

The Bamberg Herald

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920.

SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

The local statistician, H. J. Bellinger, furnishes us with the following ginning figures for Bamberg county prior to December 13: 1920, 20,011 bales; 1919, 23,986 bales.

The many friends of Mrs. W. E. Free, who underwent an operation at the Baptist hospital, Columbia, last week, will be glad to know that she is rapidly regaining her strength.

The Christmas season passed with out a casualty, which is rather unusual. So far as has been reported there were no disturbances of any kind to amount to anything anywhere in the county.

The Christmas season has been made enjoyable to the town and county generally on account of the return of the school girls and boys. A large number of Bamberg county young people are attending schools away from home.

The plant of the Lime-Cola company at Springfield was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The plant was organized two years ago by W. W. Barr, Jr., a former resident of Bamberg, and was managed by Mr. Barr. The loss is said to have been considerable.

E. L. Price, Jr., has commenced the erection of a residence on his lot in the northern section of town. For the present he and his family are occupying rooms in the old Johnson hotel. The residence vacated by Mr. Price is now occupied by H. G. Deik and family.

The forecasted snow for Christmas did not materialize, though the weather looked snowy for a day or two before Christmas. None of the younger generation can recall ever having seen a snow on Christmas day though in recent years there have been snows during the fall months.

Chief of Police H. W. Moody has been spending a portion of his time at night watching Main street. A few nights ago he was perched in a prominent place on the street armed with a double barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot. We are very frank to say that we would not have enjoyed tampering with a Main street door while the chief was on the watch.

An emancipation celebration will be held by the negroes in Bamberg next Saturday at the court house. A street parade will, also be staged, the procession to be formed at the colored Masonic hall and proceed through Main street to the court house. Short talks will be made by several prominent colored leaders, and the emancipation proclamation will be read.

ACCIDENTAL KILLING.

Four Year Old Colored Boy Shoots Self With Fatal Result.

Franklin Brown, the four year old son of Daniel Brown, a well known colored man who farms on the plantation of B. D. Carter near Bamberg, was accidentally shot Monday. The boy died Monday night as the result of the wound.

It appears that the lad was trying to take a shotgun from his father's wagon, when the hammer was caught in some way, causing the gun to be discharged. The load of shot took effect in the boy's right leg, almost tearing the limb from his body.

The little fellow died Monday night. The case seems to have been purely accidental, and no blame has been attached to anyone for the tragedy.

INJURIES FATAL TO HALL.

Juvenile Court Judge and City Editor of Augusta Chronicle Dead

Augusta, Dec. 25.—Lloyd T. Hall, judge of the juvenile court of Richmond county and city editor of the Augusta Chronicle, died here this afternoon from injuries received this morning at an early hour when the automobile he was driving was wrecked, in a ditch near Wrens, Ga.

Schwartz-Peters.

The following announcement was received in Bamberg this week:

"David B. Peters, M. D., U. S. N., and Ida Livingston Schwartz announce their marriage on Tuesday, December twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred twenty, Biltmore, North Carolina. At home, 1815 Liberty street, Colonial Heights, Columbia, S. C."

Mrs. Peters is the daughter of Mrs. L. E. Livingston, and until recently resided in Bamberg, moving to Biltmore, N. C., a few months ago. She has a large circle of friends in Bamberg, who wish for her much happiness.

MUCH SYRUP PRODUCED.

Over 45,000 Gallons Made in This County, is Estimate.

According to the report of B. B. Hare, agricultural statistician, more than 45,000 gallons of sugar cane syrup was made in Bamberg county this year, this being the estimate. The acreage in this county is estimated at 400 acres, and the yield at 114 gallons per acre. The following are the figures for sugar cane syrup for counties in this section:

| | Total | Acre | Gal. | Value |
|------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Aiken | 200 | 24,000 | \$19,200 | |
| Allendale | 300 | 34,500 | 27,600 | |
| Bamberg | 400 | 45,600 | 36,480 | |
| Barnwell | 300 | 31,500 | 25,200 | |
| Calhoun | 270 | 32,400 | 25,920 | |
| Colleton | 500 | 59,000 | 47,200 | |
| Hampton | 400 | 44,000 | 35,200 | |
| Orangeburg | 1,400 | 154,000 | 123,200 | |

The totals for the state are: Acreage, 8,900; gallons produced, 982,000; value, \$786,000.

