a annual convention of mell, United Commercial Gree tithe Carolinas, is being e city the last of this week.

mony yesterday, one in the and another in the alternoon, inded by large numbers of is well as of local members. husiastic gatherings have sel-in held in the city. The in-trains last night brought in legations, some from North is seven councils in the two seven councils in the two follows: Asheville, Greens-

sville, Wilmington and in North Carolina, and Cond Spartanburg, in South The total membership aptes 400 traveling men, a ma-

d but a few minutes of the our yesterday when Mr. C. H. Funeral of Columbia, S. C. grand senior or, stepped to the roatrus in the Hows' Hall, and rapped for the Mr. a After a few words of greeting. After a few words of greeting. They have made many friends here who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement. (was brief, but to the point. he visitors the keys of the muty and offered to do anything wer to help them have a d time while in the city. May-Inch's speech evidently made a e was roundly applauded. W. M. LYLES SPEAKS.

y. M. Lyles welcomed the conin behalf of Charlotte council, asure which it afforded the lomoors to entertain the grand saying that the latchstring alung out for those of the order Charlotte. His reference to \$2,000 until Monday next. tto of the order, "Unity, Char-Behind the arrest is a Temperance," was especially

feature of the opening session ore. than pleased to visit. Mr. hanked Mayor McNinch and

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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Grand Sentinal-Joseph E. Johnson

Death of an Infant Child.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs. H. M. Wade, dieu yesterday in Baltimore, where he had ben taken a few days ago for surgical treatment. The lit-tle body was brought to Charlotte last night and will be buried from th residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ma-lone this morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Plato Durham, of Trinity

FOR A SERIOUS ASSAULT.

an Attache of the Peruvian Lega-

Washington, May 17 .- Charles A Edwards, clerk to the minority committee of the House of Representato-day on a warrant charging him with assault with a dangerous wea-

by Mr. C. C. Taylor, of Garland, an attache of the Peruvian sumed. While his speech was in legation, in front of the fashionable ript he referred to it but once De Soto apartment house at Thir-He spoke of Charlotte as a teenth street and Massachusetts avech from the earliest times had nue. Garland, announced by a Mrs. med for its hospitality and Louise Scott, reached the apartment and which the traveling men shortly after midnight. Edwards had been there some time. The men became involved in an altercation,

for their kind words of wel-and it is charged that Edwards stabbed Garland. The wounded man Mr. Lyles was speaking, Mr. was taken to the residence of a phyce, supreme organizer, entered sician. Information as to his condi-At the close of Mr. Taylor's tion has been closely guarded. It Mr. Jones called upon him for was understood that Garland did not

He is survived by three brothers

To-day Edwards and Mrs. Scott an end yesterday, a conference par-net at the Capitol and became in-volved in a controversy. Finally turers was held here to-day with the they were taken to the office of the object of formulating plans to over-Most of the Capitol police, where they were de- come the obstacles which are said to come the obstacles which are said to confront the American producer of confront the American producer of cotton fabrics who desires a for-eign market for his goods. William wards' arrest had been sworn out. It was served at the Capitol by cen-tral office detectives. Edwards was taken to headquarters and subsequent-ly was released on bail. The woman was not detained, although she was at the preliminary examination. We York, took issue with a state-ment made by Dr. W. P. Wilson, di-rect or of the Philodelphic Commercial port Association of Manufacturers, New York, took issue with a state-ment made by Dr. W. P. Wilson, di-rector of the Philadelphia Commerci-

Mon on Cha at They Tried to Influence Jury. Boles, Idaho May 17 .- At the paning of the Steunenberg murder rial to-day Judge Wood directed the resecuting attorney officer of Ada ounty to investigate the circumtances under which Harry Orchard was interviewed for publication yeserday with a view of ascertaining if there had been any attempt to in-fluence the jurors in the case and to take such steps as he found the cirumstances to warrant. In drawing

attention to the matter, Judge Wood asked counsel if they could offer any suggestions as to the duty of the Mr. Richardson vigorously de-nounced the incident as a deliberate attempt to influence prospective jurors, suggested by the disclosures of prejudice against Harry Orchard and his testimony and inspired by Governor Gooding.

