

## 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.

## MAX.

Max, April 7.—The sad news of the death yesterday morning after a few days illness of Miss Violet Young, of Columbia, comes to relatives here.

Mrs. B. M. Truluck was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. S. E. LaCote of St. Charles, last week, who was sick and has since died.

Mrs. M. P. Truluck slowly improves from a serious illness.

Mrs. B. A. Smith is very sick.

Mr. B. C. Truluck went to Timmonsville today.

Messrs. J. C. Truluck and Payne will go to Sumter tomorrow.

Mr. Hall Martin, of Spartanburg, late of Mexico, is calling on one of our fair teachers tonight.

This was not one of the fortunate sections that had good rains yesterday morning.

Farmers are waiting for rain before planting cotton.

## WISACKY.

Wisacky, April 8.—The prolonged drought continues from which the oat crop and gardens are suffering very much and farmers are right much hampered in their work.

Lots of young corn will soon be ready for the plough and farmers are busy planting cotton, and many have finished and are needing rain to bring cotton to a stand. They are giving more careful attention to planting and farm work in general than ever before, and are also taking a deeper interest in stock raising than they ever have.

Picnics are becoming more and more popular as spring advances and fish fries are being enjoyed by many.

The health of the community is not good.

Mr. J. H. Ledingham, who was extremely ill two weeks ago is having a very slow recovery. There is much sickness among the colored folks.

Misses Sadie McCutcheon and Florrie Mae Smith, of Bishopville, were in our midst a few days since.

Mr. Editor, we enjoy reading the newsy item you send us daily.

## REMBERT.

Rembert, April 7.—Mr. Jesse B. Jackson, who graduates this session at the South Carolina University paid a flying visit to our community this week.

Miss Mary Emily Creighton came home to be present at the marriage of Miss Lizzie James.

Our little friend, Edward Jackson, a patient sufferer, is quite sick.

Dry, dry, although the weather bureau held out the delusive hope of rain for Wednesday.

As announced in your valuable paper, Miss Elizabeth James and Mr. John Henry Romanstein were married at Bethesda church Wednesday, April 6th, by Rev. J. N. Wright. It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Some of our people have planted cotton while the rest are trying to get ready.

The health of the community just now is excellent.

## AREO AND AUTO COLLIDE.

J. C. Mars, Hero of Memphis, Loses Control of Biplane—Crashes Down Upon Auto.

Memphis, Tenn., April 10.—Losing control of a Curtiss biplane which he was operating at a height of 75 feet, J. C. Mars plunged downward with terrific speed into the fields of the aviation course here late today, alighting on top of a seven-passenger touring car in which were seated three women and two children. The canopy top over the touring car saved the lives of its occupants, only one of whom was slightly injured. The biplane was smashed into bits, and Mars was caught under the wreckage but escaped with no injuries worse than a badly bruised and wrenched knee and a slight cut on his chin.

In the automobile when the aeroplane crashed into it were Mrs. Edward Ritter, Miss Edna Ritter, Louise Ritter, Mrs. Wilmer Smith and child, all of this city. Mrs. Ritter was the only one to be injured, receiving a slight cut on one shoulder.

## ADVANCE POPULATION SCHEDULE.

The Census Bureau Intends Introducing an Innovation in Census-Taking Methods in Certain Large Cities.

Washington, April 11.—Each head of a family in a number of large cities will receive, a few days prior to April 15, when the United States Census begins an "advance population schedule," containing all the questions which appear in the official population schedule to be carried by the census takers.

These advance schedules are to be filled in by the heads of families or, in their absence, by other members of their families, and the schedules will be taken up by the enumerators during the progress of the actual enumeration.

This action on the part of the Census Bureau is a complete innovation and an important advance in American census methods of obtaining a count of the population, and the bureau authorities expect it to prove of great practical and scientific value.

