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The need of houses in Bamberg continues. People are being turned away from the town because there are no houses to live in. We understand that the price of building material is coming back to normal now, and we trust that ere many more months pass there will be a great deal of building going on in the city.

The Charleston News and Courier Tuesday issued an 8-page live stock edition, which is a most creditable and elaborate piece of work. The edition is illustrated with numerous cuts, and contains write-ups of the various sections of the State, special attention being given to the eradication of the cattle tick, the State only recently having been cleared of this pest. The edition contains one page devoted to Ehrhardt.

We understand that the various counties are being urged to make preparations for the proper reception of the boys on the thirtieth division on their return home. Other counties are planning to have delegations in Columbia when the division arrives. There are a great number of Bamberg boys in this division, and it is hoped that something will be done by this county to properly greet the boys when they come home.

The price of cotton still is very discouraging. Those who are in position to know strongly urge the people to hold their cotton for 35 cents a pound. We do not pretend to know anything about the price of cotton, but it seems reasonable that cotton should be worth as much now as while the war was going on, and we have little doubt that the present low price is due to speculation. If this is the case, the farmers should put up a fight, and make it strong. It seems certain to us that the best way of combating the low price of cotton is to stop producing so much of it. If the price is due to an oversupply, reduction of the acreage of the next crop is the right thing to do; if it is due to speculation it would learn the speculators a valuable lesson.

For the past two years the newspapers of the country have been literally swamped with requests for space for one thing or another, most of these requests coming from the government. It has been absolutely impossible for The Herald to even look over this vast amount of matter. Doubtless a good deal of it was worthy of publication, but it was sent out in such shape that a busy man could not take the time to even look it over. While perhaps ninety per cent. of the matter we have received was of no special interest to the people of Bamberg county, we did receive some matter of a local interest, but we found that even this was written in such manner as made it impossible for use until it was rewritten. We suggest that if the government intends to continue to furnish publicity matter for the newspapers that at least it be written in newspaper style. It is very clear that the writers of this matter have not the slightest idea of the proper preparation of matter for the printer. The government is now sending out a good deal of interesting matter about farming, but it comes in articles several columns long, when the same thing could easily be told in two or three hundred words. There is certainly a great waste of energy in this. As we have not the time to wade through column after column of general matter, we know of nothing else to do but to put it in the waste basket.

TIME IS EXTENDED.

Applications for Nitrate May be Made Until Feb. 15.

County Nitrate of Soda Distributor J. J. Heard has received information from Washington that the time for filing applications for government nitrate of soda has been extended to February 15, 1919. This action has been taken because the government has been advised that there are many farmers all over the country who desire nitrate of soda, but were unable for one reason and another to file their applications during the period heretofore announced. Bamberg farmers who failed to get in their application by January 25, the closing date announced before, may file their applications before February 15, next Saturday.

IS REAL GERMAN AMERICAN.

Pure Prussian on a Dark Night Sends Huns All Wrong.

However much one may object to the German lingo when grunted by a Prussian, it sometimes came in very useful when spoken by a man. A good story touching this is told in The Stars and Stripes (Paris, France). It appears there is a Corporal Kaler, who was not regarded with favor by his comrades, chiefly because he was born and raised in Germany. Outside of that he seemed to be a regular fellow. Worst of all, he had to carry around the sinister name of Wilhelm, wished upon him in Munich, twenty-three years ago, at a time when he couldn't help it. When he grew up, strange to say, he became a Socialist, with a rooted aversion to the government in general and to the "Clown Prince" in particular. How he set himself right with the doughboys is told as follows:

With these convictions, smelling the battle from afar, he cried, "Ha! Ha!" and deserted from the German navy shortly before the war broke out, at a time when his ship happened to be in Hoboken. Therefore, while three brothers were serving in the German army, he was out of reach in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Then came a time when America decided to enter the war. So did Wilhelm—the very next day.

His knowledge of German made him a handy man about the regiment when it was ordered into the line, but it was not as an interpreter that this knowledge served him in good stead during the savage, free-for-all, wide-open warfare which marked the passage of Company M from the Ourcq, to the Vesle. He used it to baffle and bewilder the Boche by more than one roar out gutturally in the dark.

