

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumner 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.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, Jan. 29.—The much needed rain came, followed by the usual blizzard and the people in this section are nearly all sick with severe colds. Mrs. Sallie Robertson is very ill. Miss Mabel Hatfield and mother are quite sick. Mrs. James Burkett is still very sick.

Mr. Marvin Weldon and Miss Alma Caughman were married at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The bride was beautifully gowned in a lavender coat suit. Miss Caughman was Smithville's most beautiful young lady; tall, queenly and divinely fair; her charming manners have won for her a host of friends. Mr. Weldon is one of our most prominent and industrious young men. We wish for them the greatest happiness.

Mr. W. J. Shiver is very sick today.

Rev. B. M. Robertson and family are coming today to visit his mother.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Clyde Weldon and Mr. Charlie Jones. The marriage will be solemnized at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. P. Weldon.

L. S. Vinson, J. W. and D. D. Robertson, J. M. Hawkins and Rev. S. B. Hatfield spent Tuesday in Camden.

Mr. T. C. Robertson and Mr. W. N. Dunlap spent Wednesday in Camden.

Messrs. Charlie and J. L. Shiver, Charlie Baker and J. M. Hawkins have been appointed to attend the Lee county Union, which convenes with Cedar Creek church.

Miss Hattie Hussey is a delegate to the missionary Union.

The friends of Mr. J. E. Dupre are sorry to learn that he is quite sick. Mrs. M. E. McManus is seriously ill, no hope is entertained for her recovery.

MAX.

Max, Jan. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Truluck went to St. Charles last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bell White is spending time with her cousin, Mrs. H. R. Tomlinson.

Miss Ellen Carraway, Lillie B. Truluck and Rhea Truluck went to Timmonsville Tuesday.

There was a social party at Mr. A. G. Wall's last Friday night.

Miss Mollie Sapouch gave her pupils a candy pulling Monday night at the home of Mr. Bryant Smith's.

Mr. Napoleon McNeil will farm on his father's place at Durwood. Farming is one of the noblest occupations.

Mr. A. J. Goodman divided liberally the oranges and grape fruit which he had shipped from Florida, with his neighbors and friends. They were very much appreciated.

The funeral services of R. W. Welsh, a Confederate veteran, who died at his home a few miles below Lynchburg, on the 22nd, and was buried at Bethel last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, was conducted by Rev. B. K. Truluck.

Mrs. J. C. Truluck is quite sick.

A big and dangerous looking forest fire raged near here yesterday. Fortunately there was not any damage done except timber and straw being destroyed.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, Jan. 31.—Grip is raging in this section. If any man thinks that it is something to be treated lightly, he ought to test it and see what results will be.

Rev. J. Walter Kenney, wife and children, of Orangeburg, are here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Kenney's many friends are glad to see him and his wife, who was Miss Minnie Williams of Orangeburg.

Miss Juanita McLeod is visiting relatives and friends in Columbia.

The Union Baptist church of this place is building a large church.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, Jan. 28.—Farm work is progressing very satisfactorily now. It seems that the cotton and corn acreage will be about the same as last year, and about the same quantity of fertilizers will be used.

We have had a few days of intense cold, but the weather has moderated and it is now raining, which has been greatly needed for some time. Many wells have become dry, and

the mill ponds were so low, that no corn has been ground in two months. There has been very much sickness in this community among both white and colored, and some very serious cases.

Mrs. Eva Smith, of Bishopville, has been visiting her sick mother, Mrs. K. J. Williams this week. We are glad to say Mrs. Williams is improving.

Some few from this section attended the laying of the corner stone at the Presbyterian church in Bishopville on the 25th. There were several hundred persons present.

A few persons from this community attended the marriage of Miss Tyson English to Mr. Louis Deschamps. They report a most delightful time.

EGYPT.

Egypt, January 29.—We are sure having enough rain in this section now. The farm work is at a standstill. Hauling fertilizer and ploughing has been going on for several weeks. Oats are looking very bad.

Miss Irene Weldon entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening. Among those present were:

Misses Aline Hunter, Belle McCutchen, Dorothy Napier and Irene Weldon. Messrs. Tommy Jenkins, James Jenkins, Author McLeod, H. Evans, Reggie McCutchen and Olin White.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Peebles spent Thursday in Camden.

