

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.

STATEBURG.
Stateburg, Nov. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson, Jr., spent a few days in Sumter with relatives during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Simons, of Eutawville, have returned home after visiting the Misses Burgess.

Miss Lottie Nelson is spending some time with friends at Fort Motte.

Mr. E. N. Frierson and Miss Julia Burgess spent Thursday in Sumter.

The Bridge Club met on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Saunders, and was delightfully entertained by Miss Virginia Saunders.

The many friends of Col. and Mrs. J. J. Dargan are very glad to hear that their daughter, who has been quite ill, is now reported much better.

Mrs. W. R. Flud and Miss Sadie Flud were in Sumter Saturday.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess spent Sunday in our midst.

The weather continues unusually mild and pleasant for this season of the year.

The farmers are busy digging potatoes, breaking in corn and gathering the remainder of their cotton.

So far we have had only slight frost.

REMBERT.

Rembert, Nov. 18.—The harvest season is drawing to a close, and while our farmers throughout this section have suffered severely from excessive rains, drought, and a serious hail, still they are expending every energy, and with grit and determination have commenced to prepare for another crop. They are planting oats and some are experimenting with a small acreage in wheat. The oat acreage will be larger than last year, and while we have made very little money this year owing to the short cotton crop, we are thankful for a good yield of corn and potatoes.

Next Thursday, the 25th, is Thanksgiving day, and as a people we do not take Thanksgiving as seriously as we should. Our forefathers felt the need of stronger hands than their's to throw off the great disasters, such as has visited this community this year, and while some may think it was a judgment sent upon us, let us, friends, look upward with thankful hearts for the tender mercies shown us, for if we will stop and look back over the year, not one of us can but see a reason for a real earnest Thanksgiving day, and I trust we all will enjoy the day with hearts full of music of praise and thanksgiving for mercies shown us.

The Improvement League of Rafting Creek High School will give an old time hot supper such as the Rembert community is proverbial for, for the benefit of the High School piano, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Alice Jenkins, on Thanksgiving evening, and anyone who would like a good time, a nice supper and a social entertainment come and meet your friends and let us all enjoy a pleasant evening.

It is very dry here, not having had a good rain in over a month. Wells are going dry, and oats can't come up but the spring like weather we have been enjoying so long changed this morning and it is quite wintry today and cold enough for fires.

The Literary Society organized a few weeks ago by the High School here has filled a long felt want in the school, and at a glance one cannot but be impressed at the rapid advancement made under the present management of the experienced teachers they have this year. Your correspondent attended a meeting of the society last Friday and heard a debate. The query was: "Which Weighs the Greatest Influence, the Pulpit or the Press?" It was astonishing to hear the pieces read both on the affirmative and the negative sides from girls and boys from 10 to 12 years old, and I must say they acquitted themselves finely, showing careful preparation, as older minds could not have done better, and the judges decided the press had the advantage and decided for the negative. The society meets every Friday afternoon at 1.30 and the public is always welcome.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Nov. 15.—Everything is calm and serene in these diggings at this time. We are having nice weather and farmers are finishing up gathering their scattering cotton, eggs, potatoes, etc., and preparing to grind sugar cane.

No one sick that I know of, only Mr. W. T. Kolb has been real sick with chills and fever.

Miss Nealle Ardis, who has been at her uncle's, Mr. John F. McLeod's, near Marling, for the last two or three months, returned home last Friday.

James R. Kolb of Ramsey, visited his brother Wm. T. Kolb last Sunday.

Thos. H. Osteen and W. J. Ardis of this corner attended the Santee Association, at Wedgefield, last week. This session of the Association was one of the best this scribe has ever attended and he was at its birth and saw Dr. Brown when he wrapped it in its swaddling clothes and held the first bottle to its mouth. I was there and suppose I held the calf for him (Dr. C. C. B.) to milk the cow to procure the fluid for the bottle. He (the Dr.) calls me "Hard Times" which I think is a very appropriate name as I was raised hard, have worked hard, soldiered hard, my head is hard, and void of white matter, which makes my face hard. So I think the Doctor knows what he is talking about when he calls me "Hard Times," for I sure have, and am having a hard time of it, so far in life. But I am thankful it is no worse. I expect the folks around Wedgefield feel like I heard a brother tell Dr. Brown that the Sumter people once did—let the Association eat them out. I told some of the Wedgefieldians last Saturday that I expected that it would be a long time before Wedgefield would invite us back again as some of us were real carraways as far as grub was concerned.

It was my pleasure and privilege to stop with Mr. R. D. Kolb while at the Association, who sure treated me white. Wish I could have made it suit to call on all of those who wanted me to do so, but time was limited with me and I left for home Saturday afternoon, without calling on Brother Whilden Nettles and his kind, better half, and others that wanted me to call. My will was good but time was lacking.

HOPE DIAMOND DISAPPEARS.
Famous Gem is Said to Be Lost Near Singapore—Misfortune For Owners
The famous blue Hope diamond, was in this country for a while and which has had a tragic career, is believed to have gone to the bottom of the sea, when Selim Habib a wealthy Turkish diamond collector and merchant, was drowned in the wreck of the French mail steamer Seyne at Singapore a few days ago. Cable-

grams state that Habib was believed to have had the famous diamond with him.

