

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.

PINEWOOD.

Pinewood, Feb. 16.—What inducements could the city of Sumter and county offer for school district number 1, Clarendon county, to be annexed to Sumter county? This district lies in extreme western part of Clarendon and embraces \$400,000 worth of taxable property. It was surveyed three years ago, so that districts No. 1 and No. 25 could be combined, and another survey would not be necessary. The eastern boundary line of this district begins about one-half mile east of Hodge's Corner and this makes an arrow line for the Santee swamp, coming into the swamp about one mile east of Rimini and some of the best farming land is in this section.

If the city and county officials of Sumter will have the proper petitions drawn up for signatures calling for the election to annex School District No. 1 of Clarendon county to Sumter county, the citizens of Pinewood will see that they are circulated and properly signed. Who'll make the first step in Sumter to gain this annexation and have \$400,000 worth of property for taxation? Clarendon's chain gang visits Pinewood and vicinity every leap year.

Mrs. A. R. Williamson returned to Augusta, Ga., Friday after a two weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lawrence.

Mrs. R. C. Richardson, Jr., and children have returned from a visit to her former home at Laurens, S. C.

Mrs. C. C. Chapman, of Darlington, is a visitor here this week.

Rev. H. A. Knox, of Mayesville, D. D. G. C. of the Fifth District, K. of P. visited the lodge here at a regular convention on Wednesday evening, February 15th.

Mr. Joe Joye, with E. W. Vogel, of Sumter, was here for a few days the past week.

Mr. R. H. Wilson has started his shingle mill again after a two weeks' shut down on account of a burn down. Measles have broken out in the nearby vicinity.

Mr. J. Rollin Kolb was a visitor to the Game Cock city to invest in horse flesh this week.

Mr. J. R. Griffin has several children confined with measles.

Dr. Douglas Weeks, of Newberry, was a visitor here last week.

Mr. John S. Richardson spent last Wednesday in Columbia.

Mr. Olden D. Harvin spent the week at Branchville on business. Capt. Middlebrook an A. C. L. official was in town last week looking into the long needed increase of siding to accommodate the increase in solid car shipments for this point.

At a meeting of Pinewood Lodge, No. 124 K. of P. last Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected to serve for 1911 and will be installed on March 1st:

- D. R. Lide, C. C.
- F. H. Broughton, V. C.
- B. P. Broadway, Prelate.
- C. M. Huggins, M. of W.
- F. H. Broughton, M. of Exq.
- Walter D. Epperson, M. of F; K. of R. and S.
- F. M. Graham, M. at A.
- A. G. Stack, I. G.
- J. E. Broughton, O. G.

Trustees: B. P. Broadway, 1911; O. D. Harvin, 1912 and T. B. Mims, 1913. Delegates to attend the convention of the Fifth District at Lynchburg, S. C., on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 11 a. m. to meet with Magnolia Lodge No. 46 were chosen as follows:

- E. C. Geddings and C. M. Huggins to represent No. 124.
- Miss Pearl Reeves of Ridgeway who has been visiting at Venters, S. C. is expected to arrive here Saturday to visit her sisters, Misses Annie and Cardie Reeves.

EGYPT.

Egypt, Feb. 16.—We are now having fine weather for farm work. A few more clear days and the soil will be ready for planting. Oats are looking fine.

Miss Irene Weldon has accepted a position in the postoffice at Bishopville. She began work at that place last week.

Mr. J. R. McLeod was in Camden last Saturday.

Several from this place attended a valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson at Heriot Tues-

day evening. Among those to go from this place were: Misses Dot Napier, Pearl Napier, Sadie White and Belle McCutchen; Messrs. Charles Peebles, Lawrence White, Reggie McCutchen and Olla White. All enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

Miss Dot Napier spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Pearl Napier, at Smithville.

Mr. Ed Robin and sister, Miss Sallie, of Lugoff, spent the week-end of the past week with friends in Egypt.

Mr. J. T. Munnerlyn, county Superintendent of Education of Lee county, is making his round of visits to the schools in this section of the county. He visited the Egypt school Tuesday a. m. He said it was one of the finest county schools of Lee county. Especially did he praise the work of Miss Napier.

