

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWBY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Some 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 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.

FISGAH.

Fisgah, Nov. 8.—The exhibits of Clemson and Winthrop Colleges at the State fair were very creditable to these institutions. The work of the smaller children on pioneer work was good and showed careful study. There was some fine stock on exhibition and some improvement on machinery, but as a whole the fair was just like it has been for a number of years. The attendance was larger and the receipts were larger than in years, or probably ever before. Columbia came in for its share of the receipts for the street cars were full to overflowing all the week and could not handle swift enough the large crowds. Good order was manifested all around. Only a few drinking men could be seen and they were gentleman enough to behave themselves. It would be well to keep out falker shows as a good many were bit. When a man shows what he says he has got, it is all right, but not otherwise.

The president's reception was very respectful by the large crowd. His speech was along agricultural and domestic lines and advocated country life as best for the people for several reasons. His remarks were conservative and made a good impression on his hearers as fair and honest. No doubt his Southern tour will convince him that the people of the South are better than he imagined them to be. He paid a compliment to the ladies and closed by thanking the people for the cordial welcome they gave him. Mr. Taft is not an orator, but has a very pleasing personality. The detectives who are the body guard of the president take no chances about his getting hurt as their watchful eyes, plainly to be seen, see every movement of the crowd.

Columbia was very pretty at night and the people had a lively time. The old folks became young again and the pretty girls romped and laughed and played innocent pranks on the people to their heart's content.

Mr. T. W. Hawkins, Sr., who has been quite ill is some better under the skillful treatment of Dr. C. S. Britton.

Rev. S. B. Hatfield has been sick, but got well enough to fill his appointment yesterday.

Mr. John Shiver attended the fair Friday and Saturday. He says he had a fine time.

An old man said the girls of today were not as pretty as they were when he was young and his wife gave him a sweet smile for saying it. But in all seriousness, I doubt if there is a State better than South Carolina in all that makes a fine people. A people that has ever been to the front in war and peace and whose high regard for citizenship has not been surpassed by any State in the Union.

DALZELL.

Dalzell, Nov. 8.—We are having ideal weather now for planting the small grain crops and the work is progressing nicely. A good large acreage is being planted in oats and also some wheat, which we trust will prove a profitable experiment. Very little cotton remains in the field now to pick. It has very near all been gathered and sold. The cotton seed market at Dalzell remains lively. We hear some are offering \$31 per ton for them now. If prices go much higher the people will sell all and there will be none left to plant next season as people will sell and run the risk of buying when the planting season comes on for I have seen them do so before.

Several from here attended the fair in Columbia, among those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Segars, Mr. S. F. Moony, Mr. T. M. Crosswell, Miss Ethel Stuckey, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin, Messrs. A. C. Moon, and C. J. Galliard. It was year correspondent's pleasure to see and hear President Taft in Columbia Saturday. He was in fine spirit, though a little hoarse it seemed. He looked as if he was getting his full share of the good things of this life. Every one seemed to be enjoying themselves over there. I hear no complaining, and its a pleasure to go where the people behave nicely. Miss Estelle Alord, assistant teacher of the Dalzell school was taken sick on Monday last and had to go

home. Hope she will soon be well again.

Rev. F. G. Whitlock has bought a new automobile and is now making fast time on his round of churches.

Mrs. Fannie Osteen, of Privateer, is visiting relatives and friends here at present.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Nov. 6.—Well Mr. Editor as you set up my last squib, at least the Dark Corner, I will again enter your sanctum with my prettiest bow. There is nothing of an interesting nature in this neck of the woods at this time. Farmers are nearly done gathering their crops. There is some few that have not got out of their corn in. But there is but little cotton in the fields. Potatoes turned out (where dug) fairly well. And cake promises very good.

No sickness, no marriages or deaths to report. And everything is calm and serene. I spent the first part of the week in your city in attendance on court and had a pretty busy time of it. As there was but two cases tried to a finish, and one started (Hunter against Alfred Owen) that was never carried out, and one set for next Wednesday, and I am on it, besides being on two of the others. And I am forced to wonder what the lawyers have got against a poor old Rebel like me that they put me on every case they can when I am on the jury in your city. It surely seems as if they have a spite against poor simple me or they would have shown me some mercy. But they sure kept me and Dave Dick together from Monday morning until we left on Thursday, and I suppose we will have to be together next Wednesday to try Barton Levan's case.

