

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.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, Dec. 12.—Mr. Charlie Josey of St. Charles and Miss Jessie Brown were married on last Sunday at 1 o'clock at the residence of Rev. T. L. Cole. The bride is one of Rembert's lovely and accomplished young ladies. The groom is one of St. Charles' most estimable young men. The happy couple have a host of friends who wish them the greatest happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dorrity, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shiver, and Miss Geneva Matthis visited Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dunlop on last Sunday.

Messrs. W. H. and L. Hatfield and Miss Nellie Burkett called at "The Pines" on last Sunday.

Mr. Wiley Robertson has returned home after spending a few days in Lexington and Augusta, Ga.

The work on Mr. C. L. Kirkley's new residence is progressing rapidly. Mrs. Ida Holland and children will move to Camden tomorrow.

We are having more cold sunny over the country 79-80... N6N... S... weather. Colds are prevalent all over the country.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Dunlop of Marshall, are spending today with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Dunlop.

Mr. L. S. Vinson has installed a new grist mill which makes real good meal.

Messrs. James Wilson and Willie McEachern called at "Hillwood" last Sunday afternoon.

SUMMERTON.

Miss Lucile Mood Entertains for Miss Gunter and Juveniles Enjoy a Tacky Party.

Special to The Daily Item.

Summerton, Dec. 12.—Two entertainments of much social interest present themselves to mind as easy means of engaging the attention of those readers who enjoy the manifestation of activity in this sphere. On Thursday evening, the 8th, Miss Lucile Mood entertained in honor of Miss Effie Gunter, the accomplished milliner of the Summerton Mercantile Co., who leaves shortly for her home in Batesburg, S. C. Miss Mood, assisted by Misses Marie Mood and Lizzie Holliday, received the guests and made them to feel at once that they had come to enjoy themselves and in that expectation they would not be disappointed. Among other features of decoration was the bower behind which Mrs. Wallace Mathis stood serving delightful punch, which was enjoyed throughout the evening. The mode of entertainment consisted of guessing the number of peanuts in a given bowl, a peanut race, and identification of profiles drawn by Mr. J. Fred Lanham from studies presented that evening. Those most successful in these contests were respectively Mr. Willie Rhame, Mr. Wallace Mathis, and Miss Effie Gunter. To obtain partners for supper, the young ladies were shown upstairs where with ribbon lines they fished in the hall beneath for a man. This done, they were invited into the dining room where a delicious salad course was served by Mesdames Mood and Lanham. Those present were: Miss Effie Gunter, Grace Briggs, Sallie Anderson, Lizzie Holliday, Mildred James, May Davis, Hazel Kogan, May Hammond, May Wells, and the Misses Mood. Messrs. Pierce Holladay, Manning and Covington Woodley, Willie McClary, Willie Rhame, Fred Barnes, Harry Davis, Leon Davis, Lawrence Chowning, Alston James, Pete Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lanham.

On Friday evening, the 9th, at the home of Mr. D. M. Rogers the juveniles of Summerton society spent a pleasant evening in the enjoyment of a Tacky party. Quite a number were present, and all displayed much originality in their "tout ensemble." It was the decision of the judges however, that for the acme of "tackiness" Miss May Hammond and Mr. Capers James should be awarded the prizes.

Miss Mable Edney of Hendersonville who for several days was the attractive guest of Miss Grace Briggs left on Wednesday for Florida where she will join her parents and spend the winter there.

Misses Margie, Etta and Ella Scarborough spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. O. C. Scarborough. Miss Emma Frierson of Columbia, spent Sunday last with Mrs. J. M. Plowden.

Miss Cornelia Plowden, a teacher in the Summerton graded school, on account of ill health went to her home in Sardinia, to remain until after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. S. C. Bannister and family leave this morning for Florence where they will make their home.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, Dec. 12.—Crops are all gathered, except a little scattered cotton, it is difficult to get labor at this time. A large acreage of oats have been planted in this section. There seems to be much unrest among the people, both white and colored, for there is much moving going on.