The following are the figures on sorghum cane syrup or molasses, for the same counties:

| | Total | Acre | Gal. | Value |
|------------|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| Aiken | 300 | 36,000 | \$25,200 | |
| Allendale | 50 | 4,700 | 3,290 | |
| Bamberg | 50 | 4,500 | 3,150 | |
| Barnwell | 50 | 4,350 | 3,045 | |
| Calhoun | 200 | 22,600 | 15,820 | |
| Colleton | 50 | 4,600 | 3,220 | |
| Hampton | 50 | 4,400 | 3,080 | |
| Orangeburg | 300 | 27,300 | 19,110 | |

Totals for the state: Acreage, 15,000; gallons produced, 1,483,000; value, \$1,038,000.

The value of cane syrup is figured at 80 cents per gallon, and sorghum molasses at 75 cents per gallon.

A DULL CHRISTMAS.

Money Flowed Like Unto Thick Molasses in Zero Weather.

From a financial point of view Christmas in Bamberg was about the dullest in a decade. If there was any money in the county it is still here. It did not appear to be spent during the holidays in this city. The decline in price of cotton from 43 cents to 13 1-2 cents played havoc with the usual holiday trade. Fortunately very few merchants stocked up on any great amount of holiday goods, and the few who did have such stocks have a good start for next Christmas. The people bought just as sparingly as the spirit of the occasion would permit.

The holidays were quietly spent by Bamberg folks. There was very little disorder or excessive drinking; in fact, few persons were seen under the influence of intoxicants. The shooting of fireworks was probably because fireworks were not so scarce this year as previously.

Many of the poor people of the community were given presents of food, clothing, toys and fruits by the congregation of the Baptist church, the Methodist Woman's missionary society, and perhaps other organizations of the city. No special Christmas services were held in the city.

MRS. G. E. RITTER DEAD.

Beloved Christian Woman of Olar Section Passed Away Last Week.

Last Wednesday night the gentle spirit of Mrs. Mary Eugenia Ritter (nee Meng) left the suffering body and went to heaven to be forever united with the dear little baby girl, who preceded her to the grave by only two months, and little infant boy just a few hours.

Mrs. Ritter was born October 21, 1881, at Union, S. C. In girlhood she united with Grace Methodist church near her old home and was a consistent member there until a few years ago she changed her membership to Kearse Methodist church with that of her husband.

It is rare that one sees a character so beautiful and trusting as was hers. Her happy, pleasing disposition endeared her to all who came in contact with her, and those who knew her best loved her most. She was a devoted wife, kind and loving mother. Her Christian character fitted her well for this task, for it can truly be said that she lived for her little children.

On December 21 nine years ago she was married to G. Ernest Ritter, of Olar. Her husband, a small boy, two dear little girls, one sister and three brothers, besides a host of other relatives and friends, are left to mourn her death. During her illness she spoke often of dying, relating of seeing things pure and white. She planned her funeral and requested that "Asleep in Jesus" and "Shall we Gather at the River" be sung at her burial. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. M. Peeler, at Wesley Methodist church in the presence of loved ones and sorrowing friends. The remains were laid to rest in Wesley cemetery beside her little girl. Though grieved to give her up, we thank God for her noble influence.—Contributed.

ROBBERY IS ALLEGED.

C. N. Hamlin Said to Have Been Held up by Negroes Tuesday.

Tuesday morning early C. N. Hamlin, a local insurance agent, was brought to Bamberg by J. A. J. Rice, bearing injuries which Mr. Hamlin said were inflicted by two robbers a short distance this side of Sato. Mr. Hamlin appeared to have been dealt a terrific blow on the head with some blunt instrument, and his hand was considerably bruised.

The story told to Mr. Rice by Mr. Hamlin was about as follows: He came to Denmark on the Seaboard train early Tuesday morning from Florida. It lacking several hours to the time for the Augusta train to Bamberg, he decided to walk home and started off down the railroad track. After he had passed Sato he was accosted by two negro men, who held him up, struck him several blows and relieved him of his valuables. Although he was left in a dazed condition, he started again on his way home, and when he got as far as Mr. Rice's place his strength gave out and he went to Mr. Rice's house and called Mr. Rice out of bed. He told Mr. Rice his story and asked to be brought to Bamberg. Mr. Rice brought him home in his car.

Mr. Hamlin stated that the highwaymen robbed him of his suit case containing clothing and other articles, including his pistol, took his overcoat from him, and about \$130 in cash.

Mr. Hamlin has been away from Bamberg for the past several weeks. He was the local agent here of an insurance company, and it is said that his whereabouts were unknown to his acquaintances. He stated that his anxiety to get home as quickly as possible prompted him to decide on walking instead of waiting for the Southern train some three or four hours later.

To Observe Week of Prayer.

