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THE LODGE OF SORROW.

Beautiful Elks' Memorial Service.—Excellent Music and Gov. Kitchin's Address the Features of the Occasion.

"The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands. Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." That motto of the Elk fraternity was the pervading spirit at the annual memorial exercises held by Concord Lodge No. 857 yesterday afternoon. Together with four hundred thousand other Elks scattered throughout every section of America and in practically every city of 5,000 or more inhabitants the Elks met together the first Sunday in December to pay tribute to their brothers who have departed this life.

At four o'clock the Elks marched from their home to the opera house where the memorial services were held. For some time before their arrival a large crowd had gathered and by the time the exercises began standing room was at a premium and many were turned away. The friends and families of the Elks have always attended the memorial exercises in large numbers and it is estimated that there were 700 people present yesterday afternoon. As the body of Elks marched down the aisles to the seats that had been reserved for them Miss Mary Lewis Harris, the efficient director of the musical programme, rendered a march at the piano. This was followed by an anthem, "Come Ye Disconsolate," which was well rendered by the quartet composed of Mesdames J. B. Womble, H. L. Woodhouse and Messrs J. L. McKay and Ed. Sherrill. The next number on the excellent musical programme was a hymn, "I Am a Pilgrim," in which the audience joined in singing.

The opening ceremonies were then conducted by the officers of the lodge, led by Exalted Ruler A. R. Hovari, who was assisted by Esteemed Leading Knight H. D. Townsend, Esteemed Loyal Knight Hugh Parks, Esteemed Lecturing Knight C. E. Correll, Secretary R. E. Cline, Treasurer A. F. Goodman, Esquire E. Query, Tyler A. L. Taylor, Chaplain L. A. Bikle and Inner Guard Frank Morrison. Always impressive the ceremonies of the Elks are never more so than in the Lodge of Sorrow, when both officers and members do the sacred and holy thing by paying tribute to the dead.

The ritual of the order lends itself beautifully to the solemnity of the occasion. Secretary Cline was called upon to call the roll of the departed brothers from the time the lodge was instituted. He called eleven in number: Harry L. Shrom, James D. Thompson, Rufus A. Brown, Finslow N. White, H. Lewin Parks, Walter W. Morrison, John B. Caldwell, W. A. Caldwell, John C. Smith, Jay D. Lantz, Thorn J. White. There was a silence and a stillness. With bowed heads and a hand extended across their brow all Elks signified their grief while the clock pealed eleven strokes to the memory of their departed brothers. The lodge then sang the opening ode:

Great Ruler of the Universe,
All-seeing and benign;
Look down upon and bless our work,
And be all glory Thine.

Oh! hear our prayers for the honored dead,
While bearing in our minds,
The memories graven on each heart
For "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Womble and Mr. Sherrill then sang a beautiful duet, "Abide With Me," which was much enjoyed, after which Rev. J. H. West, pastor of Central Methodist church, invoked the divine blessing upon the meeting. The quartet, which is composed of excellent voices which blend together in a beautiful harmony, then sang the anthem, "Still, Still With Thee." Exalted Ruler Howard, in a short, but most appropriate manner introduced the speaker of the day, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, governor of North Carolina.

The distinguished speaker held his audience in rapt attention from the beginning to the end of his speech, which was a magnificent appeal for the higher and better citizenship and his tribute to the lodge for commemorating the memory of their dead made a profound impression. Governor Kitchin said that he was not an Elk but he hoped that he did know something of the three great principles of the order—charity, justice and brotherly love. "The best way," said the speaker, "as said by one of your officers, of commemorating the dead is teaching right living while here. Commemorating the dead can not help them after they are dead. The monuments that we erect to our noble dead cannot help the dead but they can inspire the living to live a higher life. The orders of which I am a familiar are not religious orders. But without being religious they make a Christian a better Christian. With-

out being political they make a better citizen.

Governor Kitchin here made an eloquent plea for a stronger and truer character, saying that he was not a minister of the Gospel but that the first and greatest duty of every human was to make peace with the Almighty so that when life's fitful fever was ended all would be well.