It insures greater accuracy and completeness in the returns, as the heads of the families, who are generally the most reliable sources of information, are themselves given sufficient opportunity in advance of the enumeration to examine deliberately and to answer exactly the census questions. In past censuses it was the case usually that the head of the family was absent at work when the enumerator called and reliance had to be placed on other members of the family, frequently servants or children, or on neighbors, none of whom can be classed as dependable informants.

The advance schedule will also undoubtedly prove of great assistance to the enumerators. It will enable them to perform their work more expeditiously and agreeably, and will lessen the number of cases involving repeated calls by them.

It is the intention of the census authorities to confine the present scope of this auxiliary method of population enumeration to the large cities which, in the past, have contained the greater number of absentee heads of families.

In a communication to the "Head of the family," printed on the back of each schedule, Census Director Durand states:

"In accordance with the act of congress approved July 2, 1909, the enumeration of the population of the United States will begin on April 15. An enumerator will call at your house, or apartment, for the purpose of obtaining the required information concerning all persons belonging to your household. It is necessary that you should prepare the information in advance of the enumerator's visit. Please, therefore, answer all the questions contained on this advance schedule for each member of your household and preserve it so that it can readily be given to the enumerator when he calls. By doing this you will not only aid greatly in the work of securing an accurate enumeration of the population but will probably save yourself much trouble, since if you do not do so, a great deal of your time will unavoidably be taken by the enumerator in securing the information he must obtain, and he may have to call on you several times.

"This schedule, as filled in by you, should be given to the enumerator when he calls. As he has been given detailed instructions, which it has not been possible to put on this schedule, concerning the exact manner in which each question should be answered, it will be necessary for him to go over the answers with you or with some member of your family for the purpose of making such additions or changes as are called for by his instructions. All such additions and changes should be made by the enumerator on this schedule or on his official schedule before he leaves the house. The advance schedule, whether filled in by you or not, should then, in all cases, be given to the enumerator to be forwarded to Washington with his official schedule upon which the corrected information for all families in his district has been written.

"Read the President's proclamation on the schedule, which emphatically states that you can not possibly be harmed in any way by giving information to the census."

Another section of the back page of the schedule is devoted to brief instructions to govern the head of the family in filling the schedule. A third section contains the complete text of the President's census proclamation.

## SHIPPING COTTON TO PATTEN.

English Bears Sending the Fleecy Staple to This Country.

New York, April 10.—The steamer Baltic which arrives here today brought over 6,799 bales of cotton from Liverpool. This is the second shipment of the present movement brought about in an attempt to break the Patten-bull corner in May cotton. Ten thousand bales arrived last week and 50,000 in all have been engaged for shipment.

## FARMER ADDRESSES TEACHERS.

Conference for Education in the South After Much Talk Adjourns For Another Talk-fest Next Year.

Little Rock, Ark., April 8.—Declaring that too much attention is paid to theory and book learning and not enough to practical farming, C. S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, vigorously attacked agricultural schools in general and their methods before the Conference for Education in the South today. Mr. Barrett's address was a feature of the closing day's programme of the conference, which adjourned late tonight to meet in Jacksonville, Fla., next year.

In the opinion of Mr. Barrett, who spoke before the agricultural section of the conference, all but a very few of the schools of agriculture in the South turn the mind of the young man to the city instead of holding him to the farm.

At the outset Mr. Barrett declared that he had never attended an assembly more anxious to do good. "But," he continued, "you don't know the fellow you are trying to help. If one-fifth of the money spent in trying to uplift the farmer was spent in the right way, it would accomplish 15 times the result. I have had ten times the opportunity of any man that ever lived to study the farmer, and I am just beginning to understand him."

When the time allotted to Mr. Barrett expired a quick turn to another subject prevented replies to his remarks. Several of the delegates were on their feet, but the programme was not interrupted by debate which indications were would have developed into a rather acrimonious discussion.

