

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY 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.

STATESBURG

Statesburg June 1.—Mr. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, spent several days at "Farm Hill" last week.

Mrs. W. J. Norris is visiting relatives in Summerton.

Mr. W. D. Frierson, of Sumter, spent yesterday at home.

Miss A. M. Barnwell, of Wilmington, N. C., spent Sunday at "The Rectory."

Mrs. W. L. Saunders and Miss Virginia Saunders returned on Saturday from Charleston, where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Walter Lynam, of Privateer, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Sam Ramsey.

Miss Lottie Nelson spent last week in Sumter.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell is visiting friends at Hagood today.

Mrs. Henry Gaillard, of Charleston, spent last week with the Misses Burges. Mrs. Gaillard is now the guest of her cousin, Mrs. James Pinckney, at "The Ruins."

Mr. J. Singleton Moore, of Sumter, spent Sunday in our midst.

Miss I. R. Mellette, who has been teaching school near Sumter, is at home for a summer vacation.

Mrs. E. M. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson, expects to leave tomorrow for Sumter, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Mark Reynolds.

Miss Sarah Moore, "a sweet girl graduate" of the Sumter high school, is at home for the summer.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday at home.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, May 30.—We are having good cotton growing weather here, but a little more rain just now would be good on corn, cane, &c. Cotton is growing very nicely at this time and nearly everybody is through shearing. We had a small rain here Friday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Lackey remains sick. Miss Nellie Johnston is some better, but Mrs. F. M. Dawkins is quite sick.

J. T. Childers spent last night with W. J. Ardis.

J. W. Weeks, of Pinewood, made a business call on W. J. Ardis today.

Nearly every man I meet in this part is opposed to the county court, as they say they cannot see the need of it; and it might work out hard on the poor man as it gives another appeal. An appeal from the magistrate's court to the county court, and from the county court to the circuit court, etc. And it is only the moneyed man that can stand so many appeals. So it's likely that the poor white, as well as the black, man might be made to suffer if we have a county court. Though I will admit that I am at sea on the subject and would be glad for any light I can get on the matter, as I would like to vote for the best; so we need some light here in the Dark Corner.

MAX.

Max, June 1.—Rev. L. N. Chappell, of Lake City, preached the missionary sermon Sunday to a large crowd, at Bethel.

The union will meet with St. James' church, a new church a few miles below Olanta, the fifth Sunday in August.

Dr. C. J. Tomlinson lost a horse recently, also Mr. Horace McGee lost one Saturday night.

The oat crop, which is barely an average one, is about harvested. Tobacco is looking fine.

Visitors and delegates too numerous to mention were entertained around Bethel Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

TINDAL NEWS NOTES.

Tindal, June 1.—The farmers are moving along nicely with their work, and the crops have improved a great deal in the past two weeks. The oat crop is now about harvested, and is turning out very poor.

Mr. W. H. Cuttino spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. J. Haskell Broadway returned Saturday from a trip to Manning and Davis Station.

Mr. T. E. Hodge was in Sumter last Saturday.

This neighborhood was well represented at the Black River Union, which met with the Home Branch church last week.

Why will you pay out doctor bills and kill yourself on that old machine when you can get the best at M. B. Handle's?

PINEWOOD.

Pinewood, May 29.—Crops are doing well and growing rapidly since the warm weather set in. The oat crop is not as good as it was last year.

Mr. Henry B. Richardson, Jr., will be a candidate for the house in this year's campaign. Mr. Richardson is well qualified for this position, and all those who know "Bob" will cast their votes for him, as he desires to enter the race clean and clear and go it on its merits and leave the mud-slinging and wirepulling for the other fellow to do.

Mr. N. C. Stack has moved his family to Denmark, S. C., where he is permanently located as operator for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. W. P. Mooneyham, of Elliott, stopped here, on his way to Iken, S. C., to attend the Knights of Pythias convention.

Mr. O. D. Harvin will soon put in a planing mill here.

When the new \$15,000 brick school house is finished, it will add immensely to the looks of the town.

The new homes of Messrs. Pat Lawrence and Arthur Brallsford are nearing completion.

Judge Bruce W. DesChamps is building on the outer edge of town.

Mr. B. C. Wallace, of Sumter, spent yesterday here.

Mr. C. M. Huggins has returned from Alken, S. C.

Mrs. Brunson, of Sumter, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Beckham, Jr.

ANTIOCH.

Antioch, June 1.—We have been having some excellent weather on the young crops, which are looking fine now. Oats have been gathered, and they were very poor.

Miss Irene Weldon, of this place, is with her sister, who has typhoid fever in Bishopville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weldon spent Saturday in Bishopville.

Mr. Bob McCaskill and sister, Miss Laura, of Camden, spent Saturday and Sunday in this community.

Misses Nellie Watts, Sallie and Lizzie Barber, of Lugr., S. C., have been visiting here, but returned to their home today.

Mr. Willie Huggins and family, of Camden, spent yesterday with Mr. T. M. Grier, of this place.

The Gum Springs school, which has been successfully taught by Miss Anna Holland, closed on last Friday. Also the Antioch school, which was taught by Miss Rosa Gelsamer, of Camden, the two combined and had a picnic, which was enjoyed by all who participated.

Mr. Hazel McCaskill, of Kershaw, has been visiting his uncle, Dr. C. S. Britton, of this place.

Mr. Johnnie Foxworth, of Salisbury, N. C., is visiting here.

Mr. J. K. Richbourg, of this place, has been taken to the Mood-Osteen infirmary, Sumter, to be treated for typhoid fever.

There is lots of sickness here now.

