

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 Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

**WISACKY.**  
Wisacky, Aug. 21.—Fodder pulling has been going on for some time, and will soon be ended. A part of the time has been nice weather for the work.

Cotton has taken the rust on sandy lands, and is opening rapidly. The crop will be very short indeed, and farmers are greatly discouraged.

The sheriff of Lee county, Ala., came over here last Thursday and carried Mr. C. F. Horn back with him, charged with some trivial offense. The people of this section are indignant over the action of Gov. Arnold in granting requisition papers without inquiring into the facts in the case. A petition as to the good character of Mr. Horn, signed by a large number of our best citizens has been sent on. None of his friends believe him guilty, and his counsel, Hon. T. G. McLeod, will go to Alabama when the trial comes off, and his friends hope for a speedy vindication.

Mrs. Melvin Williams and Miss S. E. Ledingham have gone to Conway to visit relatives.

Miss Mable Williams, of Clarendon, after a very pleasant stay with relatives here, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Mr. J. V. Carrigan, of Summerton, spent last week in our midst with friends. He has returned to his home, having enjoyed his visit immensely.

**REMBERT.**  
Rembert, Aug. 23.—The hot, withering winds of the past few days are playing havoc with the crops.

Fodder pulling is nearly over and cotton picking has commenced.

Several from this section attended services at Dalsell yesterday. We hope they were much benefitted and will impart a portion of it to their Sunday school on next Sunday, which sadly missed their presence on yesterday.

Several from around here attended services at Pisgah church yesterday afternoon.

Mr. W. H. Freeman, superintendent, and Mr. Harilee, teacher of Class 1 of the Sunday school at McLeod's chapel took an active part in the Sunday school exercises at Pisgah on yesterday. Mr. Harilee made a fine Sunday school address, which was highly appreciated. Come again, friends, and help us, we cry.

A meeting of days commenced last night at New Hope church. The pastor of the church, Rev. S. H. Hatfield, will be assisted by Rev. T. L. Cole.

Mr. James A. Reames, who is assistant rural letter carrier on Route No. 2 from Rembert, S. C., had a hunting around time a few days ago. Mr. Reames was visiting friends and relatives several miles below Sumter when his services on said route were unexpectedly needed. His father notified him by wire at 7 o'clock in the morning and at 11 o'clock Mr. James Reames was at the postoffice, served the mail route and went six miles to preaching, that night. We call that moving around in order to discharge one's duty. Mr. Reames is an upright, honest young man, full of energy and we predict for him a bright future.

Mr. Marion Reames, an elder brother, is now residing in Georgia, studying railroading. His bright and manly face is missed by his many friends who wish him success.

**STATEBURG.**

Stateburg, Aug. 22.—Mr. Henry Moore has gone to Philadelphia to visit his brother, Dr. Matt. S. Moore.

Mr. Hall Ramsey spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsey.

Mr. James Graham and Mr. Heyward were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnwell on Sunday.

Mrs. H. S. Gaillard spent several days with the Misses Burgess during the past week.

Miss Sallie Anderson has returned to Summerton, after a pleasant visit to the Misses Frierson.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess, having spent two weeks most pleasantly at Glenn Springs, is again in Manning.

There was a very delightful house-party given by the young people of the neighborhood, at the General Sumter Memorial Academy, com-

mencing at 12 o'clock on Thursday and ending on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. The meals were served under the beautiful, wide-spreading oak trees, which are near the house, and which add so much to the beauty of the place. Dancing, automobiling and straw-riding were among the pleasures enjoyed by the young people. It was with many regrets that this charming house-party came to an end, the participants declaring that they would have another next summer. The guests came from the following places: Wedgefield, St. Charles, Rembert, Sumter, Edisto, Charleston, Columbia, Rock Hill and Stateburg. The chaperons were Mrs. Sam Nelson Miss Annie Burgess, Mrs. John J. Dargan.

After some intensely hot days of the past week, the cool change we are now enjoying, comes as a welcome relief, and though there may be warm days still ahead, one can't help feeling that the summer has spent itself, and that the pleasant fall weather will soon be here.

