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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.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, April 21.—Cotton planting is about done and plowing corn has commenced. We are still having cool, windy weather. We had a very good rain here on last Wednesday.

Mr. James R. Avin died at his son's, Mr. Horace T. Avins, last Monday evening, aged about 80 years. He was a Confederate soldier, a member of Company C (Culpeper's Battery) of the Palmetto Battalion of Light Artillery. Mr. Avin leaves six daughters, Mrs. J. H. McLeod, Mrs. A. W. Griffin, Mrs. F. M. Dawkins, and Miss Lillie Avin, Mrs. Howard Avin, Mrs. J. M. Griffin, also three sons, Mack S., Horace T., and L. E. Avin, and almost a score of grand and great grand children. Mr. Avin was married four times. His first wife was Miss Sarah Turner, his second Miss Mary Turner, his third Miss Mary Kolb and his fourth was Mrs. Mattie Drayton, who was a Miss Sanders before her first marriage.

There is considerable sickness around.

Well, Mr. Editor, I was a field day exercises, but I cannot find words adequate to express my opinion of it. Should I try to express my opinion it would be as the Queen of Sheba said about Solomon's glory, "The half was never told." So I will leave it to a wiser head and one that has a larger vocabulary than this "Old Ninnie" has to describe what was seen and done on that occasion, though I will venture to say that I think it was just one of the grandest things I ever attended. What will be the result of last Saturday's work in Sumter eternally alone will tell.

I have just learned that Capt. S. E. Nesbitt, who lives in the Ramsey neighborhood, is critically ill, at his home. He is another "Old Confederate" about 75 years old.

Last Saturday was the first time I had been to Sumter this year and I was glad to see so many of my old friends that day.

"H. T."

BASEBALL GAMES THURSDAY.

Trinity College of Durham, N. C., to Go Up Against Clemson College.

The baseball fans of this city will have a chance of seeing two good games of baseball next Thursday when the college team of Trinity College, of Durham, N. C., will play the strong team of the Clemson Tigers. One game will be played in the morning and one in the afternoon so that everybody will have the opportunity of seeing at least one of the games.

Clemson has an unusually strong team this year and Durham has one that is up to the tip-top notch as college teams go and it is probable that the game will be from first to last a battle royal.

CLARENDON FARMER SUICIDE.

Charles J. Rich, Aged 45, Shoots Himself in Head With Rifle—Funeral Himself Saturday.

Manning, April 23.—Charles J. Rich, a white farmer about 45 years old, unmarried and in comfortable circumstances, committed suicide Friday afternoon by shooting himself in the forehead with a rifle. He lived in the Sammy Swamp section, about seven miles west of Manning, with the family of his brother, J. A. Rich, who died after a very brief illness last September. It is said that the last words uttered by J. A. Rich were: "Charlie, don't take another drink, and take care of my little children." The late deceased obeyed the injunction of his brother for a time but went to drinking again and it is said he stated several times lately that he was going to kill himself, as he had nothing to live for. When he finally decided on the fatal deed he went into his room and stood before a mirror to shoot himself. His body was buried at Home Branch church yesterday.

BRICK PLANT RESUMES WORK.

Capacity of Plant Increased to 50,000 Brick Per Day.

The Sumter Brick Works resumed work today after having been shut down for four months on account of a fire which destroyed the greater part of the plant at that time. The new plant is equipped with all modern machinery and has a capacity of 60,000 brick per day.

It will be remembered that the fire which put the plant out of business for the time being was exactly four months ago last Saturday and since that Mr. I. A. Ryttenberg, the owner and proprietor of the plant, has been busy at work replacing the building destroyed and getting in place of the ruined machinery an equipment that is complete in every detail and up-to-date in every way. Mr. Ryttenberg has also taken in with him as a partner in the business Mr. J. P. Maurer, a well known lumber man and machinist of this place.

Now that the plant has been replaced it will be given a thorough testing out today. The former capacity of the plant was 35,000 brick per day but with the new equipment it is expected that the average normal capacity will be 50,000 brick per day with an increase of 10,000 more brick per day in case of rush orders. Mr. Ryttenberg in order to supply the demand of customers during the time that his plant was out of business was obliged to buy a half million brick with which to supply the demand.

