

**GRAND COUNCIL.**  
 The grand council of the Grand Old Order of the Eastern Star, which meets annually, was held at the Grand Hotel, Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday, May 17. The grand council was presided over by the grand councilor, C. H. Jones, of Columbia. Past grand councilor, A. G. Bennett, Asheville, was the grand secretary. L. N. Schiff, Charlotte, was the grand conductor. H. E. Gilliam, Greensboro, was the grand page. O. O. Williams, Greensboro, was the grand secretary. Joseph E. Johnson, Spartanburg, was the grand secretary.

Successors to the above will be elected this afternoon, the formal secret session continuing to 4 p. m. The Selwyn Hotel has placed room No. 102 at the disposal of the U. C. T. during their sojourn here, and they have been invited to make their room headquarters for any purpose required by the convention.

**Death of an Infant Child.**  
 The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wade, died yesterday in Baltimore, where he had been taken a few days ago for surgical treatment. The little body was brought to Charlotte last night and will be buried from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Malone this morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Plato Durham, of Trinity church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade recently moved to Charlotte from Columbus, Ga. They have made many friends here who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

**FOR A SERIOUS ASSAULT.**  
 Clerk Edwards, of Minority Committee of National House and Secretary of Democratic Congressional Committee Arrested for Stabbing an Attache of the Peruvian Legation.

Washington, May 17.—Charles A. Edwards, clerk of the minority committee of the House of Representatives and secretary of the Democratic congressional committee, was arrested to-day on a warrant charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon. He was released on a bond of \$2,000 until Monday next.

Behind the arrest is a story of rather unusual interest. It is alleged that Edwards, about midnight last Wednesday, assaulted Alejandro Garland, an attache of the Peruvian legation, in front of the fashionable De Soto apartment house at Thirteenth street and Massachusetts avenue. Garland, announced by a Mrs. Louise Scott, reached the apartment shortly after midnight. Edwards had been there some time. The men became involved in an altercation, and it is charged that Edwards stabbed Garland. The wounded man was taken to the residence of a physician. Information as to his condition has been closely guarded. It was understood that Garland did not care to prosecute Edwards, but after an investigation of the case by the police authorities Benjamin Actie, the janitor of the De Soto, made the complaint against him.

To-day Edwards and Mrs. Scott met at the Capitol and became involved in a controversy. Finally they were taken to the office of the Capitol police, where they were detained until the Metropolitan police with. Meantime the warrant for Edwards' arrest had been sworn out. It was served at the Capitol by central office detectives. Edwards was taken to headquarters and subsequently was released on bail. The woman was not detained, although she was subpoenaed to appear as a witness at the preliminary examination.

**MR. J. LABAN FALLS DEAD.**  
 News of Sudden Death of Well-known Gastonian at Hot Springs, Ark., Received—Left Gastonia Monday.

Special to The Observer.  
 Gastonia, May 17.—A telegram was received about 1:30 this afternoon conveying the sad intelligence that Mr. J. Laban Falls, one of Gastonia's most prominent citizens, dropped dead at 11:30 o'clock in Hot Springs, Ark., whither he went last Monday in company with Mr. J. Flem Johnson and Mr. A. R. Anders for a month's outing. The message brought the simple information of his death and contained no details.

Laban Falls, as he was known to all his friends, had lived in Gastonia for many years. He was a native of Crowder's Creek section of this county. He is survived by three brothers, Messrs. James E. Falls, George W. Falls and Robert A. Falls, and two sisters, Mrs. John B. White, of Dallas, and Mrs. W. M. Crawford.  
 Mr. Falls was 53 years of age, and unmarried, he was president of the Trenton Cotton Mills and proprietor of the Falls House; also a stockholder in various other of the town's enterprises. It is not known yet just when the body will arrive in Gastonia, but it is thought that it will be brought to Gastonia immediately, and it is probable that the funeral services will be held here Sunday afternoon.

**Said of Soda Crackers**  
 "They are one of the most economical, digestible and nutritious of human foods and well worthy of the high estimation in which they are generally held."  
 Of course the writer had in mind **Uneda Biscuit**  
 The one perfect soda cracker  
 Fresh from the oven, crisp and delicious, in dust and moisture proof packages.

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**  
 The women and children of the city will be highly interested in the report of the various grand jurors which will be made this morning. The grand jurors will be highly interested in the report of the various grand jurors which will be made this morning. The grand jurors will be highly interested in the report of the various grand jurors which will be made this morning.

**THE JUDICIAL MARCH.**  
 The judicial march, which is being held in honor of the late Justice of the Peace, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at 10 o'clock. The march will start at the courthouse and will proceed to the residence of the late Justice of the Peace. The march will be held in honor of the late Justice of the Peace, who served the community for many years.

**DISTRICT MEETING OF JUNIORS.**  
 Address of Welcome by Senator Whitehead Klutz and the Response by Rev. Plato Durham—Mr. Norman H. Johnson Talks to the Merchants' Association About the Homestead Laws and Trading Stamp Companies.