I beg leave to return thanks to our worthy Supervisor Peter M. Pitts and his kind wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Just Brown, Mrs. Hampton Norris and others for their kindness while in your city. May all of their shadows never grow less, but may their paths grow brighter daily until it burst into that eternal day.

Mr. T. H. Osteen of the "Sycamores" has built a nice ell to his house. And Mr. F. J. Graham has the brick hauled up to put up a new chimney to his house on his place in this corner.

Well, Mr. Editor, I shall try and claim my space somewhat oftener.

OUR SUMMERTON LETTER.

Summerton, Nov. 8.—According to the frequent assertions on the part of the farmers of this section the cotton crop in this locality is about "done;" and consequently they were prepared for a decline in price. There are, however, some few who are storing and holding and the recent sudden drop will no doubt frighten them somewhat. There are still others who are awaiting a price propitious for settling contracts made in the summer at 10 and 11 cents. It is very certain that all can not be satisfied, and it is to be hoped that all will be in some way benefited by this season's high prices.

Mr. W. E. Ulmer, a merchant of North, S. C., who owns a valuable piece of real estate on Main street here has come to town with the intention of establishing a business here. Until he can build Mr. Ulmer will rent a part of the Summerton Mercantile building recently occupied by the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co.

At the instigation of Mrs. Ellison Capers and Mrs. J. A. James a meeting of the married ladies of the town was held at the home of Mrs. James on Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a book club. The Summerton Book Club was accordingly formed with Mrs. T. J. Davis as president and Mrs. E. M. Tisdale as secretary and treasurer. This club is nominally a circulating library but essentially a social club which shall enable its members to meet together periodically for mutual entertainment.

Capers & Co. have employed Dr. Wilson, a successful druggist of Camden, to succeed his brother as prescription clerk. The latter resigned on account of ill health.

Much interest is being taken in the coming marriage of Mr. Wallace Plowden to Miss Josephine Hall, both of Manning. Mr. Plowden while an employe of the Summerton Hardware Co. made many friends in this community, and Miss Hall is known as an occasional visitor to Summerton.

The Summerton graded school was given holiday on Friday in order to afford its students the opportunity of attending the State Fair. Of the corps of teachers, Misses Harper, Plowden and Blackburn were among those attending.

Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Tolar were visitors in Columbia during the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson attended the fair.

Mr. E. E. Rembert, of Remberts, drove down this morning in his touring car on business.

Mr. W. D. Frierson is in town today.

Col. O. C. Scarborough spent several days in Columbia during fair week.

Mr. F. P. Burgess and Smith,

cotton buyers of Manning, were in town on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. L. K. Howle after attending the music festival in Charleston returned home last Monday evening.

Appealed to His Pride.

It was the most obstinate mule in the lot and refused to enter the car of a train held up at a little wayside station. Threats, cajolery and blows were all like useless. The mule refused to budge, and the slant of his ears told those of the passengers who were familiar with mule ear talk that where he was he intended to stay. Then the aged African who was trying to load him in said in honeyed tones:

"Whuffo' yo' behave dis way befo' all dese strange people? Why, yo' fool mule, doan' yo' know dat dese people will jes' believe dat yo' neber done traveled befo' in all yo' life?"

The long ears lost their aggressive slant, and the beast went sedately up the inclined plank with the air of a man entering a drawing room car for the first time and determined not to betray the fact.—Exchange.

Apple Crop is Short.

New York, Nov. 8.—New York commission men today completed their compilation of apple crop reports and estimate the total for the country at approximately 23,000,000 bushels. This compared with 25,450,000 barrels in 1908. This is the third year of indifferently apple crops, and the totals named fall far short of such seasons as 1906, 1904, and that every memorable bumper crop, 1896, which is still discussed as a high water mark in the conventions of fruit growers and dealers.

King Manuel on Tour.

London, Nov. 6.—King Manuel of Portugal, with his suite, will leave Lisbon tomorrow for Madrid and will remain in the Spanish capital several days, according to advices received in London. From that city he will travel incognito to Cherbourg, whence he will leave on the Victoria and Albert for Portsmouth. On arrival there he will be met by the Prince of Wales, who will escort him to Windsor Castle, where His Majesty expects to arrive on his twentieth birthday, November 15.

The festivities at Windsor will include a gala banquet and a great hunt. Afterward King Manuel will go to London, where he will reside at Buckingham Palace for four days. Later he is to proceed to Paris and stay there, incognito, for about a week.

The Efficacy Toreador.