Mr. W. W. Player will move in January to his plantation near Mayesville, which he has recently bought.

Mr. John Smith will move soon to Bishopville, and his former home will be occupied by Mr. Bell and family from town.

There is much sickness in the community at present, among white and colored. Small pox is prevailing in many places, there are a few cases of scarlet fever in Bishopville.

Miss Martin, who teaches the Ivanhoe school, will have a Christmas tree at the school house on the 23rd. The pupils are looking forward to having the tree with much delight.

Mrs. Eva Smith and sons, Jackie and Harry, of Bishopville, spent yesterday with relatives here.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., as usual, has on display a large and well selected stock of goods that are particularly well adapted for Christmas presents for the men. The lady who is doubt should visit this store.

WISACKY.

Looking Forward to Christmas—Personal Items of Interest.

Wisacky, Dec. 13.—The Christmas holidays are near at hand and the little folks and darkies are full of bright hopes and anticipations, at the return of Santa Claus with his numerous gifts, and the festivities that attend this occasion. I trust that all these hopes and anticipations may be realized.

The new year will bring about many changes in this community. Mr. Werber Player will move his family to his new home near Mayesville, which he bought from Mr. Edens. Mr. W. B. McLeod will move to Hartsville, where he will do business for Coker & Co. We hate to part with such excellent neighbors, but hope the change will prove helpful to them. Mr. Thomas, brother-in-law to Mr. Player, will live on his farm up here.

There has been about 2,500 bales of cotton ginned at this place this season and most of it sold here to W. W. DesChamps & Co., who have a large lot on hand at present.

Mr. W. M. McCutchen has sold a portion of his farm, with ginney, sawmill and store to Mr. W. W. DesChamps, and he will devote all of his attention to his farm. With the excellent season we have had for gathering, there has been very little inferior cotton sold.

There are a number of cases of small pox in this section and they are increasing. I think something ought to be done to check this horrible disease. One white man was so badly affected that nearly all of the bottoms of his feet sloughed off and he can scarcely walk. The disease is confined mostly to the colored people, and though it has been here over one year, I do not know of a single death from it.

Mr. W. H. Scott, of Sumter, with Mrs. J. W. Scott, of Mayesville, visited at the home of Mr. A. K. Weldon this week.

Mrs. H. W. Lucius and children are visiting friends for a few days.

This is hoping the Editor and every reader a pleasant Christmas, full of happiness, from a feeling of gratitude to a kind heavenly father for the gift of his son to redeem us.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, Dec. 14.—The cold wave comes quite often of late. As fast as one goes off another comes on, the weather being fine for hog killing. The trouble is often to get or have them to slaughter. Oat planting is practically over. Some oats are up, but the majority are still under the ground.

It is a day of general idleness. I don't see or hear of any work going on. People seem to be enjoying themselves doing nothing.

The cotton is about all sold and the money spent in paying debts. This has been a most expensive year, and very few have more than met their expenses. Few farmers who manured well and worked their crops all right have made poor crops. It

is the question of the kind of land you plan this year as to the yield. The corn "craze" which now infests this state will soon pass away like all other things of like nature. The American people are too flighty to stick to anything long. They change the navy and army uniforms and guns nearly every year, just as the fashions change. The guiding star of the American people goes in a circle about one and a half inches in diameter. The people stick to this star until death and that is about all they are consistent in doing.

Our section is healthy except for a kind of itch which is getting to be epidemic. Whether it is the seven year itch, I know not, but there is a lot of scratching going on.

The blind, or rather the open, tigers and others are buying a lot of whiskey. It is almost useless to vote out whiskey, for the law is not enforced in the country. Both white and black are continually sending off whiskey orders. The whiskey houses flood the mails with their circulars. None escapes from getting them. Even your correspondent had the honor or dishonor of receiving one. From reliable information small pox is thick above Camden and several cases in Camden and along the river. Negroes who have it are going as usual through the country.

