et of the Charlotte Retail tation was served in ping ball of the Buford Hotel g. Invitations had been to 125 of the prominent merchants city and, with few exceptions, all present. A few minutes appointed hour, 9:30 o'clock party, led by Mayor S. S. and Messrs. J. A. Fore, Nor-H. Johnston, T. C. Guthrie, J. A. s and others, filed out of the lobby, up the stairs and into the ning hall, where at the signal of ster Fore all took their places. The table, T-shaped, extended from end of the long room to the other at over the toastmaster's head had placed a brilliant electric sign bearing the initials of the association, "C. R. M. A." The tables were handcomely decorated with potted plants, and masses of flowers. At each plate had been placed a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. The bright lights, the small glasses and the silverware were to be seen on all sides. the flowers and potted plants, all gave a decidedly pleasing effect to the scene few banquets in Charlotte have had more tasteful settings.

Mr. Fore, as toastmaster, called up-on each one to "eat, drink and make and the following menu was Manhattan Cocktail

Pickles Olives
Oyster Patties, Romaine Haute Sautern
Tenderion of Beef with Mushrooms
Green Peas
Merchants' Sorbet

Chicken Salad in Mayonnaise
Mumm's Extra Dry
Pistachio Ice Cream
Fancy Cakes
Coffee
Coffee
Coffee Cigarettes

As course followed course, the Rich-rdson Orchestra rendered a delightful programme of music

The banquet servied, Toastmaster Fore arose and smilingly declared that since the feast had not been "dry," he would guarantee that the speeches would be anything but "dry." He called upon Mr. J. N. McCausiand for the address of welcome. Mr. McCausland responded in a very happy manner, expressing the pleasure of the merchants in entertaining so many of the city's distinguished citizens. merchants in entertaining so ma McCausland was followed by

Mr. A. B. Justice, whose subject was "The First Anniversary of the Char-lotte Retail Merchants' Association." spoke of the better feeling which association had brought about ng the merchants of the city; of the take advertising schemes which had been eliminated, which, he said had resulted in a saving of at least \$1.800 or \$2,000 to the members of the organization; of the work done to better the condition of the streets, and of the rebate and rating systems which had been started.

Carolina Retail Merchants' Associain a most entertaining manner, dwellcrued from the State organization.

Mayor S. S. McNinch, as one of the

Mayor S. S. McNinch, as one of the guests of the evening, was called upon to respond to the toast: "Charlotte's Street Improvements." Mayor McNinch dwelt especially upon the industrial growth of the city. He spoke glowingly of the coming Twentieth of May celebration, declaring that Charlotte was going to have the biggest celebration in its history. Mayor Mc-Minch's remarks were greeted with

"The Press" was the toast to which Mr. W. C. Dowd responded in a very eloquent manner. He was followed by Mr. T. C. Guthrie on: "The Legal As pect of the Association." Mr. Guthrie pect of the Association." Mr. Guthrie the restraining order granted two appoke of the importance of the organization and the many benefits that the restraining order granted two appointments together. His view was payers against the city of Greensboro, and the larger of the larger of the larger of the larger of the structure lawyer rather than the

citizen or merchant. The regular programme having been exhausted, Messrs. H. L. Parks and M. B. Stickley, of Concord, were called on for a few words. They spoke very ainingly for a few minutes each. entertainingly for a few minutes each. The hour being late, Toastmaster Fore, with a few pleasant remarks, declared audience. There is a brilliant array of the banquet over.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

Plans for the Twentieth of May ments Made to Some of the Com-

The central committee having in charge the preparations for the Twentieth of May celebration held an important meeting in the council room at the city hall yesterday afternoon at 4 of ciock. Mayor McNinch explained the success of his recent trip to Washington, where he secured the Marine where he secured the Marine Mr. W. C. Heath, of Monroe, was in the city last evening.

Among the guests at the Manufacturers' Club last evening was Mr. J. O. Wite, of Gastonia Mr. W. L. Norwood, of Waynesville, was registered at the Buford last night. Mr. C. S. Young, of Fallston, is spending to-day in the city.