A writer in "Success Magazine" says: The bull-fight of Spain is doomed. It is not proposed to abolish it by law because such an enactment might cause a revolution, but restrictions are being imposed, and a new law forbids introducing into the ring for the second time a bull which has once killed or injured a matador. Bull-fighting has come to be a dangerous trade, and since it is manifestly impossible to prescribe rules of etiquette for a bull while he is being slaughtered, it is evident that the "noble sport" has reached the beginning of the end.

Anyway, if we are to believe a writer who describes the sport in a Paris magazine, bull-fighting is not what it was in the good old days. The profession of sticking rapiers into wild bulls is sadly degenerating, the fine traditions of the past are vanishing. Formerly bull-fighters had a pride in their work; they were miracles of dexterity, they were "Napoleons of tauro-machy." Now every village lad thinks he is a mute, inglorious toreador and the fatalities are becoming more numerous than on the Spanish railways.

We suggest to our Spanish neighbors, if they must have their bull-fights, that the animal have his front legs tied together and his horns covered with plush, while the matador be armed with a galling gun and fuse of nitro-glycerine. With proper precaution bull-fighting may be made a safe and pleasant diversion for young and old.

The average yearly expenditure of a pupil in the public schools of this country is given as \$28.35 in the recently published report of the commissioner of education. In 1870 it was only \$15.00. Nevada has the highest yearly expenditure, \$72.15 a pupil, followed by New York with \$51.50, Montana with \$49.40 and California with \$49.29. In the South the expenditures range from \$6.37 for South Carolina to \$20.36 for West Virginia. The new State of Oklahoma spends \$15.79, New Mexico \$19.46, while Arizona with \$40.41 spends \$5.16 a pupil a year more than Oklahoma and New Mexico combined. One-third of the States spend from \$25 to \$40 a pupil. The fact that one-fourth spend less than \$15 and one-fourth spend more than \$15 is an indication, says the commissioner, of the great variety in support of public education, and, I believe, in the opportunities afforded for school training in our various commonwealths.

KILLED IN ARKANSAS.

Son of Mr. W. H. Seale Meets Death By Accident at Leachville, Ark.

Mr. W. H. Seale received a telegram last night from Leachville, Ark., informing him that his son David W. Seale had been accidentally killed at that place. The telegram gave no other information, and as yet no reply has been received to telegrams sent last night and this morning asking for full particulars of the accident. David Seale was the second son of Mr. W. H. Seale and was 27 years old. He left here three years ago and had been living in Missouri and Arkansas most of the time. His body will be brought home for burial. Funeral notice later.

MRS. STETSON EXONERATED.

Former Head-Reader of Christian Science Church in New York Vindicated.

New York, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Augusta A. Stetson, formerly head-reader of the First Church of Christ, scientist, in this city, was exonerated today of charges of "mental malpractice," in the report of a special board of inquiry presented to a congregation of 2,000 persons at a long and stormy meeting in the big white stone church on Central Park, West. The exoneration of Mrs. Stetson was endorsed by the members of the church, but a portion of the board's report, which concerned Virgil Ostrickler, her successor as first reader, who had appeared in Boston as a witness against Mrs. Stetson, was referred back to the board of inquiry for further consideration.

Among the charges against Mrs. Stetson, the most important were, in effect, that her teachings had tended to disloyalty to Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and leader of the sect, and that Mrs. Stetson had been guilty of mental malpractice in bringing Christian Science to bear upon people who did not welcome it, "by hypnotism, mesmerism and similar methods."

The report of the board of inquiry, which came after four weeks examination of witnesses, the taking of 1,000 pages of testimony and thirty-five sittings of the board was a complete exoneration of Mrs. Stetson and a declaration of loyalty of the New York church to the mother church in Boston. The report says:

"These false reports were engendered and developed by malicious animal magnetism, which is the opposite and the opponent of Christian Science, and they were circulated by persons who did not properly protect themselves against aggressive mental suggestion, as enjoined by our beloved leader.

Seaboard Reorganization.

New York, Nov. 6.—By order of Judge Lacombe, all the receivers' indebtedness of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company was called for payment today. Series A, B and C of the receivers' certificates were paid today, the money being furnished by stockholders and the underwriting syndicate in exchange for \$18,000,000 of adjustment bonds offered at 70. The road was taken out of the hands of the receivers this week and turned over to the company.

The order of the court also directs the issuance of new securities and the recording of new mortgages and agreements, and says that all outstanding certificates and other obligations of the receivers are to be adjudged a lien on the property until paid. The court reserves the right to renew possession of the road if the indebtedness is not paid.