Mr. C. M. Josey and Miss Jessie Brown were married Sunday afternoon last at the residence of Rev. T. L. Cole, and by him.

The groom is a prosperous young planter of Lee county, and the bride lived near Borden. She has been teaching school since her graduation from St. Joseph's Academy. Both have many friends who wish for them all the happiness that this world affords. The marriage was strictly private. The bride was dressed in a pretty traveling dress of light brown.

ROCKY BLUFF.

Rocky Bluff, Dec. 14.—Everything is quiet on the Bluff with nothing of any interest going on except hog killing and oat planting.

Mrs. W. F. Barfield spent Friday and Saturday in Sumter.

Miss Eva Hatfield spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hatfield went to Sumter Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie McLeod and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in the Concord section.

Mr. W. F. Baker and family spent Sunday with Mr. J. J. Hatfield.

Mr. Newman of Concord spent Sunday with Mr. G. P. Josey.

Mrs. A. McLeod spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Lampley and Mrs. J. E. McLeod.

Mrs. J. L. McLeod left yesterday for a few days visit to relatives at Bishopville and Smithville.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie McLeod went to Sumter yesterday.

Mr. Eugene Josey is spending this week in the Concord section.

Mr. C. Y. Lewis spent today at the Bluff.

MAX.

Max, S. C., December, 14.—Yesterday morning a few miles above this place a gentleman, whose name has not yet been ascertained, had his foot badly injured by being thrown from a buggy by a unruly horse. His companion was uninjured and the horse, after throwing both of the occupants out of the buggy, jumped a wire fence and made off.

The friend of the injured man at once set off for help, while another man, who came along about that time, succeeded in stopping the runaway horse and holding it until another horse could be secured and fastened on it.

Singletary, a colored man, living at this place, went off a few days ago leaving his wife in charge of his house and children. His wife did not stay long in the house after he had gone out, however, she decided to pick cotton and went out leaving the children locked up in the house. The house caught on fire in some unknown manner and, after an attempt to save the two younger children in which he failed to do so, the oldest child managed to break open the window and escape, leaving his little brother and sister to their fate. No blame is attached to the act of the woman, who with her husband is almost heart broken over the accident.

Some people who have never made a fair and intelligent test of it tell you that newspaper advertising don't pay, but don't you believe them, ask an advertiser. For instance, one of our advertisers says that one advertisement in the Daily Item brought him business that netted a profit of more than \$600. This was new business that, but for the advertisement he would not have gotten. Don't say advertising don't pay, for by doing so you prove yourself an old fogy and out of touch with modern methods.

You want to read A. A. Strauss & Co's advertisement today. It is brim full of Christmas.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE CONCLUDES ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Master James R. Johnson Re-elected—O. F. Hart, of Columbia, Chosen Grand Secretary

Charleston, Dec. 14.—The 134th annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of South Carolina was brought to a close yesterday with the election of officers. Lively interest was taken by all of the Masons in the election, the matter of choosing a Grand Secretary being regarded as especially important. This office has been held for some months by Pas. Grand Master Walter M. Whitehead, of Charleston, under appointment of Grand Master Johnson, the office having been left vacant upon the death of Grand Secretary J. T. Barron, of Columbia. While Mr. Whitehead performed the duties of the office most efficiently, it proved to be the opinion of a majority of the delegates to the Grand Lodge that the position should be held by a man living somewhere in the interior and consequently O. F. Hart, of Columbia, the only other man nominated, was elected by a small majority. The vote stood 326 to 397. All other Grand Lodge officers were re-elected, including Grand Master James R. Johnson, W. H. Prioleau, of Charleston, who was filling the unexpired term of the late Gen. Zimmerman Davis was elected Grand Treasurer. The District Deputy Grand Masters are the same, with the exception that Kenneth Baker, of Greenwood, was chosen for the sixth district, vice J. B. Hughey, of Greenwood resigned. Immediately after the election, the officers were installed. The installation ceremony was beautiful and solemn. At 2:30 o'clock the installation ceremonies were concluded and the members of the Grand Lodge adjourned to the Isle of Palms, where they enjoyed an oyster roast, prepared for them by the Masons of Charleston.

