

# The Bamberg Herald

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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Feb. 8.—The U. D. C. chapter held a pleasant meeting with Miss Edna Kearsse Wednesday afternoon. After an interesting program and a short business session, at which three new members were received, Miss Kearsse, assisted by Mrs. W. M. Myrich and Mrs. Lancaster, served a salad course.

A play entitled "Leave it to Polly" was very creditably presented here by Ehrhardt talent in the school auditorium Monday evening. The proceeds were donated to the Baptist church.

Mrs. George Saunders was called Saturday to the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. Rizer, of Olar, who sustained serious injuries in a fall.

Mrs. B. F. Lancaster, who has been spending some time with relatives here, left this week for El Paso, Texas, to join her husband.

Mrs. H. D. Chapman, of Augusta, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Blount.

Misses Elizabeth Roberts, Genie Ramsey and Inez Hutson, of Ehrhardt, were the guests of Mrs. E. A. McDowell Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dannelly, of Ehrhardt, visited Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Groseclose recently.

##### Cope Cullings.

Cope, Feb. 5.—At the regular meeting of Cypress camp, No. 161, W. O. W., held last night, there was a goodly number in attendance, and all present spent the two-hour session most pleasantly. Sov. W. O. Tatum, Jr., was elected as delegate, and Sov. W. D. Cope as alternate to attend the meeting of the head camp, which meets in Charleston next month. It was decided also to hold two meetings monthly.

It was learned that Sov. J. D. Thomas was sick, but not seriously so.

It was also learned that Sov. J. Harry Valentine had become a benedict, he having taken Miss Claire Murphy, of Edisto township, to the Methodist parsonage of this place, where Rev. C. B. Burns pronounced them man and wife on yesterday afternoon.

Mr. J. K. Myers, it seems, will be the first to erect a new store since the big fire of Thanksgiving night. He has most of the brick for this purpose already on the ground.

##### Death of H. W. Harter.

Fairfax, Feb. 5.—H. W. Harter died at his country home near Fairfax, after a protracted illness of influenza on February 2. He was in his 74th year and his last was his first and only illness of any seriousness. When but a lad, at the age of 19, and weighing only 90 pounds, he volunteered for service in the War between the Sections, only ten having preceded him at the enrolling office in Charleston. He served through the entire war, seeing much hard service and winning an enviable reputation as a brave and faithful soldier, without receiving a scratch or a wound.

In 1865 Mr. Harter was married to Miss Harriet Brant. In this union were born seven children as follows, all of whom are surviving: W. E. Harter, J. V. Harter, G. E. Harter and E. A. Harter, all prominent and useful citizens of Fairfax, and Messdames J. O. Griffin and A. R. Tutten, of Pinners, and J. C. Lott, of Columbia. In his second marriage Mr. Harter was united to Miss R. A. Platts, of Jenny's, of which union were born eight children, all of whom, except one, survive him. Also surviving him is Mrs. Harter. The large concourse of people attending his burial attests the high esteem in which this excellent man was held. His funeral exercises were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. E. A. McDowell, assisted by the Rev. B. D. Groseclose.

##### Party at Clear Pond.

The box party last week at Clear Pond school house was a decided success from every standpoint. The evening was spent pleasantly, and a most enjoyable time was had by all those who were present. The box party was a most successful one, and the school faculty cordially invites these who have generously contributed to this cause to come out to the school and enjoy a game of ball.

## LUSITANIA FLEW U. S. FLAG.

### No Official Statement Regarding Action of Cunard Liner.

London, Feb. 6.—The Cunard Line steamship Lusitania crossed the Irish sea flying the American flag. The Lusitania sailed from New York January 30th, arriving at Liverpool Saturday.

An American passenger said the captain claimed he had the right to fly the American flag because he had neutral mails and neutral passengers aboard.

