

CONVENTION SIDE-LIGHTS

MAXON FRANKLIN'S AGILITY
 Liberal Franchise Being Bestowed Upon Charlotte, Hinging on the Question of Planning and Building So Materially in the Execution of Details For Municipal Convention Which Has Just Closed—The Assistance of Mr. Scott—Visitors Inspect the County Roads and City's New Streets and Were Pleased—Dr. Hunter's Idea About Having State Physician.

The potentialities of the municipal convention which closed at an early hour yesterday morning with the Selwyn banquet are generally conceived to be immense. The intense interest which was manifested throughout the entire proceedings evidenced the fact that the visitors had a definite purpose in view; and while the discussions during the convention were sometimes chaotic, as in most assemblies just being organized, the delegates felt that they were exceedingly benefited by the programme. The trend of all the remarks upon subjects of vital import to municipalities prophesies that in years to come this association will fill a distinct mission and will make possible distinct strides in bettering city conditions. Everything was new during this first convention and hardly more was intended than to arouse interest that would culminate in more definite policies hereafter. Each delegate who participated in the discussions seemed to conceive that there is vast possibility in the future of the organization, and under the leadership of the capable corps of officers, it is believed that many of these ideals will come to be realized.

Not only the delegates, but the people of Charlotte at large who attended the sessions have been liberal in their praises of Mayor T. S. Franklin, who not only conceived the scheme for the convention, but who was also active in the execution of all preliminary details. Nobody except his stenographers knows the vast deal of correspondence which he undertook in order to arouse interest in the plan, to make sure of representatives from all the cities and in preparing the excellent programme which was furnished. An absolute master of details, he not only sketched the scheme in outline, but did all the "filling in" processes and was ever alert as to his duty and his opportunity. The fact that the convention honored him with its presidency indicates that his agility and his personal interest in the cause merited recognition and reward. Mr. G. G. Scott, chairman of the Finance committee of the board of aldermen and of the convention, entertainment committee, was hardly less active and agile than Mayor Franklin in arranging for the convention and in caring for the minor details. Both made personal sacrifices.

Of the many fine papers presented during the convention, none was more worthily received than that of Mayor H. B. Rice, of Houston, Tex., who was expected to, and who actually did, boom the commission form of government in his excellent speech Wednesday night, which closed the set addresses. Mayor Rice is a man of striking individuality, with an interest and evidence of insight and a splendid type of executive force in his character. His speech on the straight and unadorned commission government was most interesting and instructive. It was a clear-cut, incisive elaboration of this new scheme of government which is rushing itself into popular favor in many sections of the United States and which is under advisement as the best charter for the City of Charlotte. The convention appeared to be much pleased with the general outline which Mr. Rice presented of the method of its operation in the city, but the scope of his address could not well include some of the lesser details which are also essential in arriving at some decision upon the plan in comparison with the other in more common usage. That this speech actually convinced some is not doubted, but there are more who await a more comprehensive mastery of the inside workings of the system. Some of these were satisfied by Mayor Rice who informally addressed the board of aldermen last night, together with other city officials and business men.

The delegates were much pleased with the trip made around the city inspecting the county convicts' work and the macadam roads in process of construction, at all points were inspected. The work of laying bitulith was also looked into and a number of expressions of a congratulatory nature were heard upon the character of this kind of a street. A number of the visiting delegates were down in the city hall and made a thorough examination of the methods employed there for keeping the records of the various departments.

Dr. B. R. Hunter, a delegate from King's Mountain, originated an idea in the convention which will probably be heard from later. Time was too short and no opportunity was presented for any discussion of his scheme, it merely being mentioned. Dr. Hunter wants an office of State physician created for the purpose of taking in charge the health of the entire State. He argues that this man could go to the places where an epidemic of any kind reigns with the power of police and effectively operate toward stamping out the disease. It is his idea to have his work separate and distinct from that of the department of health. Dr. Hunter declares that the State looks after its cattle and horses through Dr. Tait Butler, but there is no special officer to take in charge the health of the people.

ONE OF STOLEN RINGS FOUND.
 Jessie Hilton, a Negro Woman, Found Wearing Stolen Jewelry—Various Stories as to Its Provenance—One of the rings stolen from the residence of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Newell several weeks ago has been recovered. To answer the charge of his larceny, three defendants are prisoners at the police station. The first of these is Jessie Hilton, a young negro woman, who was found wearing the finger ornament. The second is Clyde Bell, who is said by the woman and admits as much, to have loaned the ring to her to wear for awhile. The third and the one against whom the charge rests most strongly is Jesse Thompson, a young negro man, who, Clyde Bell says, gave him the jewelry.