Something out of the way that the new plant will put out is a new kind of brick that it is thought will be an improvement on the old style of smooth face brick. This new brick has a rough surface of three sides and is supposed to put up a better appearance and to be more easily mortared than the old style brick.

TRACK TEAM SELECTED.

Team Which Will Compete at High School Meet in Columbia.

The track team from the Sumter high school which will compete on Field Day for the State high schools at Columbia in May has been selected and will consist of the following boys: Moultrie DeLorme, Norward Dulant, Leon LeGrand, John Haynsworth and Shepard Nash.

These boys have been selected out of a number who have been practicing for some time and as they are in excellent condition it is expected that they will put up a strong fight for first place at the meet.

FELDER ASKED TO TESTIFY.

DISPENSARY BOARD WRITES TO ATLANTA ATTORNEY.

Winding-up Commission Desires Early Reply as to Whether or Not Attorney of Former Board will Appear—Express Intention of Closing Up Dispensary Affairs as Soon as Possible—Denies Existence of Second Contract.

Columbia, April 22.—The new dispensary commission today addressed a letter to the Atlanta firm of attorneys, calling upon Col. Thomas B. Felder, who has become conspicuous recently in connection with Governor Blease's making public the "T. B." letters and his own cards to press, to appear before the commission and testify. The commission asks for an early reply, as to whether or not Mr. Felder will appear. The commission cannot compel Mr. Felder's appearance here and so states in the letter.

The letter is in part a reply to the claim of subsequent contract alleged in the recent letter from Col. Felder to the commission. The commission states that the contract is terminated and there was no other contract than of May 9, 1907.

WHISTLER AND MOORE.

Two Versions of the Famous Caning Incident at Drury Lane.

It was in his capacity as editor of the Hawk that the late Augustus Moore, a journalist and playwright of no little notoriety, enacted an unrepentant comedy with Whistler that created no end of a sensation at the time. It happened in the vestibule of Drury Lane on the first night of the production of "A Million of Money." Whistler, it appeared, had been annoyed at sundry references to himself in the Hawk and, coming up to Gus Moore, who was calmly smoking a cigarette, struck him across the face with a cane. A struggle followed, and, although opinions varied as to the actual course of the conflict, there was no doubt about Whistler having ultimately to pick himself up from the floor.

Each of the protagonists afterward gave his version of the incident. "I started out," said Whistler, "to cane this fellow with as little emotion as I would prepare to kill a rat. I did cane him to the satisfaction of my many friends and his many enemies, and that was the end of it." "I am sorry," wrote Mr. Moore for his part, "but I have had to slap Mr. Whistler. My Irish blood got the better of me, and before I knew it the shriveled up little monkey was knocked over and kicking about on the floor."

The notion, however, that he was knocked down was characterized by Whistler as "a barefaced falsehood." He contended that Mr. Moore never touched him. "I am sure," he added, "I don't know why, for he is a much bigger man than I. My idea is that he was thoroughly cowed by the moral force of my attack. I had to turn him around in order to get at him. Then I cut him again and again as hard as I could, hissing out 'Hawk!' with each stroke. Oh, you can take my word for it, everything was done in the cleanest and most correct fashion possible. I always like to do things cleanly."—New York Tribune.

"CAESAR'S HEAD" TURNED.

Famous Peak of Blue Ridge Suffers from Earthquake.

Asheville, N. C., April 24.—Belated reports from the mountain section of Transylvania County state that "Caesar's Head," a famous peak of the Blue Ridge, about twenty miles from Bevard, had been overturned by the earthquake shocks which is said to have been felt in various sections of Western North Carolina Friday night.

"Caesar's Head" has been one of the show places of Western North Carolina since this country was first developed.

A NATURAL WONDER.

The Devil's Race Course in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"The Blue Ridge mountains abound in natural wonders," observed an old resident of Penmar. "Most wonderful of them all, in my opinion, is the Devil's Race Course, which is but a short walk from Penmar."