Among the visitors in the city is Dr. Band, the troop of cavairy and the W. ports were heard from the chairman the sub-committees, which have arge of the details of the plans, and the progress of the work was very

ittee was still at work.

Mr. James Ker, Jr., city passenger agent for the Scaboard, stated that railroads would give rates of one fare plus 25 cents for the round-trip from

heard the committee began the work of apportioning the money. The decoration committee, of which Mr. C. E. Hooper is chairman, was given \$150. The fire works committee, Mr. Walter Brem, chairman, was allowed \$300. Mr. nd L Barringer's request for \$100 eration for the 25 machines he will have as an automobile feature was granted. The sum of \$300 was appor-tioned the advertising committee. General T. R. Robertson, who suc-ceeds Maj. L. Leon as chairman of the The sum of \$300 was appor-

military committee, discussed the mil-stary feature of the celebration. He said that it would be desirable to have, besides the troops to be sent by the national government, the local com-panies and the veterans, at least one nt of the mational guard of this ie. His committee was apportioned \$750 to care after the soldiers, exclusive

of the case after the soldlers, exclusive of the cast of putting the camping grounds in condition for the troops. The people of the city and county will be asked to send baskets for the veterans and their families and thus the committee will not be put to any expense for feeding the old soldlers.

The sum of \$235 was voted to secure a balloon for the occasion. There will be three ascensions, two by day and one at night. The balloonist will assend in his balloon, which will be exploded in mid-sir, leaving the aeronante artist to reach the earth by a parachute.

committee was unable to hear all the committees and to trans-ill the pressing business, and it meet again this afternoon at a

HANTS BANQUET NEGRO TRUCKMEN STRIKE work in Rhiladelphia after spending a SOUTHERN REFUSES DEMANDS

Blackburn Case and Ex-Judge Lewis, of Virginia, to Prosecute— Restraining Order Against City to be Heard This Morning—Greens-

special to The Observer. Greensboro, April 5,-The colored truckmen, 25 in number, employed at the Southern reight depot, went on strike this morning for higher wages. In Federal Court to-day no case of

general public interest was tried, the offenses in the several cases disposed of being for illicit distilling and re-tailing. Argo Trice, colored, of Orange, was found guilty of the illegal manufacure of the ardent and Judge Boyd sentenced him to one year and one day in the Atlanta prison. Will Atwook, of Yadkin county, was sent up for one year for the same offense, and S. H. Joyner and his son, W. F. running a blockade distillery. His day at Raleigh. honor announced that he would serv-tence one or the other of them to imprisonment and the son volunteered to take the punishment. He was then sentenced to 43 months in the United States prison and judgment was sus as to the father

W. E. Lawson has sold The Siler City Grit to Paul H. Elkins, formerly of this city, but lately of Elon College. Mr. Lawson comes to Greensboro to become city editor of The Morning

PREPARING FOR BLACKBURN TRIAL.

District Attorney A. E. Holton is assisting ex-Judge Lewis, of Richmond, Va., in transferring the case against Congressman E. Spencer Blackburr from the docket of the United States District Court to the Circuit Court so that Circuit Judge Goff, who is to preside, can sit on the case. Ex-Judge Lewis will prosecute the case. He has been here several days.

GATE CITY WANTS CONVENTION A large delegation representing the city government of Greensboro, the chants and Manufacturers' Club went to Raleigh this afternoon to presen the claims of Greensboro before the meeting of the State Democratic executive committee to-night for the next convention in this city this summer. Dr. John Roy Williams will go to Staunton, Va., to-morrow to read a

paper Monday before the Patrick Henry Medical Society on the subject.
"The Specific Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis." Dr. Williams is specialist on lung diseases and has been quite successful since locating in Greensboro two years ago. The Gullford County Medical Society

held its monthly meeting this afternoon, starting at 1:30 o'clock in the directors' room of the City National Bank building. The business sessior was followed by a delightful luncheor Hotel Clegg, tendered the societ Mr. Norman H. Johnston, of Raleigh, by the Greensboro Academy of Medi esponded to the toast: "The North cine. After luncheon the doctors arolina Retail Merchants' Association." He spoke for some little time to St. Leo's Hospital, which the Sisin a most entertaining manner, dwell-ing upon the benefits which have ac-mit avenue. They spent an hour very pleasantly, going over the splendidly arranged institution, which, when

> tried that w to be called by name.