The receivers' certificates are to be paid by Blair & Co., of this city, and the Continental Trust Company, of Baltimore, and they are to pay in addition \$700,000 two-year 6 per cent. notes of the company, all overdue interest, the first mortgage 4 per cent bonds and outstanding promissory notes amounting to \$2,488,583 with interest.

Effective tomorrow, the Seaboard Air Line is to have a new passenger train schedule, which will greatly improve the service between the North and South.

According to the estimates of the census statisticians the superfluous citizen for whom the delegates to the national conference of women workers at Southsea, England, tried to plan a happy future numbered 1,244,558 at the middle of the present year. The problem of the superfluous woman by no means troubles every town. In Devenport, for instance, there are 881 women for every 1,000 men. In Barrow-in-Furness 828, and in Rhondda only 825, while the feminine element is in a minority in other important centers of industry—the city of London, Southwark, Woolwick, Poplar, Stepney, West Bromwick, St. Helen's, etc. The superfluous woman makes her home in pleasanter places—in health resorts on the south coast, in Bath, the city of fashion, and in the royal borough of Kensington, where there are 1,557 women to every 1,000 men. In Sournmouth the disparity between the sexes is even greater, the women numbering 1,700 to each 1,000 men.

HOOKWORM IN CALIFORNIA.

Little Parasite Imported With Laborers From the Hawaiian Islands and Other Places in the East—Why Colonization Has Been Failure.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—The hookworm disease has been brought to San Francisco from Hawaii, and the Orient and hundreds of cases hitherto unexplained, of dejection, laziness and supposed lack of moral initiative are now attributed to the inroads of the little parasite.

Dr. Herbert Gunn, who is directing the campaign against the disease, said that he had treated more than 100 cases here and recalled one death.

The disease had not been known to exist in California except in rare instances until four years ago. A colony of laborers, born in the West Indies, came to this State from Hawaii and 45 per cent were found to be seriously affected.

Sugar planters, the doctor declared, had imported thousands of laborers into Hawaii from the West Indies, where the hookworm runs riot among the laboring classes. Their languor, due to the ravages of the worm, made their colonization in Hawaii a failure and the laborers began to drift in small bands to California.

He declared that in addition to the islanders many soldiers of the Philippines and travelers and business men from the Orient have returned affected with these small vampires.

FAIR SOCIETY MEETS.

President Mobley and Secretary Love Re-elected.

Columbia, Nov. 4.—The annual meeting of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, held tonight, was extremely interesting because of the large attendance and the discussion, which took a wide range on the future of the society. The Fair Society is now in its forty-second year, and there are a large number of members who wish to make it an association that will attract people from all over the South. President Mobley tonight outlined some of the ideas in his annual report. There was no objection to the re-election of John G. Mobley, of Winnsboro, as president. This is Mr. Mobley's third term in office, and he has devoted much time to the work in his department. The nomination was made by Thomas C. Hamer and seconded very enthusiastically by a number of members.

Mr. D. G. Ellison, of this city, was unanimously elected treasurer, succeeding Mr. A. Gamewell Lamotte, of this city, who has served the society for a number of years. Mr. J. M. Caney was unanimously re-elected assistant secretary. For the position of secretary there was a contest. Mr. A. W. Love, who has been in the service of the society in that position for several years, defeated Mr. Paul V. Moore, of Spartanburg, nominated by Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster, of Spartanburg, who received 91 votes and Mr. Love received 95. The following vice presidents were elected after some discussion as to the manner of their nomination, the order named representing the respective congressional district.

A. T. Smythe, Charleston; O. M. Watson, Ridge Springs; T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six; J. D. W. Watts, Laurens; T. L. Euelow, Ridgway; D. A. Spivey, Conway, and E. C. McGregor, Columbia.

The election of the executive committee was placed in the hands of a nominating board, and the following were elected:

W. G. Hinson, Charleston; B. H. Boykin, Boykin; R. I. Manning, Sumter; J. A. Banks, St. Matthews; J. N. Harper, Clemson College; B. Harris, Pendleton; R. P. Stackhouse, Dillon; J. T. A. Ballew, Mountville; L. J. Browning, Union; T. C. Hamer, Bennettsville; J. M. Kirvin, Darlington; Paul V. Moore, Spartanburg; S. J. Summers, Cameron.

There was some discussion on a proposition to allow the use of the athletic field to the college football teams of the State without a fee. This matter was finally referred to the executive committee. There were committees appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the deaths of former members of the society. A report will be made on deferred matters at the meeting to be held in February.

