

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.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, April 4.—Everything is still and quiet in this corner except the wind and the dust, of which we surely have had some.

Corn planting is about done. No gotten has been planted here yet, but I have heard of a good deal being planted in different sections.

We had a good rain here on Sunday, the 26th of March, the first rain of any consequence in five weeks.

There is an epidemic of stealing going on in and around Pinewood. The depot has been broken into once or twice lately, and Mrs. C. W. Bates' store as many or more times.

The measles are not over yet, but most of the old cases are getting better. Rocky Bluff you are right, I am no crank, for if I were a crank you would have to put me in the class with such lights as Columbus and Edison, and others who have been called cranks.

Mr. T. H. Osteen and daughter, Miss Eunice, of the Sycamores, and Mr. Ed. Arin spent last Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Weeks visited at Elmhill the home of W. J. Ardis, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Geddings, of Pinewood, visited at Mr. W. J. Ardis' last Sunday.

Since I wrote the above I have heard that some one broke into Mr. A. P. Toomer's store at Pinewood last Saturday night.

"Hard Times."

P. S.—I expect to attend the Field Day exercises in your city on the 15th.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, April 1.—Spring is opening beautifully and everything looks fresh and green since the recent rains. We had a severe sand storm on the 22nd and there were heavy losses by fire.

Farmers are progressing nicely with their work. They have finished planting corn and a few are planting cotton. The cold winds prevalent of late will injure the tender corn plants that are coming up over the fields.

The health of the community is no good at present.

Miss Sallie Edgington has been very ill, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. N. Y. Alford she is improving slowly. There have been several deaths among the colored people this week.

Mr. Quattlebaum, of Marion, visited friends here the past week. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith were invited to Mrs. Edgar DesChamps' Wednesday evening to tea and spent the time very pleasantly.

Young Mother's Clothing Catches Fire While Dressing Her Infant—Child is Unhurt.

Bamberg, April 4.—One of the most horrible deaths ever recorded in this county took place at Olar on Sunday night when the wife of Herbert Kearsie died from the burns received from her clothing catching fire.

DIES FROM HORRIBLE BURNS.

Mrs. Kearsie was standing near the open fireplace, dressing her little 4-months-old infant, when her clothing took fire.

MEXICO REFUSED JAPAN LEASE.

Light Thrown on Tri-Country Situation—Neighbors as Allies.

El Paso, Texas, April 5.—An explanation clearing up the American-Mexican-Japanese situation was given here today by one of the most prominent Mexican-Americans in the country.

According to this informant, President Diaz was forced to refuse a coal-lease station on Magdalena Islands to the Japanese.

"Diaz," said the Mexican-American, "was impressed with the influx of Japanese into Mexico and in particular with the knowledge that they had mapped his entire Western coast."

"Insistent pressure was brought on him to give Japan a coal-lease station on Magdalena Bay. On the other side was the United States and the Monroe doctrine."

"President Diaz temporized until knowledge of his situation reached the White House. From the latter, to his considerable relief, came an unmistakable intimation that Japan was not to have the station although the same privilege for the United States was not insisted upon."

"Not knowing what may be the result of the Mexican attitude to Japan, President Taft ordered the mobilization of a division of American troops at San Antonio, Galveston and El Paso. In Mexico every citizen of standing and information realizes that in the event of Japanese aggression, which, however, baseless the fear may be, is still feared, Mexico must rely upon the assistance of the United States."

"Are these immigrants mostly colli laborers?"

"Mexico does not need to import labor, they are mostly veterans of the late Russo-Japanese war. They were not brought to Mexico to make an army of protection against the Americans. They came of their own accord and for their own ends."

"And bear this in mind, they do not make maps for fun, and we know make maps for fun, and we know that many of these immigrants have had no other visible occupation."

COL. W. H. MANNING DEAD.

Funeral Services to Be Held Thursday at Trinity Church.

Columbia, April 5.—Wade Hampton Manning, a courier to General Wade Hampton and who was for 11 years a sugar planter at Point House, then served as private secretary to Governors Hampton, Simpson, Jetter and Hagedorn and still later was State pension agent, died at 3:29 o'clock this morning at his home here.

The funeral will be held at Trinity church tomorrow afternoon at 1 and the interment will be at Elmwood cemetery.

It was Col. Manning who carried to Gov. Chamberlain Gov. Hampton's demand for the keys of the Statehouse, the surrender of which on April 11th, 1877, marked the resumption of control by the whites.

