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The Orangeburg Times and Democrat is now issuing a daily newspaper. The first issue was received by The Herald Sunday morning. It consisted of 44 pages, and if the succeeding issues are patronized by advertisers as well as the first, the paper will certainly be a success.

The action of the president in announcing it the policy of the administration to postpone the wage increase demands of the railway employees we consider entirely right. There will never be a resumption of normal conditions so long as increases are allowed on every hand. The railway employees in our opinion have no cause for dissatisfaction. They are better paid by far than any other class of workmen at present, and one increase is scarcely demanded before another is demanded. A little consideration ought to be given to the public once in a while.

There is so much to be done in Bamberg there seems to be no real good place to begin—after Main street is paved. Why not have one big bond issue to take care of all civic improvements needed and done with it for a while? Orangeburg has adopted this course, and will issue three-quarters of a million dollars in bonds in the near future. Bamberg does not require such a huge sum, yet the town does demand a sum much larger than has yet been contemplated to carry out a programme of progressive improvements such as the growth of the town demands.

For ten years or longer Mexico has heaped insult upon insult on the United States. We do not know how long the patience of America is going to last, but it is very evident that unless things change pretty soon, something is likely to occur that Mexico is not going to relish. By force of an element of his character not generally understood by the country, President Wilson held the Mexican problem in abeyance during the war with Germany. How it was done probably cannot be explained, nevertheless it was done. But the Mexican question is still with us, and must be settled somehow. Things are getting to be very critical, however, has the United States government when to pay ransom to save the lives of Americans caught and held captive by Mexican bandits. And everybody seem to be banding in Mexico from Carranza down, or up, whichever way you choose to look at it.

NORTH ASKED TO "HANDS OFF."

The Herald wishes to commend very strongly the stand taken by the St. John's Missionary Baptist Negro association, at a meeting held recently at Austin, Texas. This is the most sensible action we have any knowledge of recently. The following Austin dispatch of Sept 1 is a summary of the action of the colored convention at that place:

Resolutions declaring emphatic opposition to "people of the North who do not understand conditions in the South interfering with our relationship" adopted by the executive board of the St. John's Missionary Baptist association, were made public at a meeting here tonight of 2,000 negroes and more than 100 white persons, called to discuss the race question.

"If we are left to ourselves," the resolutions declared, "we will, in time, adjust our differences for the good of all concerned."

The Negro Baptist association, which called the meeting, has a membership of 20,000 negroes in the vicinity of Austin.

A portion of the preamble to the resolutions declares:

Those magazines, newspapers and periodicals published by negroes, that magnify the wrongs and minimize the good, that publish and brandish before the eye incendiary articles at this time are enemies, rather than friends of the race."

Negroes here say the Austin meeting is the beginning of a nationwide movement to establish a better understanding between the races.

NEWSPAPERS AND THE WAR.

When the government desires to transport a large shipment of freight from the Atlantic to the Pacific, does it issue a circular to the railroads requesting them patriotically to carry the freight without charge? By no means. It would be a waste of paper. The railroads don't do things that way, even when they are under government control.

Even to win the war, did the government ask the contractors to build the cantonments, not for profit, but without profit? Not at all. The contractors were allowed to make enormous profits at the expense of the country's emergency.

When the government desired to sell billions of dollars' worth of bonds in order to get money to win the war, did it ask the newspapers to boost the loans, to give almost unlimited space to the advertising of the campaigns without a cent of cost? Yes; it did that. No sort of pay whatsoever was offered the newspapers, but they were assured they would be patriotically supporting the government in doing so. And the newspapers did it.

But now the war is over; the newspapers have no right to feel ashamed of the part they contributed toward its success. But if the newspapers continue to give the government that for which they are justly entitled to pay, in peace or war time, it is an assured fact that the government will continue to pursue this policy. The only way that we know to get the government to pay the newspapers for space used to pay for is to refuse to give such space.

