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## Number Suicides Shows Increase

Suicides in South Carolina in 1921 totaled 78, or at the rate of 4.5 per 1,000 of population, according to figures taken from the records of the bureau of vital statistics. In 1920 the total number of suicides was 58, which was a rate of 3.4 per 1,000 of population.

Homicides in 1921 totaled 301, which was a rate of 17.5 per 1,000 of population. The number of homicides in 1920 was 256, or a rate of 15.2. These figures have recently been compiled by the bureau of vital statistics, of which C. Wilson Miller is chief clerk.

Legal electrocutions in 1921 totaled seven, or a rate of .41 per 1,000 of population. In 1920 the number of legal electrocutions was three, or a rate of .17.

Deaths from automobile accidents in 1921 numbered 62, or a rate of 3.6 per 1,000 of population. The number of deaths from automobile accidents in 1920 was 82, which was a rate of 4.9 per 1,000.

Deaths from railroad accidents in 1921 totaled 58, or a rate of 3.4. In 1920 deaths from such accidents totaled 63, which was a rate of 3.7 per 1,000.

Lightning killed almost twice as many people in the state in 1921 as in 1920. In 1921 the number of deaths from lightning was 25 and in 1920 the number was 14.

Diseases of the circulation brought about more deaths in 1921 in the state than any other one cause. The number of deaths attributed to this cause was 2,865, or a rate of 166.7 per 1,000 of population. In 1920 the number of deaths from diseases of the circulation was 2,373, which was a rate of 170.6. Pneumonia also claimed many victims in 1921. The number of deaths from this disease was 820. In 1920, however, the number of pneumonia deaths was 1,725. Pulmonary tuberculosis in 1920 claimed 1,468 victims. In 1921 the number was 1,405. Pellagra, according to the statistics, claimed 334 victims in 1921 and 257 in 1920. Diphtheria took 146 lives in 1920 and 156 in 1921.

Typhoid fever in 1921 claimed 372 victims. In 1920 the number of deaths from this disease was 314. Smallpox in 1920 killed two persons and in 1921 nine. Malaria in 1920 brought about 254 deaths and in 1921, 212 deaths. Diseases of the kidneys caused many deaths in each of the two years. In 1920 the number of deaths from such diseases was 1,491 and in 1921 was 1,451. Tetanus is charged with 19 deaths in 1920 and ten in 1921.

Deaths from influenza showed a sharp falling off. In 1920 this malady claimed 674 lives; in 1921 it took 118.

"General accidents" caused the death of 313 people in 1921 and of 308 in 1920.

## UNSIGNED BILLS CAUSE ARREST.

### Richland Farmer Was Held in Jail at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, July 9.—C. M. Martin, forty-one years of age, who claims to be a farmer of Richland county, S. C., was arrested here today, having in his possession seventy-seven \$20 bills which bore no signature.

Martin was arrested following the presentation of one of the bills from a roll in payment for gasoline at a filling station near the city limits. Martin says that the money was given him Saturday by W. D. Barnett, attorney of Columbia, who handled the sale of 222 acres of land, formerly a part of Camp Jackson.

When seen at the city jail Martin said that the money was secured from the Palmetto National bank, of Columbia, by Attorney Barnett. The arrested man says that he has recently worked in Raleigh, N. C., in the picture business and as an automobile mechanic. All the bills are of recent issue by the National Bank of South Carolina, of Sumter. Martin's wife is also being held by the police pending an investigation.

Martin's story was corroborated later and he was released.

### Biting.

"My!" exclaimed Mr. Klumsay at the sophomore cotillion, "this floor's awfully slippery. It's hard to keep on your feet."

"Oh," replied the fair partner sarcastically, "then you were really trying to keep on my feet? I thought it was purely accidental."—Burr.

## Miss Pearle Odom Weds Walter B. Gillam

Springfield, July 2.—A beautiful wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends occurred on Tuesday afternoon, June 20, at 6 o'clock when Miss Pearle Odom, second daughter of Mrs. Wickam Tarrant Odom, became the bride of Walter Benjamin Gillam, of Denmark.