### At Liverpool.

While the British foreign office has received no official advices concerning a report current in shipping circles that the Cunard Line steamship Lusitania flew the American flag on entering Liverpool Saturday morning and will make no formal statement until the matter is presented in definite form, a prominent British official Saturday said that inasmuch as the British government grants ships of other nations the privilege of using the British flag to escape capture, it naturally feels that such a privilege would be granted to its ships in a similar emergency.

The British merchant shipping act, passed in 1894, contains the following paragraph:

"If a person uses the British flag and assumes the British national character on board a ship owned in whole or in part by persons unqualified to own a British ship, for the purpose of making the ship appear to be British, the ship shall be subject to forfeiture under this act unless the assumption has been made for the purpose of escaping capture by the enemy or by a foreign ship of war in the exercise of some belligerent right."

### PHYSICIAN SHOT TO DEATH.

#### Mob Makes Short Work of Man Accused of Grave Crime.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 4.—The body riddled with bullets, lying in the little railway station at Evans, twelve miles from Augusta, the coroner of Columbia county held an inquest this afternoon into the death of Dr. A. N. Culberson, who was shot to death at 4 o'clock this morning by a posse, after a search lasting nearly all night. The jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in that Culberson had resisted arrest.

Yesterday, at supper time, when Jewitt Davidson, a widely known young farmer, went home he was told that Dr. A. N. Culberson had during the day, at the point of a revolver, assaulted a young negro woman, Davidson gave the alarm and by midnight a number of men were making a search for him, beating him in a house between Evans and Martinez, where Culberson had gone to spend the night, the occupants knowing nothing of the charge against him.

The house was surrounded between 3 and 4 o'clock, and when members of the posse knocked on the front door Culberson made a dash through the back. Those of the posse who had been stationed there saw him coming out in his night clothes. They say he had a revolver in his hand and turned to fire. Several members of the posse, armed with revolvers and shotguns, fired on him simultaneously. He was fairly riddled. The body was left in the yard where it had fallen until this afternoon, when it was removed to Evans for the inquest.

Culberson, who was originally from Wilkes county, had been practicing medicine in the community where he was killed for two years and was well known.

### A Time for Prayer.

A minister once wished to ascertain what influence the hard times had upon his congregation, and said, at the close of his sermon:

"I would ask everyone who is still able to pay his debts to rise from his seat."

The whole congregation arose with the exception of one man. The parson then asked all who were unable to meet their bills to rise.

Thereupon the solitary individual got up, a haggard, thin, poorly-dressed man, whose features revealed the terrible strain of one holding hopelessly against the odds of the world.

"How is it, my friend, that you are the only one unable to pay?"

"Well," answered the man, hesitatingly, "I am a publisher of a news paper, and those who read my paper are all my subscribers."

But the minister interrupted him hastily by saying: "Let us pray."

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

#### State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

B. F. Thomas & Co., of Fairfax, has been chartered with a capital of \$5,000. The officers are: B. F. Thomas, president; J. M. Thomas, vice president; D. M. Cone, secretary and treasurer.

Saturday evening at 11 o'clock the large tobacco warehouse owned by Messrs. Milling and Williams, of Darlington, was completely destroyed by fire. The building was a wooden structure and valued at \$5,000.

Floyd McCullum, a negro, who was convicted in Pickens county on the charge of criminal assault, was electrocuted at the State penitentiary Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The negro declared that he was innocent, after being placed in the chair.

John Taylor, a negro, formerly employed as porter in the State treasurer's office, was arrested at Greenwood Monday, charged with criminal assault upon two little girls of Columbia. He was brought to Columbia at midnight and placed in the penitentiary.

### COTTON LOAN PLAN ENDED.

#### Applications Made for Only \$28,000. Business Men Thanked.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Loans under the \$125,000,000 cotton fund plan have been closed and the plan virtually ended its existence tonight with an announcement from the central committee—the federal reserve board, acting as individuals—that subscriptions probably would not be called for. Applications amounted to only \$28,000 and this was not obtained from the fund, but elsewhere on notes and collateral offered with the applications.

Subscribers, the central committee points out, have not been released from liability for their proportionate share of the \$28,000, but if all the loans are paid subscriptions will not be needed.