"Charity, justice and brotherly love!" Not only be charitable to one "Why should not all men be charitable?" Not only be charitable to one in distress, but be of broader charity. A charity that would be tolerant of other men's opinions. A charity that would elevate all men instead of tearing them down. A charity that would overlook the faults and weaknesses of our brothers unless they spring from malice and dishonesty.

"Justice, ladies and gentlemen, was thrown into this world full grown and they cannot be changed, but there should be new applications to apply to new conditions. There must be in a man a higher degree of appreciation of these things. Every generation must be a superior or it's a failure. Everyone knows that a man must have more honesty, integrity and sense in this country than in Africa. In our country people must be intelligent. But intelligence is not enough. It must be an intelligence that is so courageous that it cannot be intimidated. There is no such thing as justice in human institutions unless you have two things—courage and conscience."

In speaking of brotherly love the Governor said that "it is impossible to think of the fatherhood of God without the brotherhood of man." He urged every man to be true and loyal to his friends, not only for the good they would do him but the good he could do them. He advised every man to cultivate and cherish all the friends he could without damage to his moral character and integrity. The speaker then quoted Sam Watter Foss' poem, "Be a Friend to Man"

"Let me live in the house by the side
Of the road,
Where the race of men go by:
They are good, they are bad, they are
Weak they are strong,
Wise, foolish, as men
Then why should I sit in the corner's
seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in the house by the side
Of the road,
And be a friend to man."

"Don't be afraid of the men that oppose you in what you try to do for good. We know the men that are corrupting our society with vice today are going to be against the preachers and the teachers for good. There never was an X-ray made that could see the difference in good and evil in any man more plainly than public opinion. And if your work is good men may oppose you but the public will value it at its worth. The men in every community that stand four square to all the winds that blow have to do things they don't want to," said the speaker. Continuing his strong appeal for men to do the right thing Governor Kitchin urged his hearers to overcome the obstacles of opposition that were sure to rise and do the right in spite of them. "The hero in this life is the man who does what he ought to do and not what he wants to do," concluded the speaker.

Governor Kitchin then thanked his audience for the good attention they had given him, saying that he had never spoken to an audience that gave him better attention. He closed by quoting several verses of one of Kipling's beautiful poems, which made a fitting end to a masterful address.

Mrs. J. B. Womble then sang, with rare sweetness, "The Shadows of the Evening Hours," at the close of which there was a hymn, followed by the benediction by Dr. L. A. Bikle.

Married in Jacksonville.
Mr. Editor:
To my surprise and pleasure on boarding southbound Southern train at Columbia, Ga., this morning, I met Miss Jennie Scarborough, of Concord, N. C., en route for Jacksonville, Fla., to meet Mr. J. E. Moore, of Fort Mead, Fla., to be married this afternoon at the Shamrock Hotel. Their home will be in Fort Mead. Her many friends will be surprised and will congratulate the fortunate gentleman on winning such a prize.

DRUMMER.
Blackville, S. C., Dec. 1, 1911.

Double Marriage Ceremony.
Mooresville, Dec. 3.—Esquire J. C. McLean, the marrying magistrate of Coddle Creek township, was called on to perform a double ceremony today at his home on North Main street, when he sealed the union of Mr. William Reinhardt and Miss Minnie Grant and Mr. A. S. Anderson and Miss Ora Wilkinson. All parties are well known in this community.

COTTON LOAN DETAILS.

Fifty Million Dollars to Be Advanced to Planters.—What Syndicate Will Do.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 2.—Details of the plan of a New York syndicate to lend Southern cotton growers \$50,000,000 to aid them in holding their cotton until better prices than those now prevailing can be obtained were made public here tonight by W. H. Stayton of New York, who represents the syndicate. The statement was issued at the conclusion of a conference between Mr. Stayton and President C. S. Barrett of the National Farmers' Union, E. J. Watson, of South Carolina, president of the Southern Cotton Congress; J. Whitney Reid, secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Farmers' Union and J. G. Anderson, of Rock Hill, S. C.

