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COMMUNICATIONS—News letters or on subjects of general interest will be gladly welcomed. Those of a personal nature will not be published unless paid for.

Thursday, May 10, 1900.

Hon. Joseph W. Barnwell has withdrawn from the race for congress in the first district. In his card announcing his withdrawal, he frankly says that he would have been defeated.

The State Board of Education will meet in September to adopt text books for the public schools. If they succeed in cutting the publisher's prices, they will be doing their State a genuine service.

A large number of strikes are on in different parts of the country, embracing many branches of labor. Evidently the working man is not getting his share of the great prosperity (?) we hear so much about these days.

D. H. Russell, who has been editor of the Anderson Advocate for many years, also of the Daily Mail since its establishment last year, has resigned. Mr. Russell was a strong, vigorous writer and we are sorry to part with him.

The conduct of the members of the lower house of congress is very much like a crowd of schoolboys. It would please us very much if they could get up a real good fistfight among themselves. At present they content themselves by telling each other "you're another."

The County Democracy has done well in instructing our delegates to the State convention to vote for a continuance of the county-to-county canvass. The people demand that the candidates meet them face to face, and we feel sure that the campaign meetings will not be abolished.

A. B. Williams has retired as editor of the Greenville News, and W. H. Wallace of Newberry, will be the new editor. Mr. Williams will go to Richmond and be associated with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He was one of the finest newspaper writers in the State, and South Carolina journalism is much poorer by his departure. Mr. Wallace is a strong man, and we wish him much success.

Bamberg county's Democracy favors good schools and good roads—two necessary adjuncts to civilization and progress. THE BAMBERG HERALD has been working along this line, and will continue to do so until the schools and highways of Bamberg are strictly first-class. We feel sure that our representatives in the next general assembly will redouble their efforts in these two important matters, knowing that the solid, tax-paying citizenship of the county is behind them.

It is a fact we presume that admits of no argument that a free graded school is one of the very best investments a town can have. It is also a fact that Bamberg needs a first-class free school, and to this end the editor of this paper would be willing to pay a six mill tax, although he has no children large enough to attend school. As a matter of principle, we oppose the idea of State education, but we realize the great necessity of good free schools, and stand ready to pay any tax, no matter how large, for school purposes. The people of Bamberg owe it to their town to vote this tax, and we earnestly hope that every public-spirited man will heartily support the proposition. There are plenty of children here who cannot attend pay schools, and it is our bounden duty to see that they have the opportunity of a good common school education.

Our editorial on the protection of fish, published a few weeks ago, seems to have struck a popular chord. The News and Courier commented on the article at some length, and the Orangeburg Times and Democrat of this week quotes largely from our editorial, and takes substantially the same position. The News and Courier's editorial is an especially strong one, and we hope our contemporaries will keep up the fight along this line. We publish in another column in this issue an article from the Orangeburg Patriot, showing that the citizens and business men of Branchville have determined to do all in their power to break up illegal trapping and seining. The citizens of Bamberg, town and county, should also work in the cause, and not cease their efforts until the illegal slaughtering of fish is entirely broken up. We promise them our hearty co-operation in the good work.

## A Civil Request.

An old woman observing a sailor going by her door and supposing it to be her son, cried out to him, "Billy, where is my cow gone?" The sailor replied in a contemptuous manner, "Gone to the d—l, for what I know."

"Well, as you are going that way," said the old woman, "I wish you would just let down the bars."

## A Card.

We guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's cold, colic, diarrhea and diarrhoea remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using it. It is the most successful medicine in the world for bowel complaints, both for children and adults.

"After suffering from piles for fifteen years I was cured by using two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," writes W. J. Baxter, North Brook, N. C. It heals everything. Beware of counterfeits. Bamberg Pharmacy.

If out of sorts," cross, and peevish, take Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine. Cheerfulness will return and life acquires new zest. J. B. Black.

W. S. Musser, Millheim, Pa., saved the life of his little girl by giving her One Minute Cough Cure when she was dying from croup. It is the only harness remedy that gives immediate results. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, grippe, asthma and all throat and lung troubles. Bamberg Pharmacy.

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## A DEPLORABLE TRAGEDY.

Wm. T. Bellinger Shot and Killed By Rev. W. E. Johnson.

The town of Bamberg has no doubt never been so enveloped in a cloud of sadness and sorrow as it has been since last Friday morning. A tragedy has occurred which makes everyone feel sad. Rev. W. E. Johnson, pastor of the Bamberg Baptist church, on Friday morning last, about ten o'clock, shot and killed our Court Stenographer W. T. Bellinger, in front of the Carlisle Fitting School. Mr. Johnson is in jail, and the remains of Mr. Bellinger were laid away last Saturday afternoon in the Bamberg cemetery. Altogether the tragedy was a most deplorable and regrettable one.

There has been bad feeling existing between the family of John R. Bellinger, Esq., father of the deceased, and Mr. Johnson for nearly a year, growing out of the fact that he had married a daughter of Mr. Bellinger to a young man when the young lady's parents and family seriously objected. Rev. Johnson tendered his resignation as pastor early last fall, on this account it is said, as the Baptist parsonage and Mr. Bellinger's residence are situated next to each other.

The trouble which resulted in the killing began Thursday over the painting of a fine fence between the premises of the parties, at which time, it is said, hot words were passed and a pistol drawn by Mr. Wm. T. Bellinger.

Friday morning as young Bellinger was returning from down town to his father's residence he and Mr. Johnson encountered each other in front of the Carlisle Fitting School, both residences being just across the street.

The shooting commenced, and when it was over Bellinger lay dying on the ground and Johnson was unhurt. After the affair was over Mr. Johnson walked back to his home, where he remained until about one o'clock, when he went down and surrendered to Sheriff Hunter.

It is supposed that Johnson shot once using a shot-gun. Bellinger's weapon was a .38-caliber pistol, which had four empty chambers, therefore it is presumed that he fired four times.

Bellinger was struck in the right side by twelve buck shot and eight smaller shot. The testimony of Dr. Bronson given below, will explain the exact nature and location of the wounds. Then shots were as fast as one could pull a trigger. I ran on the pavement next to the girls' hall, asked what it meant. Some one said, "Look lying on the ground." About that time I saw Mr. Johnson coming out of his yard. Mr. Johnson was fifteen or twenty yards from his gate when the shooting took place.

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