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### ODD FELLOWS' LODGE START CAMPAIGN

Blue Ridge Launches Movement to Secure New Members—Met Last Night.

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At a well attended meeting of Blue Ridge Lodge No. 205, I. O. O. F., last night in the rooms of the lodge in the Dhrumor building, a membership campaign was launched which bids fair to be the biggest and best in the history of the local lodge.

The members were divided into two sections, with Noble Grand P. U. Williams as the leader of one section and Vice Grand J. B. Stacy as the other leader. The members will work for new applicants and for re-instatements from now until April 26. It is planned to give a large banquet to the lodge members just before the contest ends, during which plans for the final windup of the campaign will be gone into and the arrangements for the close will be made.

The contest will be conducted in connections of the state of North Carolina. The grand lodge is offering a prize of \$100 to the lodge winning the largest number of members and a prize of \$10 to the individual member who brings in the largest number of acceptable members.

The local Odd Fellows expect to make a good showing in the contest and to be among the contenders for the first honors of the state-wide contest.

### DELEGATES RETURN FROM GREENSBORO

Asheville delegates to the Laymen's Missionary convention, which has just closed at Greensboro, have returned to the city, reporting meetings of extraordinary interest. The convention was addressed by some of the best speakers in the country, on the subject of foreign missions, which is the basis for the organization of the laymen.

The attendance at the meeting at Greensboro was very large at all times, every section of the state being represented. The meeting in this state was one of several that will be held in different cities of the south for the purpose of arousing renewed interest in the subject of foreign missions.

### MOTORCYCLE WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT

A Harley-Davidson motorcycle valued at \$200, and almost new, belonging to Emmet Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Davis of Flint street, was stolen from in front of the Swannanoa-Berkeley hotel last night. A thorough search was made in all sections of the city last night for the machine, but no trace could be found. Telegrams have been sent to all towns and cities in the machine are given and a request on the police and county officials to be on a watch for the machine and the rider is made.

### MRS. J. HEMPHILL DIED YESTERDAY

Mrs. John Hemphill, widow of the late John Hemphill, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at her home on the old Vance farm on Reems' creek, about four miles from Weaverville. The deceased was 89 years old and had lived at the Vance place for the past 50 years. She was one of the most widely known women of the community. The funeral and interment took place today at Reems' creek.

### HUNTER GIVES OFFICERS A LONG FOOT RACE

Claude Hunter, a patient who recently escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Morganton, again made a dash for liberty at the door of the county jail yesterday afternoon and was captured at day creek where, it is said, he threatened his pursuers with an axe. Hunter has escaped from the officers several times and it is thought that an effort will be made to have him committed to the hospital for the criminal insane at Raleigh.

### \$40,000,000 PROVIDED FOR RIVERS-HARBORS WORK

Washington, Feb. 15.—Details of the annual river and harbor appropriation bill as completed in committee, except for the administration project to deepen East river channel in New York harbor, became known today. The measure, aggregating \$40,000,000, will be brought up at a committee meeting today for report to the house, with the New York project the only pending question. It carries not only cash appropriations for every section, but numerous authorizations for preliminary examinations and surveys at other places.

All of the actual appropriations proposed are for the continuance of work and maintenance of projects previously authorized, and if the committee vote tomorrow, as urged by President Wilson and the war and navy departments to add a \$700,000 item to deepen the channel between upper New York, and the Brooklyn navy yard, it will be the only new project reported to the house.

### THOUSANDS OF PEARLS FOUND IN GERMANY

Berlin, Feb. 15.—It is not generally known, but Germany has a not inconsiderable pearl industry, and in the last 100 years many thousands of the gems have been fished up out of the waters of the various German rivers. Bavaria has been the most productive portion of the empire. A total of 155,850 pearls, it is estimated, were found there between 1814 and 1857, and the annual aggregate has only decreased as the waters of Bavarian rivers have been spoiled by various industrial projects.

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#### SEARCHING WIDELY FOR ALLEGED POISONER

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Country-wide search for Jean Cronos, former assistant chief in the University club, and the suspected poisoner of more than a hundred guests last Thursday at a dinner to Archbishop Mundelein, was conducted today.

The activity of the police centered chiefly in localities known to be frequented by persons of anarchistic tendencies.

The authorities in New York, Detroit, St. Louis, St. Paul and other cities were asked to co-operate in the efforts to find the suspected man.

Letters found in the possession of John Allegretti, a friend of Cronos, were carefully scrutinized by the police. No scrap of paper, according to the police, was left by Cronos when he made his hurried flight from the rooming place the day of the banquet. In the Allegretti letters the police found reference to Mrs. Sophie Bresci, widow of Gaetano Bresci, who in 1900 assassinated King Humbert of Italy, and died in an Italian prison. Mrs. Bresci, the police said, moved to St. Paul about a year ago. Detectives sent to the house where she lived in Chicago, were unable to obtain anything which had a bearing on the case.

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