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Looks like the government would not take any action to reduce the cost of living until the railroad employees made a demand for such an enormous increase in wages. Well, we are glad something made them get busy.

A town ordinance, which has been on the books for a number of years, says that no salt water fish shall be sold in Bamberg from the 15th day of May until the 15th of September, yet salt water fish have been sold right here on the main business street all summer.

The Yorkville Enquirer came to our exchange table last week in a new dress. The Enquirer has been published as an eight-column paper for many years. Now it has gone to the more convenient seven-column size, increasing the number of pages from four to eight. The Enquirer occupies a distinctive position among South Carolina newspapers and deservedly so. It is without question one of the best edited and printed papers in the country, and it should be the pride of York county.

This is the day of investigations. Investigating committees are in their glory now. And if they ever accomplished much we have not heard of it. Congressional appropriations for investigations have mounted into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. These committees travel over the country, burden the people with their thousands of dollars of expenses, remain in session for months, make voluminous reports covering hundreds of printed pages, receive the thanks of congress, and that about ends it.

In conversation with a friend several days ago we stated that we were trying to organize a "patched breeches club" in Bamberg, the object of which was to reduce the cost of goods, each member pledging himself not to buy any article of wearing apparel which was not absolutely necessary, wearing his old clothing and having them patched if necessary. Since then we have noticed in the daily press where in some town out West the men pledged themselves to wear their old clothes as long as necessary or until prices were reduced. If men all over the country would do this prices would soon take a tumble.

If city council will pardon us for the suggestion, we would recommend as a most important piece of legislation the extending of the fire limits of the town, that is, increasing the area in which wooden buildings cannot be erected. Our recollection is that wooden buildings cannot be erected within 150 feet of Main street, but this limit should be extended. The fire risk on wooden buildings is too great to allow them anywhere near Main street.

The suggestion has been made that it would be a good thing for the Bamberg city council to fix the fees charged by drays. At present there is no uniformity in rates. The draymen usually charge not what the job is worth, but what they can get. A few days ago one dray made a charge of 40 cents to haul a trunk less than a block; others charge 15 cents for the same hauling, and still others 25 cents. In other words if they can get 40 cents or 50 cents they charge it, according to whom they are hauling for. Of course the strangers in town have to invariably pay the higher rate. Other cities and towns have found it necessary to fix uniform rates for the protection of the people, and it would not be a bad idea for the Bamberg council to take similar action.

THE RED CROSS.

Do the people of Bamberg and Bamberg county desire the Red Cross organization to be disbanded? The organization to be disbanded. The chairman, Rev. Geo. P. White, in a communication in The Herald today, calls for a meeting of the Red Cross Friday afternoon at the Red Cross rooms to determine this question. Mr. White has tried repeatedly to get a meeting of the Red Cross here without success. Not enough members can be induced to attend the meetings to transact any business whatever.

Now there is something like \$4,000 in the local treasury. This money is available for use in Bamberg and Bamberg county. If the organization disbands, this money will be turned into the general treasury, and Bamberg will not be very likely to ever hear of it again. In order to use this money, the organization must be continued. The matter is strictly up to the people as to whether they desire to retain this \$4,000 for use in the county or turn it into the general treasury. The county is entitled to the money. Under the Red Cross campaign plan, a certain percentage of all money collected was to go for local work.

The chairman states that he is absolutely discouraged in his efforts to get a meeting of the local Red Cross chapter, and that, failing in this last

effort, he will make no further attempt in this direction.

The meeting is to be held at five o'clock Friday afternoon at the Red Cross rooms in the main building of Carlisle school. Let everyone remember the date, the hour, and the place, and if they value these four thousand dollars, let them come to the meeting to decide on the important matter of their disposition.

THE ATLANTA SUFFRAGISTS.