**PISGAH.**

Pisgah, Aug. 24.—Last week was fodder week, and it was saved without getting wet. The rains did not come as usual. Fodder pulling and oat cutting generally brings it.

If any one wants any hotter weather than what we have had for the last two weeks, they must have a desire to live in the lower regions after this life.

Cotton is opening fast. The growth of late has been injured by the intense heat and dry weather. Peas, potatoes and late corn are also injured.

If the torrid wave in the West has killed the boll weevil, has it not hurt the cotton too, just like it has here? Or does nothing hurt Texas cotton? It seems that every drop of rain or change of wind affects the market.

Supervisor Pitts was up here last week on business. In fixing roads he does not believe in piling sand on sand and he is right. The idea is to get the sand out of the road. There is too much of it there already. He has many friends here who are always glad to see him officially or otherwise.

Mr. Brunson who manages the chain gang has done some fine work on the Columbia road. He certainly understands road building and managing convicts. With his experience and efficiency his place would be hard to fill. Since he has been here he has made many friends who will be always glad to see him.

Mr. J. L. Gillis has gone to Greers' on business.

Hon. E. W. Dabbs was here a short time ago and his many friends were glad to see him.

Rev. T. L. Cole informs me he had a fine meeting at Mizpah church last week, with twelve additions. Lee County Union meets there next Saturday.

Rev. S. B. Hatfield, Jr., is carrying on a meeting at New Hope church this week, assisted by Rev. T. L. Cole.

Mr. B. C. DuPre went to Sumter Friday last and came back Saturday, accompanied with his cousin, E. H. Rhame, Jr., who will spend a few days here visiting relatives and friends.

"I told Lord Douglass that the mer of the South would never be governed by the bayonet, that from her ashes would rise a magnificent county rich in agriculture and manufactures, and a citizenship descended from a long line of illustrious and patriotic people who would be as loyal to the flag of a united country as their fathers were to that of the 'Lost Cause.'"

So said Col. J. P. Thomas in a political speech in 1868. Wise and prophetic words uttered 41 years ago.

"When reading or studying history," said a well known retired U. S. Army officer recently to a party of military men, "have a map in front of you. It will add a great deal of interest and enjoyment to the subject and enable you to determine why and how the various engagements were won or lost."

A map is a prominent and valuable feature of each issue of the Wide World Magazine. This unusual feature for a magazine is of especial value to Wide World readers, as the articles in that magazine are devoted to true tales of adventure, anecdotes and topics of interest, the map showing at a glance the locality of each article and narrative of adventure in that number.

Sir Frederick Treves considers that we have practically reached the threapeutic limitations of the X-rays, the high frequency current and the Finsen light, but that in radium we still have more unexplored fields of usefulness.

Although 87 years old and confined to his home for the past year on account of illness, George W. Hutchinson, Mayor of Woodstock, Ohio, was able to be down town and incidentally announced that he would again be a candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket.

MANNING NEWS NOTES.

James Henry Rice to Lecture on Preservation of Game—Personal Mention.

Manning, Aug. 21.—Secretary Jas. Henry Rice of the Audubon Society of South Carolina, a splendid newspaper man, and who has the "accomplishment of verse," delivered an address on the preservation of the game and fish of this State, and the efforts made by his society in protecting and preserving them. By request he will make an address Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Auditorium of the new Manning Graded School. A large attendance is confidently looked for.

The Hon. O. B. Martin of the Agricultural Department at Washington, will give a farm demonstration to the boy farmers of Clarendon county August 25th.

Mrs. F. H. Hursey, of Lakeland, Fla., the former charming Miss Fannie Bell, of Manning, is visiting relatives here.

W. Gordon Belser, Esq., of Columbia, spent a few days here this week.

Miss Mabel Browne, the accomplished daughter of County Superintendent of Education E. J. Browne, has again the distinction of winning the Winthrop scholarship, making a general average of 90.

Mesdames S. A. and C. S. Rigby have returned home from their summer jaunt in North Carolina.

Mrs. C. W. Blanchard is visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. J. O. Gough, of Atlanta, Ga., who has a host of friends here, is a guest of relatives.

Mr. D. R. Reeves, of Whigham, Ga., is spending a while in Manning with friends.