Col. Manning was educated at Heidelberg university.

The county chain gang is now at work on the road between Sumter and Mayesville, beginning on the road just outside of the limits from Sumter and working towards Mayesville.

THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD TALKFEAST IN COUNCIL CHAMBER MONDAY NIGHT.

Committee Appointed to Decide upon Status of Corporation as Members—Dues to Be \$10 Per Annum—Members of Committees to Be Appointed Later.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce met Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Council chamber and for something over two hours discussed ways and means of getting more interest in and more members for the Chamber of Commerce and as to the appointment of members on each committee.

Nothing was definitely settled, but it was decided on motion made by Mr. H. L. Scarborough, that every person paying as much as \$10 be entitled to membership in the Chamber of Commerce and that a committee be appointed to decide the status of corporations subscribing to the general fund as members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Those appointed on this committee were: Messrs. J. H. Chandler, Neil O'Donnell and R. I. Manning. This motion was made as a substitute to a motion made by Mr. Belser and amended by Mr. D. D. Moise. It was further decided that the chairmen of the various committees, on a motion made by Mr. Manning, confer with the President of the Chamber of Commerce and with his assistance appoint the members of their committees with as little duplication as possible and that these committees be taken before the executive committee for final action, this to be done as soon as the present soliciting committee had made its report and a list of the members of the Chamber of Commerce could be secured and arranged in alphabetical order.

The first matter taken up when the meeting was called to order by Dr. S. C. Baker, chairman, was as to how committees should be appointed. Mr. Scarborough stated that he had a plan to offer which he thought would meet with general consent. Dr. S. C. Baker stated that he thought that every member of the organization ought to be on some committee, as by giving each person some work to do the most work could be accomplished. Mr. Osteen stated that the thought that the number on each committee ought to be limited, as he thought that the committees could do most work with fewer members. The question was then brought up "who were members." It was stated by members of the soliciting committee that the had told those subscribing that any person who contributed as much as \$10 was a member and any corporation or firm which contributed as much as \$25 was admitted as a member.

In reply to a question as to who should represent the corporation, Mr. O'Donnell stated that he thought that each of the executive officers of the firm or corporation should be allowed one vote. Mr. O'Donnell then made a motion that committees be limited to five members, but there was no second to his motion. Mr. Manning thought that as many members of the Chamber of Commerce as possible should be appointed on committees and, while it was impossible to prevent there being some duplication, he thought that there ought to be as little duplication as possible in the appointment of the various committees.

Mr. McKeliver thought that regular standing committee ought to be appointed and that these standing committees ought to be allowed to call in any other members of the Chamber of Commerce to help them on any special occasion, as they saw fit. Mr. O'Donnell thought that a list of the members of the Chamber of Commerce arranged in alphabetical order ought to be in the hands of the President and the chairmen of the committees before any members were assigned to committees. Mr. Belser thought the same thing.

Mr. Jennings moved that the regular dues of the organization be \$10 per annum and that one vote be granted for every \$10 dollars over this amount. He said that this plan had been proposed by Mr. McKeand, and he moved that this plan be recommended to the Chamber of Commerce by the executive committee. Mr. Manning took an opposite view of this matter. He thought that Mr. Jennings' motion ought to be tabled by the method proposed by him, the little subscribers would be at the mercy of the large subscribers and they would consequently lose interest. Mr. O'Donnell thought the same as Mr. Manning. Mr. Dick seconded Mr. Jennings' motion. Mr. Moise thought that dues for persons ought to be \$10 and that for firms they ought to be at least \$25. He understood that the dues of firms were set at this at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night. Mr. Manning thought that every member of the Chamber of Commerce ought to have only one vote. He thought the

main thing that the organization was working for now was to get the money to get a secretary and to get members to support the organization.

Mr. Jennings then withdrew his motion and stated that he had made it as the method advised by Mr. McKeand.

Mr. Jennings, at the request of the president, made a motion that discussion be limited to three minutes on any subject and that a member be allowed only one speech on one motion. This motion was passed.

Mr. Osteen thought that the organization was for the purpose of interesting the men of the town in Sumter and not only to get money. Mr. Belser made a motion that the executive committee recommend to the Chamber of Commerce that a subscription of \$10 entitle the subscriber to membership and that the three highest executive officers of a firm or corporation be entitled to membership, provided the corporation gave \$30 or more as a membership fee. Mr. Moise seconded Mr. Belser's motion. Mr. Witherspoon thought that persons and not corporations ought to be solicited, there being some objection to Mr. Belser's motion.