HEARING ON RESTRAINING OR-To-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock

argument will begin before Judge G. S. Ferguson at the court house on restraining the city from making fur ther payments to the contractors engaged in repaying Elm street with vitrified brick, the affidavit alleging that the work was not being done according to contract. Considerable interest attaches to the proceedings and the argument will doubtless attract a large counsel on each side and the matter will be vigorously contested.

PERSONAL.

riebration Are Crystalizing — The Movement of a Number of Peo tev. Dr. W. W. Bays left last night Salisbury. Ir. W. C. Heath. of Monroe, was in

the troop of cavalry and the marines of infantry and marines.

W. H. Moss, of Atlanta, Ga., who formerly lived here.

Mr. Robert Williams, of Kittrell, is in

Mr. Robert Williams, of Kittrei, is in the city, at the Buford. Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, was a guest at the Central last night. Mr. R. S. Reinhardt, of Lincolnton, is spending to-day in Charlotte. Mr. M. B. Stickley, of Concord, was a Mr. L. A. Dodsworth, chairman of the finance committee, stated that \$1.956 had been subscribed and that the Among the guests at the Central last Among the guests at the Central last night was Mr. J. F. Gorrell, of Greens-

Mr. J C. Harrill, of Forest City, by mong the out-of-town people here to-

plus 25 cents for the round-trip from Mr. J. B. Boyd, of Caroleen, was registed points in North and South Caroleen, was registered at the Buford last night. Mr. C. D. Bradham, of Newbern, is spending to-day in the city. He is at the Central. Mr. H. A. Banks has returned to his

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work in Anisaciphia after spending time hers with his wife who had been very iii.

Mr. George Lee, of Monroe, spent yasterday in the city.

Drs. A. J. Crowell and E. R. Russell have secured passage on the steamship Philac Aphia and will sail from New York on the 9th of June. They leave here several days ahead and will stop over for the annual meeting of the American Medical Society.

Mr. T. W. Dixon spent yesterday at Lowell on business.

Prof. J. A. Matheson, principal of the Durham public school system, was among the attendants at the Sunday School Convention.

Mr. C. F. Mason, of the Dallas bar, spent yesterday in the city on legal business.

Mr. John A. McRae has returned to the city after a business trip to Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. H. H. Hedgin of Red Springs, was

the Southern freight depot, went on strike this morning for higher wages. They have been receiving \$1 per day and demand \$1.50. The demand was refused, and the company has employed other men to take their places and a full force will go to work to morrow morning.

In Federal Court to-day no case of day.

day.

Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. M. E. Johnston, of Ramseur.
Mr. Z. V. Croom, of Wilmington, spent

vesterday in the city, staying at the Buford. Among the guests at the Buford yes-terday was Mr. J. G. Foard, of Salis-Col. W. B. Rodman is spending a few days at Norfolk, Va., on business.
Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of the Statesville
bar, spent yesterday in the city.
Solicitor Heriot Clarkson spent yester-

S. A. L. OFFICES TO ATLANTA? Proposition to Remove From Portsmouth, Va., Made, but Not Yet Considered—Officials Reticent.

New York, April 5.-At the offices of the Seaboard Air Line to-day it was said that the question of removing the company's general offices from Portsmouth. Va., was not considered at yesterday's meeting of the directors. It is reported that a proposition has been made to remove the general offices from Portsmouth to another city, and Atlanta, Ga., has been spentioned as the point to which the transfer may be

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