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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. A. N. Wannamaker, of the Parks and Wimberly Co., St. Matthews, is spending the week-end in the city with his family.

Miss Virginia Burbage, of Conway, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Beaufort, formerly a popular lady of this city, is in town visiting friends.

Mrs. James A. Holdren, of Florence, has returned home after a visit to Miss Lizzie Womble.

Miss Margaret Paschal, the attractive guest of Mrs. J. G. R. Wilder for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Rockingham, N. C.

Mr. C. D. Jenkins has gone to Atlanta on business.

Miss Sybil Brunson is at home from Greenville Female College.

Mr. J. P. Booth left Sunday night for St. Louis, to buy stock for the Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co.

Mr. W. M. Manning, of Pinopolis, is in the city visiting relatives.

Affair for Graduates.

After commencement exercises Thursday night a most enjoyable entertainment was given by Miss Sara Guill in honor of her sister, Miss Mae Dunne, and sixteen couples of the graduating class. After a pleasant time spent in conversation, delicious cream and cake were served. Just before the departure of the guests they were invited to the dining room where amidst much laughter and safety toasts were called for.

To the class of 1915, responded to by Mr. English DesChamps, followed by Misses Sara Edmunds and Kathleen Walsh. Then followed the usual toasts to pretty girl graduate and last, but not least, one from Mrs. Guill complimentary to both girls and boys, wishing them happiness and success on their journey through life.

Report of Civic League Meeting.

The May meeting of the Civic League being the annual meeting, the president gave her yearly report, which at the request of the club members, has been already published in The Daily Item. The annual election of officers was held with the following results: Mrs. Hood, first vice president and Miss Margaret Brunson, secretary, having refused to serve again:

- President, Mrs. N. M. Solomons.
- First Vice President, Mrs. J. R. Sumter.
- Second Vice President, Miss Katherine Moses.
- Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Graham.
- Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Moise.
- Corresponding Secretary, Miss J. M. Mikell.

Among other business discussed were the following:

The committee appointed to confer with the City Council reported that the offer to turn the library over to the town to be run as free library, has been accepted; that this will be done on June 1st (Tuesday), when an ice cream festival will be held, the proceeds of which will be expended at once on additional books for young people.

The play ground committee reported that they were desirous of buying additional apparatus for the grounds and of providing for a paid supervisor, and so they were planning an entertainment by young folks to be given next week.

Furthermore the League put itself on record as opposing the cutting of the tree in front of the postoffice.

Charlton DuRant Candidate for Senate.

It was announced Monday that Mr. Charlton DuRant had definitely consented to run for the Senate. We are glad of Mr. DuRant's decision for it clears the political atmosphere and inspires a campaign that will be enlightening to the county. Mr. DuRant is so far above the average of senators that his election would give to this county distinction of intellect, courage, and high moral purposes.

There are others who may announce themselves—and they are gentlemen of merit, students of public questions, men of attainments and capable of large service for the State. Our County could easily place in the field a dozen men comparable in every way to a like number from any other county.—Manning Herald.

The Bishopville baseball team stopped in the city for awhile Monday on its way to Summerton, where a series of three games will be played.

Quite a number of people from Sumter have gone to Rock Hill to attend the commencement exercises of Winthrop College, from which there are a number of young ladies from Sumter among the graduates.

KINGSTREE HIT THE DUST.

Sumter Took Game Handily by Score of 11 to 4—Heavy Hitting of Locals Featured the Game—Result Practically Determined in the Opening Inning—The Features.

From The Daily Item, May 29.

The opening inning told the result of the well played game yesterday between Kingstree and Sumter, in which the Game Cocks finally piled up a total of eleven runs to four of their opponents. While the score does not indicate that the game was the kind that is generally termed "good," still it abounded in feature plays, and every inning had its surprise in store. Besides, the visitors brought with them a pretty good contingent of rooters, and the work of the opposing fans kept things pretty lively on the side lines, and afforded the spectators many a good laugh.

The Sumter team was materially strengthened in the infield. Flowers at third, Bradham and Booth at second and Boyle who relieved Nash at first in the sixth inning all showed up to advantage, and supplied some real pep in the game that has heretofore been sadly lacking, while Spann in right field cleaned the sacks which practically sinched the game, and shut off a drive to right that looked good for a couple of sacks.

The game opened with Chandler on the firing line for Sumter. He walked the first batter, the next man singled, and with two out, Stewart singled, and two runs were counted. It didn't look a bit good for the locals.