Mr. Scarborough moved to table it, and to substitute in place of it a motion that every person paying \$10 or more be entitled to membership in the Chamber of Commerce and that a committee be appointed to decide upon the status of corporations and report to the Chamber of Commerce. This motion was passed and Messrs. J. H. Chandler, Neil O'Donnell and R. I. Manning were appointed on this committee.

As soon as the matter of who should be members of the organization was settled the matter of who should be appointed on committees was again brought up and called for considerable discussion.

This matter was finally settled on a motion made by Mr. Manning that, as soon as the soliciting committee had finished its work and it was decided who were members, the chairman of the various committees and the president should be provided with typewritten lists of those who were members and should together go over this list and decide upon whom they would have on their committees, there being as little duplication as possible in the assigning of members to committees.

Mr. Manning moved that the organization invite Mr. McKeand here to help the executive committee decide upon a secretary and to assist in the drawing up of a new constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Belser thought it a good idea for the Chamber of Commerce to meet once each month, or at least once each quarter, but this idea did not meet with general approbation. It was decided, however, that the executive committee should meet once each month at the call of the president.

Mr. McKeliver read letter from one firm which wished to move to Sumter and desired to know what privileges would be granted it if it moved here. The action of City Council in this matter was explained. It was decided that all manufactures coming were exempt from taxation and license for five years after they established a business here.

It was decided that a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce could be called at any time upon the written request of five members of the organization or at the call of the president at any time. Mr. Moise suggested that the organization give a smoker to which every white male citizen of the city be invited, the meeting to be held for the purpose of getting more persons to become members of the organization. It was decided that no meeting of the chamber should be called until there was some definite plan before the organization to be discussed at the meeting. It was decided that a meeting of the executive committee be called as soon as the soliciting committee was ready to make its report.

WHAT HAVE ISLANDS COST.

Cox Introduces Resolution to Show How Expensive Philippines Have Been.

Washington, April 5.—Representative Cox of Ohio today introduced a resolution calling upon President Taft to furnish congress with information showing the entire cost to date of the occupation of the Philippines by the United States. Mr. Cox declared that the islands have been a burden, and that in case of a war this country would be humiliated by losing them. He intends to urge a treaty neutralizing the islands, placing them in the control of Great Britain, Japan and the United States.

Collect the trash, old tin cans, bottles, buckets, pans, or anything else that is unsightly and undesirable deposit them in a barrel or box for removal by the garbage cart. Now is the time to fight the mosquitoes—it will be too late when they appear in swarms and keep you awake at night.

GIVE PLUMS TO PROGRESSIVES

REGULARS IN SENATE RECOGNIZE INSURGENTS' CLAIMS.

Get Good Representation—Democrats Also to Have Larger Voice in Committee Deliberations.—The Ratio Adopted.

Washington, April 5.—Progressive Republican senators were given good representation on the steering committee and the committee on committees, appointed today by Senator Cullom, permanent chairman of the caucus. This fact is received generally as indicating that the two factions in the Republican party intend to adopt tactics of conciliation. The general understanding is that the Democrats of the senate will be given larger representation than they have had in the past, perhaps making the ratio about five to four. Last session it was about seven to five and in some cases eight to five. It is likely that the progressive will receive about one-fourth of the Republican majority representation.

PEE DEE MILL COMBINE.

Dillon and Hamer Cotton Mills Merged in Corporation with Capital of \$750,000.

Columbia, April 1.—Falling into line with the Piedmont, which was recently seen formed, the Parker and Smythe Mill mergers, of ten millions and twelve millions respectively, the Pee Dee came to bat Tuesday with a merger of its own. The Secretary of State commissioned the Dillon mills, capitalized at \$750,000, which is to take over Maple Mills, 23,864 spindles, and Dillon Mills, 13,866 spindles of Dillon and Hamer Mills, 11,692 spindles of Hamer. A notable feature is the absence of New England textile machinery interests from the board of corporators which is composed of Pee Dee residents exclusively, as follows: J. W. Dillon, Wm. M. Hamer, A. J. C. Cottingham, S. C. Henslee, J. E. Gibson, J. R. Rogers, R. P. Hamer, Sr., Knox Livingston, Allen Edens, R. M. Jackson, A. L. Bullock, W. T. Bethea, G. D. Barlow.