Mrs. A. S. Singletary and children, of Ellmore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Legg.

Misses Gladys and Helen Thames, after a delightful stay at Foreston with friends, have returned home.

Mr. R. M. Burgess, of Mouson, has been visiting friends in Manning.

Misses Mattie and May Harvin, two charming sisters, are spending the remainder of the summer at Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. J. H. Rigby is in New York on business and pleasure bent.

Mr. T. P. Burgess, the popular buyer for Alex Sprunt & Sons, Wilmington, spent Sunday in Sumter.

Mr. C. W. Wells, who possesses an excellent voice, is spending Sunday in Sumter.

Mrs. Seabrook and daughter, Miss Julia, of Summerville, are the guests of relatives and friends here.

Mrs. L. M. Bagnal and her accomplished and beautiful daughter, Miss Hattie, are enjoying the summer in Hendersonville.

FARMERS RALLY IN LEE.

Expert Agriculturists to Speak at Bishopville Friday and Saturday.

Bishopville, Aug. 22.—Very important meetings to the farmers of Lee County will be held at Bishopville next Friday and Saturday, August the 27th and 28th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., under the auspices of the "Farmers' Demonstration Work of Lee County." This is a new scheme supported partly by the United States department of agriculture, but largely by private funds, whose object is to impress the lessons of scientific and diversified farming by actual demonstration of results. Actual plots of lands are set apart and farmed directly under the management of a designated officer, who gives these little farms his personal attention. Then towards the end of season these meetings are called and the problems of a general character and more especially those of a peculiar sectional character, their solution, and the various difficulties and experiences of the year are discussed to the edification and enlightenment of all who wish to hear. It is hard to foretell the influence of such an organization upon agriculture if its objects can be realized, which is to arouse the average farmer to the benefits of systematic and scientific methods of cultivation.

Mr. L. L. Baker, an intelligent, thorough-going and energetic farmer of the county, is the manager for Lee. He reports that interest in the plan has in a short time developed from pronounced indifference to genuine enthusiasm. He states that results this year have been more than gratifying and that henceforth the work will be greatly extended.

At the Convention (for it may be so called) of the week at Bishopville, addresses will be made by Congressman A. F. Lever, Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. G. Smith, of the department of agriculture, specialist on leguminous crops; E. B. Boykin, department of agriculture, specialist on cotton propagation; C. H. Kyle, department of agriculture, specialist on corn propagation; Prof. J. N. Harper, of Clemson College; Ira W. Williams, department of agriculture, manager of farm demonstration work for South Carolina, and the Hon. O. B. Martin, man-

ager of the school extension work for South Carolina.

It is therefore seen from this array of eminent specialists that an unusual opportunity is presented to the farmers of the county, which, it is hoped, they will take advantage of. Besides, on Friday night, Mr. O. B. Martin will give a lecture illustrated by stereoptical views of numbers of plants in varying degrees of sickness and health and different stages of development. It is expected that August the 27th and 28th will find the town crowded with farmers eager to listen and learn.

LOCAL PUBLICITY.

Merchant Who Won't Advertise Does Not Deserve Support, Says a Farmer.

Florence, Ala., Times.

In an audience composed mostly of the members of the Farmers' Union, one of the speakers recently expressed the mutual friendship between the farmer and newspaper in the following:

"As a rule the farmer has no firmer friend than the country press. The home paper is distinctly the farmer's own paper, supported directly and indirectly by farmers, who compose the backbone of the subscription list of the printer and largely for what the enterprising merchant advertises. Now, brother, let us not forget our friends. Let us see that our subscription is paid a year in advance. We can do it.

"The man or paper that fights my battles shall have my support. Another thing, the merchants advertising are the ones that make it possible for us to get a good local paper. The man or local firm that is too penurious to advertise and help support the local press has no right to the farmer's patronage.

"I promise hereafter to go to the live advertisers and the man who does his share in supporting the local press, thus contributing to my support, rather than buy of a man who proposes to take all and give nothing back. If farmers as a class would support their friends, the other fellow would soon go out of business."

MILLIONS IN THE POLICE GRAFT

Bingham Makes Slashing Attack on the New York Force.

