

DISTRICT MEETING ODD FELLOWS NOW BEING HELD HERE

Members of Tenth District Began Annual Convention With Cold Water Lodge of This City This Afternoon.

LAST SESSION TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Number of Delegates From Lodges in District Present. —Grand Master Coppedge Attending the Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Tenth District Convention of the I. O. O. F. began here this afternoon in the lodge rooms of Cold Water Lodge, which is held in the convention members this year. Under a large number of delegates from the various lodges in the district were present for the opening session, and others are expected here for the night session, which will be held in the lodge rooms at 7:30.

All of the district officers are here for the convention and in addition to them Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, Grand Master of the state organization, was present to take part in the program.

The first session this afternoon began at 2:30 o'clock with President W. L. Spry, of Kannapolis, presiding. After other features of the afternoon session, an invocation was offered by Grand Master Coppedge, and the address of welcome was delivered. The response to the address was made by B. J. Summerrow, of Charlotte, supervisor of the Tenth District.

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JOHN A. ERVIN DIED THIS MORNING IN SALISBURY

Body Was Brought to Concord and Funeral Services Will Be Held Here Tomorrow.

John A. Ervin, former resident of this county, died this morning at 3:10 o'clock in the Salisbury Hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment for some time. Mr. Ervin's condition during the past two weeks had been desperate and his death was not unexpected.

The body was brought to this city early this morning and prepared for burial. Later, it was taken to the home of Mr. C. W. Swink, brother-in-law of the deceased, and funeral services will be held at the home tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, interment being made in Oakwood cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Ervin was 63 years of age, having been born on December 18, 1859. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Ervin and was reared in the Rocky River neighborhood. Early in life he joined the Rocky River Presbyterian Church and served as elder in the church.

Mr. Ervin was the last member of his immediate family, his sister, Mrs. C. W. Swink, and his brother, Mr. Linn Ervin, having preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Ervin made his home in Concord until four or five years ago when he moved to Salisbury, where he held a position with a hotel company. He had been in declining health for several years, and had been confined to the hospital for several months.

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE AND MAKE OFF WITH \$1,000

Sale of Raleigh Oil Company Was Dynamited—Blast Heard by Many.

Raleigh, March 29.—The police today are searching for robbers who last night dynamited the safe of a local oil company escaping with \$1,800. The blast was heard throughout the business section, but the location was not discovered until this morning.

This marks the third time within a year the oil company's safe has been robbed, two of the robberies occurring since Christmas. Eight safe robberies have occurred in Raleigh this year, according to the police.

Sarah Bernhardt Buried.

Paris, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The body of Sarah Bernhardt was laid to rest in her tomb in the cemetery of Pere la Chaise this afternoon at 1 o'clock after a simple funeral service in the church at St. Francis de Sales, and solemn procession thence through the streets thronged with crowds of mourners.

Daughter Accepts Asheville Invitation.

Asheville, March 27.—Attorney General Campbell, now on a vacation in Florida, has accepted an invitation by Fred L. Schellie, today safe robberies have occurred in Asheville, and will arrive here the first of April, according to a dispatch received by The Citizen tonight from St. Petersburg.

Free State Troops Make Arrests.

Dublin, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Practically the entire staff of the third southern division of the irregular army was captured yesterday at Nenagh, according to an official statement today. Other important captures were made after at Toomevara. Both places are in County Tipperary.

Service Tomorrow at St. James.

Service will be held tomorrow, Friday, in St. James Lutheran Church from 12 till 3 p. m. This is a most helpful service for worship and meditation. The public is most cordially welcome.

SOUTH FIGHTING AGAINST ILLITERACY

Fourteen States Calling Convention to Combat Ignorance.

Washington, March 29.—(Capital News Service.)—While the problem of illiteracy in the United States is not what it is in many foreign and practically all Catholic countries, there are an unnecessary number of people who can neither read nor write. In the fourteen Southern states which are about to send delegates to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the illiteracy conference, which will be held there on April 10th and 11th, it is estimated that more than three million men and women, and children over ten years of age, can not sign their names nor read a newspaper.

