

**CAMPANION PARTY IN COLUMBIA**

**CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE HEARD BY ATTENTIVE CROWD.**

Audience Falls to Show Enthusiasm as Speakers of Would-be Officials—Manning Declines Responsibility for Chronicle Discarding Cooper.

Columbia, July 5.—The meeting of the state campaigners here yesterday drew a crowd of 1,500 to the Columbia theatre. All the candidates were given good hearings and applause was general, the meeting, however, being unimpressive in contrast with those of other years.

The only feature of the meeting was the statement by R. A. Cooper relative to a circular issued in the up-country which he said characterized him as a "thorn in the flesh" for running this year. Mr. Cooper said he was in the race because he wanted to be governor and was running on his merits and authorized everybody who had talked with him relative to his entering the race or had correspondence with him about the matter to make everything public. He will go to the office untrammelled and without any promises to any man, interest or set of men, he said, should he be elected governor.

The circular referred to by Mr. Cooper drew this statement from Gov. Manning which he said when beginning his speech:

"I have been informed that a circular has been printed and circulated in some of the counties presumably in the interest of my candidacy. I am sure that this circular links up two of my opponents as in a combination to defeat me for reelection. This circular is without authority from me or from my office. I did not know that it had been printed, nor have I authorized same. I shall make this right in a fair and square manner with all my dealings open and aboveboard. I shall not stoop to personal or underhand attacks, nor will I allow such to be done with my authority or knowledge.

"My official record is before you and on that record I stand. I am a candidate on my own merits and not on the merits of my opponents."

Mr. Beverly Sloan, county chairman, presided and the Rev. C. E. Smith, D. D., offered prayer.

The candidates for secretary of state were W. B. White, J. W. Wright, W. T. Carter and D. W. McManis, secretary for state treasurer, came next followed by James Chandler, Albert S. Fant, W. H. Kelly, W. T. Thrope and G. McD. Hampton, candidate for railroad commissioner.

A. J. Bethea and E. C. L. Adams, candidates for lieutenant governor, addressed the audience.

Former Gov. Cole L. Blaise led off the gubernatorial speaking. He criticized the military appointments of Gov. Manning and the reorganization of the National Guard under the present governor, turning all the Blaise men out of office. He also criticized the dayum administration under the present governor. He was given several bouquets of flowers.

R. A. Cooper said he was standing on his own merits. He outlined the things he thought should be accomplished. He stood for an impartial enforcement of law, for the administration of justice, for the warehouse system as a business institution and for "an educational system without any factions."

John M. DeChamps came out unqualifiedly for the insurance trust. On the liquor question he explained that he was a prohibitionist, but had been taken for a saloonkeeper whenever he had been. He wasn't a half-breed on the issue either, he added. It was he, John McLaurin and State Senator Banks of St. Matthews who had put the warehouse system on a solid foundation, he claimed. He characterized the administration of Gov. Manning as the most progressive the State has ever known. He also made an appeal for woman suffrage.

John T. Duncan was the next speaker.

Gov. Manning began by reading a brief statement disclaiming responsibility for the issuing of a circular charging the "linking of two opponents" to defeat the present governor. "It is without authority from me or from my office."

The chief executive referred to his first act in restoring the National Guard after it had been disbanded as a whole by a former governor. He referred feelingly to his and his wife's own gift of three of their sons to the South Carolinian contingent of troops.

The governor referred to his campaign for law enforcement, particularly in Charleston, where liquor is no longer openly sold and a favorable sentiment for law enforcement has been created. He spoke of reductions in interest on money borrowed by the State, of the cancellation of the federal debt on account of loss in property and equipment by the National Guard before he came into office, the laws in the interest of tax-

**ARTHUR WINS MOTOR EVENTS.**

**RILES FIRST IN TWENTY-FIVE MILE RACE WHEN ARTHUR'S MACHINE WENT BAD.**

Big and Enthusiastic Audience Witnessed Track Events on Morning of Fourth and Were Highly Pleased—Auto Races This Afternoon.

A large and intensely interested crowd witnessed the motorcycle races at the race course on the morning of July Fourth and saw Arthur of Union win the first and second events and start out well in the third event, only to have his machine go bad on him, so that he was forced out of the race, which was won by Riles of Darlington, who had come second in the other two events.

The crowd began gathering early and it was a typically good-natured Fourth of July crowd. A long line of cars was parked inside the track and the grandstand was fairly filled with the spectators. The crowd was estimated at between five and six hundred. The machines left from the corner of Main and Liberty streets at about 10.30 with the band on the Coca-Cola truck leading the parade to the race track. The band concert before it left and at the track was enjoyed by the music lovers in the crowd.