Hampton's Magazine.

I am asked to estimate the money value of graft and blackmail in New York each year. No one can make such an estimate with accuracy, but my belief is that the total is not less than \$100,000,000. During my first year at the head of the police department it would have been an easy matter for me to have made \$600,000 in bribe money and \$1,000,000 would not have been an excessive figure at all.

The power of Tammany Hall rests, and has rested for 40 years, upon its ability to control the police by fair means or foul. A strong, honest, fearless police commissioner, supported by police magistrates of ability and integrity, and a mayor big enough to conduct his office without fear or favor, can sap and utterly destroy Tammany influence in ten years or even less, provided he is empowered to dismiss and transfer his subordinates for cause, without recourse to the courts.

I do not believe I am unfair in estimating that from 1,500 to 2,000 members of the force are unscrupulous grafters, whose hands are always out for easy money.

That this is known by the head of the department and apparently ignored is because the commissioner is only nominal head of the force, while a policeman has office for life. Discipline and the question of vested interests should be kept separate. Graft is hidden in most city ordinances, which were enacted to be broken so that some one could make money from them.

One day, shortly after my arrival at police headquarters, an acquaintance dropped into my office.

"Commissioner," he said, "there is a house at No. — West 33d street run very quietly. It will be worth \$10,000 a month to you—" But the sentence was never finished to my knowledge.

As a matter of fact, the place had never been opened, and the man had been used as an agent to feel out the department.

A few months later I was offered, \$5,000 in cash and \$500 a month merely to be seen shaking hands with the proprietor of an upper Broadway cafe.

The teaching of cooking is a science in Germany, as is everything else in that Teutonic Empire. Travelling, cooking schools are now sent about for the purpose of instructing peasants how to cook cheaply and well. Since country people cannot go to school the Government will send schools to them. These travelling kitchens are now established in Hesse, Nassau, Franconia and the Palatinate, as well as in Bavaria.

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1.75 " " 1.39	1.75 " 1.39

.25 L'd's Drawers .19	.20 Corset C'v'rs .15
.50 " " .39	.25 " " .19
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A Million Ancestors.

I asked a friend a short time back how many ancestors he had in the direct line twenty generations back. After a minute's reflection he suggested fifty. It may be a little surprising and of interest to some of our readers to learn that they each have had more than a million ancestors within comparatively recent years, and that without taking into account uncles and aunts. Starting with one's parents, each person usually has two, a father and a mother. The father had his two parents and the mother had hers. Thus each person has four grandparents. One step farther and we have eight great-grandparents. I know a case within living memory where a man had four great-grandparents all living. A simple calculation gives the astonishing result that our lineal ancestors during twenty generations number no fewer than 1,048,576, or sufficient people if all living to populate the whole of Wales.—Strand Magazine.

His Mean Revenge.

I've met a great many mean, spiteful men in my time, said Gladys, "but Harry Mortor is certainly the spitefullest of them all."

"What's the matter now," asked her chum, Marie, according to Lippincott's. "I thought it was all off and done with."

"So it is!" answered Gladys decisively. "I'm not referring to our broken engagement—broken beyond repair, thank heaven—but to his subsequent actions."

"What on earth has he done?"

"What has he done? This is what he has done! He's sent me half a dozen boxes of face powder, with a note stating that inasmuch as we had had returned to each other everything that had passed between us he thought it only right that I should have the powder, seeing that he must have taken at least that much home on his coat since the time he first met me!"

A Cynic.

The Husband—Well, say what you will, my dear, you'll find worst men than me in the world.

The Wife—Oh, Tom, how can you be so bitter?—Sketch.

Prof. Frances Squire Potter, of the Minnesota State University, was recently chosen to be corresponding secretary of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, to fill the place vacated by Miss Gordon of New Orleans. Prof. Potter is a native of Elmira, N. Y., and at present occupies the chair of English literature at the University of Minnesota. She will move to New York in time to open the new suffrage headquarters in the fall.

One of the generous givers to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is George A. Hearn, who has given an endowment of \$151,000 to buy works of American artists, besides presenting before 1906 nearly 30 paintings and aiding in the purchase of 57 pictures.

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