The conference was for the consideration of the means for carrying into execution the plan of the New York syndicate. In this statement Mr. Stayton says:

"In a general way my people are ready to advance \$50,000,000 to support a plan, the outlines of which are as follows:

"No. 1.—The cotton owner will deliver his cotton to the usual cotton buyer in his locality who will buy the cotton and take title to it immediately.

"No. 2.—The owner will receive \$25 a bale in cash on account and will also receive a negotiable certificate setting forth the interest which the owner has in whatever price may thereafter be received for the cotton.

"No. 3.—The cotton owner may at any time prior to January 1, 1913, name a date when he wants to finally fix the price he is to receive and on the date he so names, settlement will be made on the basis of the prevailing quoted price for that date.

"No. 4.—On this settlement, the farmer will be allowed the price his cotton is worth on the date named and from this sum will be deducted the \$25 already advanced to him (no interest will be charged) and also \$1 as the cost of grading, storage, insurance, etc., together with a sum equal to one-quarter of the rise in price which will be the syndicate's compensation for its services.

"In other words, if the price goes down, the syndicate gets nothing except \$1 for grading, storage, insurance, etc., and if the price is advanced through this movement, then the syndicate gets one-quarter of the advance and the cotton owner the other three-quarters."

Ends Bitter Fight.

Los Angeles, Ca., Dec. 4.—Amid a blaze of oratorical pyrotechnics and political rallies, the bitterest municipal campaign in the history of Los Angeles came to an end today. Tomorrow the voters of the city, among them 75,000 women to whom the right of suffrage has been given by the recent amendment of the State constitution, will elect a mayor, members of the city council and other city officials. Public interest centers chiefly in the contest for the mayoralty between George Alexander, the present mayor and the choice of the good government forces for re-election, and Job Harriman, the candidate of the Socialists and the labor union. In the primaries Harriman polled a larger vote than any of the other candidates, which has led his supporters to predict his election tomorrow. The woman vote, however, is an unknown quantity and the campaign managers on both sides admit that it will decide the election.

Sixty-Second Congress Began Its Session at Noon.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The first regular session of the Sixty-second Congress was convened at noon today. Practically every member was in his seat and the galleries as usual were crowded. Legislative machinery is in readiness for a long session, Speaker Clark and other leaders having predicted that adjournment may not come until after the National conventions of the two big political parties have been held. This has not happened since 1888.

National Irrigation Congress.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Delegates from every section of the United States, together with representatives of a number of foreign countries, arrived in Chicago today to participate in the nineteenth annual meeting of the National Irrigation Congress. The sessions of the congress will begin tomorrow and continue through the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Moore Will Entertain.
The following invitations were issued today:
Mrs. Zeh. M. Moore
at home
Wednesday, December sixth
Four-thirty to five
Mrs. L. Arshay Fisher
Miss Grace Brown.

KNEW OF THEIR GUILTY.

Burns Says That Gompers Knew of McNamara's Crime.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.—Plans for the Federal investigation that may uncover men alleged to have been implicated with the McNamara brothers in dynamiting operations in many States went forward in conferences here today.

Detective William J. Burns discussed with United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller the evidence to be presented to the Federal grand jury when it resumes its session December 14.

"We shall not rest until we have brought to justice all those connected with the dynamiting outrages throughout the country," said Mr. Burns. "I am no respecter of persons and whether the men associated with the McNamara are 'higher up' or 'lower down' they will be prosecuted."

"Mr. Gompers knew all the time that the McNamara were guilty," was the statement made today by W. J. Burns, the detective who caused the arrest of the McNamara brothers who pleaded guilty in Los Angeles Friday. Burns conferred here today with United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller.

"When Mr. Gompers says he was surprised and that the McNamara had deceived him in declaring their innocence, he tells what is not true," said Burns. "Mr. Gompers knew the McNamara were guilty and has known it all along. He knew it at the time he and the heads of the international unions conferred in Indianapolis on the question of raising funds for the defense of the prisoners. Some of the other union men knew of their guilt too."

"Clarence Darrow told the labor men at that meeting in Indianapolis that he did not believe I framed up this case."

