

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mrs. Ruth Connor, of Smoaks, is visiting Mrs. J. D. Utsey.

—L. F. Turner, of Bennettsville, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Noel Padgett.

—Mrs. J. A. Brabham, of Alendale, visited relatives in town last week.

—John H. Cope and D. F. Hooton left this week for a business trip to northern cities.

—Miss Florence Roach, of Charleston, spent a few days in the city last week.

—L. D. Keel attended the Tomlinson-Burch wedding in Lake City last Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hooks returned to the city last week from their wedding trip.

—Dr. and Mrs. George F. Hair have returned to Bamberg from Spartanburg where they visited relatives.

—Miss Vivian Kinsey left Monday morning for Waynesboro, Ga., where she will attend school the balance of the session.

—Miss Mary Frances Walker left last week for Columbia, where she will attend Columbia college the balance of the session.

—Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Burch arrived in the city a day or two ago from their wedding trip. They were married in Lake City Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Wilkowsky, who were married in Augusta Thursday, are visiting the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beard.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beard went to Augusta last week to be present at the wedding of their daughter, Miss Eugenia, to Edward A. Wilkowsky, which took place Thursday.

—Mrs. W. E. Free returned to her home here Monday from the Baptist hospital, Columbia, where she was recently operated on. Her many friends will be delighted to know that she is rapidly recovering.

—Major R. Boyd Cole, U. S. A., has been spending a few days with relatives in this county. Major Cole was formerly editor of the Barnwell Sentinel, and was recently commissioned a major in the regular army. He is at present stationed in the West. For the past few months Mrs. Cole has been making her home at the old Simms place at Midway.

How Much Income Tax Do You Pay?

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—"How Much Income Tax Have I Got to Pay?" This is a question that many men will be asking themselves between now and March 15. Joel Hunter, the well-known income tax authority, has compiled a convenient little table which will answer the question at a glance. This is the table:

INCOME TAX 1920—HEADS OF FAMILIES.

Income	Normal Surtax.	Total tax
\$2,000	None	None
3,000	\$40	None
4,000	80	80
5,000	120	120
6,000	160	\$10
7,000	240	30
8,000	320	50
9,000	400	80
10,000	480	110
12,000	640	190
14,000	800	290
16,000	960	410
18,000	1,120	550
20,000	1,280	710
30,000	2,080	1,810
40,000	2,880	3,410
50,000	3,680	5,510
60,000	4,480	8,110
70,000	5,280	11,210
80,000	6,080	18,910
90,000	6,880	25,790
100,000	7,680	23,510
		31,190

He Had Been Hit.

Over a glass of grape juice the comedian was telling of his hard lot to a friend. "It's not a bit of good," he finished. "I shall leave the stage."

His friend, in his inmost thoughts, agreed with him, but for the sake of politeness expostulated, "Oh, don't do that!" he cried. "If you leave the stage you will be missed."

"It's about time, too," snapped the actor angrily. "I'm pretty tired of being hit!"

How, Indeed?

A patient said to a doctor: "I'm feeling very blue this morning, doctor."

"What's the matter?" asked the physician.

"Every time I feel my nose it hurts me."

"But you are not obliged to feel your nose."

"But how can I tell whether it hurts unless I do?"

COUPLE GETS DIVIDED OPINION.

One Would Hang Father of Multitude, Tennessee Spinster Envious.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—Since nationwide publicity has been given to the fact that Reuben Bland, of Robersonville, Beaufort county, was the proud father of 34 children, Mr. and Mrs. Bland have been deluged with letters from persons all over the United States and Canada.

The letters are from both women and men. Excerpts from a few of the letters follow:

A man in Ohio writes: "I read the story about your large family aloud to my wife. There's a man who ought to be given a medal," I told her. "There's a man who ought to be hanged," she retorted.

A writer in Oregon sent this:

"Reuben, Reuben, I am thinking. You are quite a nifty man. To your health I am drinking. You have done what few men can."

From Navarre, Ohio, Mr. Bland received this:

"I'm the father of eight children and I have an awful time keeping them in food and clothing. I've worried a lot, but since reading about your big family, I realize that I'm a lucky guy."

A spinster in Tennessee wrote Mrs. Bland:

"What a pity that more women could not know the joys of having such a grand family. I envy you."

Why it Took Time.

"I suppose your motto is, 'Make hay while the sun shines,'" remarked the summer boarder who tries to be genial.