A committee was appointed to revise the constitution of the association, which will make report at the February meeting.

Trip Down Mississippi.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Members of the Waterways Commission, who spent the summer investigating the rivers of Europe, will begin an inspection of the Mississippi at St. Paul today. The preliminary report of the commission will be ready by January 1 and will consist principally of a comparison of the waterways of the United States and Europe, touching upon navigation, irrigation and clarification. The commission expects eventually to cover the whole subject of water transportation in the United States. Senator Theodore E. Burton is chairman of the commission.

CLEMSON-CAROLINA GAME.

Tigers Won by Narrow Margin Where They Expected Overwhelming Victory.

Columbia, Nov. 4.—The Tiger is grinning in his camp tonight. The Gamecock is strutting, too. Six to nothing tells the story of the mighty conflict between the two today. And such a surprise this was! With the odds against the Garnet and Black and a brilliant victory pictured before hand for the Clemson team it was practically a conquest for the Garnet and Black.

Almost to the last of the first half Carolina held Clemson to a 0-0 score. Then came the one touch-down of the game. And the second half was the greatest see-saw ever witnessed on the field of many battles. Up and down the field on kicks, frequent holding for downs made this half an even break with defensive football the word throughout.

Billy Hanckel, Clemson's star end, by a brilliant end run of 45 yards, placing the ball within easy distance of goal, enabled Clemson to defeat Carolina. Hanckel was given the ball to the end of the first half after Clemson had used every effort to score, and his great run placed the ball nine yards from the opponent's goal. Robb taking it over easily and kicking goal. The scoring ended here, contrary to all expectations, as it had been predicted that Clemson would walk away with her lighter rivals to the tune of at least 40 to 0.

The feature of the game was Carolina's brilliant defensive play. Nothing but cold nerve could have kept the heavy Clemson eleven from running up a large score. Time after time the little Gamecocks would break through Clemson's heavy line and stop the plays before they got started. Belser's great work for Carolina at full-back was phenomenal. He was down the field under every punt and took part in every play pulled off. He was Carolina's only ground gainer, and although there was little ground gained by the Gamecocks it was Belser who did the greater part of it. In the second half Carolina had her best opportunity to score, when Belser got under a punt, and after a fierce tackle recovered the ball on Clemson's 20-yard line.

Today's game was perhaps one of the hardest fought contests ever seen on the local gridiron, and will make an epoch in football history. Clemson expected an easy victory, the Gamecocks themselves anticipated a like outcome, and the result was a surprise to everyone. Carolina was in the game to prevent defeat; Clemson was in to win. The game was characterized by sheer pluck on the part of Carolina, and their great stand against the famous Tiger eleven will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the game today.

Carolina's strong point was solely in her defense. Never once did she gain the required ten yards, and had to punt for distance. Clemson had to resort to the punt twice after time, but was more successful in her gains. Carolina used line plays solely in her attempt to gain, only once trying a forward pass, which was unsuccessful. Clemson, on the other hand, relied chiefly on her end men mixing in an occasional forward pass. Capt. Hammond did the punting for Carolina, and Capt. Bobbs and White for Clemson, honors being divided, both doing creditably.

DROWNED IN COLUMBIA.

Remains of W. N. Elder, of Columbia, Missing Over a Week, Recovered.

Columbia, Nov. 6.—Shrouded in mystery is the death of W. N. Elder, whose body was found in the Canal this afternoon. For more than a week—since Wednesday of last week—had Mr. Elder, an old man, been missing from his home. The family has searched the country round, but no trace of him could be found. At 5 o'clock this afternoon one of the city water-works men saw something floating in the water of the Canal, about twenty feet from the new water-works bridge. Upon closer examination he found that it was the body of a man. The coroner was summoned and later the body identified as that of Mr. Elder. The body was not decomposed very much, but the coroner stated that he thought it had been in the Canal fully as long as Mr. Elder was missing from home.

HUNTER KILLS COMPANION.

Deplorable Accident Occurs in Anderson County.

Anderson, Nov. 6.—A deplorable accident occurred at Iva, Anderson County, late yesterday, when Earle Kelly killed Walker Parnell, his intimate friend. The young men were returning from a hunt, when Kelly playfully pointed his gun, which he believed to be unloaded, at Parnell and pulled the trigger. The load entered the young man's face, tearing away the lower part and breaking the neck. Death was instantaneous. Both young men are members of well-known families, and Kelly is grief-stricken. No arrest has been made.