Two rings it will be recalled, one a wedding ring and the other a diamond affair, worth together \$125, were stolen from Mrs. Newell's room one night shortly after dark and within a few minutes after Dr. and Mrs. Newell had entered the house, while they were in the dining room. Mrs. Newell obtained information to the effect that the Hilton woman was wearing a ring of description similar to that published. Yesterday Officer Butler went to her home on South Street and secured the ring. The woman was arrested and the ring she was wearing was taken from her.

GREATER CHARLOTTE CLUB

ITS PAST AND ITS FUTURE
 Charlotte's Commercial Organization Has Accomplished a Great Deal Though But a Few Years of Age and Gives Promise From Its Present Vitality of Unlimited Usefulness to the City in the Future—It Has Been Instrumental in Giving It a Wide Advertisment, Besides Bringing Successfully Direct Pressure to Bear in Securing Conventions and New Industries.

President W. S. Lee, of the Greater Charlotte Club, believes that Charlotte people do not realize what they have to be proud of. He argues that if they will talk everlastingly of the good things they already have others will come. We lead in many enterprises, he declares, and will continue to do so. In talking with an Observer man yesterday, he said: "Yes, we are doing considerable boasting. We may be a little over-feeeling some pride in what the Greater Charlotte Club has accomplished. Our organization is only three years old. Its first meeting was held in one of the lawyer's offices in the Piedmont Building—there being present about fifteen young men, who desired to form some sort of club to advertise Charlotte to the outside world, and to form a sort of common-meeting ground for those of our citizens who want to help the city onward. From this meeting has grown our present organization, which has over 250 members, which we believe will have 500 members before the end of the year—at least that is our goal. We will remember, you will remember, that some of the things the club has done."

"Well," said Mr. Lee, "the club has done so many things and so much of its work is small detail, that any general statement would of necessity be uncomplete. You will remember, of course, that the first thing the club did to bring itself prominently before the public was to give a banquet at which Judge Alton B. Parker was a guest and spoke, and at which the real live Governor of North Carolina asked the real live Governor of South Carolina, if it wasn't a long time between something. Since then the club has been whooping them up steadily and persistently. For almost all the time since its organization, it has kept a paid secretary, whose duties have been to inter-respond with everyone who wants to know about Charlotte. It is estimated that he has sent out, personally, between three and four thousand pieces of mail, all directly advertising Charlotte. In addition to this he has caused to be distributed some 20,000 or 30,000 circulars advertising Charlotte. He has also written himself, and had the former president of the organization, Mr. Preston, to write a great number of articles for different magazines and journals over the country about Charlotte."

THE AUDITORIUM.
 "What about the part the club took in building the auditorium?" "As I understand it, the former administration of the Greater Charlotte Club had been bent upon building some sort of auditorium. At that it seemed an impossibility, but at one of the most enthusiastic meetings the organization held, Mr. W. F. Dowd, with that splendid optimism, which has always characterized him, got up and said that it was possible to build an auditorium in Charlotte, and that he for one, was willing to give his time to the carrying out of the idea which the president had outlined. The president then appointed a committee, of which Mr. Dowd was chairman, and the committee set to work with the greatest energy and secured practically enough subscriptions from various citizens to assure the building of the auditorium, provided the city donated the lot. The city agreed to do this in return for certain benefits given, work was at once commenced and pushed with the greatest speed by that splendid public-spirited citizen, Mr. J. A. Jones. "It is not too much to say, therefore, that the Greater Charlotte Club founded the auditorium, although the Auditorium Company built it. "The Greater Charlotte Club has been the originator of some very popular expressions. At the first banquet the president, Mr. Preston, suggested that we have as our motto, 'Watch Charlotte Grow.' The newspapers and citizens took it up and seem to have made it in reality our city's watch-word. "After the auditorium was built, the Greater Charlotte Club turned its attention to the matter of securing conventions. In this work it has been most ably assisted by the hotel men, than whom a finer crowd does not exist, and also other citizens of the town. As a result Charlotte has had more conventions than probably any other city in the South during the same period of time. There were some twenty-six held here this year, and the club has already booked nearly twelve for next year."

FUTURE PLANS.
 "One of the forward steps that the club is contemplating is the establishment of a freight bureau in connection with our other work, and putting an expert in charge so that all persons interested in the matter of freighting can apply to the Greater Charlotte Club and get the very best attention. Also we wish to work out means of lowering and adjusting our freight rates. We also have on foot a systematic plan for attracting industries to Charlotte. Charlotte ought to be one of the greatest centres in the United States for small industries connected with the cotton trade. Everything made of cotton burlap, some day, to be made in Charlotte. "Those are only a few of the things that we have on foot. I could talk to you all night about the club work, and its future, but I just want to say one thing more, and that is we want every man in Charlotte as a member of the Greater Charlotte Club. Those of us who are giving it our time, are doing so at a sacrifice. All that we ask is that the citizens give us their financial support. "The dues are only \$10 a year and any man interested in Charlotte ought to be willing to contribute that much. The usefulness of this club is just beginning. If it has already accomplished the great things that it has, what may it not do in the years to come!"

