

MR. T. W. WADE PRESIDENT

NEW UNION NATIONAL BANK
Stockholders met yesterday and named officers and directors. Mr. T. W. Wade, vice president, and Mr. H. M. Victor, cashier, were elected.

At the meeting of stockholders yesterday afternoon Mr. W. I. Henderson acted as chairman and Mr. H. M. Victor as secretary. The representation of shares of stock was 956 out of the 1,000 subscribers.

Mr. Wade, who is president of the institution, is well known in Charlotte where he has made his home for a number of years. He is one of the most thorough and progressive business men of which this progressive city can boast.

Mr. F. B. McDowell, vice president stands well in the financial and financial life of Charlotte to need further comment. He has figured largely for a long number of years in the making of Charlotte, and acted no small part in preparing for and maintaining the era of unprecedented prosperity which the city now enjoys.

GREAT FAITH IN CHARLOTTE.
Mr. H. M. Victor, the cashier, and prime promoter of the bank, was until January, cashier of the First National Bank of this city.

LAST GRADUATES' RECITAL.
Miss Esther Shannonhouse, and Miss Susie McMurray, piano, and Miss Lily Rozzell, voice, to perform tonight.

The last graduates' recital of the season at the Presbyterian college will be given tonight to the auditorium of the institution by Misses Esther Shannonhouse and Susie McMurray, piano, and Miss Lily Rozzell, voice.

The "Dope" Face.
"Why is it," said a thoughtful individual, "that nobody has ever yet said anything about the 'dope' face? Everybody has heard of the cigarette face, affected by the fumes as he rolls his cigarette, lights it and begins to puff. There has been much writ of the automobile face and the automobile eyes. There is even the 'Merry Widow' neck. But the shifting winds and turns which traverse the countenance of the 'dope' face, the grains his precious glass and pours down constitute a study in facial contortion and expression equaled by none of the others."

YOUNG MAN ELECTROCUTED.

Mr. Rowland Blankenship Meets Tragic Death While in the Employ of the Charlotte Electric, Light and Power Company—Received a Voltage of 1,100 Units of Electricity.
The life of Mr. Rowland D. Blankenship met a tragic ending yesterday by electrocution. At the overtaking of death, he was in the employ of the Charlotte Electric, Light and Power Company in the capacity of a lineman, and was engaged on the top of a short pole on South Church between Trade and Fourth streets.

The contact of the body with the wire which carried the high voltage was made in an unthinking moment. Mr. Blankenship was engaged with the workmen in changing a lightning circuit from old to new poles on Church street. It became necessary on account of street improvements to displace the pole at the southwest corner of Church and Fourth streets and to make new connections accordingly.

The young man was properly guarded against contact, his hands being gloved with seeming complete protection. In transferring the live wire, however, some man created a short circuit by catching the wire with a pair of pliers which he held in his hand, and thereby communicating to himself the entire voltage of the wire.

Instantaneous with the touching of his body by the electricity, Mr. Blankenship groaned, and reeled limply at once to one side. Foreman H. F. Sullivan and other workmen perceived at once that the accident had occurred, and immediately began the work of resuscitating the injured man. Two men climbed the pole and let the body down to the ground by means of a rope. Physicians came at once and applied strychnine and other stimulants, while others rubbed the limbs heroically in an endeavor to renew circulation and produce respiration.

The voltage that passed through Mr. Blankenship's body would ordinarily produce death. A case is recalled where an electrician working in this city several weeks ago received 2,300 volts through his body, and survived. The effect of receiving electricity depends upon the condition of one's heart and the power of the body's resistance.

Mr. Blankenship was married and lived on Seigle street in Belmont. His body was prepared for burial by the undertaking firm of Z. A. Hovis & Co., and thence removed to his late residence. The deceased had been in the employ of the company for which he was working about two years, and was recognized as an efficient and capable workman.

Orphanage Managers to Meet.
The board of managers of the Thompson Orphanage will meet this morning at 10 o'clock in the vestry-room of the chapel. The out-of-town members who are expected to be present are: Rev. Isaac W. Hughes and Mr. J. J. Crosswell, of Fayetteville; Major W. A. Smith, of Ansonville; and the Rev. A. DeRullea, of Blittwood. Services will be held in the chapel at 11 o'clock, to which the friends of this institution are invited.

The Captain Will Be There.
"Are you going to be at the game to-morrow, Cap?" an inquisitive person asked Captain Thomas Rowland, the red-headed Southern Railway conductor and boss rooster yesterday. "Am I? Well, I reckon," was the reply. The railroad man dived into his pocket, extracted a huge purse, carefully opened it and drew from it a ticket, with rain check attached. "Cast your eyes on that, if you please," he continued. "It is No. 1. If I couldn't have got the first ticket sold, I wouldn't have had any."

Funeral of Mrs. Roediger.
The funeral services of Mrs. Louise Roediger, who died suddenly in Philadelphia, were conducted yesterday morning in this city at 11 o'clock, and the interment was at Elmwood. The remains reached the city a short time before the funeral hour. The services were at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. S. H. Hilton, George Krueger, Preston Brown, C. Valer, W. M. Crowell and George Hartmann.

