

**CONSIDER EXECUTION METHOD.**

**Suggested that Condemned Criminals be Allowed to Take Own Life.**

Salt Lake City, Jan. 19.—The method to be used hereafter in executing criminals in the State of Utah has become a topic widely discussed since the legislature convened two weeks ago. The latest idea expressed is that condemned criminals be allowed to take their own lives, after they have exhausted every means to have the death sentence set aside. The State law now provides that condemned criminals be executed by shooting or hanging, the choice to be made by the person to be executed. Gov. Spry, in a message to the legislature, has recommended that the State adopt the electric chair. A local attorney has issued a statement setting forth the advantage of the Chinese system which allows the condemned prisoners to commit suicide.

**Woman's Body Removed from Grave.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Intense excitement prevailed in the city to-day as a result of a gruesome discovery in Forest Hill cemetery, the most popular burial ground of the city. Early visitors discovered near one of the driveways the body of a woman lying on top of a grave which had been opened during the night. The corpse was that of Mrs. Carl Scherer, who died in St. Elmo on Christmas day. Ghouls had opened the grave some time during Saturday night, removed the body, re-filled the grave and placed the body on a fresh wreath which had been taken from a nearby grave. The cemetery was closed and a guard placed at the gates while an investigation was made. If there is any clue to the miscreants the officials of the cemetery refuse to make it public. No one is willing to advance a theory as to the motive for the crime.

**Port Surprised by Senate's Action.**

Charleston, Jan. 19.—The action of the senate in passing the bill for a bridge over the Cooper river was a complete surprise to the commercial interests of the port which are generally opposed to the construction and was hopeful with the abandonment of the proposed hearing by the committee that no action would be taken.

The action bears out the popularly held opinion here that certain strong interests are behind the project and that the bridging of the Cooper river is not so much in the interest of the seashore development as of other projects. Mayor Grace expressed the opinion in city council that the movement was stronger than many seemed to think, and it was on his suggestion that the resolution was passed not only protesting against the construction but asking Senator Tillman to have any action in the matter deferred until city council and the commercial interests of Charleston could be further heard.

A strong presentation of the interests of the port will now be made and congress asked to kill the bill.

**Chamber of Commerce Reorganized.**

Orangeburg, Jan. 18.—The Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce has been reorganized and the following officers elected: Sol Kohn, president; Perry M. Smoak and William L. Glover, vice presidents, and R. F. Bryant, treasurer. The board of directors are follows: W. L. Glover, A. W. Summers, J. W. Smoak, R. F. Bryant, J. X. Weeks, W. L. Moseley, Sol Kohn, W. C. Crum and P. M. Smoak.

The new secretary will be advertised for. The Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce now has a big amount to run the business of the chamber. The new secretary will be a non-resident of this city and will have to be a good one. Orangeburg is determined, through her citizenship, to come to the front and take her high position among the cities of this State. Orangeburg has done well in the past, but it aspires to greater things in the future. With a live secretary and with the excellent board of directors and officers of the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce, Orangeburg is bound to be heard from.

**"BOOZE" IS DESTROYED.**

**Contraband Whiskey and Beer Goes at Lexington.**

Lexington, Jan. 19.—In the presence of 100 or more spectators the sheriff and State constables to-day poured out several hundred dollars' worth of contraband whiskey and beer, the scene of the activity being the county jail yard. The whiskey was a lot that was seized from the Commercial club of Lexington in a raid made a few weeks before Christmas, and much of the stuff was of the best quality. There is yet much whiskey and beer to be poured out by the officers, the time limit of 30 days having not yet expired.

**ONE NICKEL BRINGS HER \$3,500.**

**Girl Awarded Damages for False Arrest by Transit Company.**

New York, Jan. 18.—Miss Marie Dobbs dropped a nickel by mistake into a ticket chopper's box of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company a year ago, and is \$3,500 richer as a result. To-day she was awarded that sum as damages for false arrest, which occurred when, upon the refusal of the ticket agent to return her the coin, she took another nickel from his window. Haled to court, the young woman was honorably discharged. Then she sued the company.

**Cashier Goes to Jail.**

Woodville, Mass., January 19.—Charged with the embezzlement of \$40,000 of the funds of the Citizens' bank of Williamson county at this place, C. C. McLeod, cashier of that institution, was placed in the county jail here to-day. His arrest followed an examination of his books and affairs by other officers of the bank who claim that McLeod has recently lost large amounts in speculation.

The State bank examiner was notified of the alleged shortage and is expected to arrive here to-morrow to make an investigation and to take such action as he may deem proper. The bank has a capital of \$20,000, and its last statement showed deposits of approximately \$100,000.

The alleged shortage of cash followed close on the heels of the embezzlement of \$15,000 from the bank of Woodville by R. G. Jones, its cashier, and the closing of that institution as a consequence. Jones was recently sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary.