Mr. Darrow took the same ground and suggested that Governor Gooding be cited for contempt. Both Mr. Richardson and Mr. Darrow protested that the publication of the Orchard interviews grievously injured the de-

fense Mr. Hawley, for the State, de-plored the incident, but maintained that it would injure the prosecution more than the defense. He also drew attention to the widespread Clerk Edwards, of Minority Commit-tee of National House and Secre-tary of Democratic Congressional Committee Arrested for Stabbing in permitting the newspaper men to interview Orchard on general lines. Senator Borah said he could dispose of the misapprehension of coun- Rowan counties, will have its district sel for the defense that the interview was part of a plan to give credence he spoke at some length of tives and secretary of the Democratic to Harry Orchard after it had been congressional committee, wasarrested shown that certain talesmen were this will be a great meeting. The loblased against him, because the ef-

fort to see Orchard on the part of pon. He was released on a bond of progress for three weeks. He spiritedly defended Governor Gooding the local councils will be made by Behind the arrest is a story of and the newspaper men on the charge rather unusual interdet. It is al- that they had tried to influence the leged that Edwards, about midnight an hour at the end of which time jury. The trial was interrupted for response to the address of last Wednesday, assaulted Alejandro the examination of talesmen was re-

> The fifth peremptory challenge, representing a total of three by the defense and two by the State, was made late this afternoon and at adjournment an effort to fill the place made vacant was in progress. United, there are 15 more challenges to be exhausted, and of the special venire of 100 talesmen, only 30 remain,

MANUFACTURERS CONFERENCE.

Plans to Overcome Obstacles Said to Market for Goods Discussed.



DISTRICT MEETING OF JUNIORS. but thinks the men composing it

Address of Welcome by Senator Whitehead Kluttz and the Response by Rev. Plato Durham-Mr. Norman H. Johnson Talks to the Merchants' Association About the Homestead Laws and Trading Stamp Companies, Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, May 17 .- The fourteenth district of the Jr. O. U. A. M., composed of Mecklenburg, Iredell, Alexander, Cabarrus, Gaston, Stanley and meeting Tuesday, June 11th and the district deputy State councilor says cal council of the Daughters of Lib-Senator Whitehead Kluttz and the response by Rev Plajo Durham, of Charlotte. Z. P.' Smith, of Raleigh,

the decoration of the graves of de-

ceased Juniors. Norman H. Johnson addressed the

Merchants' Association last night, and Confront American Producer of Cot- the chief points in his talk were ton Fabrics Who Desires Foreign knocks at the homestead laws of North being present, saying that he an investigation of the case by the regular sessions of the annual should be repealed and that it was the janitor of the De Soto, made the convention of the American Cotton never meant to extend beyond four Manufacturers' Association came to years. He declared that all efforts to

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 .old 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

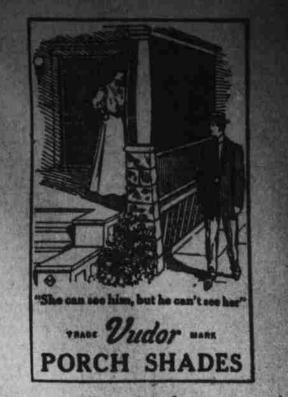
advertising. Mr. L. Schwab is holding his final meeting to-night with the citizens of in erty will co-operate with the Juniors. Salisbury with regard to the estab-He The address of welcome on behalf of lishment of the Toledo Safe and Lock Works here. The factory is Mr. Schwab's own property and he has had his eye on Salisbury for some months.

