

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 or 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, Aug. 9.—The crops are looking bright and fresh since the rains. We have had splendid seasons, which came just in time. I've been informed that the rains at Herlots were very heavy, roads and fields being bandily washed up.

Children's day was spent very pleasantly, although several showers came up during the day. The children's recitations were splendidly rendered. The debate by the local talent was one of the most enjoyable features of the day. Mr. W. F. Rhame, of Sumter, made a short talk which was mostly reminiscent. Mr. Cunningham, of Bishopville, spoke to the children; this talk was interesting and applicable to the elders as well as the young people. The ladies of Swift Creek served ice cream in the afternoon. Quite a neat little sum was realized for the benefit of their church.

Mr. Editor, I dare say that I did wrong to denounce prohibition as a law. It was a mistake of the head and not of the heart. Conditions are no better here. Whiskey still comes as before. A reliable gentleman told me that four gallons of whiskey came up this road last Friday, August the fifth. My denunciation was made after I had despaired of ever bringing about order and peace here. It has done good any way, for I now have help and, the cooperation of at least two of the best prohibition men, one of Sumter county, and the other of Lee county. Something had to be done, for no help need be expected here. This is a hard time in the country, but still the whiskey comes in just the same. I guess it will be best for me to ring off, and tell nothing more about the whiskey traffic. Some people don't care to have you tell the truth. If nothing can be done just let it go, and time will solve the problem for us. They seem to think I haven't any better sense than to think this place comprises the three counties. I stated the conditions here and what I had been told concerning other places, and my attitude toward all this, then asked my friend, a true prohibitionist, if he was now surprised that I became despondent and expressed myself too forcibly in regard to the law. He had to confess he was not. I could open the eyes of some people, but for the sake of those who don't seem to care only to criticize, I will refrain from doing so. I have this consolation: God knows, and justice will surely be meted out some day. But in conclusion let me say, just try to have the law enforced and you'll be given the cold shoulder and get your head in a hornets nest, and be the most unpopular person in your section. I have found this out to my sorrow.

Miss Abbie Evans and Miss Lucile McLeod are spending the day at The Pines.

Mr. Wilson Josey, of St. Charles, and little grandson, Roy McCoy, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Robertson have returned home after a weeks stay at Lexington.

MAYESVILLE.
Mayesville, Aug. 9.—This section has been visited by exceeding heavy rains for the past several days, and all vegetation is growing rapidly. Any farmers who were not free from grassy crops will have to hustle now. The rains have been accompanied by heavy thunder, and some damage by lightning in the country has been reported. Some of Mr. Tom Edens' outbuildings were struck yesterday afternoon, but the damage is reported as not being great. The telephone poles on the Black River road, through the swamp, are said to be all damaged by lightning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mayes, Jr., Misses Nettie and Sadie Mayes, and Mr. M. C. Mayes are at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Misses Sallie and Mamie Burgess, of Clinton, and little Miss Alma Burgess and Master Thomas Burgess, of Fort Motte, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Gladys Thomas, of Manning, is visiting Miss Carrie Anderson.

Mr. Sam Barron is visiting Mr. W. B. Chandler.

Mrs. T. L. Kahn and children have returned home after an extended

visit to relatives in Barnwell.

Miss Carrie Mayes has returned to Whiteville, N. C.

Miss Marie Mayes, of Rose Hill, spent the week-end with relatives.

Mr. A. M. Miller, of Augusta, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Gardner.

Mrs. M. C. Mayes and children have returned from a visit to Lowryville, S. C.

EGYPT.
Egypt, August 9.—On Saturday and Sunday, we had some fine showers which brightened the prospects for cotton and late corn. Cotton is looking well.

Misses Lizzie and Sallie Rabon, two most charming young ladies from Lugoff, have been visiting in Egypt.

The protracted meeting at Mizpah closed Friday afternoon; several new members were added.

Egypt was well represented at Pisgah Saturday.

There will be an ice cream festival at the Egypt school house Saturday, August 13. Proceeds to furnish the new church at the Hill. Everybody is invited to come and bring their purse. There will also be a game of ball between Camden and the home team.

Miss Jessie Brown, of St. Charles, spent last week in this section.

Messrs. Alva and Arthur Humphries, of Camden, spent Saturday and Sunday in Egypt.

Miss Irene Weldon spent several days of last week in Bishopville.

Mr. W. T. McLeod spent last Wednesday in Sumter.

Mr. Lawrence White left this morning for a weeks' visit with friends at Ridgeway.

Mr. Tommy Jenkins, of Rembert, spent Saturday night in Egypt.