As the large assemblage of friends gathered, a musical programme was rendered by Misses Kathleen Garrett of Fountain Inn and Theima Carroll, of Bamberg, with violin obligato by Miss Cecile Hope, of Denmark, Miss Nina Odom presiding at the piano. The impressive ring ceremony was used, the Rev. A. Sassard officiating, assisted by the Rev. D. D. Jones, of Rembert, uncle of the bride.

The notes of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin announced the arrival of the bridal party, preceded by the ushers: B. C. Boland, J. W. Tarrant, Jr., of Lynchburg, L. E. Logon, Jr., of Denmark, and H. S. Boozer, of Denmark. Bridesmaids next entered, Miss Lucile Dickert, of Newberry, with R. L. Zeigler, of Denmark, Miss Alice Dantzler, of Holly Hill, with Laurie Gillam, of Denmark, Miss Leila Gillam, of Denmark, with L. J. Hook, of Columbia, Miss Mabel Gillam, of Denmark, with R. S. Agnew, of Denmark, and Miss Virginia Odom with Hays A. Salley, of Salley. The dame of honor, Mrs. H. A. Jumper, entered alone. The maid of honor was Miss Ruby T. Odom. The bridegroom was attended by C. R. Gillam, of York.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, R. G. Tarrant, of Aiken. She was never more attractive than on her wedding day. Her striking brunette beauty was enhanced by a handsome gown of rich duchess satin with draperies of rare Spanish lace, made en train and worn with a filmy veil of tulle caught with a coronet of orange blossoms.

Her bouque wast of bride roses showered with lilies of the valley, and her only ornament was a rope of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bouque was of bride roses dainty flower girls, Elizabeth Pagett of Columbia, and Mildred Dibble. Franklin Jumper and Anna Marion Busbee were dressed as miniature bridegroom and bride, and Edward Bennett and Dorothy Dibble carried the ring in a silver basket. During the ceremony the soft notes of "Flower Song" were played with violin accompaniment, and Mendelssohn's wedding march was used as the recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The guests were received by S. W. Dibble and Mrs. J. W. Tarrant, and from the receiving line, composed of the bridal party and parents of the bride and bridegroom, they were invited to register in the bride's book presided over by Mrs. B. C. Boland and Miss Bertha Mims. Mrs. R. G. Tarrant and Mrs. W. E. Bennett received in the dining room, where a group of young girls, Elizabeth Boland, Margaret Sassard, Ellen Tarrant and Manena Martin served block cream, pound cake and mints. The bride's table, in snowy white with festoons of pink and green and tall burning tapers, was centered with an elaborately decorated cake, topped with a cupie bride and bridegroom. Tiny pink rosebud favors were pinned on by Misses Virginia and Willie Dell Hutto and Ray Jumper. The bride's bonnet was caught by Miss Mabel Gillam.

During the reception Dr. and Mrs. Gillam slipped away by auto to Columbia, thence they go to the mountains of western North Carolina. After their wedding trip they will be at home to their friends in Denmark. Mrs. Gillam is a graduate of Winthrop and a young woman of charming personality. Dr. Gillam is of sterling character and a prosperous business man.

### Soliloquy on Baldness.

Toupee or not toupee—that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the stings and arrows of plain-speaking barbers, or to take arms against a pair of scissors and by opposing, end them. To part, to comb no more; and by a comb, to brush; to brush, perchance the thousand natural fakes that flesh is heir to. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. To comb, to brush; to brush, perchance to shampoo—aye, there's the rub. For in that dearth of locks what hopes may come, when we have shuffled off this barber's chair, give us wigs. Thus baldness does make cowards of us all.

## Dan Murphy to See Governor

Columbia, July 7.—Dan Murphy, aged man of the state penitentiary, the Orangeburg prisoner, who has spent the past quarter of a century in the state's bastille, the man who not long ago announced that he did not want the pardon which the pardon board recommended, is to have a new experience. He is to call on Governor Wilson G. Harvey at an early date. For the governor has written Dan that he will see him at the executive office in the capitol.