"It used to be," answered Farmer Corntossel. "But lately I have been a little bit careful not to mention sunshine for fear the hired man would insist on having extra help to hold an umbrella over him while he worked."

—Washington Star.

Negro Boy Kills Brother.

Vance, Jan. 6.—Some time during Monday a negro boy 10 years old shot and killed his brother, a lad of six. Their parents were absent at the time and the supposition is that the boy met his death as the result of the careless handling of a shot gun.

Hitched to a Star.

Mrs. Dill—"Who are those two ladies who just got out of the limousine and are coming toward the house?"

Mrs. Pickle—"Oh, that's my cook and her new understudy."

Grounds Galore.

Judge—"But I can't give you a divorce just because you discovered after marriage that your wife was a vaudeville player."

Applicant—"Yes, but you see, judge, she was a lady knife thrower."

—Washington Star.

CUT COTTON COST BY MAKING FOOD

Southern Farm Prosperity Absolutely Dependent on Cutting Production Cost Through Food-Making and Saving.

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special)—"A right about-face movement in 1921 is necessary if the farmers of the South are to get on safe, firm ground again," said H. G. Hastings, President of the great Southeastern Fair.

"It looks as if we all went cotton crazy last spring, despite all the danger signals flying and the disregard of plain facts as to costs of cotton production. We have repeated our follies of 1911 and 1914 and piled up debts based on costly food and grain to be paid for by cotton that is now below cost of production."

"With few exceptions those items of food and grain could and should have been produced on home acres at one-third to one-half what the super merchant charges for them."

"Cotton is the one best money crop for the South, and probably always will be. The time of war prices is over and the problem from now on is to lower cost of production and at the same time afford the cotton grower a fair profit."

"Cost of making cotton is primarily the cost of food, grain and forage for the farmer, his family, his laborers or tenants, and his work stock. Cutting food, grain and forage costs by home production will reduce cotton costs from one-third to one-half."

"Plant for an abundance of food, grain and forage, thus cutting down store bills, and the lower prices for cotton will not hurt so much. We cannot, with European countries so thoroughly disorganized, reasonably expect high prices for cotton for several years and we must make cotton at lower cost, or else quit cotton growing."

"Most of us cannot quit cotton, hence the absolute necessity of food, grain and forage planting in 1921—the making on home acres of every pound of food and grain needed to see us through."

"In this food production program, take the home vegetable garden seriously. Give the home garden a square deal and it will surprise you in the amount of healthful food produced. It takes the least ground, can be planted the earliest, brings quick returns and if kept replanted and worked will stay by you all the season through."

"Let us have done with wiggling and wobbling," said Senator Hardinge. And, as our cheerful client Silas Bent, observes, thereby alienated all the votes controlled by that powerful organization, the National Association of Dancing Masters.

STATEMENT.

Of the condition of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, located at Ehrhardt, S. C., at the close of business December 31st, 1920.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$345,849.87
Overdrafts	14,176.21
Furniture and fixtures	2,180.00
Banking house	1,435.75
Due from banks and bankers	3,695.23
Currency	1,951.00
Gold	37.50
Silver and other minor coin	354.23
Checks and cash items	897.70

Total \$370,577.49

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$6,000.00
Surplus fund	17,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	7,972.06
Due to banks and bankers	2,372.48
Individual deposits subject to ck. \$44,598.88	*
Savings deposits	119,130.06
Time certificates of deposit	50,329.48
Cashier's cks	651.44
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	68,023.09

Total \$370,577.49

State of South Carolina, County of Bamberg.

Before me came C. S. Henerey, cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

C. S. HENEREY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January, 1921.

I. L. ZEIGLER,

Notary Public, S. C.

Correct—Attest:

H. KARESH,

J. M. KIRKLAND,

E. E. HUGHES,

Directors.

STATEMENT.

Of the condition of the Peoples Bank, located at Bamberg, S. C., at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1920.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$289,167.89
Overdrafts	5,194.96
Bonds and stocks owned by the bank	20,350.00
Furniture, fixtures and banking house	7,694.71
Due from banks and bankers	33,060.29
Currency	4,682.00
Silver and other minor coin	1,432.68
Checks and cash items	9,111.88
War savings stamps	48.95

Total \$370,743.36

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	23,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	460.97
Due to banks and bankers	321.96
Dividends unpaid	818.00
Individual deposits subject to ck.	