

## The Bamberg Herald

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Congressman Byrnes has introduced a bill in congress providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a site and a government building at Bamberg. We trust he will succeed in getting it through. The only city in his district which has a public building is Aiken, and Bamberg surely deserves consideration at the hands of the government.

In the election for a fourth justice of the State Supreme Court, held by the general assembly Tuesday night, Judge R. Withers Memminger, who made such a fine showing in the race last year, was not a candidate and he asked that he be not nominated. His patriotism in thus preventing a long drawn out contest and possibly another deadlock, deserves consideration at the hands of the people, and he will no doubt receive his reward when he offers for advancement.

### Swallowed Thermometer.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 2.—Joseph Hamilton, of Throop, a miner, who has been receiving treatment at the Hahnemann hospital in this city for burns received in an explosion in the mines, died in a very peculiar manner.

About 10 o'clock the nurse stuck a clinical thermometer into Hamilton's mouth to take his temperature, went away to attend to other duties for a few minutes, and upon her return found the patient unconscious and the thermometer missing. Within two hours Hamilton died.

An autopsy showed that he had swallowed the thermometer and that death had resulted from poisoning.

### Daughter Slew Aged Parents.

New York, Jan. 8.—As a sequel to the finding of the mutilated bodies of two aged East Side residents, Isaac Futterman and his wife, Rachael, in their home, victims of a shocking double murder, Etka Futterman, the forty-year-old daughter of the slain couple, was taken to-night to Bellevue hospital for observation as to her mental condition. She had become hysterical when informed of the double killing and a search of an apartment in the house where she lived, some distance from her parents' home, revealed, according to detectives, a bloodstained shirt waist and various other articles of apparel stained with blood. No charge was preferred against the distraught woman, who declared she was innocent of the crime.

Etka Futterman's removal to Bellevue was the request of Aaron Futterman, her brother, who declared that she was confined in an institution for the insane several years ago.

The police have from the first scouted the theory of robbery as a motive for the murder and expressed the belief that it was committed by a religious fanatic.

### HOLD-UP AT MACON STATION.

Two Men Work Neat Game and Get Away with Big Pile.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 7.—"Look here!" said one of two men for whom Union Station Agent P. H. Smith was looking up rates in an interval between trains. Smith turned to the muzzle of a revolver and the next minute he was bound and gagged while one of the pair went through the station safe, securing between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in paper money. They made a clean get-away and it was forty minutes before a station watchman found Smith.

The hold-up occurred at 8:05 o'clock when there was a lull between trains. Smith was checking up his receipts when the two came into the office through a side door, a common occurrence outside of rush hours. The pistol was pulled while Smith's back was turned. He was bound to a railing. Two sacks containing \$300 in silver were left by the robbers.

Smith described one of the men as being about 30 years old, short, weighing about 175 pounds. He wore a soft hat with a roll collar. The other, he says, was apparently about 23 years old and was taller than his companion. There is absolutely no clue to the men's whereabouts as no one about the station watched them leave.

The fact that the ticket windows were closed accounts in part for the fact that the two entered the office through a side door.

### KILLS HERSELF.

Post Card Tells Story of Woman's Broken Heart.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A post card picture of Mrs. Minnie Palmer who committed suicide by shooting herself on the steps of the residence of Charles V. Phelps, the wealthy superintendent of the Chilemarke estate at Ossining, may result in a request by Coroner Fred Buss asking Phelps to appear before the coroner's jury. The post card was found in the dead woman's effects and bore the inscription: "Charles V. Phelps. Ossining—I hope you won't break any more hearts as you have broken mine. I hope you and Miss Lamphier are happy. I hope and pray you will suffer as I have before you die." Another post card found on the body of the suicide bears a picture of Phelps and on it was written: "I am in the way after sixteen years. Am broken hearted. He has another. Electra Lamphier, from Ohio, has taken my place in his heart. So I expect I will be put out of the way as I have been warned I would. I am ready and waiting. My heart is with him and no one else. Minnie Palmer."