Dan wants to talk about the recommended pardon. Dan announced that he did not want the pardon, when the pardon board first mentioned it, but it has changed his mind. There has been some "rough stuff" in the prison, among the unruly element of the prisoners, and Dan says life isn't as beautiful as it once was. The new element, young men or foreign, with a spirit of unrest that may be war born, is not what Dan was used to for the first twenty-five years of his stay in the penitentiary, and he is now ready to take the pardon, he says, if the governor will grant it.

To this end Dan wrote to the governor, a few days ago, asking that he might have an audience with his excellency. And on yesterday Governor Harvey wrote to Dan, stating that he would see him and that he would arrange a date very soon.

Dan became a famous man about a year ago, when The Record arranged to have him see a moving picture show, at the Imperial Theater. It was the first movie he had ever seen, and the ride he took to the theater was the first he had ever had in an automobile. It was the time of his young life. And now he's to talk to a governor, in the governor's office.

Dan has seen a quarter century pass, since he entered the prison gates, convicted of the murder of County Treasurer Cope, of Orangeburg. To this day however, he denies his guilt, only circumstantial evidence having convicted him. He says he was in Augusta at the time of the murder. A petition for his pardon was sent to Governor Cooper some months ago, and the pardon board's approval was given it. It was held up, however, at Dan's request, the old man stating that he preferred to wait in the prison with Superintendent Sanders in charge, than to go out and try to overtake a world that had a twenty-five years start on him.

### MEN WARNED TO LEAVE.

#### Anonymous Message Sent to New Manning Postmaster.

Manning, July 6.—Carey Smith, the new postmaster of Manning, received an anonymous letter Sunday morning warning him to leave Manning by 8 o'clock Monday night as his life was in jeopardy and no further warning would be given him.

On Monday morning a Mr. Burkhalter, who lives near Alcolu, and a Mr. Dick Davis, of near Manning, received similar letters of warning to leave their sections.

The sheriff was handed the letter to read but no information today from public officials gives any evidence as from whom the warnings came.

The men have not gone away, nor have the black-handers acted.

### Spice of Life.

We read about the mothers of the days of long ago. With their gentle, wrinkled faces and their hair as white as snow; They were "middle-aged" at forty, and at fifty donned lace caps, And at sixty clung to shoulder shawls and loved their little naps, But I love the modern mother who can share in all the joys, And who understands the problems of her growing girls and boys: She may boast that she is sixty, but her heart is twenty-three— My glorious, bright-eyed mother who is keeping young with me. —Florence Howard Wolcott.

### Everlasting Fire.

Mistress (to cook from the country)—"Well, what do you think of our gas fires?" Cook—"I think them wonderful, ma'am. Why, those in the kitchen haven't gone out since I came here over a week ago."—Karikaturen (Christiania).

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## Items of Personal Interest from Denmark

Denmark, July 8.—Miss Ernestine Peele has returned to her home in Columbia, after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Dora Cleckley, of Cope, is the guest of Mrs. George Turner.

Mrs. O. J. Frier and her junior choir of the Baptist church went out to the country residence of Clement Store, who has been shut in for several years, and sang several of their pretty songs for him, much to his delight. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed the afternoon very much as well as doing a kindly Christian service.

Miss Ruth Dixon, of Sumter, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cecil Crum, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCartha and children are back from a visit to relatives at Rome, Ga.

Mrs. Martin, Jr., was hostess last week to the Thursday Afternoon Rook club, and after a series of games were played the guests, about 12 in number, were served with ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Sue Walker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Black, of Waltherboro.

Mrs. D. N. Cox was called to Rock Hill last week on account of the serious illness of her father.

Barker Pond, of Suffolk, Va., arrived Wednesday to visit his parents in Denmark.

Miss Emmie Jones, of Branchville, has returned home, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. John Hutto.

Mrs. James Guess was called to Holly Hill on account of the serious illness of her mother there.

Misses Eva Walker and Myra Faust delightfully entertained the Baptist Junior choir on last Thursday afternoon at the latter's home. After an hour's pleasant conversation the guests were served ice cream and cake.

Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Willis and daughter have returned from a visit to relatives at Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Chitty, of Fairfax, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Garris.

