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TO CORRESPONDENTS Mail your letters so that they will this office not later than Tuesmorning. When the letters are ed Wednesday it is almost an ability to have them appear in paper issued that day.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, May 2 .- We are havas some fair, cool, windy days, which we hope will continue until se of the water gets off of the land we can finish planting. We had ne of the largest rains, or ed my land worse than I ever have seen it in the thirty-two years I have been living at this place. We also had a little hall, but none to hurt, and drowned out lots of our corn and

I was pleased to meet Dr. McLau-Pis. T. S. Stuckey and other members of the board of equalization in your city last Tuesday, the 28th. These nual gatherings have become a ure to me, when I meet so many at I hardly ever met but once a

The dwelling house of old man Ardis, occupied by a colored an, was burned about 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 30th, ch was supposed to have been set, the woman had been gone ever see early that morning. And that ta house on Mr. Bob Ardis' place pled by Cesar Richardson, colwas burned, and it was supposed have been set by the same party. woman lost every thing she had the house. But I hear that Richon saved everything he had in his

Miss Osteen's school exhibition off on the 28th, as I mentioned my last, which was well attended those here and from Pinewood that took part in the programme Me well, but Miss Osteen was taken thek and could not be present, much the regret of every one. I heard starday that Miss Osacen was not

I have no other nick to report. Mary Lee Ardis and little sise, Catherine, visited Mrs. W. die last Thursday evening.

le' last night. John H. Ardis and sister. Miss Lee, are on a visit to relatives

Dud Weeks visited at Mr. Joe

mear Pinewood today. P. E. McLeod, of Privateer, was at W. J. Ardis' today.

Gus Weeks visited at Jas. R. Kolb's, er Ramsay, last night.

Well Monday is the day of the enty convention, so now I suppose the political pot will begin to boil in arnest, so let her boil, says old

TINDAL

Tinda!, April 29 .- The present outtook for a crop this year is very poor. Osts and cotton are dying-in some faces corn was badly washed by ins, Some has been ploughed up and ome replanted.

Miss Ena Bailey, who has been ending some time with her sister. Mrs. H. Drane Tindal, returned to her home on Wadmalaw Island yesborday, much to the regret of her

Captain Suder, of Sumter, was in per section on husiness today.

Mr. H. W. Cuttino, accompanied by little daughter, Ida, went to Elloree yesterday to see his mother, who has been quite sick.

Miss Neilson, of Charleston, is visting the family of Mr. H. H. Wells. Miss Bessie Hodge spent the day sumter on Wednesday.

hed at Providence school house will have a call meeting tonight to get in readiness for the inlation of several new candidates at their next fast. meeting. It is reported they are training unruly goat for these candidates

Miss Portio McKnight, who has been teaching the Ingram school, is epending a few days at Mr. H. W. Cut-Sino's. Miss Portia has made a great many friends by her charming manmer and the patrons of her school are all very anxious for her to teach the school another session.

Mrs. Winhie Betts has been sick for several days, but is better now.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, April 29.-The remains of Mr. J. M. Wilson, Sr., were mid to rest in the Lynchburg cometery at 3.30 p. m. The deceased after the very warm weather the dance will A severe illness of several weeks' duration died in the early afternoon of the 27th instant. Mr. Wilson nad eight pieces has been engaged for the been a resident of this town for a occasion, and the contract for refreshan honest, hardworking man; aged Store.

Rev. S. O. Canty conducted the funeral services in a most appropriate A. convention, the horse races and the

The deceased leaves a daughter, attendance.

Mrs. J. Lee Parnell, and two sons, S. T. R. and J. M. Wilson, Jr., and a number of grand children, with a number of friends, to mourn his loss.

DURANT.

Durant, May 1 .- Mr. W. P. Gaillard has recovered sufficiently from his illness to be able to visit relatives in Williamsburg county.

Mr. Jim Meehan was in the neighborhood Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Montgomery spent a few days with relatives near Mayesville this week.

Miss Pauline Williams is in Sumter for several days.

Dr. W. J. McKay spent Saturday night with friends here. Because of the heavy rains and cold

weather a number of the farmers are ploughing up cotton and replanting.

REMBERTS.

Max, May 4.-The dog that slightly bit Dr. Kirby was not mad. He would have done what he did any time in the last several years, under the same the rain washed up, covered up circumstances. He was old, deaf and cross, and was killed on that account. Dr. Kirby was justified in taking pre-

> Mr. John Lemmon was in Columbia last Thursday.