The results in the motorcycle races were as follows:

Five-mile race: Arthur on an Indian first in 5.16, \$10; Riles, Indian, second, 5.25, \$5; Pierce, Indian, third, 6.30.

Ten-mile race: Arthur, first, 10.43, \$25.00; Riles, second, \$12.00; Pierce, third, \$5.

Twenty-five-mile race: Riles, first, 30.4 1-5, \$50.00; Thomas, Indian, second, 30.17 2-5, \$15; Curtis, Sumter, Indian, third, \$7.00.

**FRENCH TAKE SECOND LINE.**

German Positions Crumple Under Blows of Allies.

Paris, July 5.—The French have captured three miles of the German second line trenches between Mercaumont wood and Asevillers, south of Soissons. They also captured Herbecourt village. The German line between Estress and Asevillers crumpled beneath the Allies' blows. The chief objective of the French is believed to be Peronne, if that town is taken the allies will then continue driving onward.

**ALLIES CONTINUE VICTORIOUS.**

South of Soissons They Gained Ground at All Points.

Paris, July 5.—North of the Somme river the enemy made no attacks during the night, the war office announces. South of the Somme the battle went on with the allies successful at all places yesterday and last night. It has been positively learned that the Germans have thirty-nine battalions on the front being attacked by the British and French. Thirty-one of these suffered heavy losses and are entirely broken up.

**ELEVEN VILLAGES CAPTURED.**

British Drive Gains Ground From Germans in Somme Region.

London, July 5.—The British steamer Moeris is reported to have been sunk by a German submarine. Eleven villages in France have now been captured from the Germans. The total German losses is now estimated at thirty thousand. North of the Somme the biggest gain is east of Laboelle and in the Montauban region. The strongest German forts are crumbling under the fire of the big British guns.

**GREAT POTENTIAL ARMY.**

United States Has Twenty-one Million Capable of Bearing Arms.

Washington, July 3.—The census bureau figures show that America has twenty-one millions males between the ages of eighteen and forty-five capable of being soldiers. The estimate was ordered by Secretary Redfield so that it could be known how many potential soldiers are available.

**Many Go to Camp Moore.**

A big crowd went from here to Columbia yesterday to visit friends and relatives at Camp Moore, Styx, some going by train and some in cars. Those who went report the men in good spirits and getting along well, despite hot sun and hard work.

title workers passed during his administration and educational and other progressive legislation. Gov. Manning also reviewed the asylum situation. He also received many bunches of flowers.

Adjutant General Moore made a brief speech on the militia situation. Gen. Moore praised the response of the National Guard and said it was more efficient and better equipped than any time before in the last six years. He said South Carolina would be proud of the record her soldiers will make if they are called to Mexico.

**FIRST REGIMENT ABOUT READY**

**NO ORDERS RECEIVED, BUT TROOPS ARE PREPARED TO MOVE TO BORDER.**

Camp Tension Somewhat Relaxed for Present—Number of Companies in Second Regiment Have Been Mustered into Federal Service—Recruiting Force Sent out.

Camp Moore, Styx, S. C., July 5.—The 1st regiment of infantry, National Guard of South Carolina, which has been in camp here for ten days, during which time preparations for service on the Mexican border have been rushed, is now practically ready to move when orders are received from the war department.

One week ago it was thought that the 1st regiment would depart in less than a week, as it appeared that Washington was pushing every National Guard command in the country to be prepared to move at the earliest possible moment. The situation at Camp Moore then and for some days afterwards was one of eager expectancy, some even being of the opinion that definite orders to move would be received before all preparation were completed.

Today there is a perceptible change in sentiment in this respect about the camp, and although there is nothing official upon which to base such a statement, the prospect of moving any time soon appears to be more remote now than it was a week ago. However, in military affairs sudden changes are common, and just what the war department intends doing with the South Carolina troops is a mere matter of conjecture. It is still possible that the 1st will leave late this week, but it does not appear very probable at this time.

Whether or not the Palmetto State soldiers go to the border soon or late, or even if they should not go at all, the fact remains that they are ready and anxious to serve their country in Mexico or anywhere else they may be sent. Many of the men here are chafing under the inactivity of camp life, for affairs have about settled into the usual military routine.

Another company of the 2d regiment was mustered into the service of the United States today, Company A (Sumter Guards) Capt. J. L. Gantt. This command was mustered in at 8.30 this morning by Capt. J. L. Graham, U. S. A., camp mustering officer. This makes the fourth company of the 2d regiment to be mustered in. Companies K, (Florence,) I, (Timmonsville,) and B, (Washington Light Infantry, Charleston), having taken the oath yesterday.