The conference is called in the hope of finding a method or methods more vigorously to combat this condition. New and better ways of utilizing the public schools for adult instruction, employment of special teachers, traveling libraries, lecturers who will address communities in districts difficult of access, and other means of removing this blot against the fair name of states as well as the nation, will be discussed.

The question of good roads will enter into the discussion to some extent, since it is being more and more realized every day that ignorance is often due to lack of transportation facilities, and that there are many adults hungry to learn and anxious to go to school who are prevented by absence of roads from being in close enough touch with educational centers.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DAY OF MASONIC OBSERVANCE

Scottish Rite Members the World Over Hold Services Today.

Washington, March 29.—(Capital News Service.)—Today is Maundy Thursday, an observance not only in Christian churches, but of interest to all Scottish Rite Masons. Wherever situated Scottish Rite Masons today gather together to hold the beautiful ceremony of "Extinguishing the Lights," that mankind not forget that darkness and evil in the past have followed upon putting out the lights of mercy, charity, education, toleration, and brotherhood.

The observance, obligatory upon all members of the Rite who have received the eighteenth degree, and are thus members of Chapters of Rose Croix, is held either in Masonic Temples or churches, and conducted by the officers of local chapters. It is followed, on Easter Sunday, by the hopeful and inspiring ceremony of "Relighting the Lights," typifying the dawn of a new day which comes with the recognition of the need of spiritual dependence upon God and his practice of good.

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PROF. MADISON GIVES UP HIS SCHOOL WORK

Resigns Presidency of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.

Cullowhee, N. C., March 29.—Prof. R. L. Madison, who for the past 25 years has been president of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School here, a state institution, yesterday tendered his resignation to the board of trustees to take effect June 30.

A. T. Allen, it was learned today, will become head of the school, should Prof. Madison maintain his decision to leave. Mr. Allen at present is supervisor of teacher training in North Carolina.

Prince of Wales Thanks Owsley for Cablegram.

Indianapolis, March 28.—The Prince of Wales reciprocates the good wishes for peace and concord throughout the world, expressed by Alvin Owsley, American Legion national commander, according to a cablegram received today at national headquarters of the Legion from Ambassador George Harvey.

"The Prince of Wales," said the message, "desires me to thank you sincerely for your kind telegram on the occasion of his attending the American Legion ball in London and to assure you that he heartily reciprocates your good wishes for peace and concord throughout the world."

Death of W. H. Phifer.

Monroe, March 28.—W. H. Phifer died this morning. He was 80 years old. He was born and reared in the Wesley Chapel community and from there went as a young soldier to the Civil War. He served in the army four years, except for the time he spent in federal prison. He belonged to the cavalry. He was at one time courier on the staff of Wade Hampton. Coming back from the war he married Miss Elizabeth Jane Stevens, who survives him.

Mr. Phifer spent some years on the farm, then moved to Monroe, where he entered the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, the late Sheriff A. F. Stevens.

An Expensive Trial.

Danville, Va., March 29.—Otis Bradley, clerk of the corporation court, believes the trial of W. M. Sneed, convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary for having in his possession an automobile stolen from T. W. Pritchard, of Charlotte, N. C., will prove one of the most expensive cases to the state in many years.

The costs already run over \$1,200, of which \$720 was paid to out-of-town witnesses. Two of these came from Michigan, one from Florida and twelve from Charlotte.

Sneed was charged with being in league with a "ring" of automobile thieves alleged to have operated in Charlotte, Danville and other towns. His trial attracted much attention.

'Another War Coming' Man Jumps to Death.

Asheville, March 28.—There's another war coming," were the last words uttered by an unidentified man as he jumped from a trestle to his death near Canton, yesterday. His body was recovered last night after a party of Haywood county citizens had dragged the stream for eight hours.

More Increases for Textile Workers.

Henderson, N. C., March 29.—Four cotton mills of the Henderson and Harriet chains, today announced a wage increase of 15 per cent, effective April 2nd. Two thousand men are affected by the increase.

DESPERATE BATTLE FAILS TO PREVENT WORK OF OFFICERS

Men Wanted in Kentucky for Making Liquor Lost Their Lives When They Resisted Officers.

ONE WOMAN IN FAMILY KILLED

Deputy Sheriff Lost His Life as He Tried to Present the Warrant—Stills and Beer Seized in the Raid.