"At first view this strange natural phenomenon appears like a broad roadway of great stones which extends away up the mountain in a path, no human hand could ever build. Many of these great stones weigh tons, while others are only a few hundredweight. Lying close together by the thousand, they present an extraordinary spectacle."

"Tradition has it and scientists agree that a thousand or more years ago this strange track was the bed of an ancient river. The conclusion is drawn from the looks of the stones. They are all well rounded and worn smooth, showing the action of water, which had polished their rough edges no doubt for centuries."

"But the mystery is if this theory be true to explain how the great body of water was confined at the sides, for the course is not hemmed in by high banks, nor is it located in a ravine. In fact, it stands somewhat higher than the natural side of the mountain. The puzzle only intensifies interest in the queer place and multiplies the arguments and theories of its prehistoric origin."—Baltimore American.

The Lavish Jenkins.

In October, 1886, a religiously minded Buckinghamshire farmer named Jenkins brought his firstborn to the parish church to be christened, and this was to be the name: Abel Benjamin C'eb Daniel Ezra Felix Gabriel Haggia, Isaac Jacob Kish Levi Manohah Nehemiah Obdiah Peter Quartus Rechab Samuel Tobiah Uzziel Vanlah Word Xystus Zechariah. It will be observed that the names are all arranged in alphabetical order and are as far as possible selected from Scripture. It was only with the very greatest difficulty that the clergyman dissuaded Mr. Jenkins from doing the lasting wrong to his child that he had unwittingly devised, but eventually it was decided to christen the boy simply Abel.—Chambers' Journal.

MR. JOE HINSON BURNED OUT.

Residence, Barn and Everything Belonging to Family Burned Monday.

Joe Hinson, a white farmer living near White's mill and about three miles from town, was burned out Monday afternoon in a fire which originated in his barn and rapidly spread to his house and stables. The loss was estimated at something over one thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered first in one end of the barn and as the wind was blowing from that side it quickly spread over the whole building and from the barn to the stables and then on to the house. No one had been in the barn for over two hours previous to the fire and it is unknown how it caught unless it caught from a spark from the kitchen stove. As the left of the barn was full of hay where the fire caught; and as the wind blew the flames over the well which was nearby it was impossible to get any water to throw on the blaze. The horses and cow were saved and the children were taken out of the house but nothing at all of the household property was saved.

In the barn was considerable corn and a quantity of rough feed while the wagon and most of the farming machinery which were under the shed adjoining the barn were burned up.

The fire leaves Mr. Hinson, who is a young man with a wife and children, in pretty bad condition. His family is staying with his father until he can rent or build a house for himself. The buildings and place on which the fire occurred belonged to Mr. Willie Wells.

SHOOTING IN ORANGEBURG.

W. R. Sabin Seriously Wounded by Robert Chestnut.

Special to The Daily Item.

Columbia, April 25.—W. R. Sabin, manager of the Dixie Lumber Company, of Orangeburg, is at the Columbia hospital suffering from a pistol wound in abdomen, inflicted on him this morning in his office by Robert Chestnut, an Orangeburg contractor for reasons which so far remain unknown. Sabin, who was formerly of Branchville, is unmarried. Chestnut has a family. Chestnut has surrendered and is in jail at Orangeburg.

Clemson College Notes.

The College Press Association of South Carolina, held its annual convention here on April 21-22. There were present about thirty-five delegates from the different colleges of the State. The three meetings presided over by President F. H. Jeter, were made intensely interesting by the addresses of members of our faculty and those of the delegates. On Thursday evening the annual banquet was served at the college clubs. The dining room was beautifully decorated with the colors and pennants of the various colleges. With Prof. W. D. Daniels as toastmaster, and the appropriate toasts responded to by guests, the pleasure of the occasion was complete.

On Friday evening the German club gave a delightful dance in the Agricultural Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with white and gold crepe paper and Easter lilies. The German was led by Mr. Wilson Arthur with Miss Myra Young. Forty-five couples were present. A four-course supper was served.