Physical examinations in the 2d regiment will begin tomorrow. It was expected that they would be started today, but some final work in connection with the examinations in the 1st that to be completed and this has delayed examination of the men of the 2nd and of Troop A, (Charleston Light Dragoons.) It is likely that the Dragoons will be examined first. In fact, the cavalrymen were marched over to the surgeons this morning, but they soon returned to their camp, when it was discovered that the examiners were not ready for them.

The 2d regiment band left here today on a recruiting campaign in the Pee Dee section, the principal points to be visited being Georgetown, Hemingway, Mullins and Dillon. The band carried about twenty pieces, with Bandmaster Geggy and Chief Musician Wilson along. The recruiting squad is in command of Capt. Daniel Miller, of Charleston, and included are Sergt. Pinckney, of the Sumter Guards and Private McInnes, of the Florence company. Col. Springs originated this plan of obtaining recruits for his regiment and it is expected that satisfactory results will be obtained. The squad will be in Georgetown tomorrow and at the other places in the order named, returning to camp about Saturday morning.

The cavalry arm of Uncle Sam's military establishment, as represented at Camp Moore anyway, appears to be more popular, proportionately, than any other branch, judging from the demand for membership in Troop A (Dragoons.) The maximum strength of this command is 86 men and three officers, and there are on the roll at present 105 men, 19 more than can be retained. It is expected that not more than ten, if that many, will fail to pass the physical examination; so this will leave a number of men who will have to be disposed of in some manner. When asked today what action he would take in reference to the excess enrolment, Capt. Manning stated that he would first urge that all married men in his command accept honorable discharge; then the others would probably be given the opportunity to connect with other commands through transfers. Capt. Manning stated that, of course, this plan would be followed only in the event that authorization to increase the troop strength to 105 men was not given by the war department.

For the first time since Camp Moore was established, both the lieutenant colonels were today in charge of the regiments, Lieut. Col. P. K. McCully,

**GENERAL KILLED IN FIGHT.**

**CARRANZA LEADER DIES AT HANDS OF VILLISTAS.**

Ramos Prefers Death to Retirement Without Carrying Out His Orders to Beat Bandits.

Chihuahua, July 5 (via El Paso Junction, Texas, July 5).—Gen. Ignacio Ramos was killed in a fierce and bloody battle that raged all yesterday between a small force of de facto troops and a large band of Villa followers at Corral ranch, 15 miles southwest of Jimenez. Both sides suffered heavy losses.

Rather than retire to Jimenez without carrying out his orders, which were not to return unless he was able to report success, Gen. Ramos fought in his entrenchments until killed, cheering his men on to the last.

The Carranza troops were surrounded Monday at daybreak and for more than 12 hours held their position against heavy odds in the hope that reinforcements soon would arrive.

At nightfall, after their leader had been killed and the greater part of the command killed or wounded, the survivors retired to Jimenez with their wounded.

Three times during the day the Villa men dashed through heavy fire to the edge of the Carranza trenches, but were unable to take them.

Reinforcements, which had been ordered to join Gen. Ramos at Corral, were delayed by a wreck, and the proposed general offensive against the Villa forces did not materialize.

After the Corral clash the garrison at Santa Rosalia was rushed south to guard Jimenez against any attack. In the meantime, 2,000 troops were sent south to attack the forces which cut off Gen. Ramos' command.

**GOOD WEEK ON CROPS.**

Ample Rains and Warm Nights Have Given Corn and Cotton Chance to Grow.

Columbia, July 5.—A splendid growing week, with warm nights and ample rains. The weather was too wet over portions of the coastal plain, and rain will soon be needed over the Piedmont, where cultivation against grass is well advanced, and also over portions of the northeastern counties. Corn is especially promising and is silking and tasseling generally over the central counties; much of the crop in the higher elevations has been laid by; domestic roasting ears of good quality are on market. Cotton is much improved generally, but is in various stages of advancement; the early crop along the lower Piedmont has begun to bloom. Tobacco curing has begun, with improved prospects. Field truck, gardens and pastures are in good condition. Forage pea sowing continues. Fine peaches are being marketed, and wild small fruits are plentiful.

**FEW REFUGEES LEFT.**

Nearly All Americans Who Want to Leave Mexico Have Been Sent Home.