Mr. Marion Weldon and Miss Alma Caughman were married last Tuesday at the home of Rev. R. E. Sharp, Rev. Sharp officiating. The groom is one of our most prominent young men, the bride is one of Heriots most popular and charming young ladies. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations and wish them a never ending honeymoon.

Messrs. Lawrence White and John McCutchen, spent a few days of last week with Dr. T. D. Foxworth of McCall.

Mr. J. W. Weldon spent last Tuesday in Bishopville.

Mr. Davis Boykin died last Wednesday after several months' illness. He was a young man about 30 years of age. He leaves one daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. He was buried Thursday at Mispah cemetery. He was a member of Mispah Baptist church. Rev. T. S. Cole conducted the funeral services.

The health is very good.

HAGOOD.

Hagood, January 30.—The rain on last Friday was a very heavy one. It was the only heavy rain that has fallen here since last July. It will prove very beneficial to the oat crop which has suffered for the lack of moisture. The month of January has been favorable for farm work and most of our farmers have made good use of it. A lot of land has been broken; the most of it with two horse plows, the idea seems to be deep plowing and thorough preparation.

Mrs. T. P. Sanders and children spent several days in Charleston last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson who have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hilderbrand, returned to their home in Sumter this morning.

Mrs. A. P. Gaillard and Mr. Arthur Gaillard Jr., are on a visit to relatives in Berkeley County.

Dr. P. S. Kirk of Eutawville, is on a visit to his son Dr. W. S. Kirk.

Mr. A. K. Sanders accompanied the Legislators on their excursion to Charleston last week.

Mr. D. V. Keels and Miss Annie Keels of Remberts, attended services at the Episcopal church yesterday.

Bishop Guerry is expected to pay his annual visitation to the Church of the Ascension on February 15th, next.

Mr. E. R. Alston who suffered a serious accident by a fall from a buggy some time ago is able to be up again.

What His Side Wanted.

(From the Louisville Times.)

Samuel Untermyer was being congratulated at the Manhattan Club on his recent successful conduct of a murder case. The distinguished corporation lawyer modestly evaded all these compliments by the narration of a number of anecdotes of criminal law:

"One case, in my native Lynchburg," he said, "implicated a planter of sinister repute. The planter's chief witness was a servant named Calhoun White. The prosecution believed that Calhoun White knew much about his master's shady side. It is also believed that Calhoun, in his misplaced affection, would lie in the planter's behalf.

"When on the stand, Calhoun was ready for cross-examination, the prosecuting counsel said to him, sternly:

"Now Calhoun, I want you to understand the importance of telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in this case."

" 'Yes, sah,' said Calhoun.

" 'You know what will happen, I suppose, if you don't tell the truth?'

" 'Yes, sah,' said Calhoun, promptly 'Our side'll win de case.' "

ALASKAN GRAFT CASES.

GLAVIS CONTINUES HIS EXPOSURE OF CORRUPT OFFICIALS.

He Has Documentary Evidence That Fraud Existed and That Certain Land Office Officials Were in League With the Grafters.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Louis R. Glavis concluded his testimony before the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee late today. He will be recalled at the resumption of the hearing Monday afternoon for cross-examination by any of the persons against whom he has made charges.

Glavis' last day on the stand was full of interest. It developed the animus which long has existed between the land office and the forestry bureau and the resentment the land office people felt when Glavis called in "the forestry" as they termed it.

The witness also declared that Representative McLachan of California and Representative Kincaid of Nebraska were interested in Alaska claims and that Mr. Ballinger after being commissioner of the land office had acted as attorney for Mr. Kincaid. Glavis asserted that Mr. Ballinger had suggested to him not to pursue an investigation of Congressman McLachan, saying there "had been too much of that sort of thing in the past."

Glavis said he did not see Representative McLachan. Glavis was asked the direct question if he thought Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner of the General Land Office Dennett were in league to do wrong in the Alaska cases. He replied:

"Well, I thought the cases would be better protected with them out of the way."