Clemson won both ball games played on the campus Friday and Saturday with the Presbyterian boys from Clinton. The score was 6 to 0 and 6 to 2.

The track meet held by the high schools of the Piedmont section on the campus Saturday morning was a great success. Easley High school carried off the honors of the meet. A large number of visitors from the upper counties spent the day on the campus witnessing the track meet and the game.

Miss Louise Yeardon, of Sumter, spent several days on the campus as representative of the "Winthrop College Journal" at the College Press Association convention.

Miss Emma Baker, of Sumter, was the representative of the College for Women at the Student Press Association convention. Miss Baker is recording secretary of the association.

Mr. J. M. Workman, of Mayesville, represented the "Clemson College Chronicle" at the convention. Mr. Workman is editor-in-chief of the "Clemson Chronicle" for 1911-12.

Miss Mary Pitts, of Sumter, is spending a few days on the campus. Miss Pitts came up for the German club dance.

In the Police Court.

The following cases were heard by Recorder Lee in the Police Court this morning.

J. L. Martin, public drunkenness and cursing, \$5 or 10 days.

Jas. Murray, riding bicycle through depot yard, \$2 or 1 day.

Sam Brown and Dave Strothers, creating a disturbance and discharging firearms, discharged.

Five from Same Scaffold.

Oklahoma City, April 24.—Five negroes today were sentenced to hang from the same scaffold here on June 21, for the murder of W. H. Archie, who was robbed and killed March 9,

DR. JONES DECLINES INVITATION.

Prevented from Making Memorial Day Address Because of Other Plans.

Dr. Howard Lee Jones of the Citadel Square Baptist church of Charleston, who was invited to come to Sumter to give the Memorial Day address has sent word that he will be unable to accept the invitation owing to previous plans mapped out for him by his brother at that date.

Mr. Jones stated that he had expected to accept the invitation of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy but was unexpectedly prevented because of the plans made by his brother. Dr. Jones is a splendid speaker and it is with much regret that his letter declining the invitation to make the address is received.

\$50,000 PAID FOR ONE BOOK.

"Gutenberg Bible" Brings Record Price at Hoe Library Sale.

New York, April 24.—The first book ever printed from movable type tonight brought the highest price ever paid for any book. The prize was the "Gutenberg Bible," the purchaser Henry E. Huntington, of Los Angeles, and the price was \$50,000.

The purchase was made at the opening session tonight of the sale of the library of the late Robert Hoe, the largest public auction sale of books ever attempted. Experts have estimated the collection to be worth more than a million dollars, and wealthy amateurs and dealers from Europe have come to vie with the American collectors in the bidding. It was evident, however, that the American bidders were taking the cream of the offerings at prices averaging higher than ever offered at a public book auction.

The highest price previously paid for the Gutenberg Bible was \$20,000, at which Bernard Quaritch purchased it in England fourteen years ago.

At a private sale he disposed of it shortly afterwards to Mr. Hoe, at a profit of \$2,500, and it has remained in the Hoe collection ever since. The copy was printed some time between 1450 and 1455.

Bidding for the treasured book was spirited, with Bernard Quaritch, son of the former owner, participating until the bids passed the \$21,000 mark. From there it jumped by thousands until the bids passed \$45,000. At \$49,000, P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, who had been the most determined of the runners-up, dropped out of the race, and the even \$50,000 was bid by Mr. Huntington. The winner is a son of the late Col. P. Huntington.

Negro Beat and Robbed.

Sunday night a negro who has been working with the force on the sewerage system was beat and robbed by two negroes who had been dismissed from the force several days previously because of their inefficiency.

It seems that the negro, who is a good workman, was sent by his employer to see the two negroes who had been discharged. He found them in a game of craps and one of them asked him to lend him a quarter. The negro stated that he would if he had it in change, whereupon the other negro jumped up and told him he had better give it to him whether he had it in change or not. He made some reply to this and the other negro knocked him. A fight commenced and the working negro was getting the best of it when a brother of the other negro who was discharged ran up and hit him in the head with a stick and laid him out. The two negroes then beat him up some more and took something over \$1 from his pockets.