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Saturday Evening, Jan. 3, 1914.

There will be a special communication of St. John's Lodge Monday night at 7:30, for work in the first degree.

Unsettled weather continues in this part of the country, with freakish fluctuations of the mercury and alternate clear and cloudy skies. Friday evening at 9 o'clock the first snow of the season fell here. A few minutes of the snow was succeeded by rain which amounted to more than an inch of precipitation by morning.

At the recent term of court in Greene county a total of 10 years and nine months in prison sentences and fines aggregating \$525 were imposed. The sentences were from one month to three years, and the fines ranged from \$10 to \$100. It is believed that Will Newson, colored, who killed aged George Taylor, a black "conjure doctor," and was sentenced to be electrocuted, will be sent to state's prison for life. Newson is stated to be a fit subject for executive clemency, and is considered a lunatic upon the subject of witchcraft and ghosts.

There will be a meeting of physicians of the county at Dr. H. O. Hyatt's office Monday, February 2, for the purpose of starting a movement towards the establishment of a public hospital in Kinston. It is proposed that the hospital shall be owned by the county and managed by a board of directors composed of men and women who are not physicians. All physicians are to have equal privileges to the hospital. Special invitations will be sent to each physician in the county at a later date. In the meantime public expression of opinion is welcomed.

No number of the lyceum course appearing here this winter has aroused interest equal to that already manifested in the coming of the De Koven male quartet, which will be here on January 13. The local committee feel that they are offering an attraction of an unusually high class, and they have assurances of a crowded house to hear these famous singers. They are expecting several parties from nearby towns, and the attendance will probably be the record for the season. The De Kovens are favorably known all over the country, and their visit to Kinston will be quite an event.

Plans for the great laymen's conference here January 15 and 16 are being perfected as rapidly as possible, and it looks now as if the meetings will be largely attended and some really significant work done. Nothing of the kind has before been attempted in Kinston; in fact, only a few meetings as important as this have been held in North Carolina. Considerable interest has already been manifested, and movements have been set on foot to reach the whole of Lenoir county so that large crowds of men will get the benefit of the meetings on January 15 and 16, when some of the leading religious workers of the country will be here.

Temple and O'Brien, comedy singers, talkers and dancers, opening at the Dixie theatre last night, will conclude this evening. They pleased "Saturday night special" in pictures are "The Girl of the Woods," a beautiful dramatic two-reel Victor, starring Miss Florence Lawrence, and "The Animated Weekly" with the usual cartoons by Hy Mayer. John E. Shanks, the Dixie's first and only proprietor in the three and a half years that it has been running, will turn the management over after tonight to W. C. Moore, who purchased it recently. Mr. Shanks will remain here about two months longer before going on the road with his new tented vaudeville show. He will continue to claim residence in Kinston, however, which will gratify all Kinstonians who know him.

**Pointed Paragraphs.**

Being able to not sing is often a great relief to the company present. A great deal of what passes for dignity is nothing but genuine laziness. The ideas of a young man are apt to undergo a radical change after trotting a couple of months in double harness.

**The Laymen's Conference.**

Editor.—I have been greatly interested in the reports of the laymen's conference. The getting together of the religious forces of the United States and Canada was a great vision worthy of the broad-minded souls who conceived it. What a pity then, that the vision should be marred and the results of this great movement minimized by a few people who style themselves evangelical, getting together in a secret conclave and sitting in judgment upon all the churches of the city, declaring themselves to be the only evangelical churches. Do the men who have excluded Universalists, Christian Scientists and Primitive Baptists know the meaning of the term "evangelical?" Or are they trying to prey upon the ignorance of the public? Or are they trying to deceive the public in reference to their own attitude. In yesterday's FREE PRESS, it says, all the churches are represented in the membership of committee, and the object is to combine all the religious forces of the community. Is this literally true? The average person reading that statement would think that the proposed conference is designed to be non-sectarian (and it is), and is to include all the churches, which it does not. For lo, and behold, somebody has sat in judgment, and ignoring the highest authority, have declared certain church organizations to be non-evangelical. But further than that, they state that all the religious forces are to be combined in this conference, and then proceed to shut out the Universalists and others.

Do they mean to state that these other churches are not religious organizations? Has it ever been the case, that only persons belonging to the so-called evangelical churches are doing Christian work.

However, the foundation upon which certain sects rest their right to be called evangelical, is not upon the authority of Webster and others, "Do you believe, and preach endless punishment." If you do not, you are evangelical according to our notions. I will not speak for the other churches excluded from participating in this conference, but I want to say that so far as the Universalist church is concerned in the broad interpretation of that term we are as evangelical as any other church in the city. I trust that the conference will do good, but I confess that I see but little hope of anything permanently good, coming out of the bosom of sectarian bigotry. I want to do all that I can to make the world better, and to make human character sweeter and nobler, but God forbid that the time may ever come when I will say to my brother man, you can have no part in this good work, because you do not believe as I do—you are not evangelical.

REV. WILLARD BODELL,  
 Pastor Universalist Church.

**Announcement.**

Dr. James M. Parrott begs to announce following changes in his office hours, effective after Jan. 1st. 8 to 9 a. m., 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. At hospital from 9 to 12 a. m. No office hours on Sunday. 10-10

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