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FUNERAL SERMON BY SLAVE.

"Ten Cent" Bill Delivers Oration Over Master.

There were 30 old men, veterans in grey, from the Confederate soldiers' home in the undertaker's chapel for the funeral of their comrade, Capt. Thomas McColl Yopp.

There were ladies from the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. There were men in the blue from the Grand Army of the Republic. The chapel benches were filled and many stood.

Two ministers spoke—words of honor to the dead and of comfort for the living. A quartet sang and there was prayer. But it was none of these whose mission it was to pay the last memorial tribute.

The former slave of the dead veteran, a man whose heart is as white as his wrinkled face is black, delivered the final funeral oration in the chapel, followed to the cemetery the casket shrouded in the Stars and Bars, and above the grave bowed his head in sorrow and love of the master he had served for more than half a century.

"Ten-Cent" Bill Yopp, himself one of the fast fading company whose comrades wait for them across the river, had been chosen to give the funeral oration.

## Holding Derby Hat.

He sat, holding his black derby hat in his hands, his frayed overcoat tightened about his shoulders, on the front row of the chapel. By stretching one hand he could have touched the Confederate flag that draped the casket of his master. Behind him were rows filled with veterans from the home.

Some of them smiled at him: or waved a knotty hand, but, such was the occasion, they were mostly silent. From the rear you saw 30 pairs of bent shoulders, 30 bowed heads, white hair what seemed making a gentle halo over each. In the dim light fitting through the stained glass windows you could see their hands cupped behind their ears, while they listened:

On the other side of Jordan  
In the green fields of Eden,  
Where the Tree of Life is blooming,  
There is rest for you . .

Then "Ten Cent" Bill rose in his place and began to speak.

"My dear friends," he said, "I thank you from the depths of my heart for the kind compliment you are paying me and the kind permission you have given me. Like the minister who spoke before me, I, too, wish to God that the same old feeling existed today between the white and black that existed in 1860.

"I have known Capt. Thomas McColl Yopp, my former master, for 67 years. My mother nursed him, and so his father, who thought so much of him, gave my mother to him before I was born. I know that he never spoke an unkind word to her or to any of his servants.

"Since 1856, when I was only a little pickaniny in nothing but a cotton shirt and he wasn't too proud to pick me up and ride me on the back of his horse we have been friends. We hunted together and fished together all day long. I rode with him week in and week out. We would eat our lunch out in the woods and then come home together. Every night before he would go to bed he would go to one servant's house and to another's and another's, and sit and laugh and joke with them. By and by he would say, 'Bill, I'm getting sleepy,' and we would go back to the big house and eat a little lunch before we went to bed. I slept beside him every night."

## Tells of the War.

Bill paused, a gulp in his voice, and then he began to tell of the war, how he and Captain Yopp, joining the army in Atlanta in June, 1861, went to Lynchburg in a freight car and took the field.

They slept side by side in the captain's tent, he said, and when it was very bad weather, Captain Yopp, with a single blanket, between them; would say, "Cold, Bill? Then pull over!" Once Bill was sick and Captain Yopp gave him a pass to Richmond and \$150, Bill leaving only on condition that he could come back.

"He could not see one man imposed on by another," said "Ten Cent Bill." "He loved his soldiers equally, as he loved his slaves. He was as brave as a lion and as gentle as a wild flower that grows in the spring. I have been

over two-thirds of the world and I have never known a finer man than Captain Yopp.

"If his funeral were being held today at the old home in Laurens county," continued Bill, "the streets would not hold the people. Only a thin veil separates life from death. He has pierced that veil, but we shall join him soon. Death has taken charge of his body, but I know that God has taken charge of his soul!"

"Ten-Cent" Bill stopped, his head bowed, his hand raised, and, with the benediction, the audience stirred and began to file out.

## Little Lesson for Agent.

"Madam," he began as the door opened, "I am selling a new book on Etiquette and Deportment."