Miss Electra Scribner, an eighteen-year-old student at the Ladycliff Seminary, was a visitor at the Phelps' home at the time of the suicide, which took place at 7:45 Sunday evening. Phelps, who is fifty years old, and married, denied emphatically to-day that Miss Scribner was the woman referred to in the post card. He said Electra Lamphier was formerly a housemaid in his employ, but had returned to Ohio.

The Scribner girl, after the shooting, rushed from the house, and sought refuge in the home of some neighbors. She claims to know nothing of the circumstances leading up to the shooting and says she never knew Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer was a woman of about thirty-five years of age, of fine figure, and comely appearance. At the time of committing the deed she was well attired, and had the general appearance of a woman in good financial condition.

### Chased Bugs With Pistol.

Atlanta, Jan. 6.—"If I ever get married again, you can bet I'll marry an orphan," feelingly declared A. E. Brown, drug clerk, when he was hauled before the city recorder on charges brought by his mother-in-law.

Brown was driven away from his bride a few days ago, all on account of mother-in-law, he says, and then, according to his tale of woe, she "cooked up" a lot of crazy allegations against him to keep him permanently away.

The mother-in-law told the police that her son-in-law was in the habit of using pure alcohol as a beverage, and that his favorite sport was chasing bugs with a revolver.

### Hanged for Murder of Woman.

Windsor, Vt., Jan. 5.—Elroy Kent paid the penalty for murder at the State prison here this afternoon when he was hanged for clubbing Miss Delia B. Congdon to death at her home in East Wallingford, July 24, 1908.

As the drop fell, the rope broke and Kent fell flat on the floor. The rope was then hung around the balustrade over the gallows and Kent remained suspended there until 1:45 p. m., when he was pronounced dead. A doctor, who examined Kent, said that the condemned murderer's neck was broken by the rope on the fall.

### M. C. SANDIFER'S FUNERAL.

Services Held at Johnston Sunday Afternoon.

Johnston, Jan. 8.—The burial of M. C. Sandifer, whose death occurred on Friday evening, at his home here, took place at the Mount of Olives cemetery on Sunday afternoon, being conducted by Dr. W. S. Dorsett. He belonged to the Masons and the body paid a tribute to his memory by attending enmasse.

His death resulted from pneumonia, and he was ill only a few days, and his sudden demise was a shock to the town. About six years ago he came here from Bamberg to reside, and had proved himself a true citizen and kind friend. He was a member of the Baptist church. Besides his widow, he leaves five children, and several sisters and brothers, Mrs. Jordan of this place being one of the sisters. Many beautiful flowers were sent by friends.

### Suit Against A. O. Simpson.

Spartanburg, Jan. 5.—Suit was today filed by Dr. H. R. Black and other former stockholders of the Farmers' Fertilizer company against A. O. Simpson, secretary-treasurer of the company, to recover money which, it is alleged, the stockholders lost. Only that Mr. Simpson purchased the stock holders' attorneys decline to reveal the nature of the complaint. It is said that Mr. Simpson purchased the stock and then transferred it to the American Agricultural corporation.

### YOUNG MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Clothing Ablaze He Fought Off Assistance of His Bride.

Ellaville, Ga., Jan. 7.—Maddened by the flames, which licked his body, Joe Sears fought off the frantic attempts of his bride of three weeks to extinguish the fire, and died in agony several hours later. Clad only in a night shirt, Mr. Sears was standing in front of an open fire Saturday night before retiring, when the garment caught and in a moment was a mass of flames.

His wife, who was in the room at the time, ran screaming to his assistance. So frightened was he, however, that she could do nothing.

He died at 6 o'clock this morning. He was the only son of Dr. W. D. Sears, a prominent physician of Ellaville.

### Abuse of the Pardoning Power.

Editor Bamberg Herald: Men who outrage society or government should be tried, and, if found guilty, should be condemned and punished. This is the purpose of organized society. Without the feature of compulsion why men's liberties would be of too wide compass, and often an individual would encroach upon the rights of another and to the detriment of the whole.

