

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

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.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, June 27.—Farmers are nearly done laying by corn, which is still small, and surely if we make any corn it will grow on small stalks this year. We have had some fine corn this week and cotton is doing its prettiest, but I have not seen any corn that I thought was extra good. We don't complain of grass like the weather from Pizdah did in his last.

Mrs. S. C. Kolb still keeps very sick with little or no hope of her recovery. Miss Sallie Johnston is still critically ill. Mrs. Joe M. Ardis keeps about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Broadway, of Pine wood, made a pleasant call on Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ardis on last Saturday.

W. J. Ardis and R. P. Weeks visited Mr. Joe M. Ardis last Sunday.

Rev. J. N. Tolar, of Summerton, visited here last Monday.

Gas and Dad Weeks visited at Mr. Joe M. Ardis last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ben Geddings, of Pinewood, visited her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Ardis, last Tuesday.

Mr. Marion E. Rivers and Mr. Joe B. Osteen called on me yesterday, but I am sorry that I was not at home. "Come again, gentlemen, will be glad to see you."

The primary election will soon be here and Bro. Dabbs must begin to shut his kind of loneliness all by himself, but I guess he will soon have plenty of company.

But, Mr. Editor, there is one thing I hope all voters will think well over before casting their votes; and that is what sort of a man they intend to support for magistrate, for I think the magistrate should be one of the best men we can find, for he is the starting point, so to speak. It's just this way, according to my idea, like a man going up to the head of the Watauga river and placing a barrel of poison in the tiny little stream, which would pollute the whole stream. And if we put impure men in the magistrate's office, the whole stream of law will be polluted from magistrate to governor. But please let us hear your views, and those of the other small pushers on this subject.

Mr. Editor, please allow me to say to that brother (S. A. H.) who thought I had got myself in a jam by hurrahing for the bills, that I never go into anything until I see where I am coming out. So when one Bill seemed to change his base I had grit and backbone enough to go to him and tell him frankly that I would not vote for him. And today I believe he is just as good a friend to me as he ever was. So I still say, hurrah for the Bills, if I cannot vote for both I am a friend to both, or as the old man said on the stand when they wanted him to say who sent for Dr. Richardson, himself or Major Cain, "I likes dese ze men." So I like both the Bills.

STATSBURG.

Stateburg, June 29.—Miss Christine Memminger, of Jacksonville, Fla., has been the guest of Miss Emma Barnwell for the past week. Miss Memminger leaves tomorrow for New York, where she is to join her parents and sail for Europe.

Mr. Frank Harris, of Macon, Ga., is visiting the family of Mr. E. F. Holmes.

Mrs. A. M. Lee, Miss Lee and Masters Augustine Lee and Lewis Parker, of Charleston, are at "Farm Hill," the lovely home of Mr. A. M. Lee.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell is visiting friends in Clarendon today.

Miss Julia Holmes, of Macon, is at home for a stay of three weeks.

Mr. J. Singleton Moore and Jundge E. O. Purdy, of Sumter, spent Sunday at "The Ruins."

Miss May Neyle of Walterboro, is the attractive guest of her brother, Mr. A. F. Neyle.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday at home.

Miss Bettie Frierson, who teaches at Pelzer, is at home for the summer vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson returned last week from a delightful visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Nelson, in Charleston.

Miss I. R. Mellette is attending the summer school in Sumter.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, June 29.—This is almost newness territory. However, not a fruitless one, for the abundance of fruit is equaled only by its perfection. 'Tis a pity there is so much, as the trees are the sufferers—in numerous cases being broken by the enormous weight of their own yield.

Crops, also, are exceedingly good. Perhaps, this season has never before found crops as far advanced. There is some as good corn in this vicinity as can be found—I had almost said, in the State.

Rain last week came most opportunely, especially for those using the Williamson plan of cultivation.

Mr. Walter B. Mitchell, of Savannah, Ga., and his kinsman, Mr. Mitchell, of Sumter, were very pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. W. W. DesChamps during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. McInnes, of Lamar, visited the same home last week.

Little Miss Beth Green, of Spartanburg, who has been visiting at the home of Capt. W. W. Lucius, has returned home.

Miss Gage, of Chester, is visiting the Misses Cooper, of this place.

Mrs. A. K. Weldon and children spent several days last week at the home of her father-in-law, Mr. Weldon, of Spring Hill.

Mrs. Jane Scott is able to be out again, much to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Iva Bell Hughson spent a day or so with friends here last week.

Miss Allene Green, who has been in Atlanta, Ga., for the past several months, has returned home for the summer.

And tomorrow the senators in Bishopville! Or more properly speaking, Senator Rhett and the other aspirants. It is safe to say that Wisacky will be well represented at the meeting tomorrow, and her applause will be pretty evenly divided between Rhett and Smith.

DURANT.

Durant, June 24.—Mr. W. P. Gaillard had a stroke of paralysis last Sunday evening, from which he never regained consciousness. He died last night at 11 o'clock. The funeral services will be held in Manning tomorrow morning. Mr. Gaillard leaves a wife and five daughters to mourn his loss, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of this neighborhood.

Mrs. Keller returned to her home in Creston Monday, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Katherine Durant.

Mr. James Reaves had a fine horse severely injured Saturday night in a runaway. Dr. Moore was sent for and saved the life of the animal by sewing up an artery.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs have been with their friend, Mr. Gaillard, during his illness.