Mrs. Winchester Graham delightfully entertained at her beautiful home on Palmetto avenue in honor of her visiting guest, Mrs. Hennies, of Sumter, Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Easley, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Crum.

Mrs. Otis Sandifer is visiting relatives in Allendale.

Mrs. Floyd Smith and children have returned to Aiken after visiting her sister, Mrs. John Martin, Jr.

### SHOOTS HIS HEART OUT.

#### Calhoun Farmer Uses Shotgun for Deed.

St. Matthews, July 7.—Halt Heckel, aged sixty-eight, one of Calhoun's oldest citizens from the Congaree section of the county, committed suicide by shooting his heart out with a shotgun. Mr. Heckel lived alone, a short distance from the home of his son Wednesday morning about daybreak, his son, Maynard Heckel, stated that he heard a shotgun some distance from his house, but paid no attention to it. Later when his father was called to breakfast, there was no response. An inspection of the house showed that he was not there. A search was instituted, and the body found some distance from the dwelling with a shotgun lying near. Death had been inflicted by placing the gun over his heart and pulling the trigger with a string. The entire load took effect and made a ghastly wound. Dr. Dreher, the attending physician, stated that death was evidently instantaneous. Mr. Heckel had been complaining of feeling unwell, but his physician saw no signs of serious ill health. He lost his wife about two years ago, and since that time has been melancholy.

### Little Girl Drowns.

Whitmire, July 8.—Rosamæ Glenn, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Glenn, of Whitmire, was drowned while playing in Duncan creek here this afternoon.

Several children were wading and little Rosamæ went under while attempting to rescue another child. Mrs. Glenn, the mother, tried to save both children, but could bring only one of the two out safely. The water was only five feet deep but particularly swift.

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## Candidates Appeal for Votes Bamberg County Democrats

(By R. P. Bellinger.)

Among the few things left free and untrammelled by the federal government to the citizens of South Carolina are the right to pay their own debts and the privilege to run for office in the Democratic primary, and so 24 candidates for only 8 state offices exercised that privilege here last Thursday, and beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning thundered their hot air into the dear "peepul" of Bamberg and adjoining counties until nearly four that afternoon. Every speaker was accorded a respectful and attentive hearing. At one time there were at least 500 voters in the audience, some coming from Colleton and many from Orangeburg county. Interspersed among the men were probably fifty or more of the new variety of voters, formerly referred to as suffragettes, but now honored with the old time sobriquet of full fledged, real dyed-in-the-wool Democrats. And contrary to every other campaign meeting ever held in Bamberg two of the female of the species made their appearance on the hustings and each in turn made a good impression. The day was also delightfully free from the old vilification and vituperation, and all in all, was one of the most successful campaign days for state offices that Bamberg county has yet enjoyed. And everybody took dots as to how we are to have good roads, better schools and no taxes.

Promptly at the appointed hour the meeting was opened with a beautiful prayer in keeping with the occasion by Rev. S. O. Cantey, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, this city. This was immediately followed by a brief and appropriate address of welcome to the numerous candidates by Hon. Jesse Francis Carter, county chairman of his party. Mr. Carter gave some sound advice to the voters and assured to all candidates a well merited attention. He then introduced the first candidate to show himself on the stand, B. Harris, of Anderson, asking to succeed himself as commissioner of agriculture, and the other 23 speakers came along in the following order.

Mr. Harris stated that he had been a farmer all his life, had been working on the farmer's problems for 30 years and this is his mission in life. The state department of agriculture pays its own expenses, according to him. The farmer is the only man who works in cooperation with God Almighty, and every evil against farming can be remedied except the weather, but he made no attempt to outline the remedy.

State Senator George W. Wightman, of Saluda, then fired away with an aggressive speech, made a good showing, and if Thursday's indications spell anything will easily carry Bamberg county against Harris. He started by saying it was funny Harris wanted him to run for governor, but is trying to beat him for commissioner of agriculture. Harris hasn't had time in four years to prescribe the remedy for farmers, "but elect me," says Wightman, "and so help me God if I get the information he says he has I'll do more for you than go around hot airing." He is a farmer born and bred. He repeated several times that he is going to be elected, and rubbed it into Harris for telling the farmers to hold their cotton for 50 and 75 cents and not being in position to refer to that now.

