

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Peables and son spent Sunday in Charleston. Mrs. J. A. Scherwin, Jr., accompanied by her four sons, Masters William, Julius 3rd, Nolan and Robert, have gone to Sullivan's Island to spend the summer with her father. Mrs. F. E. Renfrow and little son, Fred, Jr., who have been residing in Camden, after spending awhile with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. J. Smith, have gone to Spartanburg, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ives and children of Florence are spending the fourth of July with relatives in the city. Mrs. J. J. Barrett and Master Willie Barrett spent July 4th at Styz visiting the former's son, J. J. Barrett, Jr. Mr. John M. Barrett spent Sunday at Camp Moore visiting his brother, J. J. Barrett. Mr. W. F. Montgomery of Clarendon county has gone to Washington, D. C. to spend several weeks. Mr. James Witherspoon of Salt Lake City, Utah, left this morning on his return to that place, after a visit of several weeks to relatives in the Black River section. Mrs. E. K. Bechard left this afternoon for Union City, Pa., where she was called on receipt of a telegram this morning announcing the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Warren Chaffee at that place. Miss Alice Rembert of Spartanburg is visiting her cousin, Miss Sallie Rembert. Mrs. J. K. Bradford has gone to Hendersonville, N. C., for a month's stay. Miss Elizabeth Byrd of Batesburg is visiting friends in the city. Miss Edna Pack of Greenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren McCollum. Miss Florence Baker has returned to the city, after spending the week-end and fourth of July in Columbia. Among the convention visitors were Rev. D. M. McLeod of Charleston and R. W. Humphreys of Lydia, two former pastors of Sumter. Mrs. G. E. Pitts spent the fourth in Columbia on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. R. B. McKay. Mrs. Edna Basilar, after a most pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Broughton, has returned to Washington, D. C. Rev. Henry L. Reeves, of DuRant, was a visitor to the city today. Miss Sarah Klein, of New York, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Barnett. Dr. Geo. W. Dick has returned to the city from Richmond, Va., where he has been for several days. Mr. Elder Smith, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cuttino, has returned to his home at Leesville. Mrs. B. J. Grier has returned after spending a week in Manning with her sister, Mrs. Joe M. Badham. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wilson, of St. Charles, were in the city on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Julia Eogers has gone to her home at Abbeville to visit her parents. Maj. J. W. Bradford of the Third battalion of the Second regiment was a visitor to the city today. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. White left this morning for Blue Ridge, where Mr. White will attend the Y. M. C. A. course of lectures. Mrs. R. C. Eudham and daughter have gone to Hendersonville to spend a couple of months. Mrs. J. L. LaBruce and children, of Georgetown are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson.

TOBACCO REPORTS REQUIRED.

Commissioner of Agriculture Finds Decrease for Crop—To Issue Monthly Data. Copies of State laws relative to the sale of tobacco and blank forms for reports are being mailed out to all warehousemen by the State department of agriculture, as the season for the marketing of this crop has opened. The law provides that reports shall be filed in the office of E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, by the 5th of the month succeeding the opening of the season. Failure to comply with this law is punishable by a fine of \$500. An accurate statement is to be given of the number of pounds sold and the prices received. The acreage is reduced somewhat below that of last year, Mr. Watson says. Lack of potash properties in fertilizer last spring may also have a tendency to reduce the crop. Marriage License Record. A license to marry has been granted to Geo. Henry McCutchen, Bishopville, and Miss Ethel Flynn Cooper, Mayesville. One negro couple, Jim Ford and Fannie Sue Goodman, Sumter, secured a license to marry.

CARRANZA NOTE DOMESTICATORY

MEXICAN MINISTER STATES THAT REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE IS MILD IN TONE.

