

**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.

**Good Crops In County.**

Dalzell, June 17.—Not seeing anything in your paper from this section, I have decided to write a few lines, hoping they may escape the waste basket. Crops are looking very well, especially corn. I don't think I have ever seen finer prospects for that special crop. Mr. Williamson will never get any too much praise for what he has done along the line of discoveries in how to make corn and then publishing his plans, etc. to his brother farmers.

There is more corn being made in South Carolina and less imported from the West now, than at any time since the War Between the Sections. The inspiration and enthusiasm seems to have taken hold of the farmers, for making corn, with a relentless grip.

Ten days ago, we had a very heavy rain which seems to have been rather too much for cotton. The plant was doing fine previous to that, although it had been so very dry through May and for some time before. The excessive amount of moisture seemed to affect it in a way to retard the growth somewhat.

Getting back to the corn crop, it is hard to say who has the best field of it, as it is all fine. The writer took a flying trip to Wedgefield yesterday and he being comparatively a new comer in the county, his eyes were somewhat opened by what he saw on the way. One of my friends and myself were summoned there, so he took me in his automobile and off we put, going by way of the city of Sumter. All along the route, which is about twenty-two miles, it was a pleasure to look at the pretty crops of both corn and cotton. That progressive spirit seems to be at work in earnest. Intelligent supervision is getting in its work. On the road to Sumter, we passed a beautiful piece of cotton near the road? which got my attention for a few seconds and I remarked to my friend: "This is the first time I have seen a crop on that land." His reply was, that this is the first time you have seen Henry Harby behind it. Intelligent supervision always counts, Mr. Editor.

From Sumter to Wedgefield, we had a very good road. Part of it was splendid and then was when we put in some of our flying. I almost imagined at times I had wings or that I could feel them putting out. Through that section we saw a lot of nice farms with fine crops, among which was Mr. Pitts', our County Supervisor. While passing his place, a gentleman who was riding with us called out to me, this is Peter Pitts' farm. On looking out I readily discovered that he is not dependent on the supervisor's job for a living. There lay some beautiful land and it was intelligently handled, with a cozy and lovely home sitting back some little distance from the road. On we bounced, until we reached our destination where, after getting through with the business on hand, we were escorted around to the Methodist parsonage and partook of the generous hospitality of that veteran servant of God, Rev. J. N. Wright and his congenial family, who did much to add to our pleasure.

After dinner we sat in the shade of the cozy little parsonage until the wane of the afternoon, when my friend suggested that it was time for us to begin to look towards home. At his suggestion we began to move in that direction and it was not long before we were retracing.—I can not say steps, for, Mr. Editor, we were not walking but part of the time almost flying, again, so will say our route. Before long we were back in the city, after whizzing through the country from Wedgefield. We got to the city about the time the business houses were closing up for the day, and on the streets we saw many smiling and happy faces. A little recreation always does us good you know. After remaining in the city for a short while, we took our flight for home, where we are today, looking after our farm interests, hoping to make a good crop of cotton and to get a good price for it, to make a lot of corn and to raise a lot of pigs, that we may have our own hog and

hominie whereby, if we succeed, we may be able to pay our subscription to the Watchman and Southron.

"Subscriber."  
Dalzell, S. C., June 17.

**Clearing House Statement.**

New York, June 18.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks held \$68,321,750 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of \$29,481,550, in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

**BE A BOOSTER.**

**Don't Be a Knocker—You Can't Build a City by Knocking Any More Than You Can Build Up Your Business by Running it Down to Your Customers.**

Every citizen of Sumter can help advertise the resources of his own community by boosting the opportunities offered in that city. "Know your own city first," would be a good slogan for every man, woman and child living here. Then tell it

to others. The world has no possible use for a pessimist. Be an optimist. Get busy and keep at it. The time is now, not tomorrow. Sumter has a market for her goods in every direction. Get your share and see to it that Sumter secures her's. Co-operation is the watchword in every thriving American city today. Pull together. In helping to boost your city and when speaking to strangers about her, don't forget that there are other goods sold in Sumter, just as good if not better, at better prices in any neighboring town or city. Pat-

ronize the stores and all establishments of your own city. See to it that every dollar possible comes to Sumter and stays here. Spend your own dollars here.

Join the Chamber of Commerce and join now. It is organized and working in your interest and working for you. It is Pull Together Club. If you are interested in a larger, better, more thriving city in every respect, if you desire to secure new industries and new enterprises for Sumter and to help in the upbuilding of those already here, if you want to increase

your own individual business, you should act now and co-operate with your fellow citizens by not only joining your Chamber of Commerce but by assisting it by personal efforts in every way possible.

The salient difference between a man and a woman is that a woman lives in the past, a man in the future.

What has become of the old-fashioned copy-book which was supposed to mold character as well as promulgate the Spencerian system?

**THIS IS THE**  
**Big Offer!**

**THE** Contest Department of the Item-Watchman and Southron has made several Special Vote Inducements in its Popularity Contest. To-day we take pleasure in announcing the Big Offer of the Contest. It is positively "The Big Offer" with a Big "B." Here it is:

**50,000 Bonus Vote Ballot**  
Will be given for every \$30 worth of subscriptions to the Item or Watchman and Southron turned in to the Contest Department by candidates and their friends this week.

**This Offer Ends Wednesday, June 28th, at 9 O'clock P. M.**

**6--PRIZES IN ALL--6**  
**1 Player Piano, 1 3-Piece Parlor Suite and Four Gold Watches**

**IF NOT IN ENTER NOW.**

If not in enter. While the contest is yet young is the best time of the entire race to get in the lead and retain it. This special offer enables every candidate to get a large number of votes now.

Candidates are not restricted to one 50,000 Bonus Vote. Any kind of a combination of subscriptions will count. Here is an opportunity for those now near the bottom of the list to get votes by a little effort and take the lead.

This is an opportunity for new entries to start work now and win. If you have not entered now is the time to send in your name. Do it now.

Then start to work among your friends for one of the bonus ballots. Call on your friends, tell them of the prizes, show them how they can help you win, explain to them that they will receive full value for their money paid on subscription to the Item or Watchman and Southron and at the same time they will help you in a prize of considerable value. They will help you not only with their subscriptions but will interest their friends in your welfare and when this contest is a thing of the past and you have been fortunate in winning a prize, you can thank your friends for their support.

**Address: all communications to Item-Watchman and Southron Contest Department, Sumter, S. C.**