Mrs. F. G. Peebles spent Monday in Camden.

Mr. John McCutchen has gone to Charlotte to learn the automobile trade.

Master Frank White, who has been very sick for several weeks, is able to be out again.

The health of this community is unusually good.

CAR TURNS DOUBLE SOMERSAULT.

One Occupant Bruised — Down Embankment Near Wateree River.

Camden, Feb. 18.—What came near being a serious accident this afternoon was the overturning of a touring car, belonging to the Etheridge Motor Car Company, of Columbia, on the steep embankment leading to the Wateree River. The negro chauffeur attempted to get out of the way of a scared mule and miscalculated his distance. The car turned over twice before it landed in a ditch, at the foot of the embankment.

The negro was unhurt, but another occupant of the car was cut and badly bruised. The car, a new one, was battered, but was able to continue under its own power, after being gotten out of the ditch with the aid of several mules.

END OF WASH HUNTER CASE.

Convicted Man Expected to Enter Penitentiary in Few Days.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—George Washington Hunter, of Laurens county, will be brought to the State Penitentiary within the next several days, to commence serving his sentence of eight years, for the killing of Eldred Copeland.

Attorney General Lyon has obtained the mandate dismissing the case from the United States Supreme Court for lack of jurisdiction. The Attorney General turned the mandate over to the clerk of the Supreme Court. The case has already been affirmed by the South Carolina Supreme Court. Hunter has lost his last appeal and will have to serve his sentence. He was tried and convicted in Greenwood county several years ago. He committed the crime in Laurens county.

MOTHER OF OUTLAW DEAD.

Died of Broken Heart Over Lewis West's Misdeeds.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Fannie West, mother of Lewis West, the notorious outlaw and desperado, who is to be tried at a special term of court March 13th, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Munford, of Wilson, is dead at her home in the outskirts of this city, of a broken heart and the shock of her son's misdeeds. She was an estimable negro, highly regarded by her white friends.

NECKLACE IN COW'S STOMACH.

Diamonds Removed from One and Instruments from Another.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Bristol says: A diamond necklace was found in the paunch of a cow butchered in a Bristol abattoir this morning.

In the stomach of another cow was found a set of architect's drawing instruments.

The cow with the necklace came in a shipment of cattle from Kentucky.

Handwriting on the Wall.

A whirlwind struck the house yesterday afternoon and swept all of the bills from the calendar and brought about a determination to adjourn at noon and the speaker gave notice that the hands of the clock would not be turned back, but when the hour came the gavel would fall. It is charged that this was a move on the part of the supporters of Judge Watts and Memminger to prevent further ballots, because they saw some handwriting on the wall that looked like Fraser. For some time the suggestion has been working, as has been noted in this correspondence, to the effect that it would not injure the State to wait another year before electing the fifth justice.—Columbia Cor. Florence Times, Feb. 18.

THE BOYS' CORN CLUB MEETS.

Club Formed and Resolutions Passed. Officers to Be Elected March 11th.

From the Daily Item, Feb. 18.

The initial meeting of the Boys' Corn Club for Sumter county was held in the grand jury room at the county court house today with a small attendance, who showed much enthusiasm in the work and drew up several resolutions which were passed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the club on March 11, at which the annual election of officers would take place and when the names of those boys to enter the club during the year who had not already done so were to be enrolled.

The main resolution passed at today's session was to limit the membership in the club to boys between the ages of 12 and 18, and should any one under this age desire to enter, to require of him an affidavit stating exactly what work he had done on the acre and what he had paid for it. The boys of the proper age to enter the club were not required to sign this affidavit.

The names of those present were enrolled as members of the club, and others desiring to join the club were to communicate with Superintendent of Education Haynsworth at once. The rules of the National Corn Club were adopted as part of the club rules.

The older people present spoke of forming a five-acre prize corn contest in order to bring up the interest of the farmers in the county in the corn growing while at the same time to show what could be done and what was impossible in corn raising in this county.

It was decided to talk up the next meeting in order to get a larger number of boys to it and to increase the interest of the boys in the club.

FOR A GREATER CORN CROP.

The Season When King Corn Must be Planted is Rapidly Approaching.