**Uncle Sam Buys Land.**

Orangeburg, Jan. 16.—The establishment of the fish cultural station for South Carolina at Orangeburg is now assured, as the deed of conveyance has been signed and delivered and the purchase money paid. The government purchased 50 acres, just on the outskirts of Orangeburg, from John H. Dukes. The purchase price was \$6,000. The establishment of the fish cultural station in Orangeburg will be a big enterprise for Orangeburg and will bring the city on the Edisto into more prominence.

It will be remembered that several years ago Senator Tillman secured the passage of a bill through congress appropriating \$25,000 for the establishment of a fish hatchery in South Carolina. Orangeburg, through her Chamber of Commerce, newspapers and correspondents and citizens, worked hard to secure the fish cultural station for this city, and the people here are delighted that Orangeburg has safely landed the hatchery and that the government will soon begin work in preparing the site for fish culture. It is understood that several homes will be erected upon the property for the superintendents to reside in.

The location for the fish cultural station includes "Dukes's fishery," which is a site beautiful in natural scenery. John H. Dukes, the owner of the property, sold the land to the government at a price lower than what he has been offered by private parties.

**Thought Father Dead.**

Orangeburg, Jan. 18.—Believing his father had been dead 15 years, M. Brooks, of this city, has found that his father is still alive and an inmate of the Confederate home in Columbia. Mr. Brooks is a foreman of one of the rooms of a local cotton mill and has not been at his home in a number of years. Mr. Brooks was working some distance from his home about 15 years ago, when he heard that his father was dead. He was prevented from attending the funeral and never visited his old home again, as all of his relatives had died before.

Last week, while a friend was visiting him, he asked Mr. Brooks how his father was getting on. Mr. Brooks told him his father was dead. The friend told him his father was in the Confederate home in Columbia. Mr. Brooks went to Columbia Sunday and the father and son were made happy when they met.

**CLAIM TO KNOW ROBBER.**

**Officers Say They Have the Modern Jesse James Located.**

Birmingham, Jan. 19.—Officers who returned to Birmingham to-night from the scene of last night's hold-up on the Southern Railway stated that they know the bandit's name and have him located, though no arrest has yet been made. Post-office inspectors were very secretive about the matter, and while they maintain that the bandit is surrounded somewhere near the scene of the crime, there is reason to believe that he is in Birmingham and will be arrested early in the morning. Officers cannot to-night estimate the amount of the robbery.

**BANDIT HOLDS UP TRAIN.**

**Posses are Organized and Search for Daring Robber.**

Anniston, Ala., Jan. 19.—The bulk of the registered mail carried on Southern Railway passenger train No. 12 was overlooked by a lone bandit who held up the mail clerk at the point of a revolver at Riverside, Ala., early to-night. This announcement was made here to-night by a government official to whom a report of the robbery had been submitted. The amount of loot obtained was not made public and the bandit was still at large late to-night.

No. 12 left Birmingham shortly after midnight and stopped for water at a tank near Riverside, 30 miles distant. The masked bandit entered the mail car and covered the negro mail clerks, Croughman and Bailey, with his revolver. In response to his demand for the registered mail one of the negroes directed him to the files in which it is kept. After hastily rifling the top letters the bandit is said to have made a superficial search of the mail car. When the train reached Lincoln, Ala., he jumped from the train and dashed into the woods.

As he darted away the clerks shouted for help. Posses were quickly organized when the robbery became known and bloodhounds put on the trail but lost the scent in the rocky country.

District Officer R. J. Bearden, of the Southern Railway, to-night stated that detectives had secured the name of the bandit and expected to capture him within 24 hours.

According to a description sent to a district officer, R. L. Bearden, of the Southern Railway, the bandit apparently was about 30 years old. He is described as wearing a black derby and a dark brown suit.

**Garment Strike Stands.**

New York, Jan. 19.—There was no indication to-day of any change in front, either on the part of the manufacturers or strikers, as the fourth week of the garmentmakers' strike began. The strikers are said to be just as insistent as ever that their union shall be recognized, while Eugene S. Benjamin, president of the New York Clothing Trades association, remains firm against this concession. Both sides aver that they are well organized and financially strong enough to maintain their positions for some time to come.

Two meetings to ratify the agreement entered into Saturday between the manufacturers and leaders of the dress and shirtwaist branch of the garment-making industry by which the strikers are to return to work to-morrow were held to-day. At both there seemed to be only a half hearted acquiescence by the workers in the plans of their leaders. The protocol affects 129 shops and close to 30,000 operatives. It is expected, however, that only about half the latter will return. Even if all go back it would leave more than 100,000 workers still on strike in other branches of the garment trades.

**Wanted to Buy Type.**

Here's one about an American printer whose vicissitudes took him across the ocean last year and landed him in the town of London. The printer is back in Cleveland now, and he told us this story himself.

This printer bethought him of starting a little paper in the heart of England. So he rented a little building and then went to purchase his type and presses. For the type he stopped at a typefounders' place and explained his needs.