The announcement says that subscriptions aggregated \$19,192,100 from 187 banks, 185 firms and 17 individuals, ranging from \$100 to \$75,000,000, and representing 61 cities in 19 States and the District of Columbia.

"The beneficial effects of the fund," says the announcement, "are not to be measured by the small amounts actually loaned. Its benefits consisted largely in the public knowledge that there was a source of assistance which could be confidently looked to and availed of."

### MRS. JAS. BYRNES HONORED.

#### South Carolina Woman Treasurer of Congressional Club.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Mrs. James F. Byrnes, wife of the representative of the 2nd South Carolina district, has just been honored by election as treasurer of the Congressional club, the leading organization of women at the capital, after a run which her friends are mischievously declaring shows remarkable political talent.

Although exceedingly popular, Mrs. Byrnes, as one of the youngest members of the congressional "set," was somewhat handicapped when she entered the race, not having had so much time as the older congressional matrons to acquire an organized following, as it were. This being the case, Mrs. Byrnes was defeated in the primary election by Mrs. Volmer, of Iowa, by a majority of 21 votes.

In the two weeks' interval between the primary and the real election, however, the fair South Carolinian made such headway in the affections of her colleagues of the congressional club that when the election came off she defeated Mrs. Volmer by an equal number of votes.

The number participating in the election was considerably larger than in the primary, showing the effectiveness of the electioneering that had been done on both sides. It seems strange that the primary and the election should be fought out by two of the same two candidates, but such is life at the capitol.

"I think a season of voters," says the club's secretary.

We understand the threatened possibility of the pocket-book wallet. If they'd only leave us those dear high ear shoes. Washington Post.

Read The Herald, only \$1.50 year.

## THE FERTILIZER TAG TAX.

### Clemson Will Ask State for Loan to Continue Public Works.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—That the receipts from the fertilizer tag tax during January of this year were \$15,526.16, as compared with \$64,788.10 for the same period last year, was the information given by W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson college, who is among the visitors in Columbia. The tag tax from July 1 of last year to January 31 of 1915, amounted to \$25,000, as compared with \$75,000 during the same period of the last fiscal year, Dr. Riggs said.

Clemson college will not ask the legislature for an appropriation. A loan will be asked with which to continue the public work of the institution.

### APRIL 1 WITHOUT PENALTY.

#### Manning Signs Measure Extending Tax Paying Time.

Columbia, Feb. 5.—Governor Manning tonight signed the joint resolution extending to April 1 the time for the payment of taxes without penalty. After that date a penalty of five per cent. will be attached to unpaid taxes.

### LOST MEXICAN WAR MEDAL?

#### Barnwell County Man Looking for Owner—Description.

Barnwell, Feb. 3.—C. W. Wall, of Dunbarton, has a very interesting relic of the Mexican war. It is a silver medal, two inches in diameter, said to be one of 200 "struck" by the State of South Carolina in commemoration of the valor displayed by the Palmetto regiment in that struggle. On the obverse side appears the coat of arms of this State, surmounted by a spread eagle with the motto, "E Pluribus Unum." These words are engraved on the outer edge of the medal: "Animus Opibusque Parati Dum Spiro Spero." Within a smaller circle appear the names "Dickinson, Butler, Gladden." The name of the State and the words "To Palmetto Regiment" are engraved on either side of the Palmetto tree. Below the coat of arms is engraved the name "Stephen B. Griffin," to whom the medal was evidently presented. The reverse side shows a landing party of soldiers, surrounded by the words "Veni Cruz, Centaurus, Clupeosus, Chapultepec, Carita de Helen." The medal was found by a negro near Dunbarton about two years ago. It was seen in his possession by Mr. Wall, who purchased it from the finder. He is making an effort to locate the owner or his relatives, so that the relic may be returned.