Washington, July 6.—Rear Admiral Winslow, commander of the Pacific fleet, reports to the navy department that all Americans who wish to leave the west coast of Mexico, except a few at Guadalajara, have now been sent home. The Guadalajara refugees were expected to arrive at Manzanillo yesterday, Admiral Winslow said, and they will be sent home immediately.

**HAGOOD BOY PROMOTED.**

B. M. Jackson Appointed Farm Demonstration Agent for Parish.

Monroe, La., July 1.—B. M. Jackson, Hagood, S. C., a Clemson man, for two years the efficient director of the Calhoun Agricultural High School, Calhoun, La., has been promoted to agricultural expert for this organization, which is the same as farm demonstration agent with the U. S. department of agriculture for this parish.

**Marriage License Record.**

Licenses to marry have been issued to L. R. Frierson and Miss Ruth Hodge, Tindal; Dr. H. G. Carter and Miss Lillian Mann, Atlanta. A license to one colored couple was to Wilmet Fleming and Victoria Johnson, Sumter.

of the 1st, and Lieut. Col. J. H. Claffy, of the 2d. Col. McCully has been in command of the 1st regiment since its arrival here, as Col. E. M. Blythe, of the 1st, has been camp commander. Col. Springs is in Georgetown today on personal business, so Col. Claffy is in charge, and is handling the affairs of the regiment like a veteran, ably assisted by Capt. J. D. E. Meyer, the adjutant.

The war department has ordered that all physically rejected men be discharged as soon as possible and given transportation to their respective homes. This order is being carried out at Camp Moore.

**STORM SWEEPING INLAND.**

**HIGH WIND AND HEAVY RAIN ON THE GULF COAST.**

Crippling of Wire Communication Cuts Off Advances as to Damage in Its Path.

New Orleans, July 5.—Mobile and Pensacola, cut off from communication early today by the tropical hurricane, had not been heard from at midnight tonight. The last report from Pensacola, received shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, said the wind was blowing 80 miles an hour and apparently increasing. Mobile reported a 70 mile gale shortly before the wires went down at 11 a. m. At that time it was reported that several ships in the harbor were dragging anchors and were in danger of being beached. Efforts to reach the isolated cities by wireless were unavailing.

The storm, which, according to weather bureau officials, was part of the tropical hurricane reported the last few days in the Gulf of Mexico, passed inland today, sweeping along the southeastern coast of Louisiana, the lower Mississippi and Alabama coast and the northwestern part of Florida. The centre of the storm apparently passed over Pensacola, Mobile and the cities along Mississippi sound, but up to early tonight nothing had been learned as to the extent of the damage at either Mobile or Pensacola, as all efforts to communicate with those cities by land wires and radio had been unsuccessful. The storm seemed to be moving generally northwest.

High tides also were reported throughout the storm area. Late today there was a 50 mile wind at Biloxi, Miss., with gusts at times as high as 80 miles an hour. Two schooners were reported blown ashore on Deer Island near Biloxi. Other Mississippi coast cities reported high winds and tides, but no serious damage.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 6.—A hurricane blowing one hundred miles an hour has cut off communication with mobile, Pensacola and other towns. There is fear of a big loss of life. Boats have been swept from anchor, and houses carried a mile on land.

**NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED.**

New Orleans, La., July 6.—There has been no loss of life in the coast hurricane so far as known. The property damage is heavy. There are many railroad washouts and all wires are down in Lower Ala.

**COAST GUARD CUTTER DAMAGED.**

Washington, July 6.—The coast guard cutter Itasca reports by radio from Havana that she was tossed about for two days in the Gulf coast hurricane. Her canvas was torn but sustained no other damages. The storm hit her while in the Caribbean Sea.

**L. & N. TRAIN WRECKED.**

Birmingham, Ala., July 6.—The fast Cincinnati-New Orleans train, No. 3, of the Louisville and Nashville railway was wrecked at Sparta, Ala., today. Railroad officials refuse to give any information, but some reports say that only the engineer and fireman were hurt. A washout of the tracks caused the accident.

**DOUBLE DEATH BY LIGHTNING.**

Man and Wife Killed Near McCormick—Infant Escapes Hurt.

McCormick, July 3.—During a heavy rain and electric storm this afternoon lightning struck and instantly killed Mote Banks and his wife, who lived about five miles from here, in the country. Lightning struck the chimney destroying it as it went and doing considerable other damage to the house. The mother, holding a baby in her arms, was instantly killed the child being unhurt. Other children in the house at the time were not hurt. Six children survive.

**REFUGEES LEAVE MEXICO.**

Navy Department Receives Reports From Vera Cruz and Mazatlan.