Death of Mrs. Rosannah King, of Wilmington.
Special to The Observer.
Wilmington, April 29.—Mrs. Rosannah King, a most remarkable woman in many respects, died rather suddenly last night at the home of her son, Mr. B. R. King, in the southern part of the city, in the 83th year of her age. Until within the past week or ten days Mrs. King had been up and able to visit members of the family in different parts of the city. Saturday she suffered an attack of acute indigestion, but soon rallied and was about her duties as usual yesterday, but soon after going upstairs to her room last night, she suffered a recurrence of the attack of indigestion and died within a short time. She leaves five sons, and more than a hundred grandsons and great-grandchildren. She was a lifelong member of the Primitive Baptist Church and the funeral will be conducted by Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, to-morrow. The sons are Alderman W. King, Police Sergeant B. R. King, Messrs. J. M. and L. W. King, of Wilmington, and Rev. Joe P. King, of Jacksonville, Fla. It had been the custom of the family for years to hold an annual reunion at which the children brought gifts and received the blessings of their "mother." She was a consecrated Christian woman and lived a life of great usefulness in the community in which she lived.

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THE COMING CONVENTION

IT WILL BE EPOCH-MARKING
The Coming Convention of the Great Democratic Hosts of North Carolina in Charlotte June 24th, to be one of the most important ever held in the State—Vital Interest in the Gubernatorial Campaign—Choice Bits of Political Gossip Revealed—Some Mysterious Exhibitions of the Great Game of Politics Anticipated—The Nominations and by Whom, a Forecast.

Local politicians are talking of nothing now but the approaching State Democratic convention, which is to be held in this city June 24th. Frequent conferences are being held at which the only topic of conversation is some detail leading up to or growing out of this great Charlotte gathering of representative Democrats from all sections of the State, the respective and relative merits of the candidates of the several candidates for Craig capture the nomination on the first ballot? How will the vote shift in the event of a tie? Will Kitchen carry his own, the fifth congressional district, with any degree of unanimity? are some of the questions that are being asked.

While many are discussing the gubernatorial race, others are talking of the candidates for the other State offices, notably in Charlotte, Mecklenburg county and this section of the State, that of Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Charles Cotton Moore, than whom there is no better citizen nor more loyal and staunch Democrat in the State, is seeking this office and the chances are that he will have a real opposition. The contest for the Commissioner of Labor and Printing and that for Attorney General are attracting more than ordinary interest.

Many Charlotte people, particularly those who are interested in the city first and politics afterwards, are buying themselves in devising ways and means of housing the great throng that will flock to the city for the convention. The most conservative estimate, as to the throng place the figures in the neighborhood of 5,000 people. It is a well-known fact that the hotels can hardly accommodate more than one-fourth that number. To secure the most conservative estimates and places where delegates may secure meals and lodging is no small task and will require the services of a large and active committee especially appointed for the purpose. The matter which will demand earnest and timely attention.

A NOTABLE CONVENTION.
As to the convention itself, it will unquestionably be the most notable ever held in the State. The attendance will be greater, more interest will center around the nominations, and the American game of politics, in which all people, high and low alike, are deeply concerned, will be played to a finish by master hands directed by master minds, a feature in itself which will attract attention and which will make this convention as one of the most important ever held in North Carolina. Well posted and astute observers of men and events, such as are keenly alive to the true situation and the real issues in the Democratic party in the State, are confident that the element of the party sympathizing with Senator F. M. Simmons and ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock will control the situation, write the platform and shape its policies. When this is done old-fashion Democracy, for which all true Democrats stand, will be triumphant in the State. The contest, however, will not be an easy one. On the contrary it will be a sharper and far more important in its consequences than many believe. There are not a few who say that the party is at the dividing of the roads and that this convention will determine just what policy it will pursue. Fortunately the situation has been seized in time and those who have the welfare of the party and State at heart are assured of the result.

THE NOMINATIONS.
Those who attend the convention will have the opportunity not only of witnessing the assembling of a splendid body of representative North Carolinians, but of hearing some of the finest oratory ever gotten off in the State. While nothing official has been given out as to who would nominate the several candidates, it is certain that North Carolina's choicest speakers will be chosen. It is said that ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock will be the latter if the name of Mr. Craig to the convention and that Congressman W. T. Crawford, of Waynesville, will second the nomination. It is safe to say that their speeches will be masterpieces and that if oratory and masterly argument can accomplish anything, Mr. Craig's chances of success will be great. With the assistance of several of the astute politicians that ever handled election returns in the State on the floor working in his behalf, nothing will be wanting. Hence the claim of those who express the belief that Mr. Craig will receive the nomination on the first ballot.

Now will the claims of Mr. Kitchen and Colonel Horne be left unused. It is reported that Mr. Charles W. Tillet, of the Charlotte bar, will be asked either to place Mr. Kitchen's name before the convention or second the nomination of the latter if for special reasons another gentleman may be chosen to that honor. Colonel Horne, like the other gentlemen, has an array of friends from whom he may choose his sponsors in the convention. One of the names may be offered, or perhaps Gen. Julian S. Carr will be named. While these names are nothing more than a reflection of the talk that is daily indulged in by the friends of the three candidates and carries with it only the seal of probability it is credited by many.

All of this current political gossip is reproduced for the sake of indicating something of what is going to take place in the city of Charlotte when the memorable convention of 1908 is held in the splendid new auditorium.

Postmaster Spence Has Gone.
Postmaster J. B. Spence left yesterday for Greensboro to attend the Republican State convention which will be in session there to-day. He will be followed by others this morning

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who go to participate in the proceedings. Mr. Spence has supposedly gone to prepare the reception for the other contingent, which will be headed by Col. Jake F. Newell.

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