Officers for 1911.

The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge for 1911:

Grand Master—James R. Johnson, of Charleston.

Deputy Grand Master—George S. Mower, of Newberry.

Senior Grand Warden—George T. Bryan, of Greenville.

Junior Grand Warden—R. A. Cooper, of Laurens.

Grand Treasurer—W. H. Prioleau, of Charleston.

Grand Secretary—O. F. Hart, of Columbia.

Grand Chaplain—The Rev. W. P. Smith, of Spartanburg.

The appointive officers named were as follows: Senior Grand Deacons, J. P. Duckett, of Anderson, and J. F. Kinney of Bennettsville.

Junior Grand Deacons—A. H. Schade, of Greenville, and C. K. Chreitzberg, of Rock Hill.

Grand Stewards—S. T. D. Lancaster, of Pauline, and L. I. Parrott, of Sumter.

Grand Marshal—John Kennerly, of Edgefield.

Grand Pursuivant—J. E. Cogswell, of Charleston.

Grand Tiler—W. A. Winkler, of Charleston.

District Deputy Grand Masters—First, W. G. Mazyck; Second, S. H. Rodgers, Beaufort; third, Butler Hagood, Barnwell; fourth, W. A. Giles, Graniteville; fifth, B. F. Nelson, Edgefield; sixth, Kenneth Baker, Greenwood; seventh, J. B. Douthit, Pendleton; eighth, O. R. Doyle, Clemson; ninth, A. S. Rowell, Piedmont; tenth, W. B. Patton, Cross Anchor; eleventh, Van Smith, Newberry; twelfth, E. C. Secrett, Lancaster, thirteenth, Joseph Lindsay, Chester; fourteenth, J. B. Wallace, Camden; sixteenth, W. E. James, Darlington; seventeenth, J. C. Sellers; eighteenth, W. L. Glaze, Orangeburg.

In Session All Night.

So heated was the discussion on the proposed amendment relaxing the rule as to physical qualifications of candidates that the Grand Lodge was in session practically all of Tuesday night. About 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning the question was put to a vote and the amendment was killed. The matter was brought up again yesterday in the form of a resolution similar to the one defeated and providing for a discussion of the amendment again next year. There seems to be a strong determination on the part of some Masons to carry the amendment.

The report of the committee on by-laws was presented yesterday, and was adopted. There was never a truer saying than, "It is as foolish to try to do business without advertising as it is to wink at a girl in the dark."

There was a big crowd of Christmas shoppers in town Thursday and the merchants and clerks were kept busy.

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YOUR XMAS
And Theirs

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the Values, Representing
the Guaranteed Quality
Groceries we Offer is to
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CANDIES—

Bulk packages. Candies from 20c to \$1.00 per pound. The sweetest festival season bring messages of sweet thoughts. A nice box of candy or a tastefully arranged basket of fruit and candy expresses such thoughts as your wishes desire. Mailard's and Norris' candies, 1-4, 1-2, 1, 2, 3 and 5 pound boxes.

"Worth Smacking your Lips Over."

FRUITS—

Best selected stock ever shown. Purchased with diligence and forethought. The best apples, oranges, grapes, bananas, figs and dates. Our care in buying stops when we deliver our sales. Same care extended to all. New and old customers treated the best we know how.

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CANNED FRUITS—**

THE FAMOUS BLUE LABEL LINE:
Sweet Pickled Peaches,
Mince Meat,
Large Bartlett Pears,
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The line is immense. A nice box of these goods touches the right spot. Give something useful, appreciated and with such quality as to make the gift distinctive.
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