Salisbury, May 17.—The fourteenth district of the J. O. U. A. M., composed of Mecklenburg, Iredell, Alexander, Cabarrus, Gaston, Stanley and Rowan counties, will have its district meeting Tuesday, June 11th and the district deputy State councilor says this will be a great meeting. The local council of the Daughters of Liberty will co-operate with the Juniors. The address of welcome on behalf of the local councils will be made by Senator Whitehead Klutz and the response by Rev. Plato Durham, of Charlotte. Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, will speak on the principles of the order, after which a free excursion to Spencer and a visit to the shops will follow. Mr. Durham will also discuss the daily life of a Junior and a score of subjects will be treated before the refreshments are served.

Sunday next, memorial day among the Juniors, will be observed. The councils held meetings through committees last night and made plans for the decoration of the graves of deceased Juniors.

**MANUFACTURERS CONFERENCE.**  
 Plans to Overcome Obstacles Said to Confront American Producer of Cotton Fabrics Who Desires Foreign Market for Goods Discussed.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 17.—While the regular sessions of the annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association came to an end yesterday, a conference participated in by many of the manufacturers was held here to-day with the object of formulating plans to overcome the obstacles which are said to confront the American producer of cotton fabrics who desires a foreign market for his goods. William Whittam, Jr., a special agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor, who has been delegated to investigate the cotton trade abroad, presided and James W. Burke, of the National Export Association of Manufacturers, New York, took issue with a statement made by Dr. W. F. Wilson, director of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, to the effect that the introduction of American cotton abroad was a herculean task and one which would bring but slight returns for time, labor and money expended.

Mr. Burke agreed that theoretically such might be the case, so strongly were England, Germany and France entrenched in the foreign market but he declared that the "principal cause of these unsatisfactory export conditions lies in the fact that our manufacturers have not been in direct contract with the European markets, where the battle of competition is fought and whence the financial arrangements of the world's cotton goods trade are controlled.

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but thinks the men composing it should not trail blindly in some partisan bandwagon, but should vote for principles and men. He admonished his hearers to do their missionary work before primaries, confront their candidates face to face and make them declare themselves. In touching up the trading stamps he argued that they could not possibly benefit anybody but the companies using them. He learned with sorrow that some merchants in this city are now employing them. He told the story of a North Carolina merchant who declares himself poorer by \$4,000 this year than last on account of this. The newspapers and display windows, he thinks, are the proper methods of advertising.

**HOLIDAY NOTICE.**  
 Monday, May 20th, being a Legal Holiday, the banks of Charlotte will be closed.  
 First National Bank.  
 Charlotte National Bank.  
 Commercial National Bank.  
 Merchants' & Farmers' Bank.  
 American Trust Company.  
 Charlotte Trust Company.  
 Southern Loan & Savings Bank.

**All the Heat Where it's wanted, When it's wanted**  
**NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove**  
 A hot stove in a hot kitchen makes a hot cook. Use a stove that gives concentrated heat—that cooks the meal quickly without making an overheated kitchen. With the New Perfection Oil Stove you get a working flame at moment of lighting. The **NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove** is the new oil stove. Embodies new principles. Gives best results. Chimneys are enameled in blue, which makes them rust-proof and easily cleaned. Made in three sizes, with one, two, and three burners. Every stove warranted. If not at your dealer's, write to our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

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 The new company takes over the Dilworth shops and real estate and the shops will be at once enlarged. Additional capital will be put into the business and it is expected to materially increase the facilities of the business.  
 We solicit orders for the machinery we manufacture and for repairs.  
**The American Machine & Manufacturing Co.**

**VUDOR PORCH SHADES**  
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 TRADE VUDOR MARK  
**PORCH SHADES**

For the summer you will want to fix up your porch. We have Porch Shades of all kinds. Also Rugs and Chairs of every description.  
 Green Bamboo Porch Shades, 6x8, 8x8, 10x8, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00.  
 Vudor Porch Shades, 6x8, 8x8, 10x8, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00.  
 Porch Rockers, \$1.00 to \$6.00.  
 Porch Rugs, \$1.00 to \$10.00.

**HAMMOCKS**  
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**\$3.00 Hammock**  
 STRONG DURABLE HANDSOME INVITINGLY COSY

**Parker-Gardner Co.**  
 See our full and complete stock of Hammocks, all styles, prices from 75c. to \$6.00 each.  
 Refrigerators, Ice Boxes, Lawn Swings, Porch Tables, Hickory Furniture—everything in Furniture and Carpets.

**LAWN MOWER**  
 The best assortment in the Carolinas. Prices to \$10.00. The \$6.00 to \$10.00 Mowers are daily seen.  
 Odorless Refrigerators—we sell the only real less Refrigerator in the city. Don't accept imitations.  
 Lawn or Garden Hose, any length wanted from foot to 500 feet.  
 Lawn Sprinklers and Sprinkler Nozzles.  
 Garden Plows, Garden and Lawn Rakes, Garden Hoes.  
 Water Coolers—large assortment of these Coolers in galvanized and enameled linings.

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**Matting**  
 BOTH CHINA AND JAP  
 In great variety of colors and patterns. While it is a known fact that prices of these goods have advanced considerably, yet we are selling **1907 Patterns at 1906 Prices**  
 We can supply your needs at a very small cost. Come in and prove our statement.