The State organizers and prominent workers of the School Improvement Association also met this afternoon and heard reports on progress from various States. One of the features was an address by Dr. Branson, president of the State Normal school at Athens, Ga., who declared that the fault with education in the South is that the cities are skimming the very cream of the country population, and also because the process of disposition and accumulation of land has gone too far in the South.

"One out of every two farms in the South," he declared, "is occupied by a tenant in three out of every five in eight Southern States. The process of disposition and accumulation has gone farther here in 40 years than in England in 800 years.

The State high school inspectors and State superintendents were other sections of the conference which were in session during the afternoon. The latter adopted a resolution providing for the gathering of educational data in the Southern States in order that a clear study of situations may be made.

Dr. S. A. Knapp of the United States department of agriculture, Dean S. L. Russell of the University of Wisconsin and D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop College, South Carolina, were among those who addressed the agricultural section this afternoon.

## MOTHER'S ACT OF BRAVERY.

## Risking Her Life, Rescued Child From Burning Building.

Spartanburg, April 8.—Mrs. Martin L. Hanna rushed into a burning building this morning with sack covering her head and saved the life of her young child. The youngster was playing with matches in a barn when some dry hay caught fire, and before he could get out, the entire building was enveloped in flames. The mother, who was working in a nearby garden, rushed to the scene and saw that the child would be burned to death unless prompt action was taken. She picked up a sack and covered her head, defied flames and, rushing in, carried the lad from the burning building.

Neither the child nor the mother was hurt, save a few slight burns. It was a heroic act, and displayed a true motherly love.

## REVENUE TAX ON SOFT DRINKS.

## Revenue Agent Gives Notice That Dealers Must Comply.

Columbia, April 8.—It is very probable that Sumter drug stores and all others selling soft drinks, will be subject to a revenue license tax, if all are not now paying it.

The internal revenue department, under the administration of Mr. A. J. Yellowley, as revenue agent, has served notices upon all the soft drink sellers of Columbia that they must take out licenses as liquor dealers, if they are using any hard syrups containing as much as one-half of one per cent. of alcohol. Several of the dealers in Columbia have taken out licenses for the last two years, rather than contest the ruling, but it is possible that one or more of the dealers may take the matter to the Courts. Others have paid up rather than protest.

## Dry in New York.

New York, April 10.—Not since the day when Theodore Roosevelt was commissioner of police has New York been so dry as Sunday as today. Drinks were to be had, of course, but the drought was nevertheless evident nearly all over the city. The police, beginning last Sunday, are obeying the letter Mayor Gaynor's order of "hands off, no excise arrests." But with slips prepared by the district attorney's office they started in looking for evidence of liquor law violations. In conjunction with officers of the State excise department. This, together with general uncertainty of things, made the saloon men cautious.

## Mr. Shand for Mayor.

Columbia, April 8.—The Hon. R. W. Shand, the dean of Columbia's Bar, is this afternoon nominated, in a petition signed by 126 business men, for mayor, under the new regime. The election is on the 9th of May.

## ASYLUM COMMISSION MEETS.

First Step in Change at State Hospital For Insane Made—Dr. Babcock is Chairman.

Columbia, April 9.—The State Hospital Commission met yesterday for the purpose of perfecting an organization and discussing preliminary plans for the improvement of conditions at the asylum by the purchase of additional lands and the erection of certain buildings. There were present at the meeting Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane; Dr. Robert Wilson, Jr., of Charleston, chairman of the State Board of Health; Judge R. O. Purdy, of Sumter; Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, and Dr. George B. Cromer, of Newberry. Dr. Babcock was elected chairman of the commission and Dr. Cromer was elected secretary. The next meeting will be held on May 16.

After some discussion the commission decided to advertise for a tract of land not less than 2,000 acres, well watered and conveniently located for hospital purposes. Offers for the land are to be received until May 14.