Once, when Kaler and part of a platoon were almost marooned as an outpost that had overreached itself, he could hear a column of Germans filing along the edge of the woods with evident intent to surround them. The German order was straight ahead, and from where Kaler and his pals lay quaking in the underbrush, they could see an endless succession of grey legs trotting by. Then, sharp and authoritatively, a voice from the bushes ordered: "Gehen Sie zur rechten Seite." The column veered off obediently to the right, and before it could be steered back again Kaler and his bunch had made good their escape.

Another example of his promptness in using his knowledge of German and also his clear understanding of their machine education follows:

Again when, from his vantage point on the edge of the woods, the corporal saw four German prisoners break away from an American who was trying to bring them in, he called out across the field: "Kommen Sie vorüber."

The escaping four stopped dead in their tracks, wheeled, and hustled docilely over to the spot whence the voice had issued, and a moment later Kaler had them covered and started for the rear. Those were his four prisoners.

Another Boche he killed with his rifle and another died at the end of Kaler's bayonet. In spare moments between such tasks, he harangued the prisoners on their sin of working for the Kaiser. But how could they help themselves? they asked plaintively.

"Why that's easy, come and fight with us," said Wilhelm.

CHAIN GANG FIGURES GIVEN.

Report of Charities Board Afford Interesting Facts.

The following figures are taken from a report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, made last week, for Bamberg and neighboring counties:

Per County	Rnk.	Capita	Amt.
Bamberg	8	\$8.53	\$165,946.25
Orangeburg	13	7.27	408,840.50
Barnwell	37	3.82	130,758.50
Aiken	41	3.05	134,041.50
Hampton	42	3.00	55,622.00
Colleton	44	1.82	67,044.50

Bamberg: Total for all purposes, \$30,020; total millage, 7½ mills; total for chaingang, \$1,200; millage for chaingang, 2½ mills; number of convicts, 9-30-18-48.

Barnwell: Total for all purposes, \$61,984.43; total for millage, 8½ mills; total for chaingang, \$5,000; millage for chaingang, .82 mills; number of convicts, 9-30-18-14.

Colleton: Total for all purposes, \$53,680; total millage, 13 mills; total for chaingang, \$18,000; millage for chaingang, 4.23 mills; number of convicts, 9-30-18-29.

Orangeburg: Total for all purposes, \$97,815.50; total millage, 8 mills; total for chaingang, \$25,000; millage for chaingang, 2.04; number of convicts, 9-30-18-25.

Which looks as if there may be some deficiencies in German domestic as well as foreign policies, according to Bethmann-Hollweg.

WIDE AWAKE ORGANIZATION.

Olar School Improvement Association Accomplishing Much.

Olar, Feb. 11.—The School Improvement association, although by no means an infant organization, seldom ever accomplishes its desired goal in small towns. As a rule, all energetic teachers endeavor to organize such an association, but like other things, unless the community can be made to realize that this is a branch of human endeavor, organized for an expressed purpose, it is more than worthless. But this is not the case in Olar. It is not necessary to issue a warrant to get the members of the association together. Fortunately, the officers are ladies, who are endowed with qualities similar to that of a magnet. When the date of a meeting is announced, officers and members begin to set the mighty machinery to work. Nothing is forgotten—nothing is left undone. They believe in success, they believe in their school, and like the engineer who overlooks his engine before starting out on a trip, so do these enthusiastic workers consider and plan their meetings, and they plan with one aim in view—success. The Olar league is success itself. As Emerson has well said, "the greatest success is confidence." Yes, they have confidence, and they have a tact for doing things instead of talking and boasting. At one time it looked as if the "flu" would stop the reconstructive hands, but the "indomitable will" fought on, until the mighty enemy, "the flu," said, "you are too strong for me."

Just as the great nations of the earth have been assembling in far away France to form a league of nations, so have the Olar people, little, big, young and old, been engaged in a similar undertaking, that of forming a school league. Today, as yesterday, the Olar school stands as a monument dear and sacred, beyond a doubt, to every Olarite.