It was, however, only a momentary scare, for in Sumter's half of the inning eleven batters faced Winston, who was twirling for the visitors, and six runs were counted. White was safe on error of first, Flowers rapped out a scorching single, which advanced White to third; Flowers then promptly stole second. Joe Chandler timely single scored White. Drenstedt was safe on a fielder's choice, while Flowers scored. Bradham and Nash were both hit by pitched balls, killing the sacks. Haynsworth fanned for the first out. Spann then parked the ball, and four more runs were counted. Frank Chandler singled, but there was no more counting in the inning.

The visitors counted one run in the third and one in the final inning, and Sumter got two in the fourth, two in the fifth and one in the seventh, and these latter runs were earned. The visitors never had a look-in after the first half of the first round. Chandler had them going all the way, while the Game Cocks plastered the pill almost at will.

Frank Chandler assisted materially towards winning his own game with two singles and two doubles out of four times up, while Joe Chandler safely four times out of five trips to the bat and they were all clean safe wallops. The stick work and battery work of the Chandler brothers, coupled with the home run drive and the catch of Spann were the conspicuous features of the game, but all of the locals worked in fine style and few teams could have gotten away with the game yesterday. Mr. White now has a fine aggregation of players, and they can deliver the goods. All they now need is a little encouragement in the way of well deserved but consistently denied patronage.

Score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
Kingstree	2	0	0
Sumter	11	4	3

Batteries: Winston and Singleton; Chandler, F. and Chandler, J. Umpire, Bultman; Scorer, Levy.

THE FRANK CASE.

Georgia Commission Begins Hearing of Appeal for Clemency.

Atlanta, May 31.—The hearing of the appeal for clemency for Leo Frank was begun today before the Georgia prison commission and will continue two days. Delegations from many States were present and urged clemency.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS IN WEST.

Eighteen Lives Lost and Great Damage Done by Lightning and Wind.

Chicago, May 29.—Rain, floods, lightning and windstorms continued over the middle West today. Eighteen are known to be dead. Wire and rail traffic has been seriously affected. The floods are the severest in South Arkansas.

The alumni of the Sumter High school are coming back to us now as college graduates in large numbers. Later a list will be published of the names of the graduates and the college represented. This list will show that Sumter will receive this year from this State and others at least twenty college graduates.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been granted to Marshall Huggins and Alice Commander and Jack Cornish and Martha Brown, Sumter.

WOULD ESTABLISH FACT BASIS

GERMAN FOREIGN SECRETARY EXPLAINS NOTE TO AMERICA.

Says That Issues Involved Are of Such Importance That Common Basis of Fact Should be Reached Before Final Answer is Given.

Berlin, May 30 (via London).—Gottlieb von Jagow, the Imperial German foreign secretary, today received the correspondent of the Associated Press and outlined the reasons which impelled the German government to send an ad interim note to the United States government instead of a final and definite reply to the America representations regarding the Lusitania and other ships that have been torpedoed, and German's submarine policy.

"The issues involved," said Herr von Jagow, "are of such importance, and the views in regard to the Lusitania show such variance, that the German government believed it essential to attempt to establish a common basis of fact before entering into a discussion of the issues involved."

"We hope and trust that the American government will take the same view of the case and let us know in what points the understanding of the facts differ from the German viewpoint as set forth in the note and in what points they agree, before looking for a direct answer to their communication."

"The America note, of course, leaves the way open for a preliminary discussion of the situation as suggested in the German note. I hope that such a common basis of fact, once established may serve as the ground work for further conversations."

The minister was unwilling to give a more definite outline to, or to comment on the suggestion that an arrangement might be reached on a basis of an inspection and certification by the American government of passenger ships not carrying war cargoes, pointing out that he did not feel entitled to anticipate, as the other departments of the governments must be heard before suggestions could be definitely taken up or discussed.

Dr. von Jagow expressed pleasure at the newspaper announcement that American line steamers were not carrying contraband, but he suggested the advisability of supplementing such newspaper statements by more definite authoritative announcements.

Replying to a question, Dr. von Jagow said Germany at the outset had been willing to abandon her submarine war against merchantmen in response to a return by Great Britain to the regulation of war regarding contraband generally accepted before the war, the specific condition being the lifting of the embargo on foodstuffs and raw materials now on the list of conditional contraband. It was not Germany's fault, but Great Britain's, he said, that the well meant proposals of the United States for a compromise failed.