The contractors, the munition manufacturers, common laborers, and about everybody else except the newspapers who worked for the government, got big pay for their work. The newspapers received not one cent from the government for advertising space, and with perhaps a few exceptions, neither before nor since the war, for that matter. It is about time the government advertising were carried on in a business manner.

Since the above was written, The Herald has received from the Associated Agencies Corporation a contract for 3,000 lines of advertising for the United States government, for the recruiting service. This is the first contract that The Herald has ever received for advertising directly from the government. Heretofore this newspaper, and we presume all others, have been asked to carry recruiting advertising without pay.

AN UNSUSPECTED BIBLE.

How German Spy Communicated War Messages.

Nobody would suspect one of the institute Bibles to figure in a dramatic bit-of-crime, but one of them did.

Last month an officer of the federal court came to the building and asked to see one of the Bibles which are placed upon the table of every bed room in the building. He wanted one that had been used. It was necessary as a piece of evidence and a few days later we discovered the circumstances that led to his visit.

A man in the employ of the German government had during the war gone to sea as a mess boy. He was not a regular seaman, but he managed to secure a job. And among the belongings he had a Bible with seamen's Church Institute stamped upon its cover. We have not found out where he got it, as the records do not show that he ever stopped in the building, but the book was in his possession.

In these Bibles are two fly leaves of plain white paper and on these were written important messages in invisible ink. When Robinson (the spy) got on board ship he went at once to the ship's library and put the book on the shelves. The careful search of the belongings at Halifax revealed nothing. And, of course, the investigation of the books in the library was very casual. When he got to the other side he managed to get the book again from the library, tear out the leaves containing the messages and deliver them.

Of course he was extremely clever to take position as mess boy, for only in that way would he have any access to the ship's library. And anyhow, even if in the search officers had gone through his things they would scarcely have suspected a Bible with the name of an institution stamped upon it. Moreover, so skillfully had he covered his operations.

In Europe he got a message to bring back to America and this he pasted inside the black paper which faces the Bible's binding. On board ship again he put his book in the library until he landed, came ashore with it and delivered the message. He was tried for treason, accused by Mme. Marie K. de Victoria, who admitted that she had written the secret messages which were to be delivered to the German consul general in Rotterdam.

The plan sounds like a particularly ingenious movie plot. There is something peculiarly innocent about the Bible that lies, often unopened, on a bed room table. Robinson chose extremely well for his purpose.—The Lookout, published monthly by the Seaman's Institute of New York.

"Mrs. Keah Tells How She Got to Know Rat-Snap."

"Have always feared rats. Lately noticed many on my farm. A neighbor said he just got rid of droves with RAT-SNAP. This started me thinking. Tried RAT-SNAP myself. It killed 17 and scared the rest away." RAT-SNAP comes in three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Smoak & Moye, Bamberg.

WHALEY INTRODUCES BILL.

To Build Canal Connecting the Santee and Cooper Rivers.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Representative Whaley has introduced a bill to authorize the Columbia Railway and Navigation company to construct a canal connecting the Santee and Cooper rivers in the State of South Carolina, subject to approval of the work by the War Department.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Aug. 30.—J. E. Johnston, president of the Citizens' Bank, spent several days in Greenville last week. Mr. Walker Smith, after a visit of two weeks in Baltimore, has returned home.

Mrs. H. C. Williams and Miss Pearl Youmans, of Brunson, passed through en route from Tybee to their home one day this week.

Mrs. Erlish Harter has returned from Atlanta, where she spent some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Miley, of Crockerville, were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Jenney this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Lancaster, of Atlanta, arrived in town Saturday.

Mrs. A. S. Arnold and children left for White Springs, Fla., Saturday.

J. J. Knopf, Jr., Harold Hill and Ben Knopf, Jr., were visitors in Savannah Sunday.

Then He Got It.

