

## ATTACK ON DRY LAW CHEERED AT A DINNER

### Toast to Freedom From Prohibition Applauded by 250 at Gathering for George Le Brun.

Criticism of prohibition was expressed last night at a dinner at the Hotel Biltmore to George P. Le Brun, secretary to the Chief Medical Examiner, in commemoration of the completion of his twenty-fifth year in the city's service. About 250 persons were present, practically all of whom cheered when Alexander I. Rorke, former Assistant District Attorney, the toastmaster, offered the following toast:

"I ask you to rise and drink to the United States of America. May America soon be freed from the spirit of racial, religious and political intolerance, freed from un-American prohibition laws and enforcement acts, and may the Star-Spangled Banner wave over a real land of the free."

Mr. Le Brun declared that there had been a marked increase in deaths from acute alcoholism since the advent of prohibition. "I learn this from the records in the Chief Medical Examiner's office, which are based on actual autopsies, and attribute it to the fact that former beer drinkers have turned to home-made drinks and take chances on the liquor they purchase," he said.

"It is surprising to see the number of persons who die as the result of drinking various home-made concoctions and whose anatomies show conclusively that they had not previously been what are known as 'chronic drinkers.'"

## HANNA RION.

American Author and Artist Is Dead in Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 5.—Hanna Rion, American artist, author and newspaper woman, died here today. She was a native of Columbia, S. C. The funeral will be held here and burial also will be in Bermuda.

Hanna Rion was the wife of the Rev. Alpheus Baker Hervey of Bath, Me. She was accustomed to spend the winter in "The Cocoon," Warwick East, Bermuda. She was born in 1875, and educated at the College for Women, Columbia, S. C., and in Berlin. She wrote for a time for Northoliff's Weekly Dispatch of London and for English and American magazines. She was a painter, too, exhibiting her water colors in Eastern American cities and in London. Nursing was another profession she had followed. She wrote books on twilight sleep, and was appointed matron of a maternity hospital in London during the World War. The titles of some of her books are "The Smiling Road," and "Golden Motherhood."

## FREDERICK W. MULKEY.

Was Twice Elected to the United States Senate From Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—Frederick William Mulkey, 50 years old, former United States Senator from Oregon, died at his home here yesterday.

Former Senator Mulkey was twice elected to the United States Senate from Oregon for short terms, neither

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Tennessee Claflin Francis Cook in 18