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PLEASANT EVENING WITH THE ODD FELLOWS.

Public Meeting Last Night and Many Visitors Out With the District Visitors Grand Master Makes an Address on Odd Pellowship That Was Both Pleasing and Instructive Sessions Continue Through Today.

There was a public session of the District meeting of Odd Fellows last night in Pythian hall and a room full of visitors took advantage of the opportunity to fraternize with the visitors and listen to-the addresses arranged for the evening. Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer, who is the president of the district could not be present. The Grand Master was the guest of the district meeting last night and his address was a most excellent one. The members of Cold Water Lodge had made ample preparations for the entertinment of their guests and the session last night was in a measure one to give formal expression of welcome to the visitors. The address of welcome was made by Rev. Plato T. Durham. In his usual happy manned Mr. Durham spoke a cordial and fraternal welcome to the visitors and along with a most appropriate welcoming address gave some substantial Odd Fellow facts and references to the spirit of fraternity. Rev. H. K. Boyer, who was to have spoken in response to this address was not present. Following Mr. Durham the Grand Master, Mr. P. H. Williams, of Elizabeth City, made an address. His most excellent talk was on the fraternity in a general way, with much reference to its work, both in the State and at large, Beginning with some of the history of Odd Fellowship he spoke of its growth and worth. His talk showed the worth and responsibility of the great order and much of the good work it is doing, its large distribution of money for the aid and relief of those dependant upon the order and mankind. The special work of earing for the widows and orphans was covered. Nearly fifty orphan homes are now being maintained in America by the Odd Fellows. With the exception of a very few in course of erection these are all open and caring for the boys and girls left fatherless by Odd Fellows. Mr. Williams is a splendid speaker. He knows his subject fully and evidently delights to talk on a subject in which his heart rests. His its consideration with a view to araddress was not only enjoyable, but iving at a decision. it was an inspiration to Odd Fellows and portrayed the benefits of the or-

After the address the Grand Master, L. T. Hartsell spoke for the city in the place of Mayor Wagoner who was on the program for an address. Mr. Hartsell gave the visitors a cordial welcome on hehalf of the city, placing all things at their disposal. After Mr. Hartsell had extended his welcome Mr. J. M. Burrage asked the audience to remain seated until he returned to the room. Accompanied by a number of young ladies Mr. Burrage gave the visitors another view of Odd Fellowship, serving refreshments to all who were so fortunate as to be the guest of Cold Water Lodge.

der to those not so closely identified

with its splendid work.

The session of this morning and this afternoon are largely of a business nature, when matters of interest to the order are discussed.

"BAME OLD STORY-IN THE SAME OLD WAY."

"Work will begin on the street car line Monday." The above is taken from The Tribune of recent dates, but there now seems to be an official order to the effect that "work will begin on the ear line Monday." Mr. W. A Foil received word fro mthe track layer that he will be here and ready for work on Monday and he has been ordered to get as large a force as possible and commence to throw dirt it invalid. on Monday. It seems that the track layer is the man who has been delaying the work and as they have his assurance of being bere it it thought that the work will go along nicely from this on. "You can say that I

THE VIRGINIA DARE.

Charming Entertainment of the Virginia Dare Book Club-Mrs. Pemberton Hostess on Tuesday Evening.

The Virginia Dare Book Club and few other invited friends were delightfully entertained on Tuesday evening by Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, at her home on North Union street.

The occasion was one of rare pleasare and most thoroughly enjoyable. For the past year this club has been studying America and a delightful feature of the evening's entertainment was a talk by Miss Amy J. Stevens of the Central Graded school, on her travels in the West. Miss Stevens is a most enterraining talker and claimed the rapt attention of those fortunate enough to have heard her in her description of the chief places of interest in Coloralo and California. At the colse of happy manner, expressed the appreciation of the club and thanked Miss Stevens most beautiful for her interesting and instructive address.

During the evening beautiful musical selections were rendered by Mi ses Nita Gressitt, Mary Hartsell and Laura Ridenbour.

At the close of the evening ten and sandwiches were served by Misses Mary Hartsell, Laura Ridenhour, Isabel Harris, Adele and Mary Phifer Pemberton.

Those invited were: Mesdames R. A. Brower, D. L. Bost, R. A. Brown, J M. Cook, W. R. Harris, J. L. Hartell, H. M. Propst, R. E. Ridenhour, 3. H. Rutledge, J. B. Sherrill, J. E. Smoot, L. P. Stephens, M. B. Stickley, S. W. Williams, Misses Josephine Smith, Josie Hill, Elizabeth Propst, Maude Brown, Nita Gressitt, Amy Stevens, Mary Hartsell, Laura Ridenfour, fsabel Harris, Adele and Mary Pensberton.

LEGALITY OF THE CORPORATION TAX

Washington, D. C., March 17 .- For four hours today, the Supreme Court of the United States listened to condicting arguments on the constituionality of the corporation tax provision of the Payne-Aldrich tariff et. After another day's argument the court will take the statute under

Constitutional lawyers from vari ous sections of the country tok part in the argument today. There were connected with the foreign cases in which the validity of the tax is attacked, and which has been consolilated into one cause for the purpose of the hearing. In each of these mits stockholders or policy holders had brought action to prevent corporations from paying the tax. Without exception, the lower courts held the tax constitutional and dismissed

The Home Life Insurance Com pany and the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company had jounsel present to insist that these corporations themselves be required to pay the tax.

