### The Bamberg Herald

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Every citizen who expects to vote in the primaries this summer will properly enrolled on your club book before that date. Better attend to it today before you forget it.

The entire State sympathizes with Senator Tillman in his serious illness. Senator Tillman was stricken with a cerebral hemmorrhage last Thursday while he was at his post in the capitol at Washington. He has gradually grown worse each day, and practically no hope is held out for his recovery. The South Carolina senior senator has been serving may yet survive is the earnest deall over America.

very undesirable advertising. In the current number of the Pictorial lurch. Now he has deserted me," Review, in a page advertisement, it McLaurin quotes Beard as writing is stated that he percentage of il- him. In a statement published Monliteracy in South Carolina is 25, the day the ex-governor denies all the percentage in this State being the charges, as does also John K. Aull, highest in the six States mentioned who says he never took any dictaas being the highest in percentage tion of letters to John G. Capers of illiteracy in the United States. Our nearest competitor seems to be Mississippi, with a percentage of 22. In this connection it is to be borne in mind that the amount of money spent on the public schools of South Carolina is the least of any State in the union. Yet some candidates for governor are preaching a reduction of taxes. And the painful part of it is that some people are going to lend an appreciative ear to this sort

Major Richards and Mr. McLaurin are trying to be elected on a platform to reduce taxes. Both of these gentlemen, however, tell the voters that they want to pay the Confederate veterans more pensions; want better schools, better roads, etc. They don't tell you how it can be done, except they say there are too many Plain Dealer. offices. By cutting out even half of the State offices there would be a saving probably of a few thousand dollars. Not a drop in the bucket. It can't be done. The oldest voter in the county will tell you that he has been hearing candidates promise to reduce taxes since he was a boy. They have doubled and trebled in the meantime. And, besides, the governor does not make the appropriations. He can do nothing but recommend and veto. The general assembly can accept his recommendations or not, as it sees fit. And it can pass any appropriation over his veto. There's no use listening to a siren's song. Taxes won't be reduced. Not this year-nor the

There has been an effort on the part of some one in this section to discredit the loyalty to the administration of Congressman Byrnes. We do not know who this party is, but he is evidently laboring under a misconception of the facts. The basis of this attempt to discredit Mr. Byrnes is evidently Mr. Byrnes's opposition to the first proposed draft measure. As a matter of fact this bill was never presented to the house, being killed in committee. It provided that the draft ages should be fixed from 19 to 25 years, and provided for no exemptions whatever. Not one man in a thousand scarcely would advocate such a measure now. Further than this, Mr. Byrnes has been absolutely loyal to the president and to the administration throughout. He is a close friend of the president, and as is well known by readers of the daily newspapers, the president frequently confers with him on matters of a confidential nature. The Herald hereby offers a reward of one hundred dollars to any one who will secure from the president or any South Carolina member of congress or South Carolina senator a statement that Congressman Byrnes has not been absolutely loyal to the president and to the administration, previous to and since the declaration of war. To any of those who are inclined to lend an ear to the opposition to Mr. Byrnes on this point, we offer the suggestion that they wait until they hear him on the stump.

John L. McLaurin in a statement printed in the Sunday State, charges that the ex-governor, who is now a candidate for the U.S. senate, attempted to bolt the Democratic party in 1916. He says that the former governor told him a number of times that he would enter the general elec-

ernor tried to induce him to finance an independent ticket. It was then that McLaurin says he laid a trap to catch the ex-governor, by dictating phoney letters to John G. Capers, who stands high in the ranks of the Republican party. These letters, he says, were dictated to John K. Aull, have to enroll his name on the club campaign manager of the former govbooks, which are now open. The ernor. The originals were never books close on the third Tuesday in mailed, but it served, so he alleges, July. See to it that your name is to trap the disgruntled and defeated candidate. The whole course of the former governor, says McLaurin, was dictated by his belief that Hughes would be elected president, and the ex-governor was in hopes of being able to control the patronage in South Carolina. When the Republican State convention was held, says the statement, the former governor told W. P. Beard to go to the Republican State chairman and put the names of himself and McLaurin on the Republican ticket. McLaurin says he caught up with Beard and forbade the in the senate continuously for about use of his name. He says further 25 years. While there is life there that he has in his possession a letter is hope, and that the aged senator from W. P. Beard in which it is stated that the former governor put sire of his many thousands of friends out and even named the Bull Moose ticket of 1912 and that he encouraged him to put out the ticket at the South Carolina is getting some 1916 general election. "He then got cold feet and left me in the from McLaurin.

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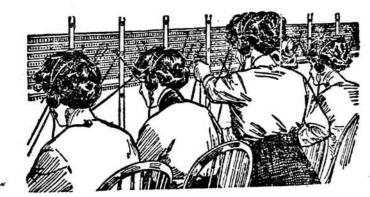
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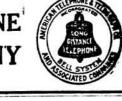


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