"I want some type," he said. "We don't sell type here," answered the clerk blankly. "You might get it at the draper's shop, over the way."

"How should I get type at a draper's shop?"

"How should you get it anywhere else, may I ask, think you, sir?"

"Well, in my country type is sold at a typefounder's not at a dry goods store."

"Aow! Did y' wish toype, sir? I thought you wished type, such as they have in type measures, and type-worms. You didn't wish type to bind on the edge of frocks, then, but toype to print a paper with? Step this way, thank you sir."—Plain Dealer.

**War on Liquor Should be Secular.**

Indianapolis, Jan. 18.—"God will never settle the liquor question because he has no vote," was the way C. J. Hall, of California, voiced his approval of a movement to separate the prohibition party from all church organizations at to-day's session of the national committee.

A. R. Buckman, of Norris, Wis., said he kept a saloon to show the people how they wasted \$15,000 and won in his fight to elect prohibitionists for all town offices.

Q. L. Morrow, of South Dakota, opposed holding meetings in churches and the taking of collections.

**ASSESSMENT NOTICE.**

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days and dates named below for the purpose of taking returns of personal property, notice of transfers of real estate, and income tax returns:  
Bamberg—January 1st to 18th.  
Denmark—Monday and Tuesday, January 20th and 21st.  
Lees—Wednesday, January 22nd.  
Midway—Thursday, January 23d.  
Olar—Monday and Tuesday, January 27th and 28th.  
Govan — Wednesday, January 29th.  
Farrell's Store—Friday, January 31st.  
Ehrhardt—Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4th and 5th.  
St. John's—Thursday, February 6th.  
Camp Hill—Friday, February 7th, until 11 a. m.  
Kearse—Friday, February 7th, from 12 to 2:30 p. m.  
I will appreciate it very much if every taxpayer will meet me and make his or her return in person.  
All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 are liable to \$1 poll tax, except Confederate soldiers and sailors who are exempt at 50 years of age.  
All able-bodied males between the ages of 21 and 55 are liable to the commutation tax of \$2.  
Come prepared to give the name and number of your school district, and if you have bought or sold any real estate be sure to give notice of same when you make your returns.  
50 per cent. penalty will be added to all personal property not returned before the 20th of February.  
R. W. D. ROWELL,  
Auditor.

**TAX NOTICE.**

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1912 until the 15th day of March, 1913, inclusive.  
From the first day of January, 1913, until the 31st day of January, 1913, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1913, until the 28th day of February, 1913, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1913, until the 15th day of March, 1913, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

**THE LEVY.**  
For State purposes ..... 5 1/2 mills  
For County purposes ..... 5 1/2 mills  
Constitutional school tax ..... 3 mills

Total ..... 14 1/2 Mills  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVIES.**

- Bamberg, No. 14 ..... 9 mills
- Binnakers, No. 12 ..... 3 mills
- Ruford's Bridge, No. 7 ..... 2 mills
- Clear Pond, No. 19 ..... 2 mills
- Colston, No. 18 ..... 2 mills
- Cuffie Creek, No. 17 ..... 2 mills
- Denmark, No. 21 ..... 6 1/2 mills
- Ehrhardt, No. 22 ..... 9 mills
- Govan, No. 11 ..... 4 mills
- Hutto, No. 6 ..... 2 mills
- Hampton, No. 3 ..... 2 mills
- Heyward, No. 24 ..... 2 mills
- Hopewell, No. 1 ..... 3 mills
- Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 ..... 1 mill
- Lees, No. 23 ..... 4 mills
- Midway, No. 2 ..... 2 mills
- Oak Grove, No. 20 ..... 2 mills
- Olar, No. 8 ..... 4 mills
- St. John's, No. 10 ..... 2 mills
- Salem, No. 9 ..... 3 mills
- Three Mile, No. 4 ..... 2 mills

All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

Capitation dog tax 50 cents.  
All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1912, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor, are requested to do so on or before the 1st day of January, 1913.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1912, until the 1st day of March, 1913.  
G. A. JENNINGS,  
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**The Millinery Store**  
C. W. RENTZ, Proprietor.

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Now if some people had all these goods they would have a "Sale," but you won't have time for a sale. Such goods as you have sell themselves. Yes, I see you are getting more than ever, little of everything and a little more, of what you want to wear, eat or work with. Well, we are all going to see you next week, and I want to say to all the folks, if you want to buy goods right and save time hunting all over town for what you want, just go to

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**NOTICE.**  
State of South Carolina, County of Bamberg, Court of Common Pleas. Mrs. Mildred S. Copeland, plaintiff, vs Robert W. Miller, et al, defendants.  
To Robert W. Miller: Please take notice that the complaint in the above cause is filed in the office of the clerk of court for said county and State, and you are hereby required to serve your answer to same on the undersigned within 20 days from service hereof, or plaintiff will apply to the court for relief demanded in said complaint.  
E. H. HENDERSON,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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