"The question of foodstuffs and raw materials," Dr. von Jagow said, "is not a question of necessity for Germany, but one of principle. Germany has shown, I think, that it can not be starved out by Great Britain's embargo on foodstuffs. We may be a little short of some or another particular food product, but we have enough to live on and keep up the struggle."

"The same is true of raw materials, with which, according to the London declaration, belligerents have no right to interfere when they are not specifically destined to the armed forces of an enemy. Germany is able to get along, even if the imports of such materials are cut off. Germany, however, objects to the cool assumption of the British cabinet that when it is unable to defeat the German armies legitimately on the battlefield it is entitled to try to force the nation to its knees by economic pressure, disregarding all accepted precepts and regulations of war."

"The analogy of the besieged fortress does not apply to Germany. The resident who settled in a fortress and does so cognizant of the risk and aware that he can leave before the siege begins; but there is no precedent for the siege of the civilian population of a whole nation in its own land, with no possibility of escape. Germany will fight such an unjustified method of war with all the means at her disposal."

Dr. von Jagow said he had absolutely no information regarding the American steamer Nebraskan, which was damaged by an explosion in the Irish sea last week and in the absence of any definite news as to whether the ship was torpedoed or struck a mine, he declined to express any opinion as to the effect of the incident on the pending negotiations. The Nebraskan, in any event, Dr. von Jagow said, was not torpedoed with design by a German submarine. The German policy regarding neutral shipping, even in the war zone, had been enunciated clearly. There was

no intention of attacking neutral ships.

"Are you an optimist or a pessimist regarding the German-American situation?" the correspondent asked as he was taking his leave of the foreign minister.

"How can I tell you how our note will be received?" replied Dr. von Jagow. "I have no means of communicating with the ambassador at Washington or of gauging public sentiment. Wireless communication is limited and rather unsatisfactory. There are no means for cabling and the open wireless messages we are sending are read or interfered with by British stations. We are virtually cut off from America and are working in the dark."

PRIZES OFFERED FOR BOYS' CORN CLUB WORK.

L. L. Baker Announces Gifts—Says Pig Clubs Will be Established Over State.

L. L. Baker, of Bishopville, supervising agent of boys' club work in South Carolina under the United States department of agriculture, cooperating with Clemson College, Saturday stated that boys' pig clubs are being started over the State as a co-ordinate feature of the boys' corn club work. Hog culture is essential to the boy, he said. He also announced the six prizes to be given to boys participating in corn club work in this State.

"We are not attempting this year to make the enormous yields to the acre as in the past, because the cost of production was too large," said Mr. Baker yesterday in discussing the present and future prospects for boys' corn club work in South Carolina. "We intend to go back to the fundamental principles of the work as first promulgated by the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, who taught that agricultural demonstrations should be educative in their scope and application."

"We first want the boy to know the value of the soil, and to know this he must study how to make the soil fertile and how to maintain soil fertility. We are stressing the necessity of the boy understanding plant life and he must know the value of good seed and their selection. We are urging the youths of the state to study improved culture methods in plant production and understand their application."

"As a coordinate adjunct to the boys' corn club work of the State we are organizing pig clubs throughout South Carolina. The boy can raise a hog and feed him with corn, peas and peanuts grown on his specially prepared acres. The hog is selected because it is essential for the boy to understand something of animal life, both on and off the farm; because it is an animal that can be raised in all sections of South Carolina and the South; because it is an animal that can be easily raised at a minimum cost, and after being raised can be quickly sold for a good price. The boys joining the pig clubs will have to study the animals, their habits and the methods of raising, must become conversant with their different diseases and the cures of these diseases, must make an effort to know the best feeds for the hog, those that will produce muscle, tissue and bone and those producing fats, and it will be necessary for him to know these facts in order that he will understand how to feed his hog a balanced ration if he is to get maximum results."

"Being a member of a boys' pig club is not a slothful youth's job, for much application and study will be necessary if a boy becomes thoroughly proficient and participates in the prizes. In this as in all other contests of life 'the fittest survive.'"

Mr. Baker states that the boys who desire to join the pig clubs can do so by making applications either to him or to their local county agents. On application, Bulletin 566 of the United States department of agriculture, which is a mine of information about the organization of pig clubs, the care and treatment of swine and the rules governing contents, will be furnished free of charge.

