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Secretary Daniels is taking out additional life insurance. Is the Mexican situation getting more acute?

Judge Peebles hitched up a couple today from Wayne. The bride is only 60 and the groom 26. Will there ever be a stop to such mismatches.

The Charlotte Observer "observes" that Judge Allen had better put the G back in Kinston before he undertakes to pass upon the correctness of other names.

"Watchful waiting" will now be administered to Haiti and San Domingo. It is to be hoped that the period of treatment will not be so long drawn out as has been that accorded the other patient.

General Early used to say that love was the most uncertain thing in the world. That there was no telling on what object it would bestow its affections. We are certain of one thing, that he was correct.

The calling of strikes in the major leagues having officially stopped, the bleachers will now have more patience with his "umps" when he pronounces it "ba 4," when they know it was straight over.

The wanton shooting up of a barber shop over in Lexington by a negro desperado and the wounding of a patron of the shop is further evidence of the necessity for prohibiting the sale of fire arms and the suppression of the pistol toter.

The third district committee has had a meeting, approved its former actions throughout, giving to each a liberal coat of white wash and declared Mr. Geo. E. Hood the undisputed title holder of congressional honors of that district. So it will ever be possible until a state wide legalized primary puts an end to such manipulation.

The dastardly attack upon an aged and respected citizen of Aberdeen by a young and powerful "brute" of a man over a trivial difference of ten cents was as cowardly and reprehensible as any act that has been recorded. There is positively no excuse for such conduct. It is man's bounden duty to protect the aged and those incapable of taking care of themselves and those roughs, who not only fail to protect but menace the freedom and safety of the defenseless should be

removed from society. A good long hard labor sentence is almost too good for a fellow like the Aberdeen iceman.

Experience has taught a great many cities of the country that the overcrowding of places of public gatherings is a dangerous license. The choking of the aisles and places of egress and ingress makes it impossible for such buildings to be emptied orderly and quickly in time of fire or other necessity. It has taken a catastrophe, an appalling loss of life, to teach the lesson to some cities and others have profited by the sad experience of their sisters and closed the door of the stable before the horse had been stolen. The terrible Iriquois theatre fire in Chicago a few years ago aroused the city authorities to action and ordinances were passed prohibiting the sale of tickets after the seats had all been taken and the placing of chairs in the aisles of the churches or otherwise blocking them. This is a safe and sane regulation and the Kinston council would do well to consider the enactment of such a law, governing the theatres and other public places, before some occasion arises, which will mean death and injury to many.

### "NEWBORN" SUGGESTED.

The Free Press has no desire to enter the contest of orthography of some of its contemporaries but the following suggestion for an amicable settlement of the differences between the citizens of our sister city in the spelling of its name, which was written by our townsman and good friend, Mr. Oettinger and run in The Free Press several years ago, is of interest now. The

article follows: "The legislature has accomplished an admirable job by providing permanent good government to our sister city down on the Neuse. The people there seem to be ever divided. They pull at both ends of the rope and do not work harmoniously together for the general benefit. They cannot agree even on how to spell the name of their town. There is NEW BERN, NEW BERNE and NEW-BERN. Let them assemble together, bury their differences, love one another and go to work; build up the ancient Babel and thenceforth prosper. Then let its charter be amended and by common consent, ever thereafter, let the city be known as "NEWBORN."

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

**Not if Cost Considered.** (Ledger Dispatch)  
These boys who stole the girls' clothing while they were swimming could only be charged with petty larceny under present styles.

**Money an Evil Influence.** (Wilmington Star.)  
Many an man is honest enough not to grab what belongs to an individual, but when it comes to grabbing the people's money they grab as much of it as they can. They also can all they grab in order to have as many canned simoleons as possible. A man who contracts a morbid appetite for money has all he can do to keep from being a grabber.

**A Superstition Exploded.** (Phoenix Stockman-Farmer.)  
Records for many years in Arizona have indicated that wet and dry seasons run in cycles of seven years that were ever in the midst duration. It was supposed of one of the dry cycles but predictions are being disproved by the abundant rainfall reported from all

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sections of the Southwest. We are not informed as to the scientific explanation of the wet and dry cycles if any is offered but from present indications the seven year cycle idea is going to be regarded as a superstition in the not distant future.

**Another Call for Primary.** (Wilmington Dispatch.)  
Ex-Congressman Charles R. Thomas contributes an interesting paper on alleged machine politics, with charges that there is a machine and that it is in good working order. Of course, maybe there isn't such a thing, but here's a former Congressman who charges it just the same; which gives it standing enough to be thought of and turned over in the minds of people, either for condemnation or exoration by the people of the Third District, and to show the whole people how suspicion can rise when there is only the soap-box variety of primary. All this adds power to progress towards the goal of a legalized primary.

**More Superstitions But not Exploded.** (Rock Hill, S. C. Herald.)  
We regret to report to the people of North Carolina that there is nothing in this dog days superstition. It has already petered out down here. While less than a week of these days of the dog have passed it is already evident that there is nothing in the proposition. Experience seems about to teach that the dog days theory is a myth, that it is a sad failure alongside the groundhog theory, which works as beautifully in South Carolina as it does in North Carolina.

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### STATEMENT

**Sovereign Camp Woodmen of the World**  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Condition December 31, 1913, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year,	\$17,187,745.49
Income—From Policyholders, \$10,095,115.85; Miscellaneous,	\$1,166,298.39; Total,
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$6,706,291.21; Miscellaneous,	\$1,949,461.13; Total,
Benefit Certificates written or revived during year—Number, 117,145,	Amount,
Benefit Certificates in force December 31, 1913—Number, 692,247,	Amount,
	\$27,069,200.00
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Value of Real Estate,	\$ 1,353,566.65
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate,	142,000.00
Value of Bonds and Stocks owned,	17,295,861.82
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest,	949,695.19
Cash in Association's Office,	47,463.18
Interest and Rents due and accrued,	166,076.81
Assessments actually collected and held by Subordinate Bodies, not yet turned over to Supreme Body,	850,000.00
All other Assets, detailed in statement,	161,895.41
Total,	\$20,966,579.06
Less Assets not admitted,	154,302.93
Total admitted Assets,	20,812,276.13
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Death Claims,	\$1,421,628.63
Salaries, rents, expenses, commission, etc., due and accrued,	85,295.55
Advanced assessments,	202,759.45
Borrowed Money,	15,000.00
All other Liabilities as detailed in statement,	3,104.91
Total Liabilities,	\$1,727,788.54
<b>BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1913</b>	
Benefit certificates written or revived in 1913—Number, 5,038;	\$ 5,747,800.00
Benefit certificates in force December 31, 1913—Number, 18,984; Amount,	23,617,400.00
Claims incurred during the year—Number 113; Amount,	167,500.00
Claims paid during the year—Number 127; Amount,	145,750.00
Claims unpaid December 31, 1913—Number 16; Amount	20,000.00
Total amount premiums or assessments collected or secured during the year in North Carolina,	\$254,338.34
President, W. A. FRASER	Secretary, JOHN T. YATES
Home Office, OMAHA, NEB.	Insurance Commissioner, RALEIGH, N. C.
Business Manager or Organizer for North Carolina, HOME OFFICE	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
	Insurance Department,
	Raleigh, 3-19, 1914.
I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Sovereign Camp Woodmen of the World, a Fraternal Order of Omaha Neb., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Order on the 31st day of December, 1913.	
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