Harlan, Ky., March 29.—County officers and possemen had returned today from the mouth of Beech Creek in the hills of Leslie County, with an account of the desperate battle in which three men and a woman were killed Wednesday.

Carrying a warrant for the arrest of Isaac on charges of liquor law violations, 22 possemen arrived at the Strong home and surrounded the house. Deputy Walker advanced toward the house with the warrant.

A hidden marksman fired and Walker staggered with a wound in the breast. As he ran for cover, a second bullet pierced his head.

Companions of the slain officer concentrated a withering fire on the house from behind trees and ledges.

When the officers entered the house the two men and Mrs. Strong were dead, the woman, according to the officers, having a repeating rifle clutched in her fast stiffening fingers.

Two stills were found in a strongly barricaded position back of the house. They were destroyed, together with 700 gallons of still beer.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of From 10 to 20 Points.

New York, March 29.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 10 to 20 points on the reports of wage advances in New England cotton mills and unfavorable weather map, and covering for the three weeks of a better spot demand in the southwest and some southwestern buying here during the early trading, but after selling up to 28.35 for July the market eased off under realizing or liquidation.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 29.01; July 28.16; Oct. 25.24; Dec. 24.72; Jan. 24.46.

FOSTER TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Said He Had Been Member of I. W. W., Seamen's Union and Other Such Organizations.

St. Joseph, Mich., March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Wm. Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism, took the stand in his own defense this morning.

Foster testified he has been a member of the I. W. W., Seamen's Union, the Car Men's Union, and other organizations. He quit the I. W. W., he said, because he no longer agreed with its policies and program.

Northfield Conferences.

East Northfield, Mass., March 29.—Many prominent British and American clergymen are listed among the speakers who will address 10,000 or more delegates who are expected to attend the six religious conferences that will be held at Northfield Seminary this summer. Hundreds of clergymen, as well as thousands of church workers, will be present at the meetings, which were started over forty years ago by Dwight L. Moody.

Among the noted personages expected to be present are the Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher, of Cardiff, Wales; the Rev. James Reid, of Eastbourne, England; the Rev. Dr. John A. Hutton of the United Free Church, Glasgow, Scotland; the Rev. Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City; the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tompkins of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Dr. Harries E. Kirk of Baltimore.

Excellent Antiseptic For Mouth and Throat.

Paris, March 24.—In direct contradiction of the old belief that smoking is injurious, a scientist here has proved that the habit, if not abused, is an aid to health.

Experiments conducted by Dr. E. P. Boger show that while the nicotine extracted chemically from ten grams of tobacco is sufficient to kill a dog, the same amount of the "weed" when burned gives a negligible amount of nicotine in the smoke.

"Fire," says Dr. Boger, "transforms the nicotine into such substances as crepols and phenols which, while slightly irritating, are excellent antiseptics for the respiratory channels, especially in view of the fact that these substances are anti-oxygenous and therefore serve to arrest the vitality of microbes which need oxygen to aid their development."

The scientist cites as popular proof, bearing out the results of his experiments, that greater number of smokers who maintain their health in certain epidemics, notably of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

To Plant Memorial Trees.

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Under the auspices of the Massachusetts Society of Washington a unique celebration of Arbor Day will be held here early in May, when 29 memorial trees sent to the State colony from Massachusetts will be planted on the first State memorial avenue on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial. The trees are to be planted by Governor Cox and the mayors of the thirty-eight cities of Massachusetts.

New Low Temperatures for March Reached by the Present Cold Wave

Washington, March 29.—The March low and the March high who have been playing hide and seek during the month, seemed to have completely reversed the traditional order of things today and in some sections at least the month gave every indication of going out with a wintry flourish.

Weather Bureau officials in making public record breaking temperatures in the East and middle west for so late in the season, also announced that this March had "taken the palm" from all others, notwithstanding the month is noted for its fine temperature.

Some of the thermometer readings today, all of them marking new low points, were Washington 18; Harrisburg, Pa., and Philadelphia 14; Erie 6; Albany, N. Y., zero; Buffalo 6; Ft. Wayne, Ind., 14; Greenville, Me., 18 below; and White River, Ont., 30 below.

New Finishing Plant For Gibson Manufacturing Co.