The word liberty bears the sense of unrestraint. When an outrage is committed, the victim upon whom the offence falls should be tried, and if found guilty should be condemned and sentenced. Then for the governor of a State through sheer sympathy to liberate the prisoner, I deem that society has been done a palpable wrong. I believe that the many good people of our commonwealth who supported Blease are surprised at his actions in regard to pardoning so many criminals. The setting at liberty of so many criminals in South Carolina suggests to my mind that society (government) will suffer the awful consequences by an increase of crime.

Is not this State already high up in the scale of crime? What will be the outcome?

It appears to me that the governor sets at liberty a great many merely with the motive of gaining more friends. It will doubtless make a great many more friends for him, but what will those good men think who voted for him with an idea that he would give an equitable administration for the people as a whole? Is Gov. Blease only governor for a few and down the "rest?"

Doubtless Gov. Blease has a magnanimous heart, but he fails to exercise good judgment in regard to pardoning criminals. Of course the turning out of so many criminals should not altogether be blamed upon Gov. Blease. I believe a great deal of the fault lies with the juries that sit upon the cases and for the lack of stability and manhood, they sign petitions renouncing that duty which they swore to God and their country to support. It is a deplorable condition for our commonwealth.

The governor appears to assume the attitude of the "Prince of Peace" by declaring that, "Men should manifest more mercy than they do." He cannot assume that attitude and be a governor of a great State without bearing reproach.

Could he have the power to restore life (remit for crime) as did the "Prince of Peace," then he could say too, "I come not to destroy (punish) men's lives but to save (liberate) them." I imagine he soliloquizes, "I can 'remit' for the crime committed in South Carolina. I am Cole L. Blease, the governor, and all power is given to me in South Carolina."

Blease is working for preferment, worldly glory, and he assumes a false attitude in the guise of the perfect man.

WILLIE HAY, JR.

Govan, January 8, 1912.

### Oil Mill Burned.

Newberry, Jan. 9.—Reports received here this morning are to the effect that the Pomaria oil mill was on fire yesterday evening and that considerable damage was done to the plant which is valued at between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The reports indicate that a good part of the plant and possibly the entire plant has been destroyed, on account of the breeze. There is no wire connection to-day with Pomaria, which is 16 miles below Newberry, and it is impossible to get any details. It is known that at 6 o'clock on Monday afternoon about one-third of the plant had been destroyed. The mill is owned by home people mainly, most of the stock being held by the people of this county. Mr. V. L. Smith is president of the mill.

The refusal of the supreme court to grant a new trial to J. J. Jones, the slayer of Pearlstine at Branchville, is no more than was expected. The grounds for the appeal were wholly flimsy. Jones should have been convicted of murder instead of manslaughter.—Spartanburg Journal.

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Suits that sold for \$22.50 now	\$15.00
Suits that sold for \$20.00 now	\$14.50

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Overcoats that sold for \$18.50 now	\$13.75
Overcoats that sold for \$16.00 now	\$12.00
Overcoats that sold for \$15.00 now	\$11.00
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Overcoats that sold for \$ 7.50 now	\$ 5.00

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### PEDESTRIAN ELECTROCUTED.

Columbia Negro Meets Instant Death by Contact with Live Wire.

Columbia, Jan. 8.—Edward Allen, colored, was electrocuted by coming into contact with a live wire at the corner of Laurel and Sumter streets, just after dark to-night. Allen, who is a young negro, was walking along the street, presumably going to his home, when he walked into a live wire which had broken by the heavy freeze and fallen to the sidewalk. The negro was instantly killed. On account of the freeze and the wires breaking from the ice the lights are out in that section of the city to-night and it is presumed that Allen was unable to see his way and did not know the danger.

The body was removed to an undertaking establishment and Coroner Walker will hold an inquest over the remains to-morrow.

## OVER-SEA RAILROAD CELEBRATION

KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

January 20th—February 3rd, 1912.

Account the above occasion the ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD offer special reduced round-trip rates from points on its line in South Carolina:

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Via Jacksonville & F. E. C. Rwy.—January 20th and 21st.  
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