The Woman's Missionary society will come together the first week in January for the observance of special prayer and study of foreign missions. The society has been divided into circles and the members of the different circles will meet with the circle they have been assigned to. Circle No. 1, with Mrs. Paul Winitaker as leader includes all the younger ladies of the society; circle No. 2, Mrs. R. C. Jones leader, includes all the ladies on the southern side of Southern railway, and circle No. 3, Mrs. J. F. Carter leader, includes the ladies on the northern side of Southern railway.

The leaders for circle No. 1 during the week of prayer are (the homes have not been assigned yet): Monday, Mrs. J. J. Heard; Tuesday, Mrs. W. E. Stokes; Wednesday, Miss Julien Easterling; Thursday, Miss Mamie Hartzog; Friday, Mrs. J. Frank Folk.

Circle No. 2: Monday, Mrs. Harry Murphy, at the home of Mrs. Miles Black; Tuesday, Mrs. R. M. Hitt, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lewis; Wednesday, Mrs. A. W. Knight, at the church; Thursday, Mrs. C. P. Hooton, at the home of Mrs. Aaron Rice; Friday, Miss Hattie Newsom, at the home of Mrs. R. M. Hitt.

Circle No. 3: Monday, Mrs. B. S. Johns, at the home of Mrs. Geo. P. White; Tuesday, Mrs. Geo. P. White, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Carter; Wednesday, Mrs. M. E. Ayer, at the church; Thursday, Mrs. W. H. Chandler, at the home of Mrs. F. W. Free; Friday, Mrs. F. O. Brabham, at the home of (to be supplied).

These meetings will begin at four o'clock each afternoon, and it is hoped that the members of the different circles will be prompt and will attend. All the circles will come together at the church on Wednesday afternoon for the ingathering. Our new president has devised this plan, and let us help to make it a success from the beginning.—Contributed.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Ornan Lodge Selects Officers for the Ensuing Year.

At the regular meeting of Ornan lodge No. 38, A. F. M., last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worshipful master—W. T. Jennings.
Senior warden—Thomas Black.
Junior warden—J. A. McMillan.
Treasurer—Dr. S. P. Rentz.
Secretary—Dr. Robert Black.
Senior deacon—P. G. Carnes.
Junior deacon—B. F. Hill.
Stewards—W. M. Brabham, Jr., and Emile B. Price.
Tyler—D. W. Phillips.

After the election, the new officers were installed. The lodge has completed a very successful year, and its affairs were reported to be in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition.

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SAM MORTON AGAIN.

Potato House Man is Now Being Carried to Maine from Ohio.

J. Sam Morton, wanted in Orangeburg on a charge of breach of trust and conspiracy to defraud in connection with alleged misappropriation of funds of the potato propagating house in that city, and who figured in connection with the Bamberg potato house, is now on his way from Cincinnati to Skowhegan, Maine, on a charge of selling mortgaged property and also for "forging or uttering checks," according to a letter received by Sheriff Dukes, of Orangeburg, from Sheriff John A. Mooers, of Somerset county, Maine. It will be recalled that Morton left Bamberg with some thousands of dollars of funds of the local potato house company, and that payment of the check was stopped before it was presented to a New York bank for payment. The letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Sheriff: I thought you would like to know that we are bringing J. Sam Morton from Cincinnati, Ohio, on a warrant charging selling mortgaged property and also forging, or uttering checks on a bank here (this he did in Indianapolis and also in Ohio). He is on way here at this time and will arrive December 24. (Extradition.)

"Our governor says he made a mistake not letting you have him, so if you want him after we get through you know what to do. Grand jury sits fourth Tuesday in January; could not get him any sooner possibly, and then only in case we fail of an indictment.

"I will gladly keep you informed anyway and will write you again not later than December 28."

It will be recalled that Sheriff Dukes sent to Skowhegan for Morton during the past summer, but extradition was refused by the Maine governor as the result of an alleged technical irregularity in the drawing of the papers. Mr. Dukes stated recently that efforts would be made through legal channels to have Morton brought to Orangeburg as soon as practicable. Morton is alleged to have made away with several thousand dollars while connected with the Orangeburg concern. It is also said that Morton made away with a small amount of money in connection with the Bamberg concern, but great loss was prevented by stopping the check given him for the purpose of securing two carloads of material, it was said. He also gave a check for freight drawn on an Orangeburg bank on which payment was refused.

Browning Refused Bail.