Mr. Allie Baker died at his home here on May 31 of typhoid fever. He was sick for a long time, and, although his death was not a surprise, it was a shock to many. He was a right young man, and leaves a wife and two children, also an aged father and one brother to mourn his loss. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community. His remains will be laid to rest at Mizpan church today at 4 o'clock.

DURANT.

Durant, June 1.—The college boys and girls are coming in for their vacation. Mr. Henry Reeves from Davidson and Miss Vera Durant of Chlorea arrived last week.

Mr. Robbie Durant spent today in Manning.

Miss Maggie Montgomery, Miss Virginia Durant, Mr. Marcus Plowden and a number of others attended a picnic at Sardinia Friday, given by the school of that place.

Miss Daisy Witherspoon, after a successful year with her school work at Pinewood, is home for the summer.

Very heavy rains, accompanied by a little hail, have passed through some parts of this section lately, with very little injury to crops.

The oat crop is better than usual, but cotton and corn have not taken on sufficient growth to be promising.

Lightning struck a small tree by the house of Mr. S. Tisdale, of Concord, last Saturday. A piece of furniture in a room nearby was damaged and a pitcher and basin thrown to the floor, but fortunately the occupants were in an adjoining room and not injured.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, June 1.—We are having ideal crop growing weather, and I don't think I have ever seen the crops doing better than they have for the last ten days. Corn and cotton are doing about all we could wish just now.

Mr. John Young has some fine corn and cotton, and Mr. W. A. Bowman has fine cotton. All the cotton that did not have to be planted over is looking fine.

The oat crop is being harvested now as rapidly as possible, and a good

crop is generally being harvested, and such fine weather for it.

Mrs. B. W. Segars, who has been sick for a long while with consumption, died Friday night and was taken to her old home in Darlington county for burial. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

The Dalzell school closed today. Miss Sturkie has given good service as a teacher, and she leaves for her home in Greenwood, S. C., with our best wishes. She will not return to teach next session.

This district we think heads the list with candidates for the magistrate's office. We have five or six offering their services, but only one can be elected, so, boys, when so many of you get left keep up your best looks and polite ways and don't mind. You might do better next time, and politeness cultivated and a life lived above reproach won't hurt any of you for the next two years.

The election for the county court tomorrow comes in a very busy time, and we fear won't be very well attended. We are always in favor of doing things for the best, but are not in favor of shouldering more than we can carry and the taxpayers of Sumter county already have enough.

Most of us are now groaning under the load. We are getting tired of having taxes raised from year to year, and each year more extravagance and debts heaped upon us. I am as much in favor of improvements as any one, when we can have them clear of debts, but are opposed to going in debt for show.

Miss Lottie Cobb, of Asheville, N. C., is visiting at Mrs. N. J. Carson's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Scarborough, of Sumter, visited the former's parents, Col. and Mrs. W. D. Scarborough, on Sunday.

Miss Manning, of Marlboro county, visited Miss Pauline Woodley last week.

Mrs. W. S. Graham, of Sumter, spent Sunday with Mrs. G. E. Martin.

Coroner's Inquest.

Lily Dixon, colored, who lived on the Gallard place, Providence township, was found in a dying condition late Wednesday afternoon by her husband. She expired shortly afterwards. It was thought at first that death was the result of violence, and her husband, who had been in the habit of beating her, was arrested and sent to jail. The inquest held today by Coroner Flowers developed that fact that the woman died from natural causes, and that there were no just grounds for suspicion that her husband had killed her.

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The county dispensary board of Charleston has awarded contracts for the purchase of whiskey aggregating \$135,000.

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Destruction Worse Than War.

The wave of destruction that swept over the South during the civil war left desolation in its path. But how completely the country has been restored in less than a generation to all its former beauty and fertility—with one exception. Where the forests and the woodlands that protected the watersheds have been destroyed the once beautiful streams are becoming destructive torrents and unless this method of ruining the country is checked the conditions that will result will be worse than the destruction wrought by the civil war, because it will be permanent.

Everywhere, all over this country, forest destruction is changing the face of nature. It matters not whether you look at the Appalachians or the Sierra Nevadas, the influences of destruction are at work, and if continued will reduce this country to the unhappy condition of China, a nation without trees, a country of floods and famines, as the result of gradually deforesting all the watersheds of their rivers.

Low Excursion Rates Atlantic Coast Line

To Birmingham, Ala., and return, account Annual Re-union U. C. V. Tickets on sale June 6th, 7th and 8th, final limit June 20th. For further information, reservations, etc., communicate with nearest Ticket Agent, or W. J. CRAIG, T. C. WHITE, Pas. Traf. Agt. Gen. Pas. Agt. WILMINGTON, N. C.

NOTICE

Summer School For Sumter County. A summer school of four weeks duration will be held for the teachers of this county, beginning June 29. Courses in the primary and elementary branches will be offered to the teachers and, if desired, additional courses will be given in French and Latin. In arranging the course of study for the school this summer, special regard will be had for those who may wish to stand examinations for certificates to teach or who may wish to have their certificates renewed. Miss E. W. McLean and Mr. S. H. Edmunds will be the instructors. S. D. Cain, County Superintendent of Education. 6-3-4-law-l&w

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Mr. F. S. Randall of No. 30 East Main St., Lowell, N. H., writes that Bloodine Ointment has given relief in a stubborn case of Piles and Hemorrhoids where nothing else has failed. Bloodine Ointment is a positive guarantee to cure Piles or money back.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY LEE'S BIRTHDAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY LABOR DAY THANKSGIVING CHRISTMAS—Two Days These are holidays that we keep to commemorate events in the history of the world and of our country. Days that should be kept in mind by the business world. These days and Sundays we are not open, but deposits in our Savings department work for you the year round. They draw 4 per cent. interest, compounded quarterly, 365 days out of the year. If you have no savings account start one now with

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