Celebration of Holiday by Government Officials Prevents Delivery of Note Until Today—Need of Further Urging of Mexican De Facto Official Not Yet Settled. Washington, July 4.—Gen. Carranza's reply to the two sharp notes from the Washington government was at the Mexican embassy tonight and an oral synopsis, made public with the arrival of Elisaeo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador designate, indicated that it was of an unexpectedly conciliatory character. The formal communication arrived by telegraph early in the day and only the fact that the Fourth of July was being celebrated by all government departments prevented its immediate delivery. It will be presented at the State department tomorrow. Mr. Arredondo himself spent the day in the country and on his return declined to discuss his government's attitude as now officially stated. Lacking the text of the note, it was impossible tonight to say whether it would prove satisfactory to President Wilson. Since the release of American troops taken at Carrizal the question at issue between Washington and Gen. Carranza has been narrowed to President Wilson's desire for a formal declaration of intention toward the American expeditionary forces in Mexico. The embassy synopsis of the new note indicates that a specific statement still is lacking. Only a close study of the reply will disclose whether it will be necessary to press Gen. Carranza again to affirm or deny the hostile construction placed upon his orders that American troops be attacked if they moved in any direction except toward the border. Without doubt the effect of the embassy statement as to the note's character has been to relax still further the diplomatic tension between the two governments. The release of the Carrizal prisoners already had stripped the situation of its immediately dangerous character. It is entirely possible, however, that American officials will not fully share the optimistic views of the Mexican embassy when they are able to review the language of the Carranza note. One fact stood out clearly tonight in the minds of officials familiar with President Wilson's desires and purposes. If Gen. Carranza sincerely desires to find a way for peaceful settlement of the difficulties between the two governments, he will be met more than half way. The diplomatic discussion foreshadowed in that event, however, would have to be wholly aside from the steps the Washington government deems it necessary to take to protect American lives and property along the border. No proposal for immediate withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's troops would be entertained as a preliminary to a further exchange of views on joint operations against bandits. The embassy synopsis of the latest communication indicates that the de facto government has sought to bring its side of the diplomatic correspondence up to date. It is framed as a reply both to the American note refusing to entertain any request for the immediate withdrawal of American troops from Mexico and to the latter stern demands presented after the Carrizal incident for release of the prisoners taken in that fight and for a formal diplomatic statement of intentions. In both of these documents Secretary Lansing sharply reprimanded the de facto government for failure to observe ordinary diplomatic usages. His first note resented charges of bad faith, political intrigue and the like, openly stated in the Mexican demand for withdrawal; the second tersely notified the de facto government that the United States expected to receive diplomatic communications through diplomatic channels, not through subordinate military commanders. These were the first American communications to the de facto government in which anything but wholly friendly language was employed. In view of this situation, officials believe the language and general tone of the present Carranza note will have great weight with President Wilson in deciding upon a course. It is expected Gen. Carranza will be required to make redress in some form for the discourteous tone of his previous communications if entirely amicable relations are to be resumed. According to the embassy synopsis of the communications which officials believe was prepared personally by Gen. Carranza, it renews assurances that the de facto government will restore order in northern Mexico and establish an adequate guard against border raiders. It is said to suggest that the presence of American troops in Mexico serves only to increase unsettled conditions in the border States,

but not to make any new demands for their withdrawal. It is not known whether any mention is made of previous orders to Gen. Trevino that American troops be attacked if they move east, south or west in Mexico. Apparently the communication avoids the definite diplomatic statement in that regard sought by Secretary Lansing and substitutes an argument as to the general situation. The note also is said to point out that the principle of mediation as suggested by various Latin-American powers has been accepted by the de facto government and to invite the Washington administration to express its views. Gen. Carranza believes, however, that more could be accomplished by direct negotiations between Washington and Mexican officials than would be possible through mediation proceedings. The war department continued without abatement today its efforts to complete mobilization of the National Guard army at the border. There were few dispatches, however, from Gen. Funston or other officers beyond the routine reports of the progress being made in assembling the State troops along the international line. The department had no announcement to make as to Gen. Pershing's decision on the offer made to him yesterday which would give him command of the new military department of New Mexico. Pending his decision it is regarded as probable that Gen. Funston will continue to administer affairs along the border from the Gulf coast to Douglas, Ariz., where Gen. Bell, commanding the Western department, will assume jurisdiction. Dispositions of the National Guard organizations will continue along the fully developed plan worked out by Gen. Funston and which has the hearty approval of the army general staff. While the troops sent to the Western department or into the department of New Mexico will pass under the command of the head of those departments they will go to stations previously selected by Gen. Funston. Any rearrangement which may be necessary later will be made after conference between the three border commanders hereafter. General staff officers believe the result will be highly beneficial since the mass of administrative work with which Gen. Funston now is burdened will be lightened and he will have more time for keeping in direct personal touch with the situation along his lines. ATTRACTIONS DREW CROWDS AWAY. Attendance at Wesley Bible Class Federation Smaller Than Was Expected. The attendance upon the fourth annual Wesley Bible Class Federation convention was very much smaller than was expected, being only about half as large as it was at the two previous conventions. The Fourth of July was picked as a good day and it was thought that Sumter, being in a central and easily accessible location, would have an even larger attendance than at former meetings. This was not the case, however, and those in charge very much regret the fact. Speaking to Mr. W. C. Owens, field secretary, concerning this phase of the meeting, Mr. Owens stated that the rival attractions at other places no doubt prevented many of those who had expected to attend from being present. He stated that at several places where special trains had been scheduled to operate to bring crowds to the convention, it had been found impossible to get the special trains, because of the military situation in the State, the extra coaches being needed by the railroads in handling troops. The fact that the militia has been mobilized was another reason for keeping many persons away. A large number of the militiamen are members of the Wesley Bible Class, Mr. Owens stated, and besides preventing them from coming it kept members of their families away, as no doubt many of those who would otherwise have come, went to Camp Moore to see their sons, brothers and friends there, instead of attending the convention. Attractions in Darlington, Columbia and several other places in the State, Mr. Owens thought, kept people away, much to the regret of those in charge of the convention, who had expected to see at least a thousand delegates in Sumter from other points. Discussed Jail Removal. A number of citizens appeared before the County Board on Wednesday requesting the removal of the county jail from its present site to some other locality. Among those who went before the board were Messrs. Lemmon, Rowland, Shore, Clifton, Cheyne, Thompson, and others. After discussion of the matter in an informal sort of way, it was decided to postpone any action until the next meeting of the board, when those interested were asked to appear with a feasible plan for the removal of the jail to some other place. A number of routine matters were attended to by the board.

WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND.

Seventy Dollars Raised to Go to Democratic Campaign.

The national Democratic fund has been enriched by seventy dollars through the efforts of citizens, who during the past few days have at odd moments circulated a petition for funds on the streets. The following are the subscribers to the fund: We, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the amounts opposite our names to the National Democratic Campaign fund for 1916: T. B. Fraser, \$1.00; M. Reynolds, 1.00; E. C. Haynsworth, 1.00; Hugh C. Haynsworth, 1.00; Raymond Schwartz, 1.00; Geo. D. Levy, 1.00; H. Harby, 1.00; B. D. Epps, 1.00; J. H. Forbes, 1.00; H. L. Scarborough, 1.00; J. K. Bradford, 1.00; J. H. Haynsworth, 1.00; H. D. Moses, 1.00; B. C. Wallace, 1.00; J. M. Brogdon, 1.00; P. M. Pitts, 1.00; C. M. Hurst, 1.00; R. O. Purdy, Jr., 1.00; O. L. Yates, 1.00; R. E. Wilder, 1.00; Thos. E. Richardson, 1.00; Harrow Walsh, 1.00; D. D. Moise, 1.00; A. B. Flowers, 1.00; E. S. Miller, 1.00; C. E. Hurst, 1.00; G. W. Hutcheson, 1.00; S. C. Baker, 1.00; A. H. Wilder, 1.00; J. H. Chandler, 1.00; M. Goldberg, 1.00; J. J. Williams, 1.00; W. J. Crowson, Jr., 1.00; B. Manning, 1.00; J. C. Cooper, 1.00; W. Y. Spann, 1.00; E. M. Hall, 1.00; A. C. Phelps, 1.00; Isaac Straus, 1.00; F. T. McInwall, 1.00; S. Cherry, 1.00; W. A. Thompson, 1.00; W. W. Sibert, 1.00; S. W. Stubbs, 1.00; M. Brown, 1.00; J. H. Levy, 1.00; M. H. Flaum, 1.00; H. W. McCollum, 1.00; E. T. McCollum, 1.00; J. A. McKnight, 1.00; James Cutting, 1.00; H. C. DesChamps, 1.00; Chas. S. Kingsmore, 1.00; W. B. Ushur, 1.00; Ralph Hill, .50; B. Watson, 1.00; H. L. Tisdale, 1.00; H. A. Hoyt, .50; J. G. DeLorme, 1.00; V. R. Pringle, .50; J. G. E. Wilder, 1.00; M. Green, 1.00; C. B. Huff, .50; R. L. Edmunds, .50; D. M. Blanding, 1.00; L. E. Wood, 1.00; J. B. Duffie, 1.00; H. L. McCoy, .50; T. V. Walsh, .50; H. W. Harby, .50; R. B. Belser, 1.00; Ferd Levi, 1.00; Mitchell Levi, 1.00; F. D. Knight, 1.00; Jos. Epperson, 1.00. Is Your Crib Tight? The buying of an automobile means that you have to provide a good shelter for it. Does the growing of a good corn crop mean a good crib in which to store it properly? If your corn crib is falling down, or needs repair you should think of fixing it before fall, when the corn harvest is on. A tight crib is much better than one full of cracks and holes where the rats and weevils can play at will. Plan a new one if possible, one built so that the rats and weevils cannot do you any damage. A good crib full of corn means better credit than a second hand automobile in a brand new shelter. Candidate's Cards. Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit. For Congress. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 7th Congressional District and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the primary. A. F. LEVER. At the request of my friends I announce myself as a candidate for the 7th Magisterial District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. I am in the race to a finish if I don't get but one vote. T. P. SANDERS, JR.