The following prizes have been offered by Supervising Agent Baker to the corn club boys of the State:

First Prize—To the boy in the State making the highest general average, according to rules and regulations contained in Circular No. "A" 74, revised edition, and in Clemson college corn club catechisms, Vols. 1 and 2, will be awarded a gold medal offered by Congressman Lever and \$40 in cash.

Second Prize—To the boy making the second general highest average, according to rules and regulations contained in Circular No. "A" 74, revised edition, and in Clemson college corn club catechisms, Vols. 1 and 2, will be awarded a 14k. gold open face 19 jeweled adjusted Waltham movement watch and \$30 in cash.

Third Prize—To the boy in the State making the highest yield at the lowest cost per bushel, in accordance with the rules and regulations contained in Circular No. "A" 74, revised edition, and in the Clemson college corn club catechisms, Vols. 1 and 2, will be awarded \$39 in cash.

Fourth Prize—To the boy in each

CHIEF SURGEON OF MILITIA.

Capt. Alexander Moultrie Brailsford of Mullins is Appointed by Gov. Manning.

Columbia, May 31.—Capt. Alexander Moultrie Brailsford, M. D., of Mullins, has been appointed by Gov. Manning as major of the medical corps and has been assigned to duty as chief surgeon of the National Guard of South Carolina. This appointment is in compliance with a recent order published by the United States war department.

Maj. Brailsford is a native of Clarendon county. He was graduated from the Citadel at Charleston in 1891 and from the South Carolina Medical college in 1897. Later he took special courses at the New York Polytechnic institute.

The following order by the war department prescribes the duties of the chief surgeon:

"The chief surgeon shall be appointed by the governor from among the senior officers of the medical corps. He shall be in control of the medical department, subordinate only to the governor, acting through the adjutant general. He will act as chief sanitary adviser for the health of the troops. He will be held responsible for the discipline and efficiency of the sanitary troops. He will have direction and control over all candidates for commissioned officers of the medical department. He will make recommendations to the adjutant general concerning the assignment to duty and stations of the entire sanitary personnel of the National Guard and the proper administration of the medical department."

ATTEND BANKERS' CONVENTION.

Number of Men go From Here to Florence to Meeting of Group Seven.

From The Daily Item, May 28.

Group Seven of the State Bankers' Association of South Carolina met at the Young Men's Christian Association in Florence last night for a most interesting session. Among those to go from the local banks to attend the meeting were Messrs. R. T. Brown and David Doar of the First National Bank; R. A. Bradham of the Commercial & Savings Bank; Frank C. Huff of the City National Bank and H. L. McCoy of the National Bank of South Carolina. Several instructive papers were read and the meeting was much enjoyed.

Death of Mr. Richard Hatfield.

Mr. Richard Hatfield, one of Lee county's worthy citizens, died suddenly yesterday, May 26, at his home near Manville, with heart failure. He was 59 years old, hard working and industrious man. He was a member of Masonic lodge and buried with Masonic honor at Cedar Creek today of which he was a member.—Leader and Vicinitor.

Dance For Graduates.

A dance was given in the Osteen hall on Thursday evening in honor of the high school graduates. There were about a dozen young ladies and a large number of stags present for the occasion, which proved a most delightful one to all in attendance. The music was furnished by the Lyric Orchestra with Prof. Giraud as director and was excellent dance music.

Colonels Attend Governor.

From The Daily Item, May 31.

Messrs. Geo. W. Dick, H. J. McLaurin, Jr., R. M. Cooper, J. D. Shirer and E. E. Aycock of this county will attend Gov. Manning as members of his staff on his trip to Richmond tonight. Mr. J. A. McKnight, another member of the staff from this place, is unable to go because of business.

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congressional district of the State making the highest general average, according to rules and regulations contained in Circular No. "A" 74, revised edition, and in the Clemson college corn club catechisms, Vols. 1 and 2, will be awarded 1,000 pounds of sulphate of ammonia, or an agricultural short course of one month at Clemson College in 1916.

Fifth Prize—To the two boys in each county of the State making the highest general average, according to rules and regulations contained in Circular No. "A" 74, revised edition, and in the Clemson college corn club catechisms, Vols. 1 and 2, will be awarded one month free scholarship to agricultural short course at Clemson college, summer, 1916.

Sixth Prize—To the county agent who secures the greatest percentage of bona fide club reports on the largest enrollment of boys, enrollment to count 25 per cent. and reports to count 75 per cent. will be awarded \$25 in cash.

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