The conference today, it was admitted, pertained to the Federal grand jury's investigation of the dynamiting. The jury will resume its investigation December 14.

North Carolina Again Wins Grand Sweepstakes.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—North Carolina wins the grand sweepstakes for the best State exhibit at the National Horticultural congress, first also on collection of nuts, first on sub-tropical fruits, first on canned and preserved products, first on five boxes of commercially packed fruit and first and second on delicious apples. Thus ready a telegram received today by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham from the State horticulturalist, William M. Nutt, who is attending the National Horticultural congress now in session at St. Joseph, Mo.

This is just a following up of the splendid record North Carolina made at the congress last year, the first in which the State had been represented, when sweepstakes and a great number of other first awards were captured.

Labor Leaders Are Very Bitter.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 2.—The Central Labor Council, of Spokane, representing 4,500 union men, is shaping plans for a country-wide movement to obtain the maximum punishment for James B. and John J. McNamara, the confessed Los Angeles dynamiters.

The programme is to have every labor union organization in the United States telegraph to the California authorities before next Tuesday morning urging that the limit sentence allowed by the laws of the State be imposed upon the McNamara brothers for the crimes they have confessed.

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MASS MEETING TOMORROW.

At Mt. Pleasant in Interest of Seminary.—Offers from Other Towns.—Mt. Pleasant Needs Better Fire Protection.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Mt. Pleasant and community, patrons and friends of Mont Amoena Seminary who are interested in the institution here, is called to meet in the auditorium tomorrow, Tuesday at one o'clock for the purpose of outlining preliminary plans for the erection of a new building to take the place of the one destroyed by fire Thursday night. Our people and our friends, knowing the value of the institution are preparing to meet the demands of the situation. Not one dissenting note has been heard. All the news is good news. We are in possession of some huge chunks, but we shall not anticipate any action of the meeting tomorrow by handing them out at this time. It is earnestly requested that every friend of the school to whom this knowledge may come, will make it a point to be present. It will be a red letter day in the history of Mont Amoena Seminary.

The Alumnae of the Seminary will meet this afternoon at three o'clock. The action this body will take will mean much for the future of their alma mater. Mont Amoena feels justly proud of her alumnae; through them she is gracing many happy homes, and now that the old institution, which has done so much for them as well as hundreds of others, is in need, they are coming to the rescue with a nobility and loyalty that reflects great credit upon Mont Amoena's work in the years gone by.

Friends of the Seminary need not become alarmed because of the flattering offers coming from other towns to secure the new building. The school will remain here beyond all doubt, regardless of offers, however enticing, from any other town. The overtures to secure the school are to be probed, they emphasize the worth of an institution in a community and show what are others willing to give for our opportunities, but in all kindness to these good friends, our people are not in a position to accept their offers. Our men, our boys, our women, our girls, and our friends are united as one man in the cause of rebuilding Mont Amoena Seminary, better, larger, modern, handsome. There is but one thing to do—build it! The mass meeting tomorrow will blaze out the trail.

Now that the fire has come and gone, and we have had a moment in which to catch our breath, that all of us have had full opportunity to express our "I told you so's," it is strictly in order to deliberate most carefully upon the fire fighting implements at our command. The recent fire has abundantly demonstrated the fact that we have as good men, as true men, as brave men, as ever faced the flames, and that our buckets, tubs, pans, et cetera, are as abundant and convenient as any town has ever seen, but the question is, shall these continue to make up our sole equipment? Are our people satisfied with the situation? Does it look good? For years there has existed a general conviction that the Seminary would, sooner or later, fall a victim to fire. No other fate was ever contemplated. The fire did not come as a surprise. "Shocked to hear the dreadful news but was not surprised." Yet in the face of this conviction, absolutely nothing was done to prevent it or control the fire when it came. The town has progressed wonderfully along all lines, except that of protecting our homes and our property against fire. We are in identical the same position our fathers were "before the war." Fires are becoming more frequent and more disastrous results are following in their wake. There is another general conviction prevalent; that we are going to lose many thousands of dollars by fire in a single blaze "one of these days." There is just one thing to do—prepare for it. He is a mighty ordinary man who will not stand behind the authorities in making preparations for successfully fighting fire. We have god pavements and do not have to walk in the mud, and please let us not walk in ashes. They are hard on leather.