The health is very good.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, Aug. 11.—To be in the fashion I'll have to tell about the weather and crops. As you well know, it has been, and still is, intensely hot weather and it continues to rain.

Notwithstanding the heat and rain, our crops of cotton, and late corn have improved very much. Cotton is fruiting well, and throwing off very little fruit. Corn crops are very good. The fodder is being saved. Some of our farmers are cutting and shocking their corn and having it shredded, which, I think is a poor policy. For you not only injure your corn, but get a very inferior quality of forage.

Mr. Willie McCutchen has completed his ginny, and is now ready to gin your cotton, or saw your lumber in first class order. Mrs. Willie McCutchen with her children, will go on a visit to friends in Chester, and from there to visit her sister near Charleston.

H. W. Scott, Jr., Rob Cooper, Jr., and W. A. Green have joined the excursion party to Detroit, Rochester and other northern points.

Mr. W. B. McLeod is off on a short vacation. He is prospecting in Hartsville for the week.

Rev. J. S. Beasley has been carrying on a revival meeting at St. Lukes church during the present week. Though there has been only very little feeling manifested, yet the church has had a gracious uplift under his earnest and solemn appeals.

The Mt. Zion congregation have begun their new church and hope to worship in it by February 1st. They have secured a flowing well of water, which is very fine. With a new pastor with a new wife, and plenty of fine water, they ought to thrive.

Misses Blanche and Lidie Deschamps are still absent on a visit to friends in Chester county, and elsewhere.

Mr. R. M. Cooper has just gotten home a herd of beautiful Jerseys, in full milking, and with a separator is making lots of delightful butter.

The fruit crop, though inferior, is abundant, where there is any effort made to provide this luxury. It is surprising that so few persons give attention to the raising of fruit, which is not only a luxury but is very profitable, as there are markets for everything we can raise on the farm, and the demand is increasing every year. The campaign will soon be over, and I congratulate our State candidates, for they have had a long, monotonous seige, and it is hard to tell who will be the victor.

ROCKY BLUFF.

Rocky Bluff, Aug. 11.—Crops are still improving in this section, and some of the cotton still stands a chance to make a bale to the acre. Some have fine broadcast peas.

Mr. J. J. Hatfield, overseer for Mr. H. C. Haynsworth, has the finest the writer has seen; in some places they are extra fine.

Mrs. W. E. Baker and children spent a part of last week with relatives at Borden and Pisgah, and Mr. Baker went up to attend Children's Day at Pisgah. They report a very pleasant time.

Miss Eva Hatfield spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Josey and son, Charlie, spent Sunday in the Concord

neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McLeod spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. Brown.

Rev. S. B. Hatfield will preach at this place Sunday, August 14, at 11 o'clock.

Negro Thanks White Friends.

Mr. Editor:

Will you be so kind as to allow me (a negro) through the columns of your valuable paper to extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to my white friends, both of city and county, for their services at all times and more especially during our last term of court, when I was arraigned for trial and acquitted. As you know, I was arrested for selling whiskey to one L. J. Jefferson, a Main street restaurant negro, and his brother-in-law, one Mose Sanders, a Grier street negro.

Now Mr. Editor I want my colored people to remember that I was saved from disgrace by the volunteer service of white people. Why? because I have at all times, been polite, respectful, and submissive to them and theirs. I want those of my color or race to always remember that an influential white friend is something our race should strive and pray to have and to ever keep, for we are here with them to stay, and we can stay with them all of our days, if we conduct ourselves so as to gain their respect and good will. To do this successfully we must be honest, respectful, truthful, industrious, and submissive in their absence, as well as in their presence. This has been my motto from boyhood, and shall be so long as I live. Before closing, I want again to thank the gentlemen who voluntarily went upon the stand in my behalf, and to the one who from the day of my arrest to the moment of my acquittal, aided me so much without price or money. I feel that I can never do too much.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.

Munson C. McLeod,

Bossard, S. C., August 1, 1910.

Other papers in county will please honor me by copying.

Do you need printing of any description? Come to headquarters—Osteen Publishing Co. For nearly fifty years Osteen and good printing have meant the same thing in Sumter.

Without fact you can learn nothing.—Disraeli.

BAGGING AND TIES

THE season is near at hand when the producers of the fleecy staple will be looking around for the wherewith to cover it. Farmers are to be congratulated on the fact that bagging and ties will cost them but little more than it did when cotton was selling six to eight cents, and there is no article of merchandise in which they invest, that pays them a handsomer return. We carry a full line in all weights in

New Jute and Sugar Sack Bagging also New Arrow Ties

We have a very choice grade of second hand Jute bagging put up thirty yards to the roll. It is the best of its kind we have ever seen, full standard 2 pounds.