Gov. Ansel presided at the preliminary meeting of the commission and called for an expression of each of the members as to the future work for the institution. This led to a general discussion of the situation. The conclusions were reached that the purposes of the commission were to relieve the present congested conditions at the hospital and to establish a future policy for the institution.

It is likely that several, if not all, of the members of the commission will attend a meeting of asylum officers to be held in Washington on May 3, 4 and 5, and that later a visit will be made to several asylums, both in the Northern and Southern States, for the purpose of investigating the methods employed at these institutions.

The commission is authorized under a joint resolution of the last general assembly to borrow the sum of \$100,000 with which to make the improvements.

## BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT REMBERT.

Miss Elizabeth Vermelle James Becomes the Bride of Mr. Romanstein.

Wednesday, April 6.—At 12 m. it was our privilege together with a large concourse of people to witness the wedding at Bethesda church of Elizabeth Vermelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian James to Mr. John Henry Romanstein, of Columbia, S. C. The church was beautifully decorated in white and pink the color scheme being done in excellent effect.

Promptly at the hour as the soft, familiar strains of Mendelssohn, rendered by Miss Courtenay Atkinson pealed forth Miss Mary Emily Creighton advancing from the right, was met at the chancel by Mr. R. L. Gantt advancing from the left and each crossing faced the other. Then Miss Emma Allen with Mr. Jesse B. Jackson and after them Miss Kate Romanstein with Mr. Sylvester Allen. Then Miss Mattie James, maid of honor, followed by the dainty little flower girls in white and pink, Little Rosa Scarboro and Kate Reames each carrying a roll of white or pink ribbon, which they strewed before the bride, entering on the arm of her father and proceeding to the altar, where she was met by the bridegroom on the arm of his best man, Mr. Frank Romanstein. There under an artistic arch the man of God pronounced them man and wife.

The bride was elegantly gowned in soft white silk and bore a bouquet of white bridal roses. The bridesmaids were in white lawn, each carrying a bouquet of carnations. Immediately after the marriage lunch was served at the home of Mr. J. L. Jackson when they went to Hagood where, amid showers of rice at 2:15 p. m. the happy couple boarded the train for Columbia, their future home.

They were the recipients of numerous and valuable presents.

## TO DEVELOP STOCK RAISING.

## How the Southern Railway is Working to Encourage the Raising of Food and Stock.

Atlanta, Ga., April 7.—"The South as a Profitable Field for Stock Raising" is the theme of the April issue of the Southern Field, the official organ of the land and industrial departments of the Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio, the Georgia Southern and Florida, the Alabama Great Southern, and the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railroads. Advance proofs which have just come from the press indicate that this issue, thousands of copies of which will be placed in the hands of desirable settlers now living in the north and west, will preach a great sermon on the opportunities for profit in the stock business in the South.

The leading article tells of the great awakening of interest in this industry in the South and the opening of a mammoth packing house in Atlanta is pointed out as an indication that the movement for the South to raise its food at home is now well under way. Well written articles fully illustrated tell of the northern or western farmer is assured that by coming South he can procure cheaper land with a climate giving practically twice as much time for work in the year and still pursue the kind of agricultural industry to which he is accustomed, instead of having no alternative but to raise cotton.

Wire grass Georgia and the section along the line of the Augusta Southern railroad come in for a considerable share of attention but no section of the South is neglected and though the raising of live stock is given chief attention all branches of Southern agriculture and industry are touched upon.

This magazine which is published under the direction of Land and Industrial Agent M. V. Richards is a great booster for the South and all readers are assured that any one interested in the South will be given the fullest information on application to the department's headquarters in Washington where facts and figures concerning any section of the South are to be had at a moment's notice and a permanent exposition of the South's resources is maintained open to the investigation of any one.

## PATTEN'S \$2,000,000 LOSS.

Cotton Bull Says He is in Fight to Finish Without Considering Small Matter.