Management Announces That Structure 60x200 Feet, Two Stories in Height Will Be Erected, to Be Filled With Modern Machinery—Work to Start Soon.

The Gibson Manufacturing Company, one of the mills of the Cannon chain, is the latest textile concern in this county to announce improvements and additions to its present plant. The proposed enlargement of the mill was announced today by Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, Sr., President of the company.

Under the plans worked out some time ago by Mr. Barnhardt and other officials of the company and approved by the directors of the company at a meeting this week, a new structure to house the finishing plant of the mill will be erected, and the finishing plant will be made one of the most modern in the South.

The building which will house the finishing plant, under the new plans, will be 60x200 feet, two stories in height and will be erected just in the rear of the present mill building. In addition to the present finishing plant machinery, which will be moved into the new structure, the company has purchased additional machinery to complete the equipment of the new plant. The additional structure and machinery will mean an increase in the output of the company. Colored goods will be made in the mill and finished in the new plant.

It was pointed out by Mr. Barnhardt that the weaving capacity of the mill is now greater than the finishing capacity, and the new plant has become a necessity.

The space in the present mill building which will be left vacant when the present finishing machinery is moved to the new addition, will take care of new carding and spinning machinery which the company has already purchased.

In addition to erecting the new finishing plant the mill management also had decided to remodel and increase the steam plant at the mill.

The amount of money involved in the plans as announced by Mr. Barnhardt was not given in the announcement.

Work on the new structure will begin in the near future.

WILL RESUME PEACE PARLEY NEXT MONTH

Allies and the Turks Are to Meet Again at Lausanne to Thrash Out the Peace Question.

Geneva, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace negotiations between the allies and Turkey will be resumed at Lausanne sometime between April 15th and 20th. This announcement was made today by the secretariat, who the powers left at Lausanne at the conclusion of the recent conference.

The announcement said that the opening session would be held on the last named date. Inasmuch as the secretariat recently was notified to prepare to leave for Constantinople the sudden change in the date is considered proof of the conciliatory attitude of the Turks.

FATE OF PRIESTS AND PRELATES NOT DECIDED

Central Executive Committee of Soviets to Consider Cases in Near Future.

Moscow, March 29 2:30 P. M. (By the Associated Press.)—The appeal for demerit of the Catholic prelates and priests, sentenced last Monday, will be considered at the first meeting of the Central Executive Committee to be held either tomorrow or next week, the government amnesty department committee announced today. Meanwhile a temporary stay of sentence for the condemned is applicable and they will remain in prison.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF DECLINE IN COTTON

Congressman McSwain Declares That Somebody is Throttling Law of Supply and Demand.

Greenville, S. C., March 29.—Charges that "somebody is throttling the law of supply and demand" and forcing cotton prices down were made today by Congressman John J. McSwain, of the fourth South Carolina district, in a telegraphic appeal to Secretary Hoover, of the department of commerce, for an immediate investigation of the cause of the recent decline in the price of the staple.

His telegram was as follows:

"On behalf of southern cotton farmers, I request and urge investigation of the present and near future of cotton prices. We believe it is due to heinous speculation pure and simple. Cotton stocks lowest since 1865, present rate of consumption would take 12,000,000 bale crop. Such production impossible. Boll weevil cut crop in half, twenty per cent of farm labor gone to northern cities in this section. Fair investigation invited and will show cotton being produced and sold or below cost.

"Why should cotton prices fall while sugar, gasoline, machinery and building materials rise. Somebody is throttling law of supply and demand. Let us find who, how and why."

MORE GERMAN MINERS QUIT JOBS IN MINES

15,000 Workers in Gelsenkirchen District Go Out on Strike of Protest.

Gelsenkirchen, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fifteen thousand miners are on strike in the Gelsenkirchen district at all mines occupied by German troops, according to estimates made in German quarters. The men quit work as a protest against the occupation.

Five thousand men are out at the Westerholt properties, 4,000 at Rheinb., 2,000 at the Concordia plants. They have served notice they will not return to work until the last soldiers leave.

Textile Plant Destroyed.

Royersford, Pa., March 29.—The textile plant of Emmers & Company today was destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$300,000. Cold weather handicapped the firemen.