### EDITOR L. A. BEATY DEAD.

#### At One Time Editorial Writer on Savannah Morning News.

Georgetown, Feb. 3.—Louis A. Beaty, editor of the Georgetown Times, and for nineteen years an editorial writer on the Savannah Morning News, died here this morning of pneumonia. He was born in Conway, S. C., 52 years ago. The funeral will take place in Savannah.

### Women's Responsibility.

Loelys Elton Rogers, much in the limelight recently because of being the father of the two children poisoned by their mother because he had not obtained a divorce from his wife and married her, has been indicted by a New York jury under a State "white slave" law.

This is carrying the white slave idea to a point that makes it ridiculous and is likely to lessen its real value. Rogers showed moral depravity and criminal recklessness when, as a married man he took Mrs. Walters away from her husband and established her in a strange neighborhood as his wife, but the white slave idea as most people understand it is not involved in the affair at all.

That idea presupposes the outfitting of young and ignorant women into immoral practices usually for commercial profit. There was nothing of either sort in this case. Mrs. Walters had been married for a number of years and was past 30 years of age when she went with Rogers.

This is no plea for Rogers, but the notion of the jury certainly raises the question as to whether or not justice is done in such cases. It is not a responsibility which can be laid on the general public, and should share with the man all the legal consequences of such crime. Indianapolis Star.

## COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

### SINKLER MEASURE PASSED BY THE SENATE.

#### Upper House Votes 29 to 15 in Favor of Local Option Bill.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The Sinkler local option compulsory education bill passed third reading in the senate this morning by a vote of 29 to 15. Every member of the senate was in his seat and voted on the compulsory education bill on the final roll-call. The vote lacked one vote of being 2 to 1 in favor of the bill. Those who voted for the bill were: Appelt, Banks, Beamguard, Brice, Buck, Carlisle, Christensen, R. D. Epps, Evans, Gross, Hughes, Alan Johnstone, Ketchin, Laney, Lee, Lide, Manning, McCown, Mullins, Nicholson, Nickles, O'Dell, Padgett, Richardson, Sherard, Sinkler, Spigner, Walker, D. R. Williams. Total, 29.

Those who voted against the bill were: Beattie, Black, Earle, E. C. Epps, Ginn, Goodwin, Harvey, D. B. Johnson, Patterson, Sharpe, Stacy, Stuckey, Verner, Wightman, Jno. F. Williams. Total, 15.

Opponents of the bill forced roll-calls on the several amendments which were offered, and on the final passage of the bill, but the majority under the leadership of Senator Sinkler rejected all amendments and sent the bill to the house of representatives by a vote of two to one.

The local option compulsory education bill met with some skirmishing from its opponents when it came up for the third and final reading this morning in the senate. A motion by Senator Wightman, of Saluda, to order the bill re-engrossed was the opening gun of the skirmish. Senator Sinkler, in charge of the bill, said enough time had been devoted to discussing the bill and he opposed any delay. The motion to re-engross the bill was tabled, 24 to 9. The next shot came from Senator Stuckey, of Lee county, who wanted to amend the title to read a bill to "encourage" school attendance. This amendment was tabled, 28 to 14. The third shot came from Senator E. C. Epps, of Williamsburg, who offered an amendment exempting the rural districts of his county from the provisions of the bill. The Charleston senator moved to table this amendment, which was done by a vote of 27 to 11. The bill was then given third reading, and by a vote of 29 to 15 ordered sent to the house of representatives.

### Sale of Red Cross Seals.

Last Saturday the Red Cross seal commission of South Carolina wound up its work for the 1914 season and made its final report.

In all, during the months of November and December there were 120,882 seals sold. The commission feels that this is a creditable showing in view of the unusual and discouraging circumstances which prevailed over the State at this time. Only ten per cent. of this amount—\$139,870—had to be sent out of the State, and that sum went to the American Red Cross. The balance, after necessary expenses are deducted, remains in South Carolina to be used in the fight against tuberculosis.

This year the commission was aided by 117 special agents in the towns and cities of the State. It is owing to their generous and unselfish assistance that the sale reached its gratifying total.