TRADE EXCURSION SETS OUT.

More Than 50 Business Men of Charleston Depart on Tour of Advertisement.

Charleston, April 3.—The trade excursion, under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, left here on time this morning for Wadesboro, the first stop, on its trip of more than 700 miles through South Carolina and North Carolina. Ideal weather conditions marked the departure and more than 50 merchants with Metz's Military band took passage on the train of one baggage coach, a combination baggage and day coach and three Pullman and dining car. The excursionists wore their badges and special caps. The business men will visit 100 cities and towns before returning home. Tomorrow night the party makes Winston-Salem, N. C., Wednesday Charlotte, Thursday Greenville, and Friday Columbia, with numerous stops at places en route. The train carried a lot of advertising matter for distribution.

COAL LAND CASE.

Defendants Accused of Fraudulent Location Discharged by Court in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., April 4.—By agreement of counsel the indictment against Charles F. Munday, Earl Slegley and Archie Shields, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the United States in the location of Alaska coal lands, was quashed by United States Judge Hanford late today and the defendants were discharged.

The case will now be taken by the government to the supreme court on a writ of error.

All proceedings in the lower courts and the land offices will be in abeyance pending the supreme court's decision.

LUMBER MILL BURNS.

Main Building of Williams & McKelthan Co. Destroyed—Damage is About \$75,000.

Darlington, April 4.—Fire last night completely destroyed the main mill of Williams & McKelthan Lumber corporation, located at Lumber, about 12 miles from here, and the depot of the Atlantic Coast Line railway. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, with insurance of about \$40,000. Just a few months ago this concern lost its plant and mill by fire. The loss then sustained was about \$35,000 or \$40,000, actually covered by insurance.

The fire last evening started about 7 o'clock and it is supposed to have originated from a hot box in the mill.

The City of Sumter spent during the fiscal year, April 1, 1910 to March 31, 1911, about \$23,000 on sewer improvement and maintenance.

RECIPROCITY ONLY ISSUE.

TAFT WON'T PRESS HIS TARIFF BOARD IDEA.

Thinks Regular Term Will be Proper Time to Bring Matter Before Congress.

Washington, April 4.—President Taft has decided to concentrate his attention upon reciprocity with Canada and will not attempt to secure a permanent tariff commission at the special session of congress. He has come to the conclusion that the proper time to ask congress for a permanent tariff body would be in the regular session. There has been a belief that the president might send in a special message to the Sixty-second congress at this session asking for such legislation, but unless he is convinced later that congress is ready to take up this subject will defer his recommendations along that line until next December.

MACHINE WINS IN BALTIMORE.

James H. Preston, Organization Candidate for Mayoralty, Selected for Nomination.

Baltimore, Md., April 4.—The Democratic organization, opposed by all the newspapers of the city, won a sweeping victory in the primary election here today. James H. Preston, organization candidate for the mayoralty, defeated Mayor J. Barry Mahool by about 9,000 majority. Mayor Mahool is a former president of the League of American Municipalities.

Former Mayor E. Clay Timmanus defeated Charles H. Torsch for the Republican mayoralty nomination by a large majority.

One of the signs that the railroads are resuming their normal traffic is that for the last few days all trains coming in and leaving here have been very nearly on their schedule time, a condition that is heartily welcomed by all persons doing any traveling at this season.

Oats are needing rain very badly and corn will not get up to a stand until there is a good season.

EASILY DECIDED.

This Question Should Be Answered Easily by Sumter People.

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow-citizens, of people you know, or depend on statements made by utter strangers residing in far-away places? Read the following:

E. W. Vogel, 401 Hampton avenue, Sumter, S. C., says: "For several years I suffered from pains through the small of my back and whenever I stooped, I was in misery. My back became very weak and several times I had to give up work. A physician treated me but his medicine brought no relief and I then tried several well known kidney remedies but was not helped. One day I read a statement in the local paper given by a party who had used Doan's Kidney Pills and the remedy had acted so beneficially in that case that I got a supply at China's Drug Store. After using one box, my aches and pains disappeared and the contents of six boxes completely cured me." (Statement given February 8, 1908.)

The Cure Lasted.

On January 9, 1911, Mr. Vogel said: "I take pleasure in confirming my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills and making the fact known that they effected a permanent cure in my case. You may continue to publish my endorsement of this preparation."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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