> Mr. and Mrs. Belton Dickerson visited in Cades last week.

Mr. F. W. Truluck made a hurried trip to Georgia and Florida last week. Messrs. Graham and Ward, of Scranton, were at Bethel Sunday.

Mr. Edgar Keels and Mrs. Lens Keels, of Puddin' Swanmp, attended preaching at Bethel Sunday. They had been to Lake City.

Misses Mary Bec Burgess and Rhea Truluck spent last week at their uncle's, Mr. S. E. Carraway, of Clanta. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Truluck, of Shioh, attended preaching at Bethel last Saturday.

Mr. J. A. M. Carraway and granddaughter, Miss Lily Bertie Truluck, attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

MAX.

Rembert, May 4 .- Our quiet community was horribly shocked by a most brutal murder of Peter Buford, colored, a share cropper on Mr. E. E. Remhert's plantation, last Tuesday afternoon. He has been missing since last Tuesday and his body was not found until Saturday at noon.

The commencement exercises the high school here have been postponed until the the 15th instant, owing to the fact that they are expecting some prominent educators to deliver addresses on that occasion, and they could not get here before that date.

Cotton was not killed by the frost last week and is looking better. Good stands are noticeable everywhere.

Oats are looking fine and if we get enough rain from now out a fine crop will be made.

ANTIOCH.

Antioch, May 4.-We have had a little cold and some say they saw frost on last Thursday morning.

Cotton chopping has commenced around here.

Mr. L. A. White and som also Mr. A. B. White, spent one day last week in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MeLeod spent Saturday in Camden.

Mr. John Smith, of Camden, spent last week with relatives here.

Messrs. Duncan Matthews and Charley McCaskill, of the Charleston Medical College, are at home for the holidays. They have one more term before they will have the title of

Quite a number of the young folks of this place attended a meeting of the Epworth League at Beulah on last Friday night.

The Farmers Union, recently organ- spent last week with her cousin, Miss Irene Weldon, of this place.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Peebles does not improve very

Mr. L. A. White attended quarterly conference at Beulah on Saturday. Miss Sadie White has gotten well of pneumonia.

THE PENNANT DANCE.

The Pennant Dance, which is to celebrate the raising of the 1907 State league pennant on the grounds of the local ball club, will be given by the young men of this city on Thursday evening complimentary to their visiting friends among the members of the T. P. A.

The dance promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of its kind ever given in Sumter. On account of be informal so far as dress in concerned. Prof. Schumacher's orchestra of mber of years, and was known as ments has been awarded China's Drug

> The very large number of visitors who will be in the city for the T. P. baseball games insure a very large

STATEBURGERS ARE COMING.

An Enthusiastic Communication From One Who Expects to Attend Farmers' Meeting.

Editor the Item:

All the people hereabout who possibly can do so will be in Sumter on next Friday, the 8th instant, at the great gathering of farmers and T. P. A.'s. It will be a most memorable occasion in the county's history. Not only because an honored cabinet officer of the national government will be there to be seen and heard, though this in itself is enough to awaken vast interest in the occasion; but also because the day marks the beginning of a new era in methods of farming and in farm life in its general features in this vicinity. It means less isolation for farmers, less trusting to others to do the farmers' talking, more counsel one farmer with another, more learning by comparison of views and exhibition of results. Closer attention to the science of the farm work, fertilization, cultivation, drainage, terracing, irrigation, care of stock, etc., etc., all to be carried on with more intelligence and thought and enterprise and economy than have heretofore characterized the labor and life of the farm. We are delighted that Hon. E. J. Wat-

son and Prof. Campbell are among those to take prominent parts in the meeting. We know exactly what to expect of these two devoted agricultural workers. Col. Watson's force and talents everybody knows and Prof. Campbell's speech at the Academy here did more to arouse a love of the farm and a belief in its future, as an honorable and most useful calling, (almost a profession) than anything ever heard here. He is the great Dr. Knapp's efficient forerunner and is preparing the way for fine work on the demonstration farm established in connection with the Sumter Memorial school. Our people are deeply grateful for what the agricultural department is doing for the cause of industrial education in Sumter county and in the South generally and our "demonstration" of appreciation should be made as marked and successful as theirs is to be of industrial benefits. We rejoice to see that the people of Sumter county and city recognize that a great and ever memorable day will dawn on us next Friday and all capable of locomotion will, no doubt, be at our county seat, filed with enthusiasm and a desire to see, hear and shake the hand of the good secretary from our national capital and greet the other distinguished speakers, our wide awake congressman, our corn-maker, Williamson, our patriotic editor, and our farmers' leader, Harris, and all others coming to help out the great day.