New York, April 7.—Although Jas. A. Patten of Chicago is quoted as having said that he was here for a "fight to a finish" in the cotton market the expected activity on the exchange was not in evidence today in the early trading. In fact, it was a day of calm. Neither the bulls nor the bears made any show of fight, but both sides were in arms, ready for the combat. It was what the traders call a "falling market."

"I am here for a fight to finish with McFadden," Mr. Patten said today, referring to Geo. I. McFadden, the cotton operator.

"Is it true that you lost more than \$1,000,000 in the recent slump?" he was asked.

"Make it \$2,000,000 if you want to," he replied. "Losing \$2,000,000 in this sort of a fight is no more to me than losing a dime would be to you. When a man has as much cotton coming and going as I have, he has not time to figure up how every little fluctuation in the price affects his profits. It is not worth while."

## STABLE BURNS IN CAMDEN.

Camden, April 8.—At about 2 o'clock this afternoon the stable of Dr. S. F. Brasington caught on fire and was burned to the ground. The flames had advanced considerably before being discovered and for that reason it was impossible to save the building.

Several surrounding out houses caught and it was only through fine work by the fire company and excellent water pressure that the fire was kept from reaching far more serious proportions. The stable was stocked with feed, guano and cement all of which was lost. The two horses which were in the building at the time it caught were taken out in safety. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Agricola's Rambles.

Mr. Editor:

This scribe in his rambles has alighted upon a beautiful spot called Lynchburg. This is a charming village situated in one of the most beautiful sections of country to be found. We read of a certain city in Italy whose main streets are canals, with boats for automobiles. This rambler used to think of that city as the ideal of the world, but here in beautiful Lynchburg, we have something that will beat that: a railroad for main street. The inhabitants of this pleasant village are a progressive people. They have a splendid school, two good churches and many other things which show the spirit of a great people. Here we find also a very fine farming section; composed of large and small farms, dotted with beautiful homes where peace and pleasure reign. We find the men here, with happy spirits, busily engaged with their toils, while the women sing happily all the day of "Peace on earth and good will to men."

## CORRUPTION IN DILLON ELECTION.

## Letter to Attorney General Lyon Will Result in Investigation in New County.

Columbia, April 9.—Fraud by the use of liquor and money in securing votes in the recent election held in the new county of Dillon is charged in a letter received by Attorney General Lyon from a citizen of that county. The letter says:

"We have just had our first election in Dillon county, and while we had hoped that it would be a clean one, regret to say that it was one of the dirtiest I know of, and there are a few things that came up that I would like to have your advise me on. I have been reliably informed that at several of the precincts both liquor and money were used freely. In fact, I have understood that at one of the precincts two parties were arrested and have made sworn affidavits that they were given liquor and money. One of the parties states that he knows of several voters treated as he was. I have understood further, that men were carried to the polls so drunk that it was necessary for them to be bodily supported. Would not a condition like this not only lay the parties liable to prosecution, but throw out the poll? Another case brought to my attention is this: One of the cotton mills here has a voting precinct and the voters are controlled entirely by the president and the superintendent. In fact, I have understood, and am free to say that I believe it, that if the operatives refuse to vote as the president and superintendent directs, they are promptly dismissed.

"This same precinct counted the votes with closed doors and would not make known the result until certain other results had been announced. These are conditions that exist here and if it is possible to not only throw out those polls that were so rotten, but bring the guilty parties to justice, I shall be glad to have you advise the course of procedure."

Attorney General Lyon has taken contents of the letter under consideration and will make a thorough investigation.

## THOMAS F. WALSH DEAD.

## Multi-Millionaire Succumbs to Growth On Lungs of Long Standing.

Washington, April 8.—Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine owner, died at his home here tonight at 11:30 o'clock.

Death was due to a growth on the lungs due to an injury received years ago when Mr. Walsh was a miner in the West. Although the "Silver Mining King," as Mr. Walsh was known, has been ill for the past three years, the end came unexpectedly.

## AGRICOLA.