Glavis' attack seemed to centre more today upon Commissioner Dennett. He said he became convinced in the summer of 1908, that Dennett was "crooked" and took steps to secure carbon copies of letters Dennett was writing back to Washington. Several of these letters were introduced. One of these introduced was from Commissioner Dennett to S. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, dated July 20, 1909, at Seattle and said among other things:

"My dear Schwartz: The worst situation on the line is the one I find here. Our friend Glavis. He regarded me with suspicion and after talking a while showed me your telegram assigning the coal cases to Sheridan. Now I figure that Glavis is preparing to make a cushion for himself to fall back on, and also putting himself in shape to have a great story in case Sheridan does not make good and succeed in cancelling the Cunningham cases.

"While he looks innocently at me yet I can see that his heart is bad, though why it should be I can not tell, except that he wanted to drag the case out. He may be sincere, of course in his idea that he has not been given time and opportunity. He asserts that he will help Sheridan all he can, but it is not human nature, or at least not his human nature. The atmosphere is not good at all.

"That he is playing the forestry there is no question. The innocent look he gave me when I told him he was dragging in Shaw, etc., when there was no necessity was beautiful. He has also talked conservation very strongly. Glavis talking conservation! All round he is ugly and he is preparing to be as unpleasant as he can, at least that is my solution of the situation.

"Glavis professes the greatest friendship to you and I think you know him better than any one else, and this is certainly the worst situation we have. He will make about 40 favorable and about 500 unfavorable reports; the way things will commence to drop will be amusing."

The morning session had not proceeded very far when Senator Nelson clashed with Glavis who had intimated that attempts had been made to hinder him in the investigation of the Alaska cases during the period from October, 1908, to April, 1909.

"In any of your talks with Land Commissioner Dennett was there a matter of fact any attempt to hinder you in your work?" asked the chairman.

"Yes, they did," replied Glavis.

Glavis went into some detail about the visit of Fred Dennett, commissioner of the land office, to Seattle in July, 1909. Various letters were read in this connection in which Dennett and Glavis both spoke of each other in anything but complimentary terms.

At one point Glavis in his testimony said he had heard Dennett was writing some "peculiar letters back to Washington and had made an arrangement with the man acting as Dennett's stenographer to save a copy of all letters for him.

"I thought he was crooked," said Glavis, "and when I went to see him I asked the stenographer to take down all I said and all Dennett said to me."

Glavis said he had also told F. J.

Heny of his suspicious regarding Dennett.

"In view of all I had heard about Mr. Dennett I thought something was wrong," said Glavis.

One of the letters put in evidence today was addressed by Chief of Field Division Schwartz to G. W. Woodruff, assistant attorney general for the interior department.

Mr. Brandeis offered a letter which, after making certain inquiries as to the interpretation of the Alaska coal land of May 28, 1908, said:

"I submit this inquiry in no spirit of criticism of the regulation except that I feel that we need every ounce of power to prevent Alaskan frauds which will, by comparison, make past frauds appear as petty larceny."

"We have pending about 500 coal entries; every man on the coast, who knows anything knows the Guggenheims do and will control the coal situation unless at once forestalled. The act of May 28, 1908, limiting its consolidation benefits to enterprises already made (Guggenheim and two or three other corporations) and so shuts out future competition.

"Exhibits show coal in from 20 to 80 width blankets of clear coal. The 500 entries have, say, 80,000 acres. At 10 cents a ton on 20 foot veins the royalty alone is \$160,000,000."

SUMMERTON NEWS.

The Comet Observed by Residents on Friday—Other Matters of Interest.

Summerton, Jan. 31.—Summertons are not habitually given to stargazing, considering themselves responsible for more practicable affairs in the daily walk of life, yet we find ourselves having greatness thrust upon us in the astronomical world in the observation of the recent comet. Antedating by a day all reported observations, several of our citizens, (who have, by the way, seen many before,) saw this particular spectacle of interest on Friday evening. So far we have noted observations as having been made on Saturday at other places. This is no doubt one of the many pointers toward the conspicuous position Summerton must eventually occupy.

We have previously had occasion to mention the tendency on the part of our farmers to appreciate the value of building up small industries. An instance of this recently brought to our notice is the canning of vegetables which a few of our farmers are engaging in with great success. Mr. William Felder, quite a large farmer of this section, has for a number of years done this to some extent, but this year he has far surpassed any previous record; and our town people are beginning to rely on him for their canned tomatoes for winter use. One of the expected enterprises of the near future will be a canning factory.