A large order of underwear, packed for shipment was destroyed.

THE RELATIVE PURCHASING POWER OF FARM PRODUCTS

Cotton Has the Highest Purchasing Power of All Farm Commodities.

Raleigh, N. C., March 29.—Frank Parker, statistician of the North Carolina and United States Departments of Agriculture, tonight made public statistics on the relative purchasing power of farm products through February. The report follows:

"Using 1913 as a 100 per cent basis, we find that the latest prices of farm crops, in terms of all other commodities, are as follows: Cotton 134 per cent; corn 76 per cent; wheat 85 per cent; hay 73 per cent; Potatoes 65 per cent.

"In terms of cloth, a unit of cotton has the purchasing power of 107 per cent; corn 61; wheat 63; hay 56, and potatoes 51. To buy fuel, cotton will secure only 96 per cent, corn 55; wheat 61; hay 50, and potatoes 46 per cent, as much as in 1913. In terms of house furnishing goods, cotton will buy 14 per cent more, corn 35 per cent less, wheat 28 per cent less; hay 40 per cent and potatoes 45 per cent less than ten years ago.

"Beef cattle and swine show very low purchasing power.

"As a whole, the general index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of other commodities, as worked out by the bureau of agricultural economics, stood at 68 per cent, basis of 1913, for January, which was the same as the preceding month. Cotton has the highest purchasing power of farm commodities."

The 1922 production of American cotton was "a world-wide disappointment," he said, adding that the "cotton farmer was dissatisfied on account of the small yield per acre."

"The merchant," he continued, "found a scarcity of supplies and could not easily obtain the grades he had sold through the mill. There is a general shortage of cotton supplies all over the world and the manufacturers realize that on the next crop they might depend for much of their needs."

WILL SEND SALARIES OF MARRIED MEN TO HOMES

City of New Orleans Will Not Longer Give Pay Envelopes to Married Men in Person.

New Orleans, March 29.—Married men employed by the city government were thrown into consternation today with the announcement by Commissioner Murphy that hereafter their pay checks would be mailed to their home addresses, instead of being handed to them in person.

Long arguments and objections counted for naught.

"Every city employee from the mayor down is going to get his check at home," Commissioner Murphy said. "The money belongs in the home, and I am going to do my best to put it there, and then if some of the wives cannot keep it there, that is their fault."

IN MAN'S STOMACH, 27 SPOONS

Parsons, Kas., Hospital Attendants Solve Missing Silver Mystery.

The mystery of the missing silverware at Parsons, Kansas, was solved when twenty-seven teaspoons were found in the stomach of James A. Malgrene, a patient, physicians declared. An operation on Malgrene's stomach also disclosed a handful of wooden sticks and a safety pin.

Table silver has disappeared mysteriously for several weeks. An attendant last week saw Malgrene toss off a meal by swallowing one spoon and reaching for another. An X-ray examination revealed the silver chest and an operation was ordered. Malgrene apparently had been in excellent health.

Physicians and hospital attendants were unable to explain the physical feat whereby Malgrene could dispose of an ordinary teaspoon in one gulp.

Malgrene is 40 years old, and came to the hospital three months ago from Saline county.

Masons May Get Billion Dollars.

Cohasset, Mass., March 29.—In 200 years members of Konoahset Lodge of Masons of this place will enjoy an endowment amounting to about \$1,000,000,000 under the terms of the will of Hans Godfrey Dick, a member of the lodge whose whole estate is left to Masonry.

The will provides that the estate, amounting to nearly \$50,000, shall be disposed of by setting aside one-tenth on which the interest shall be paid annually to his lodge. The remainder shall be held in trust for 200 years after the date of the will.

At the end of the two centuries the income from the resulting endowment will be for the use of Konoahset Lodge, the lodges of the twenty-seventh Masonic district and the towns of Scituate and Cohasset. At 5 per cent, compounded interest the \$40,000 would grow to approximately one billion dollars in 200 years.

Airplanes Leave Havana.

Havana, Cuba, March 29.—The six U. S. Army aviators on a test flight from San Antonio, Texas, to San Juan Porto Rico and from there to Washington, D. C., left here this morning at 9:13 a. m. for Miami. They are expected to make the trip to Washington in easy daily hops, probably arriving there the first of next week.