Price 5 cents per Yard.

This is especially suited to ginners who furnish bagging and ties and gin for special price. It will pay you to get prices on other grades before placing your order.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

Is well stocked with cotton picking necessities:

500 bags of rice at 2 1-2 cents per pound up.

350 barrels Flour.

We are selling a good flour at \$5.00 per barrel.

25,000 pounds Butts and Plates.

Meat is very much cheaper than it was.

400 Bags Meal and 200 Bags Grits

THOSE who contemplate engaging in the mercantile business during the Fall and Winter months will do well to get our prices before buying, as there is no larger stock from which to select, and our prices will always be found as low as the lowest.

O'DONNELL & CO.

Annual Mountain and Seashore Excursion.

The Atlantic Coast Line offers exceedingly attractive round trip rates to Washington, Norfolk, Richmond and the mountain and seashore resorts. Wednesday, August 17 is the date fixed by the Atlantic Coast Line for its annual mountain and seashore excursion which is looked forward to by thousands of its patrons as the most appropriate time for a summer vacation, specially on account of the season of the year, the low rates and the splendid service given by the Atlantic Coast Line on these excursions, which have proven so popular in the past.

On the date named the Coast Line will sell round trip tickets from Sumter at the following rates: to Washington \$9.00, to Richmond, \$8.00, to Norfolk, \$8.00, to Wilmington (for Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches) \$5.50, to twenty-five mountain and seashore resorts in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The tickets will be limited to return on any train to reach the original starting point up to but not later than midnight of Thursday, September 1, 1910, thereby giving those taking advantage of this opportunity to spend their vacation away from home two weeks at any of the delightful resorts to which tickets will be sold.

The return portion of tickets sold to Norfolk will be honored from Richmond and the return portion of tickets sold to Richmond will be honored from Norfolk via the Atlantic Coast Line.

Schedules, reservations, tickets and further information may be obtained by calling on M. H. Dickey, Ticket Agent, Sumter, or addressing the undersigned:

T. C. WHITE, Gen. Pass. Agent.

W. J. CRAIG, Pass. Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

THE CAMPAIGN.

Schedule of Meetings to Be Held in This State.

The following is the schedule of campaign meetings of candidates for State offices and congress for South Carolina:

Week off to attend reunion of Confederates and Red Shirts at Spartanburg, if desired, on August 17 and 18. Anderson—Monday, August 22. Abbeville—Wednesday, August 24. Greenwood—Thursday, August 25. Laurens—Friday, August 26. Newberry—Saturday, August 27.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Shiloh Baptist Church Asks Aid From White Citizens.

Editor of the Daily Item: Please allow me space in your columns to speak to the good white people of Sumter.

For a number of years, the Shiloh Baptist church, colored, was located on South Main street. Some few weeks ago we sold this property for \$6,705.00, and bought a lot on the corner of Washington and Dingle streets, for \$3,500.00. We are now erecting a church and parsonage on the last mentioned lot. We could have bought a lot on the corner of Sumter and Bartlett streets for \$2,650.00, which would have suited our purpose just as well as where we bought; and by so doing would have saved \$850.00. But the information came to us that the white neighbors on Bartlette street preferred that no church be built there. So rather than get the ill-will of these who wished otherwise, we bought the lot on the corner of Washington and Dingle streets.

Now, as we spent \$850.00 more in order to give peace and satisfaction, we believe that all of our white friends will help us on our building. On Sunday, August 15th is rally day for our building fund, and we hope to raise \$1,000.00 on that day. The pastor of the church has been appointed to solicit help from both white and colored, in order that we may get into the basement of the church by October 6th; for on this date our time will be out on Main street, and then we will be out of doors.

Rev. J. A. Pinson, the pastor will call on many stores, business firms, and individuals this week.

Several persons have given to help us, and we believe that others will do likewise. One firm gave us \$130.00, and several others gave \$5.00 each. Friends, should our pastor not see you, please help us by mailing us a check for any amount that you can afford to give. We will thank you for it, and God will bless you. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Very truly yours, The Shiloh Baptist Church, Sumter, S. C., August 10, 1910.

The Sumter Collegians won the second of the series at Lancaster, on Tuesday, the score being 12 to 2.

SEED RYE—Just received shipment Rye seed for fall planting in cotton and for winter grazing. Booth-Harby Live Stock Co., Sumter, S. C.

DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Mason received the sad news on Wednesday of the death of Mrs. R. H. Mason, which occurred at Silver City, New Mexico, August 9, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mason have many friends in this city who will learn of Mrs. Mason's death with regret.