The season for preparing ground and planting is almost upon us, but as yet we have not learned what preparations are being made to induce co-operators in cotton or corn. In conversation with one of the country's foremost farmers yesterday, he suggested that some plan should be immediately adopted along this line; that what had been accomplished in the last two years, through competitive tests, in the corn growing industry in this county, had instilled our farmers to greater efforts to beat the yield per acre of any year in the history of corn growing in the county.

To promote a greater incentive, every man doing business in this city should contribute something toward establishing a fund for offering prizes both in money and farm utensils.—Georgetown Item.

MARRIAGE AT WEDGEFIELD.

Miss Dora Dew and Mr. E. M. Mathis United in Bonds of Matrimony.

Wedgfield, Feb. 16.—The Presbyterian church here was the scene of an unusually pretty marriage on yesterday evening, when Miss Dora, the only single daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dew, and Mr. Evans M. Mathis of Boykin were made one.

The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being green and white.

With Miss Bettie Aycock presiding at the organ the bridal chorus from Lohengrin announced the arrival of the bridal party. The ushers, Messrs. Harold Chandler and Julian Ryan entered opposite isles, followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Bertha House and Jeanette Tallon, passed under the arch, crossed and took positions on each side of the altar. The groomsmen, the bride's brother, Mr. W. L. Dew, and Mr. Richburg following next, did likewise forming a semi-circle around the altar. Then came the dame of honor, Mrs. Ed. Boyett. The bride entered with her brother, Mr. John R. Dew, being met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Gaskins. Standing under the pretty arch from the apex of which hung a lovely white bell caught up with white satin ribbon.

They faced the pastor, Rev. S. H. Hay, who in a very impressive ceremony united them in the holy and lasting bonds of matrimony.

Jessie James' Mother Dead.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Zeralda Samuel, 86 years old, mother of Frank and Jesse James, the former bandits, died this afternoon on a St. Louis and San Francisco train near here.

In view of the recent activity of the hen, we suggest that it be allowed to replace the eagle as our national bird.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Why tolerate Lorimer longer in the Senate when a comparatively useful and honorable vacancy might be had instead?—Indianapolis Star.

JUDGE CARRIES A GUN.

Made Application for Permit to Himself, and Promptly Granted it.

Utica, Feb. 15.—City Judge O'Connor went to the office of his court and asked himself for a permit to carry a loaded revolver. Then Judge O'Connor issued to Citizen O'Connor the permit after satisfying himself that the applicant was a citizen of good character and had a proper reason for wanting to carry the gun. This is the reason Citizen O'Connor gave to Judge O'Connor in filling out the permit for the gun:

"I have been annoyed by dogs, dock rats and skunks, and believe that public policy would be conserved by winging one or two of them."

There were better reasons for the permit however, in a hunch almost the size of an egg on the right side of Judge O'Connor's head in an undue expansion on the back of the same head, in a badly bruised elbow and a swollen hand, afflictions that were heaped upon Judge O'Connor by four men who assaulted him while he was en route to deliver a lecture before a local fraternal organization.

One of the men had recently been arraigned before Judge O'Connor, and believing the court had not given him a square deal he led the assault. Judge O'Connor laid out two of his assailants with his fists, but believing he can do quicker and more effective work with a gun should occasion rise in the future, he issued a permit to himself to carry a weapon. Judge O'Connor intends to prosecute his assailants to the limit of the law.

To Save Children From Bad Places.

Senator W. L. Mauldin, of Greenville, in speaking for the Rescue Orphanage bill, which he fought through the Senate, remarked: "Many proposed laws are in the form of a 'pound of cure,' while this bill is in the form of the 'ounce of prevention,' which will make itself felt more and more as time goes on."

The State of South Carolina sends its bad boys to a reformatory established two years ago at Florence. There are at present sixty-one of these incorrigibles in this institution, and the records indicate the underlying cause of their badness.

Of these sixty-one boys, nine have stepfathers, twelve have stepmothers, four both father and mother dead, eighteen mother dead, while two never had any home or father or mother that they remember.

If the lack of a mother's love and a father's correction lands all these boys in this youth's prison at the average age of thirteen, is it not possible that had these same boys been reared under favorable conditions, they would now be on the high road to good citizenship, instead of being a charge upon the State and breeders of crime and vice?