Increase in Wages of 12 1-2 Per Cent.

Salem, Mass., March 29.—The Naunkeag Steam Cotton Company today announced an advance in wages of approximately 12 1-2 per cent, effective April 2, for the 2,000 operatives in its mills here, and at Peabody.

Mrs. B. C. Conner, of No. 1 Township, Sent Yesterday Two Very Large Eggs Laid by a Game Pullet.

The largest one weighed 4 ounces and measured 8 inches around the long way and 6 1-2 inches the other way. The other egg was a fraction smaller.

WANT \$70,000 FEE FOR THEIR SERVICE

Raleigh Reports Say Lawyers Who Represented the State in Railroad Litigation Want Fee to This Amount.

GOVERNOR WILL TAKE MATTER UP

Locke Craig Says He Presented a Bill for \$10,000 Which He Considers Reasonable for His Services.

Raleigh, March 29.—Adjustments will be made in fees to be paid by the state to the attorneys that represented North Carolina in the recent railroad tax litigation in the Federal District Court and United States Supreme Court. Governor Cameron Morrison is quoted as saying in a story published today in the Raleigh News and Observer.

The chief executive refused to confirm reports that the attorneys—W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro; Sirney Alderman, Greensboro; Thos. D. Warren, New Bern, and Locke Craig, Asheville—had requested a combined fee of \$70,000, according to the story.

"I am very sorry that this matter has to be discussed," the Chief Executive is quoted as saying. "I am sure that an arrangement can be made satisfactory to the attorneys and the State. Of course, they rendered a very fine service. They are able lawyers; they went up against able lawyers and beat them. Their fees will be high, but I think a reasonable adjustment can be made."

Craig Asked For \$10,000.

Asheville, March 29.—Former Governor Locke Craig, who served with counsel for the State of North Carolina in the railroad tax litigation, said today that he had sent in a bill to Governor Morrison for \$10,000 as his attorney fee. Of this \$2,000 has been paid, the former Governor said, leaving a balance of \$8,000. However, a note accompanied the statement, Mr. Craig said, informing the Governor that Mr. Craig would be perfectly willing to leave the amount of fee to the Governor. The former Governor said he did not know what fees had been asked by other members of the counsel for the state, the only information he had on that subject being what he had read.

"I rendered a bill for \$10,000," Mr. Craig said, "because I thought that fee was commensurate with the time and effort I put on the case and the amount involved. I am sure the Governor will allow me what is reasonable and just, but whatever action he takes will be agreeable to me."

LAND BANKS TO OPERATE UNDER NEW CREDITS ACT

To Assume Functions of Credit Banks in Addition to Present Loaning Facilities.

Washington, March 27.—The federal farm loan board today completed the chartering of the federal land banks so they may operate under the new agricultural credits act in connection with the intermediate system. With the granting of a charter to the land bank at Berkeley, Cal., the twelve land banks were made ready formally to assume the functions of the credit banks in addition to their present loaning facilities.

It is understood the farm loan board soon will announce the interest rate at which the land banks will loan to co-operative associations and other organizations and institutions authorized under the law to borrow government funds. The rate, however, probably will not be announced until the board has completed its code of technical regulations governing the loaning of funds under the new laws.

Will Plant Young Oysters in Waters of North State.

Raleigh, March 27.—Three million bushels of young oysters will be planted in the bays and sounds of North Carolina and a number of fish hatcheries in the inland as well as on the coast will be established. It was decided at the meeting of the fisheries commission here today.

The commission has an appropriation of \$500,000 voted by the General Assembly of 1923.

Among the Romans, if a man kissed his betrothed, she gained thereby half of his effects in the event of his dying before the celebration of his marriage. If the lady herself died un- der the same circumstances, her heirs or nearest of kin took the half due her. A kiss was regarded very seriously by the ancient Romans.

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If you have any Victory bonds, have them discounted. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will attend to this for you.

Defense Presents Testimony.

Grand Rapids, March 28.—Defense testimony in the suit brought against the Isrealite Home of David by John W. Hansell, of Nashville, Tenn., was concluded in Federal court this noon. Rebuttal testimony was commenced.