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Secret League Organized To Fight Prohibition Throughout Country

The Liberty League Prohibition Organization Formed For Purpose of Defeating Prohibition.

Has Sub-headquarters in Atlanta And Several Other Cities—Names of Officers Are Closely Guarded.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 12.—At a mass meeting of citizens of the county, held in the court house yesterday afternoon to organize to prosecute the campaign for prohibition, the attendance was very small.

The claim is made that a general league has been organized in every county in the state.

It is declared that it is in open antagonism to prohibition in state and nation.

Secretary Strauss states, in regard to the matter of bucket-shops, that the subject has simply referred the subject to this department with a request to have Mr. Smith, commissioner of regulations, examine the certain bills which are at the bucket-shops and to report views on the general subject.

Rest of Torpedo Boat's Crew Were Saved From Sinking Vessel.

Chief Engineer of the torpedo boat was drowned, but the remainder of the crew were rescued.

He Has Vivid Recollection of Col. Myers' Banquet in 1858.

Brilliant speeches were made in the Myers banquet by Mr. John Kerr, of Caswell, and Mr. Waugh, of Forsyth, as well as many others.

Information From Washington to the Effect That Amicable Agreement Will Be Reached.

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Stole Copy of Cipher Code.

Washington, March 12.—It was learned today that a copy of the cipher code of the American state department had been stolen from the various American legations and embassies.

Gets Seven Years.

Prohibition Organization

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WILL CURTAIL WAGES.

Largest Cotton Manufacturing Plant in the World to Reduce Wages of Employees.

SIX-STORY BUILDING PLANNED.

Sale of Valuable Property at Salisbury Today—Purchaser Will Erect Six-Story Building.

Plans For Big Fleet.

Walsh Gets Five Years.

ENGINEER OF BOAT LOST.

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AFTER ROOSEVELT'S SCALP

Says Conduct of President is More Like That of Russian Despot—The President and the Panic.

MAY REACH AGREEMENT

Governor Johnson Talks.

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"TELL ME, FICKLE MAIDEN, HAVE YOU COME TO STAY?"

Gov. Glenn Will Attend Unveiling Exercises

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—May 8th Governor Glenn will go to Salisbury to take part in the ceremony for the unveiling of the monument to federal dead that has been erected there through the Grand Army of the Republic.

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There are six banks doing business here, one of them having increased its capital stock in the past week from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and making arrangements to become a national bank; all the banks are in excellent condition and report that business conditions here generally are good.

To Investigate D & H Railroad

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., March 12.—Application was made to the public service commission of the second district, by Attorney Hyams and Zoon of Amsterdam, Holland, and John T. Keegan of Milwaukee, to investigate the Delaware and Hudson railroad with reference to the question of impairment of capital stock.

Speeches Delivered At Mothers Congress

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 12.—Perhaps the most interesting address today before the International Congress on the "The Welfare of the Child," under the auspices of the National Mothers' Congress, was that of Dr. I. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture on "Pure Food in the Household."

Senator Simmons Spoke On Ship Subsidy Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 12.—Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, spoke in his support of his amendment of the ocean mail ship subsidy bill, authorizing the payment of the same rates to vessels of the second class carrying the mail.

Elks Home Company Organized.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., March 12.—The Elks Home Company was organized at a meeting of the local Elks last evening. The company is organized for the purpose of erecting an Elks home in this city, and plans will at once be submitted to the directors for a modern building, and construction will be begun at an early date.

GREENSBORO BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES SOUND

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NEGRO DISAPPEARED—SKULL IS FOUND.

Special to The News. Lenoir, N. C., March 12.—About three years ago a negro by the name of Finley Witherpoon, who lived in Yadkin Valley, this county, mysteriously disappeared. Yesterday Coroner Hugh Clarke and a jury went to the scene of what is supposed to be the place where the man was killed. Upon arrival the coroner and jury began their investigation and found a pair of shoes, a skull and about thirty bones and several teeth.

WILL USE OLD CURBING AGAIN.

The City Engineer Explains There is No Waste.

As there has been some complaint from citizens that they are made to pay for putting down curbing, which is no better than the old curbing, Mr. Joseph Firth, city engineer, told a News man today, that the curbing which is being taken up, while some of it is good, is not uniform in size and this is being replaced today by regular in shape, and that the old curbing is being used on the side streets.

Mr. Firth feels that he has been unjustly criticised in the matter, and he wants the people to understand that there is no waste of the good curbing, which is fit to use again.

Bishop Maes' Birthday.

Covington, Ky., March 12.—Many messages of congratulation were received at the bishop's residence today on the occasion of the 62nd birthday of the Rt. Rev. Camillus P. Maes, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Covington. Bishop Maes is the present president of the Eucharistic congress and one of the best known Catholic prelates of America.

Rev. W. M. White Accepts Call to Raleigh Church

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—Rev. W. McC. White, now pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Va., accepts the call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church here and will take up the work here April 1st.

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Sent Call For Aid by Wireless

By Associated Press. New York, March 12.—Fear that a fire which was discovered on the steamer Providence, while coming up through Long Island Sound early today, might endanger the lives of his 350 passengers caused the captain of the steamer to summon the steamer Richard Peck by wireless and within a few minutes the passengers had been transferred to the latter vessel.

District Meeting of Odd Fellows at Monroe

A district meeting, composed of representatives from the lodges of the Odd Fellows in Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg and Union counties, will be held at Monroe on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th of this month, the opening session being on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The meeting will no doubt prove interesting to all who attend.

Several prominent members of the order in the state will be present and make addresses, among those expected Grand Master Perrin A. Busbee and Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh; Deputy Grand Master H. M. Shaw, of Oxford; Dr. J. S. Lafferty, of Concord and Prof. Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia, the last named being president of the district lodge.

Thursday night will be in the hands of the Monroe lodge. It is part of the program for the evening to have an address from C. A. Thomas, of the Monroe lodge.

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