Young Walter had thoroughly exhausted his teacher's patience and she was just about to spank him when he yelled out:

"Teacher, teacher, I've just been vaccinated!"

With her hands in midair she hesitated.

"Where?" she asked anxiously.

"Down on West Main street."

The famous Holman Bibles are on sale in Bamberg only at the Herald Book Store. A few family Bibles on hand.

MAXTONE—The guaranteed tonic for chills, fever and malaria. 25c and 50c bottle.

"It Must Have Been Dead at Least 6 Months But Didn't Smell."

"Saw a big rat in our cellar last Fall," writes Mrs. Joanny, "and bought a 25c cake of RAT-SNAP. broke it up into small pieces. Last week while moving we came across the dead rat. Must have been dead six months, didn't smell. RAT-SNAP is wonderful." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Smoak & Moye, Bamberg, S. C.

GIRLS

Earn a Good Salary

BRIGHT YOUNG WOMEN LOOKING FOR AN UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE, WANTED TO LEARN TELEPHONE OPERATING.

We teach you the business and pay you while learning. Salary will be increased frequently. Extra pay for special work. Good chance to rise to a good position without incurring additional expense to learn a special line.

Surroundings excellent. Work is pleasant and clean. Employees well cared for. Sickness benefits, life insurance and pension after stated period of service.

REFERENCES REQUIRED.

Apply to G. W. Carter, Manager Sou. Bell Tel. & Tel. Company, Blackville, S. C.

Report to Chief Operator, Bamberg, S. C.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Merchants and Farmers

Why don't you ship your cotton to the largest cotton factors in the world? They are

BARRETT & CO.

Augusta, Ga.

They have not only the ability, but also the WILLINGNESS to help you carry your cotton. You can't go wrong by conferring with them at Augusta, or with

H. J. BRABHAM

BAMBERG, S. C.

County Representative.

LIBERAL ADVANCES.

SQUARE DEAL

Hats! Hats! Hats!

We are ready for you to come in and see our

ADVANCED FALL MODELS

EVERYTHING NEW AND UP TO THE MINUTE.

Small, large, medium and mannish effects for early wear and a great variety of design from. Characteristic models answering every feminine type.

We also have on display an exquisite and artistic display of

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PATTERN HATS

A beautiful line of ready to wear one-piece dresses, the famous

VIRGINIA DARE LINE

in serges, tricotines, charmouse, satins and taffetas.

A complete line of sport skirts, new georgette blouses in leading shades, crepe de chine and voile waists, camisoles of every description, Royal Society package goods, everything complete for the baby, including sacques, coats, bootees, caps and hoods.

A fine line of laces, embroideries and neckwear in dainty effects, ruffling and fringes in all the leading shades of the season. Also silks, satines, crepe de chenes at the very lowest prices, with georgette crepes to match. New hand bags, novelty jewelry and beads and bar pins, new effects.

Warner's Rust Proof Corsets our specialty, for stout, slender and medium figures.

We were fortunate in securing Miss Elvie Kearse to be with us this season as trimmer and she will take great pleasure in serving you. Mrs. H. F. Purcell is also with us.

WE EXTEND TO EACH AND ALL A CORDIAL INVITATION TO VISIT OUR STORE.

Yours Very Truly,

Ehrhardt Millinery & Novelty Store

(Mrs.) Rosa M. Krawchek, Proprietress.

EHRHARDT, S. C.

WE ARE NOT SENDING OUT ANY CARDS THIS SEASON.



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YOUR
FRIEND—
OUR BANK**

**IF YOUR NEED IS LEGITIMATE, WITHIN
THE HELP OF SOUND BANKING PRACTICE,
IT WILL BE GLADLY MET
AT THIS BANK.**

And in any event we shall be pleased
to have you call on us with any business
problem that confronts you.

Our only excuse for existence as a Bank is the
Service we can render—so consider us
always Your FRIEND.

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IF YOU WANT MONEY, WE HAVE IT

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