Maxwell Ewarts, of New York opened the argument. He declared the tax unconstitutional, because, as ie arged, it interfered with the powers of the State by fixing a franchise it was arbitrary and oppressive, and because its publicity clause took private property for public use without compensation. He was followed by Charles H. Williams and Richard 2. Rogers, of New York, and E. O. Brewn, of Chicago, who argued the inconstitutionality of the law as applied to various individual cases. Former Senator J. B. Foraker, of Ohio, and Richard V. Lindabury, of New York, addressed the court on reneral features of the law, holding

Solicitor General Bowers, shortly before the court adjourned began his argument for the government in de fense of the law.

How can a woman be expected to said that the work will begin Mon- have any regard for the truth when day," was the way Contractor Poil she is obliged to promise to obey in the marriage ceremony?

A HORRIBLE STORY.

Marion Reports Double Tragedy-Charlie Morris Kills Mother-in-Law, Child and Self.

An Observer special from Marion of the 17th gives this story of a

At the home of his mother-in-law. Mrs. Lucy Bird, six miles south of instantly killed Mrs. Bird and his two year old child and then walked about half a mile and shot himself, dying in about thirty minutes.

The Mirrises have been married about three years, separating several months ago, but had been living together again for four weeks. Yesterday Mrs. Morris wanted to go and spend the night with her mother, who was wick and lived about la mile from her home. Her husband objected at first, then said she could go. Mrs. Morris finally persuaded him to her talk Mrs. R. A. Brown, in a most let her take the child and left her husband in sparently good humor.

This morning Morris appeared at the Bird home and seeing his wife irst, without saying a word, knocked ier down and fired two or three shots from his pistol at her. Leaving her is he suposed dead, he went into his and threatened to send the ship to the nio her body, killing her instantly, hen picked up the child, who was the only one in the room with its It was not until the Marina was near grandmother, carried it into an ad- port that the erew got control of the joining room, laid it on the floor and blaze. ired three shots, each bullet going entirely through the child's body and into the floor.

Morris then, after loading his pisol, walked down the public road in the direction of his own home. When ie had gone about half the distance between the Bird home and his own, te met two men in a buggy. He said to the men that everything he owned low belonged to his uncle, stepped few feet away, took the pistol out of his pocket and before the men realized his intentions, shot himself one time through the head, dying in thirty minutes without regaining consciousness.

When Morris knocked his wife down and shot at her, he, of course, thought she was dead, but none of the shots took effect. Mrs. Morris. however, was skinned by the blow on the head. As soon as she recovered she can for assistance, realizing at once that her husband intended to kill her nother and child, but before she ould find any one he had finished his work and gone away. Mr. Bird was not at home at the time.

All parties are prominent and wello-do, Morris being a nephew of Clerk of the Superior Court Thomas Moris of this place. No cause other than ieslousy of his wife's people is known for the act. Mrs. Morris is prostrated.

THE BORROWED HAM.

Police Officer Wanted to Borrow a Ham to Display at His Home-Could Not Buy, Would Borrow.

A Concord police officer who thought be could not buy a ham at 20 cents per asked the groceryman to lend him one to hang at his home for a few days. The officer said he could not purchase at the price, but he would like the loan of the ham for a few days as an object lesson to his children. The deal was called off at once.

Gets Back After 43 Years.

Danville, Ind,. March 17.-Just 43 years ago today Micheal Huff's stepmother sent him to the pasture to bring up the cows. Tht was the last seen of him by the family until tolay. When he stepped in at the door of the old homestead, - where his brother, Elmer Huff, now lives, he remarked: "If you will get me the bucket I will milk those cows." It took some time to explain matters, but finally was made plain that it really was "Mike," returned as from dead, and the region is still in pro-

Huff had become tired of the life of the farm and worked his way to Missouri. While there he manage to acquire a fair education and there went to Kansas, where he became a man of affairs. He now is the super-intendent of the State Reform School.

WILL MEET TONIGHT.

Board of Water and Light Will Have Meeting Tonight and Talk Over Water Matters.

A meeting of the board of light and water is fixed for tonight at the office of the clerk at which meeting the water problem will be discussed. The board has invited a number of the here, today, Charlie Morris shot and citizens of the city to meet them this evening and informally discuss the water situation. It is a fact that the city must have more water, the supply being inadequate and with summer coming and the use of water will be much heavier and the supply likely lessened, the water board is up against the problem of making provision for furnishing an adequate water supply to the city. This matter gave the board much concern last year and the situation has not improved by any means, hence this conference with a view of hitting on a plan to supply the immediate and growing demand.

Rockefeller Pays \$40,000 for Birds.

New York, March 17.-Fire raged for seven days in the bold of the Phoenix line freighter Marina, which sailed from Antwerp, February 28. nother-in-law's room, fired five shots bottom. So serious was the situation that Capt. Taylor ordered the lifeboats held in readiness for launching.

The decks were still hot today when the freighter docked in Hohoken. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have started thefire. The freighter had a cargo of animals valued at \$240,000. There was on board a flock of pheasants consigned to John D. Rockefeller, which were valued at almost \$40,000.

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