Because certain of its owners have met with misfortune a baneful influence has been ascribed to the gem. Such a stone was the most valuable of the crown jewels of France when Louis XVI was beheaded in 1793. It disappeared when the royal treasure was stolen, and in 1830 it appeared in a London dealer's shop.

It was then purchased by Henry Thomas Hope, a banker, for \$90,000. He gave it to his daughter when she married the Duke of New Castle and she gave it to her second son Lord Francis Hope. He sold it for \$168,000 and then the diamond was brought to New York and figured prominently in the troubles of Lord Francis Hope's former wife, May Yobe.

Selim Habib purchased it for \$400,000 and recently when he was forced to sell his jewel collection in Paris, the stone brought only \$80,000. Habib is believed to have been delivering the diamond when he met his death.

REPORT ON COTTON GINNED.

Regular Monthly Statement of National Association Places Number of Bales Ginned at 8,096,000.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 18.—The regular monthly report of the National Ginner's Association showing that 8,096,000 bales of cotton have been ginned during the present season up to November 14, was issued today. Particularly heavy ginning was reported in west Texas.

The report by States follows: Alabama 808,060; Arkansas, 562,000; Florida, 530,000; Georgia, 1,583,000; Louisiana, 213,000; Mississippi, 724,000; Missouri and Virginia, 45,000; North Carolina, 470,000; Oklahoma, 478,000; South Carolina, 318,000; Tennessee, 183,000; Texas, 2,059,000. Total 8,096,000.

RICHARD WATSON GILDER DEAD

Editor of Century Magazine Suddenly Called From His Labors.

New York, Nov. 18.—Richard Watson Gilder, editor-in-chief of the Century Magazine since its foundation in 1881, and widely known as an author and lecturer, died unexpectedly tonight at the house of his sister, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, of angina pectoris.

Mr. Gilder was taken ill during the delivery of a lecture on Tennyson before the Y. M. C. A., of Orange, N. J., on Wednesday night, November 3. He suffered considerable pain but managed to finish his lecture. On the way home he collapsed on a Jersey City ferry boat but managed first to summon assistance from New York by telephone.

COULD NOT DELIVER COTTON.

Mercantile Firm in York County Fails.

Rock Hill, Nov. 19.—A petition was filed here today before C. W. F. Spencer, referee in bankruptcy, adjudging as bankrupt Messrs Shannon & Hope of Sharon, a firm which has done a big mercantile business for a number of years. It is stated that the firm on the strength of buying contracts with neighboring farmers sold several hundred bales of cotton for fall delivery and that the farmers with whom the contracts were made refused to bring in the cotton, hence the firm's loss and the present action. They gave liabilities at \$3,500 with assets at \$20,000.

COLUMBIA CONCERN HAD FRIENDS.

Two Members of Wind Up Commission Opposed to Judgment Against Carolina Glass Company.

Columbia, Nov. 18.—It is understood that the commission was divided upon some of the claims. In the Carolina Glass Company's claim it appears from the minutes that Messrs. Murray and McSweeney favored the payment of the claim upon a different basis, because they voted against the deduction and over-judgment as made. The same was true, it is stated, in regard to claims of E. A. Saunders & Co.—News and Courier.

Walking Sticks.

The sixteenth century is that in which the walking stick became not merely a useful implement, but an article of fashion, dignity and luxury. In the seventeenth century it was gold headed and made of rare woods. It was a sign of leadership.

For a long period there was little variety among Englishmen in the material used for the majority of walking sticks. The "oaken towel," as it was pleasantly termed when an enemy was to be "rubbed down," shared popularity with the crab tree cudgel, which, among rural folk especially, was much valued and classic from the conflict in "Hudibras," when—

With many a stiff thwack, many a bang, Hard crab tree on old iron rang.

Classic, too, is that stout oaken stick which sturdy Dr. Johnson, who, like Knox, "never feared the face of living man," provided himself with when he went to the pit of the little theater in the Haymarket in full view of Foote, who had announced his intention of "taking him off" on the stage, an intention which in view of the stick he did not carry into effect.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Worrying.
Worrying is one of the greatest drawbacks to happiness. Most of it can be avoided if we only determine not to let trifles annoy us, for the largest amount of worrying is caused by the smallest trifles.

TO DIVIDE THE DIOCESE.

Committee of Ten Will Recommend Same to Council.

Columbia, Nov. 18.—That it is advisable to divide the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina is the recommendation of the special committee appointed to report upon the advisability and feasibility of dividing the diocese, which met yesterday in the Trinity chapel. As to whether it would be feasible and the matter of the line of division were left over to another session of the committee which will be called at a later date, and report back to the diocesan council at the next meeting. The matter of ways and means for the division will be reported on at another meeting of the committee.

Another bishop will have to be elected for the Piedmont counties.

The committee is composed of the following: Richard I. Manning, Sumter; H. P. Duvall, Cheraw; Walter Hazard, Georgetown; P. T. Hayne,

Greenville; W. B. Gordon Camden; H. H. Covington, Sumter; A. R. Mitchell, Greenville; John Kershaw, Charleston; L. G. Wood, Charleston; John P. Thomas, Jr., Columbia. A. M. Lee of Charleston a member of the committee was not present.

It is reported from Oianta that the Alcolu railroad is to be extended to Florence.

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