As the planting season approaches, many preparations for re-cultivation are apparent. From early morning until dusk wagons may be seen passing loaded with the newly arrived fertilizers, as well as farm implements of all kinds. In fact the hardware company of this place is fast becoming the supply house for farmers far and near. Only a day or two ago were seen shipments of wire fencing and other material to Jordan and other places, and some plow points to a farmer near Eutawville.

Mr. Plumer Clark, recently employed in the drug store of W. E. Brown & Co., of Manning, arrived a few days since to accept a position with Capers & Co.

Messrs. Harry Davis and Wallace Mathis left a few days ago to take business courses at Draughn's Business College of Atlanta, Ga.

A recital by the pupils of Miss Mabel Harper's Music Class was given at the School Auditorium on Friday evening. Owing to the inclemency of the weather all of those taking part could not be present and the performance will be repeated this evening at 8 o'clock.

Another entertainment given recently at Panola by the local talent of that neighborhood will be given in Summerton on Friday evening, February 4th. Amateur performances have ever occupied a prominent place in this locality, and we may count on this to come up to the usual high standard.

Quite a number of prominent members of the Bar were seen in town on Thursday in attendance upon Judge Richburg's Court. Among them were: Judge R. O. Purdy of Sumter, W. C. Davis, Oliver O'Bryan and Charlan DuRant of Manning.

Hon's. O. C. Scarborough and J. R. Dingle who are attending the meeting of South Carolina's General Assembly spent yesterday at their homes.

Mr. John Baskins who for the past few years has been enlisted in the United States Army in the Philippine Islands, spent a few days last week at the home of Col. O. C. Scarborough.

If you want a fine piano or a gold watch, or if you have a friend who wants either get into the Voting Contest we are conducting.

TILLMAN CASE IN COURT.

SENATOR IS PRESENT AND SUBMITS AN AFFIDAVIT.

Marital Trouble of B. R. Tillman, Jr., and His Wife Laid Bare by Latter's Effort to Secure Custody of Children.

Columbia, Jan. 31.—Such a story of marital unhappiness, of separations, of striving for the possession of offspring never came before a South Carolina Court, and perhaps rarely before any other Court, as was told in the Supreme Court today, when Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., appeared under a petition to secure custody of her two little daughters. There was nothing left untold, the whole marital life of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., was given in numerous affidavits from the first day of their marriage to the happenings leading to the present proceeding in the Court. It was indeed a recital such as one reads in books and only once in a while sees enacted in real life.

Countless charges and counter charges were aired and set out in minute detail in the various affidavits submitted in behalf of young Mrs. Tillman and those supporting the contention of her husband. Senator B. R. Tillman appeared in court and sat throughout the proceedings. He himself submitted an affidavit, which was a fine piece of work, setting out all differences that arose between his son and wife and giving his reasons for taking the custody of his two grandchildren under the terms of the deed from his son.

The point of issue between Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., is the custody of their two children, Douschka Pickens Tillman and Sarah Stark Tillman. The mother and father having separated and all efforts at a reconciliation being of no avail, the question arose as to who should have possession of the two little daughters. An agreement was reached at one time that the two children should be alternately with each parent, but later the deed was executed by which they were turned over to Senator and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, the parents of B. R. Tillman, Jr.

To those in the court room today the affidavits read were bearers of a sad and pitiful message. The once happy young couple were pictured at their new home; then step by step the estrangement, the hatred of the two old families that not even love could conquer, the efforts on the part of all interested to make the path of married life easier, the outbreak of all the hatred that beforehand had been smothered—and finally the separation.

Not even his own father and mother claimed for young Tillman that his life had been an exemplary one since his marriage. Admitting that the boy had been a drunkard at various times within the past few years, but declaring that before his marriage he had led a sober life, Senator Tillman, in his remarkable affidavit, laid bare the whole history of "B. R.'s" life. He told of the occasions when his son was almost bereft of reason, because of drink, of how he had on one such occasion attacked the character of his beautiful young wife and was sorry the day after, of the many times that unavailing efforts had been made to bring the couple together. Senator Tillman's affidavit certainly bore the earmarks of frankness, and in its beauty of language and evident show of sincerity towards those who had entered into his life, was a document that mayhap knows no parallel in South Carolina.