MR. ROBINSON IN HOSPITAL.
 The many friends in this city and section will regret to know that Mr. W. Presley Robinson, a prominent young attorney of Lancaster, S. C., has been brought to St. Peter's Hospital for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. A. B. Robinson. It is hoped that his stay here will bring about an immediate restoration to health.

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THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE

Three Hundred and Twenty Boys and Girls Now Under Its Care—Series of Fever Situation Better.

Under the same cover which inclosed the physician's statement published herewith, to the effect that only one new case of scarlet fever has appeared in the Oxford Orphan Asylum since November 10th, a very encouraging statement indeed, came a little pamphlet issued by that institution, which says among other interesting things: "In December, 1877, this institution was established by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, under a resolution offered by John H. Mills, the great pioneer orphan home worker of our State, the first superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. "The purpose for which the institution was founded and is maintaining is to provide a suitable home and proper care and training for homeless, orphan children, that they may be saved to God and the world. "The primary conditions of admission of the white children of North Carolina are that they are in reality destitute and homeless; that they are sound in mind and body; that they are not under six years of age (seldom over twelve). The benefits of the institution are not and have not been restricted alone to the children of Masons. "About three hundred and twenty girls and boys are now within its walls and, since its establishment, the records indicate that twenty-five hundred children have been under its care. "It is providing for these children the physical necessities of life, a suitable home, the opportunity to acquire an English education and industrial training. Earnest effort is made to inculcate great and essential truths and there is abundant manifestation of the fact that the Father of the fatherless is speaking and working in and through the Oxford Orphan Asylum."

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT.
 Only one new case of scarlet fever has appeared in the Oxford Orphan Asylum since Tuesday, November 10th. The type continues very mild indeed. T. L. BOOTH, Physician Oxford Orphan Asylum.

MR. R. R. KING DEAD.
 Respected Citizen Dies at His Home Eight Miles East of the City—Funeral This Morning.
 Mr. R. R. King, whose home is eight miles east of the city, died yesterday morning at 2:45 o'clock, aged 81 years. The funeral will be conducted from the home, this morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Lafferty, of Concord. Interment will be at Amity church, of which Mr. King had long been a member. He is survived by a wife and seven children: Mrs. H. D. Leak, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. P. Lea, of Fayetteville, Ark.; Mr. R. L. King, of Livingston, Ala.; Miss Lella King, of Charlotte, and Mr. E. F. King, Misses Luella and Daisy King, who live with their parents at the old home. Mr. King was a life-long, faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, a good, peaceable citizen, a good neighbor and an upright Christian in every sense of the word.

Those Bachelor Reveries.
 "The Reveries of a Bachelor" come next on the Presbyterian College program in Charlotte, and are a good thing being the leading spirits. The performance will take place at the Y. W. C. A., Tuesday evening. The acute interest which has been felt in this entertainment from the start is increasing with the passing of the days. The indications are that the hall will be packed with interested spectators. The American beauty will not be a Charlotte girl. This is the latest announcement.

Bicycle Riders in Lamb.
 Charlie Benton, colored, was arrested yesterday for riding in front of the fire department apparatus as it was going to yesterday morning's blaze. This is a third offense of this nature and he will be tried on the charge this morning.

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No. 9. Steiff Up, dark mahogany	\$225
No. 10. Shaw Up, dark mahogany	\$200
No. 11. Foster & Fand, figured mahogany	\$200
No. 12. Kohler Up, figured mahogany	\$225
No. 13. Kohler Up, dark mahogany	\$200
No. 14. Kohler Up, dark mahogany	\$175
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No. 15. Steiff, in elegant condition, fine tone	\$275
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No. 17. Everett, forest green	\$175
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Lost His Stetson Hat.

"Somebody has exchanged hats with me or my head has shrunk considerably," said Chief W. S. Orr, of the city fire department, yesterday. "Among other misfortunes that befall me at the banquet to the mayors at the Selwyn Wednesday night, I got the wrong hat. I had a No. 7-8 Stetson hat just purchased at Ed Melton's taken by mistake for one of the same sort, a little more worn, No. 7-12." Chief Orr would be delighted to swap back with the gentleman who has his headgear, owing to the fact that the large one will not stay on in a flying race to a fire.

Fire on East Seventh Street.

The residence owned by Mr. R. A. Kuester, occupied by Mr. R. C. Burnett and located at No. 116 East Seventh street, was the scene of a fire yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock. Chemicals extinguished the blaze after a loss of about \$20 had been sustained. The fire is thought to have had its origin in a closet.

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