Considerable interest has been centered in the recent election in Atlanta because the women voted, this being, we believe, the first Southern election in which the women participated. As an indication of what women taking part in politics will lead to, we have only to read an account the Augusta Chronicle of Tuesday of what one of the suffragists herself says about it. Mrs. Mary L. McLendon is described as being "the oldest and among the very first advocates of woman suffrage, not only in Georgia, but in this section of the South." Mrs. McLendon has issued a statement in regard to the action of the central committee of women voters, in which she says the methods and tactics employed by that committee was "as dirty a political trick as I have ever heard charged to men."

This is sad news. We thought when the women got into politics politics would be cleansed. Now comes this leading suffragist who says the women were as "dirty as the men." Well, if they are as dirty as some of the male politicians they are a pretty bad lot. Mrs. McLendon goes on to say that the work of this committee was underhanded, and several other things.

We do not imagine that the firing of these troubles will be any impetus to the woman suffrage movement, although we don't suppose it will stay woman suffrage. It goes to show that if women dabble in politics it will not be long before they will be about on an equality with the men in other ways than merely voting. And we have enough bad politics without the addition of women. This same woman writer says that because of the Atlanta affair there "has been a dreadful setback for woman suffrage" in Georgia.

EXTRAVAGANCE.

There is no use for people to complain about the high prices and keep on buying expensive luxuries. The prices on clothing of all kinds would soon go down if everybody, men and women, would wear their old clothes. True, one must eat, but they can wear old clothing, hats, etc. Think what a difference it would make right here in Bamberg if no man would buy any article of clothing except what he was

absolutely compelled to have, and every woman would wear her last season's coat suit, cloak, hat, etc. In short reduce the buying of all articles of apparel to actual necessities. If this was done don't you know that there would soon be a drop in prices right here at home? One great reason why goods are high is because of the extravagance of the people.

Silk socks and stockings are now at least three times as high as they were a few years ago, but it is certain that if everybody would quit wearing them prices would soon drop to normal. And so with other luxuries which can easily be laid aside. Let us have plain living and plain dressing for a while and soon there'll be no holler about profiteering.

The writer has not bought a suit of clothes in more than two years, and is wearing his old ones. He has refused to buy clothing which he can do without at present prices, and will wear patched breeches if he has to before he will pay the outrageous prices now being charged. But, alas, there are few like him. And the women, why bless your soul, they are wearing more finery than ever before. We'll warrant there will be few trimmed over hats worn by Bamberg women this winter. And so it goes. People who can and who can't afford it are getting more extravagant all the time in the matter of dress, and as long as this continues prices are going to be too high in proportion to the actual value of all kinds of dry goods.

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George Gladden Waylaid and Killed in West Wateree.

Camden, Sept. 6.—George Gladden, a seventy-year-old white man, was waylaid and murdered early Wednesday morning as he was going to his work on at the Wateree power dam in West Wateree, and his body was robbed of a considerable sum of money.

He is known to have carried a large sum of money with him at all times and his relatives state that he was relieved of around fifteen hundred dollars by the murderer. The crime occurred just before daylight on a by road leading to the Hardaway Company's works, and two negroes following close behind Mr. Gladden state that they saw the revolver flashes and could hear the murderer as he made his way through the woods. The assassin evidently sat beside the road and awaited his victim. Three shots were fired two taking effect, one passing through the body, entering from the back, causing instant death.

Melton Banks, a white man who worked alongside of the old man at the Hardaway works, was arrested soon after the crime was committed as being a suspect.

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No claim will be approved for any teacher unless he or she is registered.
W. D. ROWELL,
County Supt. of Education.
Sept. 8, 1919.

NOTICE OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The regular fall examination for teachers' certificates will be held at the court house in Bamberg, S. C., on Saturday, October 4th, 1919, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

Teachers holding second and third grade certificates are urged to take this examination.

The usual subjects will be given as follows: Algebra, arithmetic, English grammar, pedagogy, geography, physiology and hygiene, history, civics and current events and agriculture.
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