The order of Judge Maulding refusing bail to James P. Browning has been filed in the office of the clerk of court. The Judge does not go into the merits of the matter but holds that under the law he has no jurisdiction to grant bail because the case is on appeal to the supreme court. The state has appealed to the supreme court from the order granting Browning bail and this appeal will be heard next April. Browning was tried and convicted of the killing of Laurie Fairey near Branchville about a year and a half ago.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

BARNWELL WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs. W. C. Birt Killed When Cyclone Destroys Home.

Barnwell, Dec. 22.—A cyclone that struck the little town of Snelling, five miles west of Barnwell, this afternoon at four o'clock completely destroyed the residence of W. C. Birt, killed his wife and seriously injured his three children. A funeral party from Barnwell, on its way to Seven Pines church, near Snelling, was caught in the path of the storm and the tops of several automobiles in the procession were torn off. An overcoat, fur and hat were blown off of one woman as she sat in her car. Large pine trees were snapped off as though they were pipestems. Members of the funeral party say the roar of the approaching cyclone could be heard for some time before they felt the full force of the wind, and that the noise was like that of a heavy freight train in rapid motion. It will probably be a day or two before the full amount of damage is known.

BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Peoples Bank Completes Successful Year.—10% Dividend.

The directors of the Peoples Bank held a meeting a few days ago at which the annual dividend was declared and the report of the condition of the bank was made. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared by the directors, \$2,500 was allotted to the surplus fund, and \$2,700 was carried to undivided profits.

The report showed the bank to be in a prosperous condition, and that the past year has been a most satisfactory one with the institution. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the bank will not be held until some time in January.

AUTO LICENSE FEES.

Highway Commission Fixes Price for Various Autos in This State.

The South Carolina state highway commission has fixed the fees for automobile licenses in this state. The weights used are those furnished by manufacturers and must be given in making application for licenses to operate automobiles in the state. The clerk of court will furnish weights of all automobiles.

The highway department asks that applicants for licenses be careful to state the make of car, model, year manufactured, motor number, and weight of car.

The county clerk of court, the sheriff and all motor vehicle dealers have been furnished with a supply of the various application blanks. All cars must be registered with the department by January 31, 1921.

The license prices, according to weight, of the popular makes of cars in use in Bamberg county are as follows:

Anderson \$10; Buick \$10; Cadillac \$14; Case \$12; Chalmers \$12; Chevrolet \$8; Cole, touring \$10, sport models \$16; Dodge roadster and touring \$8, sedan and coupe \$10; Ford \$6; Franklin \$8; Haynes \$12; Hudson \$12; Jordan \$12; Marmon roadster \$12, seven passenger \$14; Maxwell, roadster \$6, touring \$8; Mitchell \$10; Oakland \$10; Oldsmobile \$12; Paige \$12; Reo, \$10; Saxon \$8.

FARM HAND KILLS TWO.

Father and Daughter Dead.—Sons Shot by Man.

Wilson, Ark., Dec. 25.—Posses tonight are scouring the river bottoms near here in search of Howard Lyons, negro farm hand, who late today shot and killed O. T. Craig, 62, a planter living near here, and Craig's daughter, Mrs. C. G. Williams, and wounded Craig's two sons.

The Craigs were eating their Christmas dinner when a negro woman ran into the house saying that Lyons was chasing her. Craig went to the porch to remonstrate with the negro and was shot down, dying a few moments later. Mrs. Williams ran to her father's assistance and was fatally shot. The two young men were shot as they came out of the house. Both were taken to a Memphis hospital and will recover.

RECORD FOR "UNCLE JOE."

Has Been in Congress Longer Than Any Other American.

Washington, Dec. 25.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, war horse of the house of representatives, today established a new American record.

With the close of a dull house session he passed the mark for length of service set by Justin Smith Morrill, of Vermont, who, as senator and representative, served forty-three years, nine months and twenty-four days. The former speaker will begin tomorrow adding new time to his own record with the hope of reaching the ripe old age of 100 and beating Gladstone's record of fifty-three years in the British house of commons.

"Uncle Joe's" achievement will be celebrated in the house tomorrow with Champ Clark, himself a veteran, who retires March 4, leading the speaking ceremonies. Mr. Cannon also will speak and many of the older members will ask time for a few remarks.

Walking about the corridors of the capitol today chewing his long black cigar, Mr. Cannon told a friend here and there that there was no use in offering a little advice to younger representatives because somebody else always was thinking up smart things and attributing them to him. The remark charged to Mr. Cannon that they put spurs on the heels of army officers to keep their feet from slipping of his desk, was never uttered by him.