This is the second year of organized work by the commission, and the members of the commission feel that the work is on an assured basis. They are already laying plans for next year. The officers of the commission are James H. Fowles, of Columbia, chairman; Miss Louly Stand, of Columbia, vice-chairman; Mrs. Philip Rich, of Orangeburg, vice-chairman and Reed Smith, of Columbia, executive secretary and treasurer.

### TIME EXTENDED FOR TAXES.

#### Comptroller General, With Governor's Consent, Issues Order.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—Comptroller General Jones, with the consent of Governor Manning, has ordered an extension for the time of payment of State taxes from February 1 to March 1. A number of orders issued by the comptroller general extended the time from January 1 to February 1.

It is a measure that leads to a smoother little condition is always necessary.

It is easier to bury one's past than to keep the green grass growing over it all the time.

## JURY ACQUITS WHITLOCK.

### Was Charged With Killing Former Blease Constable.

Anderson, Feb. 4.—After deliberating ten minutes the jury hearing the case against Policeman Whitlock, of Pendleton, charged with the murder of Charlie Robertson, employed at the time as State constable under Blease, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The killing occurred December 7. The case engaged the court throughout the day and attracted hundreds to the court room. Bad blood is alleged to have existed between the two men, and Robertson, it is claimed, struck Whitlock over the head with an axe handle, knocking him down. While in an unconscious condition and while prostrated on the floor, Whitlock shot and killed Robertson.

### HANGED HIMSELF IN JAIL.

#### Stranger Locked Up at Hartsville Commits Suicide.

Hartsville, Feb. 3.—A man named C. H. Holliday committed suicide by hanging himself with a wire to his cell ceiling at the town guard house this morning at about 5 o'clock. It seems he came into town last evening, and about 1 o'clock this morning was wandering around the street hunting for a pistol which he wished to borrow. On being asked by the night policeman what he wished with a pistol, it is claimed, he became abusive and attacked the officer with a knife. He was promptly knocked down and placed in the lockup. Fellow prisoners looking into his cage saw his preparations for the deed, but were unable to get the guard to the rescue in time. An inquest was held and his body buried by the town. A card left by him gave his name and his mother's name.

### BREAD GOES TO SIX CENTS.

#### Head of Master Bakers Announces Advance.

Spartanburg, February 8.—August Gelfuss, president of the Southeastern Master Bakers' association, announced here tonight that bread would be advanced in price from five cents to six cents per loaf at once over the six States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida, embraced in the organization. He says bread is now selling for six cents in Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville and Asheville, and that price will become effective in all small towns throughout the section tomorrow. The advance in the price of flour is responsible for the increase in the price of bread. From the local bakers' union thousand loaves are shipped daily, and according to Mr. Gelfuss, the new flour contained in this output cost \$2.50 more per day than it cost before war was declared.

### A New Use for Cotton.

An enterprising and patriotic Chicago hotel man has made a new suggestion for the use of cotton, which he is attempting to have the hotel men of the country take up as a permanent feature of their hotel business at the same time affording a needed relief to the cotton growing States. He details in a circular letter to hotel men his experience in using cotton tablecloths and napkins in a large western hotel, where at one-third the cost of linen he purchased a complete outfit of tablecloths and napkins for the hotel. After four months' trial he finds that the cotton napery wears and looks as well as did the linen, and declares his intention of adopting this kind of napery in another large Chicago hotel of which he is proprietor.

That the need of cotton will in some respects move its salvation we do not doubt. In the first place it teaches the need of crop diversification that economic independence for the South may be achieved. In the second place, it teaches the interrelation of all America to the needs of any one section. In the third place may never before thought of uses of cotton resulting in substantial economies in several lines of activity having been brought forward and will aid not only in the present need but should create also for all the future. The cotton grower who fails to heed these lessons will be blind, indeed, to their significance, but even those who heed will profit little unless they were helped at a point where Richmond, Virginia.

A good many of the army of the unemployed wouldn't mind being European prisoners of war just now. —Mobile Item.