LESSONS OF EUROPEAN WAR.

Educators Talk of Modern Problems.

New York, July 5.—Lessons of the European war, how they should be taught to the youth of this country, and what the public schools can do toward the maintenance of permanent peace, were subjects discussed here today before the convention of the National Education association. Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education in an address opposing compulsory military training in the schools, asserted that "if we want real preparedness in America we should appoint a commission of education "which shall be democratic, flexible and practical." "Not for 20 years," said Mr. Claxton, "can any big nation think of invading us and then we shall be 150,000,000 strong. If we are well prepared and our minds are conscious of our might we will be unconquerable." Forest Notes. About 800 million feet of timber was cut on the National Forests in 1915. Experiments with jack pine have shown that it is well suited for making kraft paper. On some of the National Forests this tree is used to plant land which is too poor to grow other timber. A new fire-fighting tool has been invented by a forest ranger in California which consists of an interchangeable hoe and rake. It is said to be the best tool of the sort yet devised. The use of orange for making dyes promises to be extensive. The Forest Products Laboratory is making a census which shows that the supply of the wood is more than ample to meet present needs. In parts of the West the Forest Service is cooperating with the Weather Bureau in distributing weather forecasts to the settlers. By the use of Forest Service telephones many isolated sections are reached which could not otherwise receive the reports. Sheepmen owning bands of lambing ewes will be particularly benefited, as the warnings enable them to get their sheep under shelter and avoid the losses sometimes caused by late spring storms. Virginia Militia Off for Brownsville. Richmond, July 6.—The First regiment of Virginia militia leaves for Brownsville today.

INSURANCE FUND LESS.

Total Amount for First Six Months of This Year is \$107,354.08—Firemen's Fund.

Reports of collections of license fees and taxes made by the insurance commissioner to the State treasurer show that for the six months ending June 30 the insurance commissioner had collected and turned in to the State treasury the sum of \$107,354.08. For the same period last year the collections had been \$112,736.26. Of the amount collected during the past six months \$13,452.57 went to the firemen fund in 47 towns of this State. Likewise \$34,791.71 went to the county treasurer for general county purposes in the various counties of the State. In The Police Court. The following cases were disposed of in the Recorder's Court: Annie Baker, Mack Wells, disorderly conduct, Annie Baker dismissed; Mack Wells, \$15 or 20 days. Frank Moore, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$7.50 or 15 days. Dave Holman, running auto with muffler open, \$5 bond forfeited. Dan Singleton, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$5 or 10 days. J. C. Richardson, petit larceny, \$10 bond forfeited. Felix Pringle, disorderly conduct, \$15 bond forfeited. Fred McLain, Anthony Ballard, Frank Moore, Pauline McCoy, George Gantt, gambling, Pauline McCoy, \$15 bond forfeited; Geo. Gantt, \$15 bond forfeited; Anthony Ballard and Frank Moore, plead guilty, \$10 or 20 days each; Fred McLain dismissed. Major James, Sigmund Screven, disorderly conduct, \$5 bond forfeited, each. Sam Gadsden, drunk and cursing, \$15 bond forfeited. Moses Screven, disorderly conduct and carrying pistol of unlawful size, acquitted. Rosa Spann, disorderly conduct and carrying pistol of unlawful size, \$15 or 20 days. H. J. Hicks and Charlie Rhame, disorderly conduct; Hicks, \$15 or 20 days; Rhame dismissed. Use Harrow When Planting Peas. Farmers should remember that in sowing peas, that they must be cut with a mower. Mowing machines run better if the land is smooth. By using a harrow on the land it can be easily put in good condition for the mower. In cutting peas on rough land it is hard on the driver, the mower, and the stock.

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