will speak on the principles of the or-der, after which a free excursion to Spencer and a visit to the shops will follow. Mr. Durham will also dis-cuss the daily life of a Junior and a score of subjects will be treated be-fore the refreshments are served. Sunday next, memorial day among the Juniors, will be observed. The councils held meetings through com-mittees last night and made plans for the decoration of the graves of de-

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

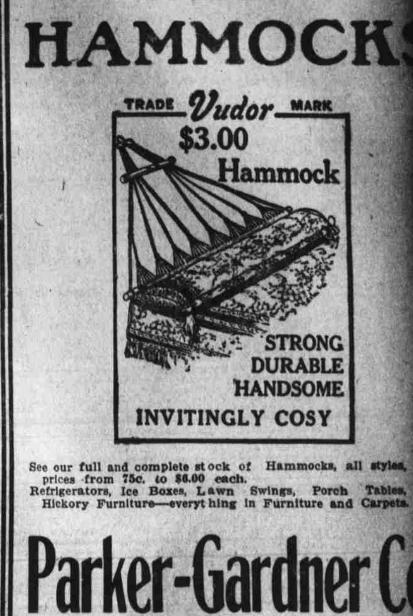
Monday, May 20th, being a Legal Holiday, the banks of Charlotte will be close

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mmittee on credentials reery council except Wilmingented, and a full delegation one will arrive this morning. mittees not reporting yestertake their report at the ses-

Special to The Observer. ection of officers for the enr will take place at this ses-hich Mr. E. E. Trogdon will a as grand senior counselor. members arrived in the city trains last night, and were the various committees and which Mr. E. E. Trogdon will "glad hand" and made to Ark., whither he went last Monday in company with Mr. J. Flem Johnson and Mr. A. R. Anders for a month's me as soon as they landed

morning

outing. sterday afternoon the officers simple information of his death and were given a ride in contained no details. Labe Falls, as he was known to all and the brake and had an course dinner at \$:30 o'clock buntry Club. Mr. W. M. his friends, had lived in Gastonia for many years. He was a native of Crowder's Creek section of this couned as toastmaster, and the toasts made: ty. He is survived by three brothers Messrs. ames E. Falls, George W. Falls and Robert A. Falls, and two Carelina," E. Van Schaack.

sisters, Mrs. John B. White, of Dallas, and Mrs. W. M. Crawford. "e's Suburb/ Greensboro," 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 stockhold-er in various other of the town's en-terprises. It is not known yet just when the body will arrive in Gas-tonia, but it is thought that it will be brought to Gastonia immediately, and it is probable that the funeral fanufacturing Industries," J. by Council, Statesville," J.

ther of U. C. T's," C. W.

itors," G. A. Urk Lardt. Inst is being done to make the visitors a pleasant one, services will be held here Sunday e the convention this morn-

orts of the various grand rs will be made this mornwill be highly interesting ember. At 2:30 o'clock in about 35 candidates will into the order.

BANQUET TO-NIGHT. will come to a close this at 10 o'clock to-night banquet will be served h Hotel. Mr. C. O. Kulastmaster and numbers Il be made. To-morroy 11 o'clock Rev. Harris will preach to the memter's Episcopal church esterday were loud in of the hospitality shown embers of Charlotte citizens generally. The contest will close this he lucky one will reat the banquet. 'The traveling bag to be given & Co., is being envied by as they pass and view it window. The committees trains up to noon to-day ast 300 Knights of The

ourtesy of Mr. James ern Bell Telephone of charge from the Sel-

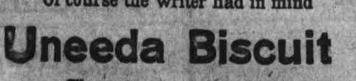
al Museum, to the effect that the in-troduction of American cotton abroad was a herculean task and one which MR. J. LABAN FALLS DEAD. News of Sudden Death of Wellknown Gastonian at Hot Springs, Ark., Received-Left Gastonia Monbring but slight returns for would

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 condifor these unsatisfactory export condi-tions lies in the fact that our manu-facturers have not been in direct contract with the European markets, where the battle of competition is fought and whence the financial ar-rangements of the world's cotton goods trade are controlled. The message brought the

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