This idea and others prompted the passage of the new law by the present Legislature. It provides that if a child is abandoned or being brought up in immoral or vicious surroundings, or without any adequate care or support, then it shall be the duty of the judge of probate to commit the child to the care and rearing of the rescue orphanage.

This orphanage was recently started under a charter from the State, and now under the new law, the institution meets the approval of the Legislature. It is interdenominational and supported solely by charity. All good citizens are urged to assist in its work. At present waifs to the number of twenty-two from nine counties are being cared for.—Greenville News.

Possibly So.

After staring at the minister straight through the fish course, Adeline inquired: "Mamma, why is that man's hair so black when his beard is white?"

She was hushed by the stricken family, and stayed hushed until the salad was brought in.

Then she saw her chance. "I know she said, 'it's 'cause he uses his jaw more'n he does his head.'—Success Magazine.

Education vs. Instinct.

Jacob Wendell, Jr., who plays the part of the dog in Materlinck's drama, was dining in a restaurant recently when a man, recognizing him as the actor, approached and said:

"Pardon me, but you take the part of the dog in 'The Blue Bird,' do you not? Of course, you don't know it, but I can really bark lots more like a dog than you."

"Well, you see," answered Wendell, "I had to learn."—Success Magazine.

Some members of the legislature go to growling every time it is proposed to put a tax on dogs.—Anderson Mail.

An honest man goes through the world without getting any more than is coming to him.

GOVERNOR VETOES MANY ACTS

BLEASE IS OPPOSED TO A COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT, SO VETOES ACT.

Distribution of Dispensary Fund Forbidden—Preachers and Others Excluded from Jury Duty—Governor Thinks Newspapers Have Too Much Liberty.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—Gov. Blease wielded his meat axe vigorously today. He stated that he was opposed to the commission form of government, and on this ground vetoed two acts relating to this form of government. These bills are the ones providing for the commission form of government in cities of more than 3,000 inhabitants, and in towns of not less than 4,000 inhabitants.

The Stevenson act providing for the distribution of the dispensary fund has been vetoed by Governor Blease. This bill is of great significance to the common schools, since under it, they are to receive \$140,000 to be distributed under the supervision of the State officers and county boards.

As his reason for vetoing this bill Governor Blease stated that it was because of the fraudulent enrollment now in vogue in the negro schools of the State, which fact, he said, had been duly called to the attention of the general assembly.

In vetoing the act of the assembly in regard to exemptions from jury duty, Governor Blease stated that he did not believe it right that ministers should serve on juries, and that he did not believe in taking the tin of bankers and men in public institutions. The act eliminated ministers, bankers and newspaper men from the former exemptions of jury duty.

In vetoing the act relating to an assistant superintendent of education in certain counties, Governor Blease gave as his reason that this was a useless and unnecessary position.

The act in regard to libel, and civil proceedings in reference thereto has been vetoed on the ground that it would cause more killings than ever before. "The newspapers have too much liberty now," said Governor Blease. Governor Blease is still considering the act providing for an investigation of dispensary commission.

The act in reference to the commission on the State hospital for the insane is still under consideration.

This act continues present members of the commission, and recommends their re-appointment by the Governor.

On the act of the general assembly to prevent the formation of ill shaped counties, Governor Blease has set a hearing for 12 o'clock Saturday. At this hearing R. H. Welch, representing advocates of Heyward and other counties, will endeavor to prove to Governor Blease that the act is unconstitutional. On the other side of the question, D. S. Henderson, representing Aiken county, will be heard. The bill was pushed through by Aiken county delegation.

DEATH OF FLYING FOXES!

Only Two Specimens in This Country Likely to Be Executed.

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—If the warfare on flying foxes started here yesterday by Federal authorities is successful, it is probable that the only two species of this animal in the United States will be killed.

One of the foxes was owned by a salesman. The other belonged to Joseph Edwards, who was arrested charged with importing the animal into the United States and exhibiting it.

He plead not guilty to the first charge and guilty to the second. He was released on a cash bond. Edwards is also charged with having in his possession a mongoose, an animal barred from this country.