Robt. E. Craig, of Darlington, trying to be adjutant and inspector general, used a good portion of his ten minutes by telling an apt story of a Bamberg county boy under his command on the battle fields of Belgium. He paid a glowing tribute to the followers of the immortal Lee and Jackson, and told of his own life and family tree. We may never need the guards for combat, but if so Bob Craig is always ready and for country, right or wrong.

Thomas E. Marshall, of Columbia, Mr. Craig's only opponent, next took his shot with the national guard, which he has always had at heart. He cited some statistics to prove that during the past years the federal government paid \$230,000 to the militia men of this state, and the cost to the state government was only \$46,000. He told of his education and his service on the border with the guards; he entered the world war as a member of the 30th division and served throughout in the thick of the fight except while he was in the hospital wounded. He

does not ask for the job on that account, but does request consideration for a duty well done. He exemplified his qualifications for adjutant general and says he knows the duties of the office thoroughly.

Here entered the aspirants for governor, and four big guns began booming for 20 minutes each; the candidates for other offices were only allowed 10 minutes a piece. The first man to ask for your support as governor was Senator George K. Laney, of Chesterfield. Every man in the governor's race is a lawyer.

Sen. Laney began by commenting on woman suffrage and predicting good results therefrom, although he did not say that he had favored it. He has been in the general assembly for twenty years and cites former Bamberg county representatives and senators to tell of his record there. He blames the federal government and Democratic administration for the deflation and downfall since 1920. He literally closed his office and aided in every war movement in Chesterfield county. In view of desperate conditions he advocates economy and he has continually voted in the senate against all commissions, tax and otherwise. The governor has a fine opportunity to cut down governmental development expenses and by careful investigation can save thousands to tax payers; promises so to do if elected. He advocates equalization of taxes between all parties, land owners, bond owners, personal property owners, etc. Laney introduced the laws for the protection of the farmer in buying fertilizers. He is a farmer and lawyer, and desires the opportunity to shift the burden of the taxes from the farmer's back. He boosts the income tax law, explains the inheritance tax law and upholds the same. He predicts that if his policies are carried out the state government can operate without taxing property at all. His heart lies in trying to remedy the tax question, but he dramatically pictured poverty and illiteracy going hand in hand, and stands unequivocally for the education of every youth who will accept it. He dwelt at length upon the question of law enforcement, saying that he would deal with crime and criminals with a strong, firm hand because civilization and all that is near and dear to us as the subjects of a proud and sovereign commonwealth rest upon the foundation of law and order upheld by the dignity and determination of a chief executive resolved to do the right guided by the foresight and judgment of a stern Christian man harboring full faith and confidence in the power and justice of an all-wise God to steer him aright. Senator Laney created a splendid impression.

Thomas G. McLeod, of Lee county, like Laney, began with a couple of bouquets for the ladies and also told a pair of good stories. Mr. McLeod is fortunate in possessing a clear, smooth voice and is at his best when rising to his heights of eloquence; his speech was probably the best received of the day and he created a healthy sentiment in his favor, although it would be difficult to accurately determine which candidate was rewarded with the greatest applause. Mr. McLeod discussed the change of conditions along all lines since the start of the world war. He sees signs of the greatest prosperity for the farmer in the future; the farmer has the right to say what his products should bring, and by working in harmony and cooperation he can bring about this advantage. He is a lawyer and of course a life long farmer. (All candidates farm, so they say.) He discussed the tax situation, saying people were cussing about high taxes when as a matter of fact, what taxes we pay is largely a local matter and can be made whatever our people cause our legislators to make them. He said Bamberg county last year paid for county purposes \$48,283.65, for school purposes \$68,593.87 plus \$11,777.38 appropriated by the state government, and only \$51,501.48 for state purposes. Thus he said 75 per cent. of the taxes were spent at home and that condition could be handled at home, while only 25 per cent. were paid into the state treasury for its needs. He stands for rigid economy in the state government consistent with the highest ef-

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