

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 L. O. O. F. began here this afternoon in the lodge rooms of Cold Water Lodge, which is host to the convention members this year.

All of the district officers are here for the convention and in addition to them Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Park, Incumbent, 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. Spay, of Kammopolis, presiding. After the opening ode by the convention members, 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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THE 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.

The conference is called in the hope of finding a method of making more rapidly 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 contact with educational centers.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY 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 the darkness and evil in the past have followed man pursuing the lights of mercy, charity, education, education 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 "R lighting the Lights," typifying the dawn of a new day which comes with the recognition of the need of spiritual guidance of man and his practice of those virtues and moral concepts which have elevated him from barbarism to his present civilization.

PROF. MADISON GIVES UP HIS SCHOOL WORK

Religions 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.

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 hall in London and to assure you that he heartily reciprocates your good wishes for peace and concord throughout the world."

Among the Romans, if a man killed his betrothed, she gained thereby half of his estate in the event of his dying before the celebration of their nuptials. If the lady herself died under 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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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.

Harlow, Ky., March 29.—County officers and possemen had returned today from the month of Besch Creek in the hills of Leslie County, with an account of the desperate last stand of "The Strongs," a battle in which three men and a woman were killed Wednesday.

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

A hidden marksmen 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 encountered 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 last straggling fingers.

Two stills were found in a strongly incriminated nest 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 heavy receipts in New England and the middle west and unfavorable weather reports from the southwest and some southwestern buying here during the early trading, but after selling up to 2835 for July the market eased off under realizing or liquidation.

FOSTER TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Said He Had Been Member of I. W. W., Seaman'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., Seaman's Union, 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 Conference. 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.

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. Hutten, of the United Free Church, Glasgow, Scotland; the Rev. Dr. Henry Stonn 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.

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, ceasing 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 rick.

Weather Bureau officials in making public record breaking statements in the 24-hour middle period for today in the season, also announced that the "low" of today, the coldest of all observations, registered the lowest record for its whole temperature.

At New York, the thermometer reading today, after all these months, was 30.00 degrees below zero. At Philadelphia it was 28.00 below zero. At Baltimore it was 28.00 below zero. At Washington, D. C., it was 28.00 below zero. At St. Louis, Mo., it was 28.00 below zero. At Chicago, Ill., it was 28.00 below zero.

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 famous chain, is the latest textile concern in this city to announce improvements and additions to its present plant. The proposed enlargement of the mill was announced today by Mr. E. C. Barnhart, Sr., president of the company.

The new 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. Colonel goals will be made in the mill and the mill is now greater than the finishing capacity, and the new plant has become a necessity.

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

JOHN A. PARK SPEAKS TO JOURNALISTIC STUDENTS

Loyalty to Profession Is Best Way to Attain Success in Newspaper Work.

Chapel Hill, March 29.—College students who expect too fabulous salaries through newspaper positions have but little chance to realize their aspirations, John A. Park, of the Raleigh Times, told members of the Journalism class at the University of North Carolina today.

'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.

More Increases for Textile Workers. Henderson, N. C., March 29.—Four cotton mills of the Henderson and Harriett chain today announced a wage increase of 15 per cent. effective April 3rd. Two thousand men are affected by the increase.

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.

Textile Plant Destroyed.

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

THE RELATIVE PURCHASING POWER OF FARM PRODUCTS

Cotton Has the Highest Purchasing Power of All Farm Commodities.

Baltimore, N. C., March 29.—Frank P. Brantley, director of the North Carolina and United States Department of Agriculture, tonight made statements on the relative purchasing power of farm products, through February 3, 1923.

The index for cotton per cent basis for the latest prices of farm crops in terms of 1913 other commodities was 117.50. Cotton 134.75, corn 117.50, wheat 117.50, soybeans 117.50, and other crops 117.50.

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The 1922 production of American cotton was a world-wide disappointment, he said, adding that the cotton crop was disappointed by an amount of less than 50 per cent.

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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 shown into consternation today with the announcement by Commissioner Murphy that hereafter their pay envelopes would be mailed to their home addresses, instead of being handed to them in person.

MASSONS MAY GET BILLION DOLLARS.

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

FREE STATE TROOPS MAKE ARRESTS.

Bolton, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Practically the entire staff of the third southern division of the irregular army was captured yesterday at Nough, according to an official statement today.

INCREASE IN WAGES OF 12 1/2 PER CENT.

Salem, Mass., March 29.—The Nantuxet 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 Deabody.

ATTORNEYS SAID TO 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.

Baltimore, March 29.—Adjustments still be made in fees to be paid by the state to the attorneys that represented North Carolina in the recent railroad 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.

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Craig Asked For \$10,000. Asheville, March 29.—Former Governor Locke Craig, who served with commend for the State of North Carolina in the railroad litigation, said today that he had sent in a bill to the state for \$10,000 as a settlement of his attorney fees. Of this, \$2,000 has been paid, the former Governor said, leaving a balance of \$8,000. However, a note accompanying the statement, Mr. Craig said, informing the Governor that Mr. Craig would be perfectly willing to have 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.

With Our Advertisers. Say it with energy for Easter—let Clines' Pharmacy help you. Building and Loan stock is non-taxable. Take out some shares now in the 24th series of the Columbia B. & L. Association.

The Sundry Grocery Co. has just received a shipment of Annand's small Star Beans. Genuine Montgomery library tables at eight prices at H. R. Wilkinson's. If you have any Victory Bonds, have them discounted. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will attend to this for you.

The Piggly Wiggly Store has a big three column ad, on page seven today in which they tell you of a few of the many things they have to offer you. You can buy at this store (without suggestion, persuasion or intimidation) the following: Tea, Coffee, Sugar, and other things in proportion. See ad, on page two today.

Mrs. J. T. Howell, who has been very sick for several days, is slowly improving.

Co-Operation
The Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association idea finds its genesis in the instinct of mankind for co-operative effort; first the family, then the community, and finally the state.

Success and a Sunshiny old age depend to a great extent upon what you do with your money.
Savings Department
begins April 1st. All deposits made in this department on or before April 10th draw 4 per cent. interest from April 1st, compounded quarterly.

New Interest Quarter Begins April 1
IN OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
4 PER CENT. COMPOUNDED QUARTERLY
Deposits made on or before April 10th will draw interest from April 1st.

New Interest Quarter Begins April 1
The Concord National Bank
Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$100,000.00