(Signed) Stateburg.

MRS. THAW'S STATEMENT.

New York, May 3 .- Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Hary Thaw, issued a statement today through her counsel, Col, Bartlett, relative to the rumors that she is opposing her son's release. It reads:

"I am authorized by Mrs. William The oat crop is very good in this Thaw to say that the stories to the effect that the Thaw family is opposed to Harry Thaw's release are without foundation. At no time has Mrs. Thaw been reconciled to her son's detention in Matteawan, but the summary order of the court was so swiftly carried out that there was no opportunity for remonstrance against committing an acquitted man to an asylum for the criminal insane. It has been Mrs. William Thaw's desire that her son should accompany her to Europe and for this reason she has all the more patiently endured until the present time."

Miss Mattie Weldon, of Heriot, pent last week with her cousin, Miss FTESH Candy.

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A. PROGRAMME.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION.

Order of Business and Entertainment That the Traveling Men Will Be Expected to Observe While They Are in Sumter.

The committee of arrangements for the T. P. A. convention which convenes in this city Thursday morning have completed their preliminary labors and so far as they know everything is now in readiness for the reception of the T. P. As. The annexed programme gives an idea of what the drummers are expected to do while in town, but it does not reveal the cordial welcome with which they will be received nor the pleasure that Sumter feels that we have the honor of entertaining our friends the drummers. As will be seen by reference to the programme a few hours is left vacant each day for the reason that the committee feels that the T. P. A. delegates might wish to enjoy a few hours as free agents during their stay in town. The committee did not wish to over-do the entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

Thursday, May 7th. 11 A. M .- Convention called to orier in Court House by Maj. P. J. Drew. of Columbia, S. C., president South In the delicate shades of

Carolina State division T. P. A. Prayer by Rev. H. H. Covington, chaplain Post G.

Address of Welcome by Mayor W. Boyle.

Response by President P. J. Drew. Business session. Ladies are especially invited to at-

tend the opening exercises. 1.30 p. m.-Transportation from Hotels Jackson and Sumter for visit-

start at 2 p. m. 8 p. m.-Fish fry at Pocotaligo. Train leaves A. C. L. depot 7.30

ing T. P. A.'s to race track. Races

Friday, May 8th. 9.30 a. m.—Business Session T. P

. Convention at Court House. 10 a. m .- Farmers' Meeting at the Opera House.

Addresses will be made by Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, and others.

the town. p. m.--Memorial exercises on Graded School Square. T. P. A.'s are

invited to attend. 9 p. m.-Banquet given by citizens to T. P. A. delegates and invited

guests at Armory Hall. Note-All visiting T. P. A.'s will be given tickets to fish fry and all T. P. A. delegates will be given tickets to the banquet by J. W. McKeiver, chair-

man Post G., T. P. A. committee. Post G. Members will obtain their tickets and badges from C. B. Yeadon, secretary.

Citizens entitled to tickets to fish fry and banquet will call on C. G. Rowland, at Farmers' Bank & Trust they come in match sets,

TWO FIRES AT ONCE.

Both Hose Wagons Called Out at Noon Monday.

There were two fires at the same time Saturday and both of the hose wagons and respective squads of firemen were in service. The first alarm came in from box 33, the fire being on Council street at the house of a negro named Murphy. Hose wagon No. 1 responded to this alarm and quickly extinguished the roof which was burning in two places. The damage is estimated to be about \$50.

Aumost the same moment an alarm from Box No. 23 on North Main street was rung in. And as soon as the Box 33 alarm had been ! rung, Box 23 took it up. Hose wagon No. 2 was sent to the North Main street fire which was at the residence of Mr. J. J. Team. The kichen roof was on fire, but it was extinguished without it being necessary to turn on a stream. A line of hose was stretched and the firemen were ready for business but a few buckets of water did the job. The damage was insignifi-

establish the principle that a diplomat is not to be judged by his bank account.-Washington Star.

"What a dust do I raise," said the fly on the chariot wheel .- Aesop.

COMMENCEMENT.

It would appear a little premature to discuss this subject, but when you consider that some of the schools will be closing the latter part of May, the girls who are fortunate enough to be in the graduating class, and even those who are not, will soon be looking around for the material to make their suits for that very important occasion.

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White Batiste

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