"Oh, you are," she responded. "Go down there and clean the mud from your feet."

"Yes'm. As I was saying, madam, I am sell—"

"Take off your hat! Never address a strange lady at her door without removing your hat."

"Yes'm. Now then, as I was saying—"

"Take your hand out of your pocket. No gentleman ever carries his hand there."

"Yes'm. Now, madam, this work on Et—"

"Throw away your pipe. If a gentleman uses tobacco he is careful not to disgust others by the habit."

"Wait. Put that dirty handkerchief out of sight and use less grease on your hair in the future. Now you look a bit descent. You have a book on 'Etiquette and Deportment.' Very well, I don't want it. I am only the servant girl. Go up the stairs to the front door and talk with the lady of the house. She called me a down-right, no doubt-about-it idiot this morning, and I think the book you are selling is just what she requires."

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## YOUNG WOMAN ON TRIAL.

Charged With Killing Brother—Self Defense Her Plea.

Greenville, March 11.—Amber Robinson, the twenty-one-year-old girl, who shot and fatally wounded her brother, Jim Robinson, at her home on Falls street here, February 25, was placed on trial on a charge of murder in the sessions court here this afternoon. The first witness was E. P. Rousemond, one of the two young men who was with Jim Robinson when he was shot by the girl. The other young man, Ansell Ballew, was not permitted to testify, the defense proving that he had been convicted some months ago of obtaining money under false pretense. Several other witnesses were examined, but no other eye witnesses. The girl will make a plea of self-defense, having declared shortly after her arrest that her brother attacked him.

## Habit.

An ex-judge had been nominated mayor in a French country district. It soon devolved upon him to sanction a marriage ceremony.

"Do you consent to marry this gentleman, young lady?" he asked amiably.

"Yes," was the reply.

Then suddenly changing his tone to one of great severity, he said to her proposed husband. "And you—have you nothing to say in your defense?"—London Opinion.

## Pretty Old.

Bacon—This paper says although ridiculed as a craze it is a scientific fact that sour milk conduces to longevity.

Egbert—I guess that's right. I tasted some sour milk today, and, believe me, it was right in the longevity class.—Yonkers Statesman.

# 5 PER CENT

## Added to

All unpaid taxes and business licenses since March 15th, 1920.

If not paid by April 1st, 1920, execution will be issued.

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B. F. FOLK, JR.,  
Clerk and Treas.



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# Statement

## Of the Condition of The Bamberg Banking Co. at the Close of Business Mar. 1, 1920.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts .....	\$ 637,183.95
Overdrafts .....	2,068.59
Bonds and stocks owned by the bank .....	25,974.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	3,238.19
Banking house .....	4,518.24
Due from banks and bankers .....	321,724.03
Currency .....	13,301.00
Silver and other minor coin .....	1,762.44
Checks and cash items .....	200.01
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,009,970.45</b>

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in .....	\$ 200,000.00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid .....	17,208.63
Dividends unpaid .....	240.00
Individual deposits subject to check .....	\$464,442.83
Savings deposits .....	315,027.20
Time certificates of deposit .....	12,794.48
Certified checks .....	77.42
Cashier's Checks .....	179.89
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,009,970.45</b>

State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg.

Before me came H. H. Stokes, cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of the said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

H. H. STOKES,  
Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of March, 1920.

H. L. HINNANT,  
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

A. M. BRABHAM,  
N. P. SMOAK,  
G. M. DICKINSON, Directors.

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# Bamberg Banking Co.

CAPITAL \$200,000.00.

BAMBERG, S. C.

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF EHRHARDT TELEPHONE CO.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that a meeting of the stockholders of the Ehrhardt Telephone Company will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 17th day of April, 1920, at Town Hall, Ehrhardt, S. C., for the purpose of liquidation and dissolution of said corporation.  
J. L. COPELAND, M. D.,  
President.

March 15th, 1920.

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