Providence sometimes provides. The well at Mr. C. G. Lantz's has been dry since August. Thursday night the bucket brigade went to the well, not knowing that it had refused to quench man's thirst for many, many days and drew out barrels of water with which to fight the fire. Those who use the well regularly are positive there was no water in it forty-eight hours previous to the fire, and that it had been dry for months.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Dec. 4, 1911.

Mr. W. A. Foll entertained a number of friends to supper last evening in honor of Gov. Kitchin. A six course repast was served, and those who enjoyed his hospitality were: Gov. Kitchin, Dr. R. S. Young, Dr. W. D. Pemberton, Messrs. P. M. Lafferty, L. E. Boger, C. B. Wagoner and A. R. Howard.

GENERAL NEWS.

Latest Items of News From Here, There and Everywhere.

The Attorney General of Virginia sounds a note against the school book trust, which he says is over-riding Virginia.

California's woman voters are to be relieved of an embarrassing formality in registration if a bill introduced in the legislature becomes a law. The measure provides that "over 21" shall be a sufficient answer to the age interrogation at registration.

The United States is keeping in readiness at Manila an expeditionary force of from 500 to 2,500 soldiers for immediate dispatch to China for the purpose of protecting foreigners and to keep open the railroad communication between Peking and the sea.

At Waynesboro, Ga., J. H. Reynolds attempted to run an automobile and light a cigarette at one and the same time. The car was overturned, Reynolds seriously injured and his companion, Tollen Lowery, so badly hurt that he died in a few hours.

The second South Atlantic States Corn Show will be held in Columbia, S. C., December 11 to 15, when approximately \$10,000 in prizes and a number of handsome trophy cups will be given for the best corn show by the farmers. A feature of the exposition will be the corn judging school and contest.

Although other foreign countries are sending troops to China the United States, further than to instruct Minister Calhoun that men were ready at Manila, has made no move for the dispatch of soldiers. The movement of American troops is dependent entirely upon the decision of the council of foreign representatives at Peking as to whether or not they will be needed.

Revenue officers Friday destroyed an 80-gallon illicit distillery in New Light township, Wake county, and poured out 600 gallons of beer. Three men operators escaped. The still outfit was new.

Forest Hill News.

Mr. Charles Widenhouse spent a few days in Richmond last week with his mother, who he reports improving very satisfactorily.

Mr. T. H. Young has gone to Bessemer City to spend a few weeks with relatives.

Mr. I. H. Keenan has returned to his home in Greenville, S. C., after spending a few weeks in this city.

Misses Lizzie and Lela Smith spent Sunday in Kannapolis with friends.

Mr. Paul Knight left yesterday for Fountain Inn, S. C., where he will live with his father. Mrs. Knight has been at Fountain Inn for several weeks.

Mr. J. M. McEachern has resigned his position at the Locke Mill as machinist to accept the position with the Street Car Company that was vacant from resignation of Mr. Theo. Blackwelder, who goes with the Southern Power Company.

Mr. Ed. Shilton, formerly of the South Spindle and Flyer Company, of Charlotte, has accepted a position in the card room at the Locke mill.

Rev. J. T. Rogers, of Raleigh, will move his family this week to Concord, where he has accepted the pastoral charge of McGill Street Baptist church.

Boat-Eddleman.
The following marriage invitations have been received in Concord: The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of Miss Beulah Eddleman and

Mr. Emanuel Sloan Boat on Tuesday afternoon, December the twenty-sixth One Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven at 3:30 o'clock Center Grove Lutheran Church.

Among the out-of-town Elks here for the memorial service yesterday were: Messrs. H. F. Pemberton and Jay Cannon, of Kannapolis; A. Frielboffer, of Chester, S. S., and Messrs. Rivers, Huekabee and Shankle, of Albemarle.

Mr. Charlie Forrest, of Salisbury, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. A. Forrest.

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