

FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION.

Meeting to be held in Washington next week—Committee Appointed to Represent American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

President Arthur H. Lowe, of Pittsburg, Mass., has appointed Messrs. S. B. Tanner, of Charlotte, chairman; Ellison A. Smythe, of Pelzer, S. C.; Erister Ashcraft, of Florence, Ala.; T. Ashby Blythe, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Arthur Amory, of Boston, Mass., and David Clark, of Jonesboro, members of a committee to represent the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at the Foreign Commerce Convention, which is to be held in Washington next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

THE FELTS-SLOOP MARRIAGE.

An Early Morning Wedding on North Broad Street. Miss Ada Mae Felts, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Felts, of North Broad street, was united in marriage at the home of her parents at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning, by Rev. Plato T. Durham to Mr. Samuel E. Sloop, of Mt. Ulla. A number of the friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony.

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IN REAL ESTATE CIRCLES.

Some Transfers of City, Suburban and County Properties Recorded. Mr. John C. McDonald has purchased a house and lot on North McDowell street from Mr. W. A. Watson. The consideration in the deal was \$4,000. Mr. A. L. Beach, of McDowell county, has sold to Mr. Samuel M. Carothers, of York county, S. C., one-seventh interest in two tracts of land in Steele Creek township. The two tracts contain 150 and 87 acres respectively, and the consideration for the one-seventh interest was \$700.

SARRATT & BLAKELEY DISSOLVE.

Well-Known Grocery Firm Dissolves by Mutual Consent—Mr. Sarratt to Retain Up-Town Store—Mr. Blakeley Takes the Dilworth Branch. Messrs. L. L. Sarratt and J. I. Blakeley, of the grocery firm of Sarratt & Blakeley, yesterday dissolved partnership by mutual consent. According to the terms of the agreement, Mr. Sarratt will retain the up-town store at No. 309 North Tryon street, while Mr. Blakeley will take over the Dilworth branch. The dissolution papers were signed yesterday, at which time the change went into effect.

Messrs. Sarratt and Blakeley have been in the retail grocery business in Charlotte for a number of years. Mr. Blakeley formerly resided in Huntersville, coming here 11 years ago. Mr. Sarratt is an experienced merchant, having been in business here before Mr. Blakeley arrived.

The Fayetteville Club.

The Fayetteville Industrial Club is the newest organization of the kind in the State. Business men of Fayetteville will develop an institution after the fashion of the Southern Manufacturers' Club, of this city. The club, with J. H. Anderson for its president, J. E. Harrard, its secretary and treasurer, will open with about 65 resident and half a dozen non-resident members. The club rooms will be in the Lilly building, immediately across the street from the Hotel La Fayette. They have been remodeled and handsomely fitted up. President Anderson was here yesterday, in the interest of the club.

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COL. SMITH IN HIGH POINT.

He Tells the Folks There About Charlotte's Fire Department. High Point Enterprise. Col. A. L. Smith, of Charlotte, one of the best all-round men in the State, likeable and strong among men, and a stockholder in one of High Point's best manufacturing concerns, arrived in the city last night and is spending the day at Hotel Elwood. Colonel Smith is chairman of the fire commission in Charlotte and is intensely interested in all matters pertaining to fire and fire fighting. He is—as the dailies say, "monstrously proud" of his home department and does not hesitate to exploit their ability and record work. In a conversation with the colonel, he let out some facts that will be of interest to High Point people. There were in Charlotte during the month of December 11 fire alarms. The property at jeopardy amounted in value to about \$124,000, with an insurance of \$54,000, and the total losses covering all those alarms was only \$19,500. It is small wonder the colonel brags. All this he attributes directly to the judicious use of a chemical engine, water having been used only once during the last six months.

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George Kirjakos and George Pappendemas, two well-known local Greek fruit dealers, have formed a partnership. Kirjakos & Pappendemas, and will, within a short while, begin a wholesale fruit business. They will handle bananas, apples, pears and other popular fruits.

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Two Prizes Left.

Two prizes won by coupons drawn from those taken from admission tickets to the Masonic bazaar have not yet been called for. The first prize is a handsome drugget, won by No. 2,851; the other a silver berry spoon, won by No. 2,213. The articles can be procured by presenting the corresponding coupons to Mr. J. E. Steere, the jeweler, at the corner of Tryon and Fifth streets. If not called for within 10 days another drawing for the prizes will take place at The Observer office.

Death of Mr. C. D. Elliott.

Mr. C. D. Elliott, a well-to-do farmer of Long Creek township, died at the Presbyterian Hospital yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, after an illness there of several weeks from appendicitis. He is survived by his widow and seven children. These are Mrs. J. D. Thompson, of Charlotte, and Messrs. Richard, McKee, Charles and Craig, and Misses Hattie and Edith Elliott. The funeral services were held at the Williams Memorial chapel yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. W. T. Waller officiating.

Colonel Smith was introduced to Mayor Wrenn and was impressing upon his honor the importance and need of just such an apparatus for use in High Point, where small fires are liable to occur in the manufacturing plants. While the conversation was on, the clang of the gong on the hose wagon broke the outer stillness, and Colonel Smith took to his heels just as nimbly as did the home folks who were ovish enough to be on deck. He enjoyed the run if there was no chance for High Point's fire department to make a showing.

Colonel Smith came in on the evening train over the Southern and had the distinction of arriving in High Point only 40 minutes late. He stated that dozens of people rode standing, as such a thing as getting seats was all impossible.

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