We are told that history is in its making, and only the climbers know the glory of what lies beyond. If this be true, surely there is a bright future ahead of Olar and her illustrious people.

The association, although having been at work just three months, claims credit for having raised \$350, besides being connected with various activities, which have been instrumental in the community uplift.

The box party and supper Friday night was one of the most pleasant events of the season. The programme was convincing evidence that the committees were on the job. The association's president, Mrs. L. A. Hartzog, along with the other officers and members, is to be congratulated in the highest terms for the magnificent display of genius in the rendition of their plans.

The president has named the following standing committees: Programme committee, teachers; membership committee, Mrs. Paul Cooke, chairman; social committee, Mrs. Robt. Kirkland, chairman; school sanitation committee, Mrs. J. G. Wescoat, chairman; entertaining committee, Mrs. H. H. Karsee, chairman. The chairman of each committee has been requested to select her co-workers.

FINAL REPORT IS ISSUED:

What Bamberg and Other Counties Invested in W. S. S.

The State War Savings committee has issued its final report on the amount of war savings and thrift stamps bought by the people of South Carolina of the first series, from December, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1919. The figures for the State follow: Total invested, \$10,743,644.25; per capita, \$6.56. The figures for Bamberg and neighboring counties follow:

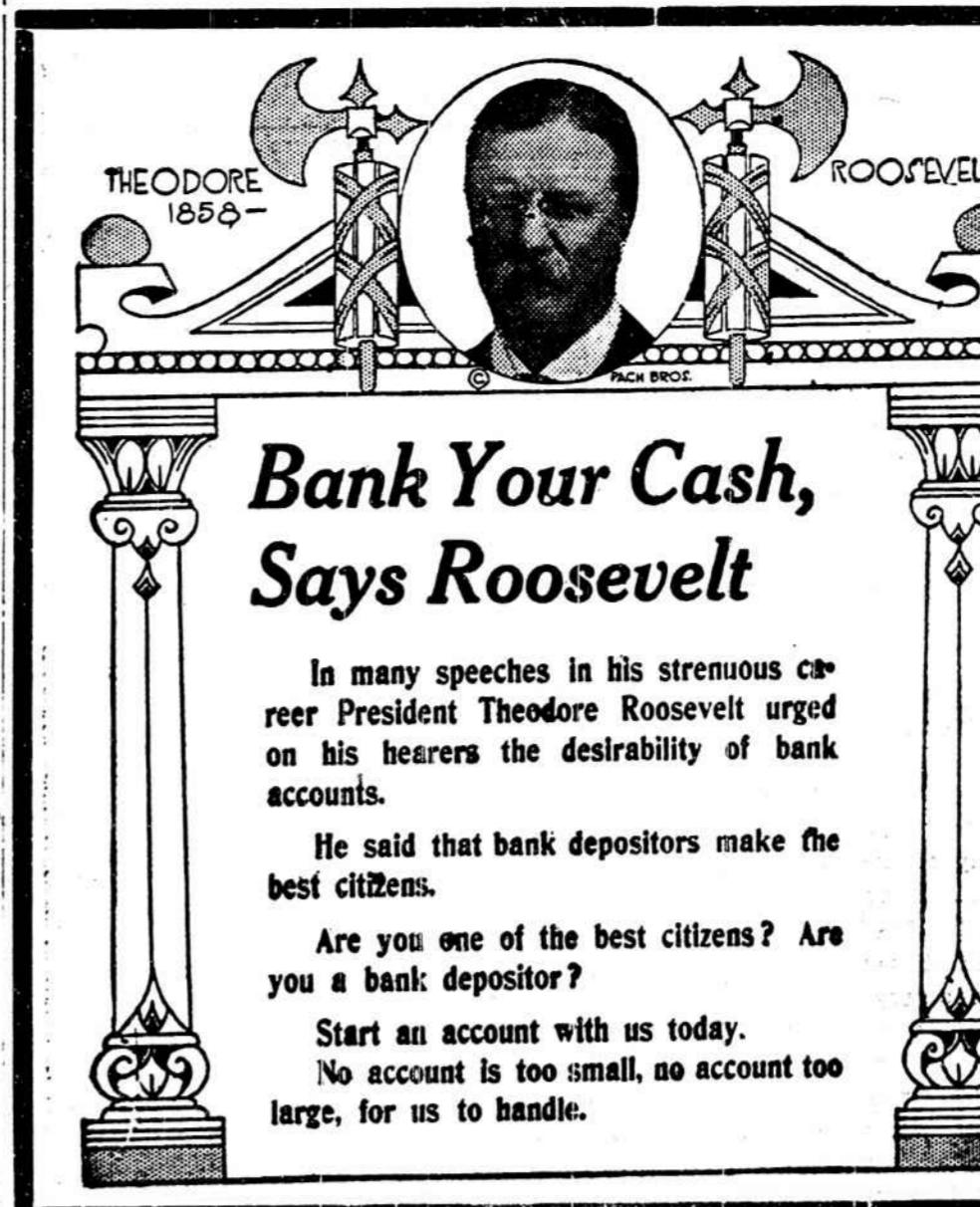
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It will be noted that Bamberg easily led this section of the State; in fact she led all counties in lower Carolina except Beaufort and Charleston, those counties having per capita investments of \$10.27 and \$10.07 respectively. Bamberg ranks eighth in the State, which is an excellent record for the county, and speaks well for the splendid work of the local war savings committee.