The husband likewise did not deny that he had been addicted to the use of drink. His affidavit leaned often kindly toward his wife and showed that even in the home, which is now no more, there had been deep affection. He, however, denied that he had ever been cruel to his wife, except perhaps on that one occasion, when he, under the influence of drink, attacked her character; that for this remorse had come to him. Now he takes no longer strong drink and feels that he has returned into himself.

In the court room, surrounded by her friends, the young wife sat through the proceedings to-day. A strikingly handsome woman her pale face showed that it was not to her liking to come into a Court of equity and seek relief. She evinced great interest in the opening part of the hearing, but as her heartstrings were touched by the recital of events in marital life of herself and her husband, she lowered her head, and it was apparently with great effort that she restrained a public show of feeling. Her evident desire to be with her children was expressed when, after a consultation with her at the close of the hearing, her counsel requested the Court to allow the mother the custody of the two children, pending the settlement of the case. The Court stated that it would decide the matter and made no ruling at the time on this point.

Ignorant of what was going on beyond the door that screened them from those within the Supreme Court

room, the two little girls around whom centres so much of contest, played in the clerk's room, where was also Mrs. B. R. Tillman, this morning. In order to amuse the elder a pencil and a piece of paper were given her. At once she sat down and said: "Now I am going to write a note to mama." The younger said: "Yes, I want to see my mama," but the mother did not see the children, for they were not brought into the Court room. She expressed a desire to be with them to her friends.

A mother seeking her two babes! The sisterhood of women brought many of those whose lives are given for others to the Court room this morning. Even before the case was called there were ladies in the lobby of the State House, and after the case had been entered into and the Court room was crowded almost to its capacity more ladies arrived. It was necessary for the Court to suspend for a few minutes owing to the confusion of providing seats for the ladies. Some were not able to secure a place in the Court room, and stood on chairs without and looked in through the large glass doors of the Supreme Court room. On the outside one lady was seated in one of the outer windows of the room. Much interest was manifested by the ladies present, and not one of them left during the course of the proceedings, all remaining during the four hours of the hearing.

Many prominent men were present at the hearing, including members of the Legislature, prominent lawyers and men in every profession. Of the Tillman family there were present Senator Tillman, B. R. Tillman Jr., Henry Tillman and others connected with the family. Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., was accompanied to the Court room by several of her kinsmen.

JACKSON SMITH DEAD.

Carolinian and Ex-Member of Canal Commission Passes Away.

Columbia, Jan. 29.—Jackson Smith, a well known civil engineer, a native South Carolinian and a former member of the Panama Canal Commission died yesterday in Portland, Ore., according to a dispatch received here by his sister, Mrs. H. A. Gasque. He was appointed a member of the commission by President Roosevelt. He was 47 years of age and was born in Marion.

LOVETT'S APPEAL REJECTED.

President Decides To Press Suit To Dissolve Merger of Pacific Roads.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The President has determined to press to a conclusion the pending suit against the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad Companies looking to a dissolution of the merger. Today he concluded to deny the application of Judge Lovett, Mr. Harriman's successor, for dismissal of the suit.

Soon after Judge Lovett, with a number of influential railroad people, appealed to the President to quash the proceedings before Judge Vandevanter's court in Salt Lake City, Mr. Taft, following the course adopted in the case of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, when a similar appeal was made, referred the matter to the Attorney General for examination and report.

In the New England case it was found that, owing to the action taken by Massachusetts and the insignificance of the government's interests, it would be best to abandon the prosecution of the railroad, and this was done.

But Attorney General Wickersham reached a different conclusion in this Pacific Railroad merger case. Today he handed President Taft a voluminous report, the conclusions of which justifies the President in the announcement that there was a good case against the railroads, based upon the decision in the Northern Securities litigation. Therefore the proceedings at Salt Lake City will be pressed. The status of the case at present is this: The government has put in its testimony. The defense must begin in April, and the usual evidence in rebuttal must be submitted thereafter. Then the case will go to that novel tribunal of four judges provided for by the Anti-trust act, known as the "expediting court," and doubtless in the end it will come before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prices have gone down a bit, but the dealers attribute the decline to the weather and not the consumer's attitude. The consumer never gets any credit for anything, except a week or two before election.—New York Mail.

The Insurgents seem to have given up the war dance for the party coltillon.—Washington Post.

The question of the hour at Washington is, "What is a Republican?"—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

Custom reconciles us to everything.—Edmund Burke.