AFTER FORTY DAYS' HARD LABOR.

What General Assembly Did and Didn't Do.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—Avoided the tax question. Refused to revise the school laws. Did not adopt the Torrens land system of registration. Passed a marriage license law. Ignored compulsory education. Ignored the whiskey question. Killed the "mileage" bill. Failed to elect an Associate Justice.

Tiltman to Vote for Lorimer.

Senator Bailey's speech defending the right of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, to his seat in the Senate, turned at least one vote. Senator Tiltman, of South Carolina, who has been ill for several months, and whose emotions overcame him during Senator Bailey's overaction, announced today that he had changed his mind and would vote against unseating Senator Lorimer.

The escort of police at the Gould wedding cost the city of New York over \$800, but think of the advertising New York got out of it!—Atlanta Journal.

WAYLAIN AND ROBBED.

Sam Hopkins, Young White Man, Knocked Unconscious and Then Robbed.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 20.

On Saturday night Sam Hopkins, a young white man who works at the New York shoe repair shop, was knocked down in the lower part of the railroad yard by an unknown negro and was robbed of a package which he carried. The contents of his pocket, which contained some money that he had just received in payment of his week's work, was also missing when he recovered consciousness under the ministrations of railroad employees who found him lying on the ground in an unconscious condition.

Hopkins was able to be out again today but had not so far recovered as to be able to go back to work. The statement as made by Mr. D. W. Hopkins, the father of the young man, this morning was that his son had been returning home by his usual route through the railroad freight yard.

He was walking along by a freight train when some one came up behind him and hit him in the head with an iron pin or some heavy piece of wood, knocking him unconscious. When he recovered consciousness the conductor of the train was bathing his head and trying to bring him back to consciousness. The conductor wanted to take him to the hospital but he protested and went on home.

It was stated that the conductor found Hopkins lying unconscious on the ground and immediately tried to revive him, his efforts being finally successful. The engineer on the train stated that he had seen a negro passing him while he was on his cab and he called to him, but instead of stopping, the negro had commenced to run. This leads Mr. Hopkins to think that it was a negro who hit his son and then robbed him.

Mr. Hopkins stated that the wound was a short and deep one and had been caused by a sharp iron instrument or pin of some sort. The robbery occurred in the lower end of the freight yard just north of the old cotton factory.

HEYBURN'S OBJECTION EFFECTIVE.

Idaho Senator Prevents Vote on Direct Election of Senators.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Enmeshed in an apparently hopeless tangle over the joint resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote, and in the face of positive opposition from the champions of the measure, the Senate adjourned a few minutes before 6 o'clock today.

It had been the hope of friends of the measure that a night session might be held and that a vote would be taken on the Sutherland amendment, relating to the control of Senatorial elections. As a matter of fact, however, no progress was made save that three speeches on the subject were made. These were by Senator Rayner, in opposition to the provision, and by Senators Carter and Heyburn in support of it.

WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S AXE DID.

No Factory Inspectors, Pure Food Law Ineffective, Commissioner Watson Loses Clerk.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—Governor Blease's little operations with a meat axe on the appropriations bill have nullified the factory inspection act by cutting off the inspectors, McDougal and Gaines. He has also made the pure food and drugs act ineffective by cutting off inspector C. A. Doyle, and has devolved on commissioner Watson himself the work of the statistical clerk, Miss E. C. Killian. Mr. Watson says he will do the best he can in the circumstances, bowing to the will of the legislators. He believes that he who pays the fiddler has the right to call the tune.

The statistics of crime in this State, according to the report of Attorney General Lyon, are not calculated to make South Carolinians feel proud. The whole number of crimes charged last year was 3,454, out of which there were several hundred against which no true bills were found; and of the rest who were tried, 470 were found not guilty. Of the two hundred tried for murder, half were acquitted. A pretty heavy record of crime in the State, with a minimum showing of guilt against the law-breakers.—Farmers' Union Sun.

Isn't it strange how a hobbler skirt will make a bow-limbed person look knock-kneed?—Anderson Mail.

And many a woman seems able to love a man most when he is the least deserving of her love.

Jonesville, Union county, had a big fire Friday, the loss exceeding \$70,000.