All Fuel Restrictions Are Off

County Fuel Administrator J. A. Wyman has received the following order from Washington, which is self-explanatory:

"Dr. Garfield announced today that all price regulations on coke and coal, except Pennsylvania anthracite, will be suspended February 1st. This refers to mine prices, wholesalers' margins, purchasing agents' commissions and retail margins and prices."



Bank Your Cash, Says Roosevelt

In many speeches in his strenuous career President Theodore Roosevelt urged on his hearers the desirability of bank accounts.

He said that bank depositors make the best citizens.

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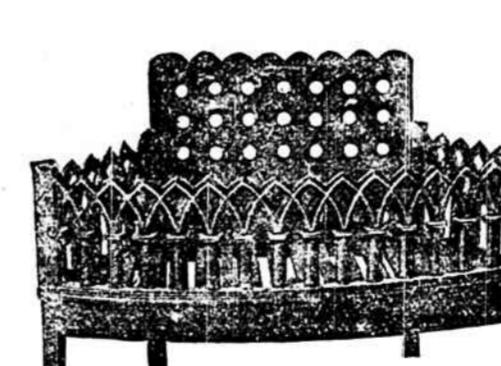
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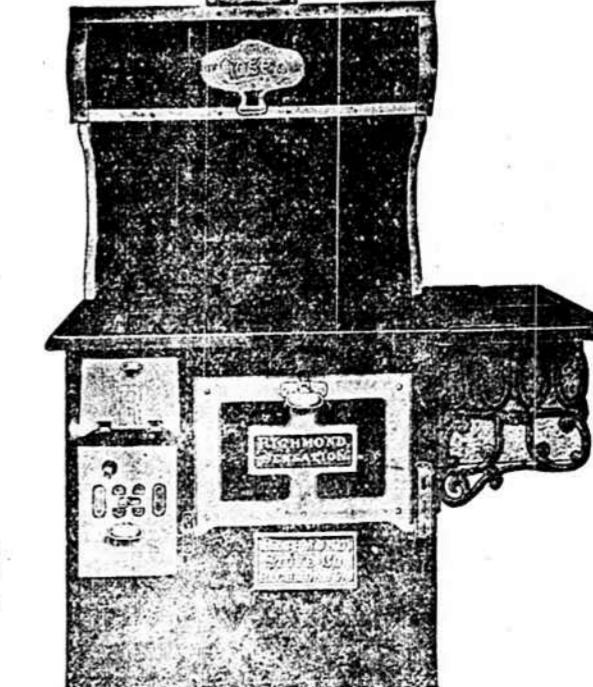


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