Washington, July 3.—Capt. Burrage, commander of the battleship Nebraska at Vera Cruz, reports to the navy department that the transport Sumner left last night for Tampa with practically all the American refugees there on board. A few were left. The gunboat Wheeling from Yucatan with 50 Americans has arrived at Vera Cruz. The cruiser Buffalo with 427 refugees leaves Mazatlan today for San Diego, Cal.

**MORE REFUGEES COMING.**

Pacific Mail Steamers Bring Many From West Coast.

Washington, July 3.—Official dispatches to the State department say that Pacific mail steamer San Jose left Manzanillo today with sixty American refugees for San Francisco. A hundred more are expected there from the Guadalajara region bringing all their property that can be moved.

**SHAW'S CAR WINS RACES.**

**BETHEA DRIVING NATIONAL MACHINE TAKES FIRST IN EVERY EVENT.**

Wiles in Buick Comes in for Second in First and Second Races, but Drops Out of Third, After Being Lapped by National—Ford Finishes Second.

Dabney Bethea of Sumter driving Ervin Shaw's National car won first in all three events at the Sumter race course yesterday afternoon in the races which had been delayed from Tuesday afternoon. Willie Wiles of Columbia in a Buick came in for second place in the first and second events, but dropped out of the thirty mile race, after being lapped in the fifteenth round by the National. Jim Burkett of Sumter in a Ford came in second in the thirty mile event.

Despite the fact that the races had been postponed from the day previous, when rain prevented the events being pulled off, there was a crowd of about two hundred and fifty persons present to witness the races. The spectators were excited and thrilled by the spectacular stunts of the National car, and gave it vigorous applause each time it came in a winner, or when it would pass another car and draw away from it. Shaw's machine outclassed any other on the track, so that the races were rather one-sided, but otherwise they were good, for there was plenty of speed, and sufficient competition in the shorter races to make the events interesting.

There were three races, one mile with flying start; fifteen mile, and thirty mile. There were five entries in the first two and four in the last. The racers were Burkett, Sumter, Ford; Arthur, Union, Buick; Fairley, Orangeburg, Chalmers; Wiles, Columbia, Buick; Bethea, Sumter, National. Bethea had as his mechanic, George Honey, Sumter. The Chalmers was a stock car and was not stripped, as were the other cars, but it showed speed and probably would have been a strong factor in the race had it not been for the fact that it had not been geared up for racing, as were the other cars. Arthur's Buick dropped out of the longer races, after several laps, engine trouble making it impossible for the car to continue. Fairley's Chalmers snapped a piston valve in the fifteen mile race and did not enter the long race.

The results in the three events were as follows:

One mile race with flying start for silver trophy cup: Bethea driving Shaw's National, first, one minute flat; Wiles, Buick, 1.5 1-5; Fairley, Chalmers, 1.9 1-5; Arthur, Buick, 1.15.

Fifteen mile race: Bethea, National, first, 16.29 2-5, \$40; Wiles, Buick, second, 17.15 2-5, \$15; Fairley, Chalmers, third.

Thirty mile race: Bethea, National, first, 37.46, \$130; Burkett, Ford, second, 43.46, \$50.

Officials: DuRant, starter; Moses, LeGrand, time-keepers; White, Winn, scorers.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Number of Matters Discussed at Session of City Fathers.

City Council held a meeting Wednesday afternoon at which a number of matters of interest were discussed.

The fact that there were sinks in some of the gutters was called to the attention of Council and the contractors will be made to have this work done properly, before it is accepted.

An application from Harby & Co. for permission to use Dingle and Washington streets for putting in a side track to their lot on those streets in order that railroad facilities may be provided for a cotton warehouse and compress was received. Council, after discussing the matter, decided to allow the use of Purdy and Dingle streets for the side track, provided it was used for the purposes designated, the track to be laid under city supervision.

The attention of Council was drawn to the fact that the Ely Construction Company has allowed a waste of the city water, which has caused a drain on the standpipe. The city clerk was asked to write the contractors asking them to rectify this matter.

Council's attention was drawn to the fact that a number of citizens were already preparing the parkways in front of their houses to plant in shrubbery. Council is anxious to encourage this work, but wished to draw the attention of these persons to the fact that the ground has to be spaded up for a depth of about ten inches and the rock removed. The city will furnish street sweepings or stable manure upon application to the City Clerk.

**NATIONAL BANK STATEMENT.**

Comptroller of Currency Asks for Report of Condition on June 30th.

Washington, July 5.—The comptroller of currency has issued a call for a statement of condition of national banks at the close of business June 30th.