"But, what's the use?" he asked. Counting his victory in the recent landslide, Mr. Cannon has been elected to congress twenty-three times. He is now ending the forty-fourth year of his service. First elected in 1872 he has just kept on coming to congress ever since with the exception of two bad Novembers, when his people failed to return him. On May 7, next, he will be eighty-five years old. Few of his friends remember that he was born at Guilford, N. C. He served eight years as speaker and so long he has forgotten when he started.

"Gladstone served fifty-three years in the British house of commons, and with good election luck I hope to beat that," the former speaker said. "I have had four years of absence I didn't ask for, and hope to reach the fifty-three, but then you never can tell."

Waterman's Fountain Pen Ink in all the different size bottles at Herald Book Store. A few family Bibles

FORMER TREASURER OF HAMPTON SHORT.

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matter for the grand jury and while this duty is not obligatory on his part the grand jury desires that he see that evidence be obtained and presented to the governor, but the grand jury should make it a part of the duty of the county treasurer to report directly to the governor the date upon which the books of the county were completed for the collection of taxes.

Other Affairs in County.

"The grand jury takes this opportunity of directing the attention of the entire people of the county to the fact that the affairs of the county are not being conducted in the manner required by law. We have actual evidence of numerous outstanding executions in the hands of the sheriff and constables where persons against whom such executions are issued have the actual tax receipts. We recommend that on the first meeting of the new county board in January that the board go into this matter thoroughly with the proper officers and that some arrangement be made to find out these persons and the amount of said receipts. We further ask that the county board employ either the county attorney or other competent counsel to collect the old checks in the hands of the treasurer. The county board should realize that the affairs of the county, to a large extent, are in their hands in regards to all matters mentioned herein and that the grand jury has entire confidence that their duties will be vigorously performed.

"We find that 1918 and 1919 tax executions have not been presented to the sheriff for collection. This amounts to \$22,133.14. If they are not immediately presented we recommend that steps be taken by the governor to remove from office any officer failing to perform his duty.

"A resolution was passed by the members of the grand jury requesting the members of the county delegation to refuse to recommend to the governor the newly elected auditor, T. Hagood Gooding, for the term of office, commencing July 1, 1921.

"A resolution was also passed requesting the county delegation to pass an act at the next session of the legislature allowing no penalty to be imposed on the taxpayers of Hampton county until March 1, 1921, in view of the fact that the tax books were not opened in this county until December 14, 1920, exactly two months later than they should have been opened."

Gardner-Sandifer.

Sumter, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Louise Gardner and Charles Harris Sandifer were married December 19 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gardner of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. E. Thayer.

A few friends and relatives were present and enjoyed refreshments of cake, punch and mints served by Mrs. C. W. McGrew, Misses Ethel Evington, Augusta Cuttino and Elizabeth Rogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer are spending the holidays at Denmark and then will make their home at 82 1-2 St. John's street, Charleston. His bride leaves many friends in her old home.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For Sale—One Ford truck, almost new Will sell at a bargain. F. W. FREE, Bamberg, S. C. 1-17p

For Sale—Wood for stove and chimney, oak or pine. LELAND F. SANDIFER, Bamberg, S. C. ttn

For Sale—A five passenger touring car, in fine shape; looks just like new. P. O. BOX 314, Bamberg. ttn

For Sale—100 feet of 4-inch drain tile. Apply to H. L. HINNANT, at the Bamberg Banking Co., Bamberg S. C. ttn

For Sale—Three good farm mules, one 1-horse and one 2-horse wagon. Apply to C. J. S. BROOKER, Bamberg, S. C. ttn

Strayed or Stolen—Dark brown horse with small star in forehead. Reward if returned to J. S. BRELAND, Olar, S. C. 1tn

Trespass Notice—All kinds of hunting prohibited on my lands in Bamberg and Colleton counties. JOHN F. FOLK, Bamberg, S. C. 1-6n

For Sale—I have secured the agency for the Acme and Defiance Trucks. If you want a good truck, see me. B. F. FREE, Bamberg. ttn

Farms For Sale—Choice general farming and tobacco lands. Some in very high state of cultivation. Apply to J. T. O'NEAL, Real Estate. ttn

Wanted—You to know that I am still selling McCannons Stock-Dip and Stock-Tonic, also Flavoring extracts and Medicines. E. F. FREE, Bamberg, S. C. ttn

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants.—Grown by the state's most successful planters, leading varieties. Post-paid: 40c, 100c; \$1.35, 500; \$2.25, 1,000. Express collect: 1,000, \$1.75; 5,000, \$1.50; 10,000, \$1.25. BURTON SALES CO., Burton, S. C. ttn