Mr. Robbie Durant is out again after a spell of sickness.

MAX.

Max, June 29.—Rev. C. B. Smith conducted the dedicatory services of Nasareth church last Sunday. His sermon was inspiring. A host of friends was pleased to see him again. A large crowd attended. All heard him gladly.

Crops are growing rapidly. Peas and corn planted after oats are up and growing. Early corn is being laid by.

Some of the farmers have doubts as to their Williamson plan corn being a success this year.

Miss Lillie Kelly is visiting at Blenheim.

Mrs. J. A. M. Carraway visited her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Truluck, and others in Lynchburg last week.

Miss Pearl Truluck left today for Glenn Springs and other places.

The young people enjoyed a social party at Mr. B. F. Brockinton's; also one at Mr. J. A. M. Carraway's recently.

Mrs. Adeline McKnight, widow of a war veteran, aged 80, tall and erect, merits credit for the courage she maintained in this day of fuss and feathers. She can be seen at church attired much the same as during the war, except she uses calico for dress and bonnet instead of homespun.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgfield, June 30.—In one of the fastest games of ball ever seen on the local diamond Hagood defeated Wedgfield yesterday afternoon 2 to 1. Both pitchers were in good form, Sanders for Hagood striking out 10 men, allowing only 5 hits; and Chandler for Wedgfield struck out nine and allowed six hits. The Hagood boys, though, gave Sanders a little better support, which told the tale.

The rains of the past week have put new life in all growing crops and the prospect for a heavy yield is fine now.

Every one regrets the accident to R. B. Murray, colored, on Saturday night, which cost him his life. It seems from what can be learned that he was asleep on the track when the train struck him.

Mr. John Frierson, with his portable gasoline engine and thrasher, has made the rounds here thrashing oats. It is a great convenience to bring the machine to your barn and have the oats thrashed there.

Mrs. Adele Thomas, of St. Matthews, is visiting Miss Bessie Aycock.

Antioch, June 29.—We had two fine rains last week, which were needed very badly.

Crops are looking fine now.

Rev. Mr. Graves, Chaplain of Clemson College, preached at Salem Methodist church here on yesterday. This church is one that he was pastor of several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Weldon, of Wisacky, visited the former's parents here last week.

Mrs. J. W. Weldon is attending the missionary conference at Orangeburg, S. C.

Mr. W. T. McLeod and family spent yesterday at Rembert.

Mr. J. F. Matthews, of this place, visited relatives at Hawkinsville, Ga., last week.

Mr. J. K. Richbourg is expected home today from the infirmary in Sumter.

Frank, the little boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. White, is quite sick now.

The health of our community is much improved.

Mad Dogs.

The thing that we have been dreading has happened. A dog went mad in this city yesterday and bit a number of other dogs.

The dog that went mad yesterday was a valuable one, and a great pet of its owner. The owner said today that he would not have taken a thousand dollars for his dog, and he was sincere.

This dog was doubtless bitten by another dog months ago, and the hydrophobia developed only yesterday. And the other dogs that were bitten by this dog will go mad also in the course of time. They may go mad in a week or two, or the development of the disease may be delayed for months. But they will go mad.

If the city council had ordered all the dogs to be muzzled two months ago, when the Daily Mail and the people were demanding it, this wouldn't have happened. It would have been so much better if the council had done the right thing at the right time.

But even now, after some of the mischief has been done, council should have the dogs muzzled. In fact, as we see it, the council will be guilty of criminal negligence if it delays this matter another day.—Anderson Mail.

West Point Examination.

I will hold an examination of all applicants for appointment to the United States Military Academy, on Friday, August 7th, 9:30 a. m., at Columbia, S. C. From this examination, I shall select my appointee for the vacancy now existing. The following are the qualifications of the candidates required by the War Department:

"No candidate shall be admitted who is under 17 or over 22 years of age, or less than five feet four inches in height at the upward age of 17, or five feet five inches in height at the age of 18 and upward, or who is deformed or afflicted with any disease or infirmity which would render him unfit for military service, or who has at the time of presenting himself, any disorder of an infectious or immoral character. Candidates must be unmarried.

Each candidate must, upon reporting at West Point, present a certificate showing successful vaccination within one year, or a certificate of two vaccinations, made at least a month apart, within three months."

Those who desire to take this examination should write me for permission to do so, and also for further information with respect to the examination.

It is required that each applicant shall have been an actual resident of this district one year prior to the date of this examination.

Each applicant should have his physician examine him according to the rules laid down by the war department. I suggest this in order to save the applicant the expense of taking this examination if his physical conditions does not meet the requirements.

Very truly,
A. F. Lever.

Lexington, S. C.

Death at Mayesville.

Mayesville, June 30.—Mr. A. L. Shaw died at his home near here at 12 o'clock last night, after a lingering illness of several months. The deceased was in the 72d year of his age and one of the Christian gentlemen of "the old school" type. He was a life-long member of the Mayesville Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder for many years. He was a Confederate veteran, serving through the four years of the great struggle.

Mr. Shaw leaves to mourn his death a widow and six children.

The deceased was of a retiring nature, but was one of those men whose influence is felt by their life's example. Another "landmark" is removed and he will be greatly missed by a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 5 o'clock and interment made in the Mayesville cemetery.

The Columbia police raided a club early Sunday morning and made several arrests.

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