Appropriation for Second Regiment DeLorme's Pharmacy, \$6.20; E. L. Vogel, \$12.25; Durant Hardware Co., \$11.25 and \$9.55; Schwartz Bros., \$6; Von Ohsen & Shira, \$2.50; Electrical Shop, \$1.10.

Council then adjourned.

HUNDREDS TRYING MIXTURE.

Local Draggist Tells of Tremendous Popularity of the "Vegetable Pre-

That the readers of the paper appreciate advice when given in good mittee, reported that the clerk and faith is plainly demonstrated by the fact that one well known local pharmacy supplied the ingredients for the "vegetable prescription" many times within the past two weeks. The announcement of this simple, harmless micture has certainly accomplished much in reducing the great many cases of kidney complaint and rheumatism here, relieving pain and misery, especially among the older population, who are always suffering more or less with bladder and urinary troubles, backache and particularly rheu-

Another well known druggist asks us to continue the announcement of the prescription. It is doing so much blankets for the guard house, which real good here, he continues, that it would be crime not to do so. It cannot be repeated too often, and further states many cases of remarkable cures wrought.

The following is the prescription, of simple ingredients, making a harmless, inexpensive compound, which any person can prepare by shaking well in a bottle: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Any first class drug store will sell this small amount of each ingredient, and the dose for adults is one teaspoonful to be taken after each meal and again at bedtime. There is enough here to last for one week, if taken according to directions. Goog results will be apparent from the first few doses.

Couldn't Discharge Him.

When the jury had filed in for at least the fourth time, with no sign of coming to an agreement in the bribery case, the disgusted judge rose up and said. "I discharge this jury!"

At this one sensitive talesman, stung to the quick by this abrupt and

"You can't discharge me, judge!" he retorted.

"Why not?" asked the astonished "Because," announced the talesman,