

The Junior Order.

History of the Organization--
Council in Every State in the Union and the Total Membership About 152,000
--The Interest Taken in Public Schools.

The Order of United American Mechanics was organized in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 5th of July, 1845. Its inception was for the purpose of protecting American mechanics from foreign immigration and none but American mechanics were admitted to membership.

On the 7th day of May, 1853, Reliance Council No. 40 of the O. U. A. M. organized a council of young men between the ages of 16 and 21 years for the purpose of preparing them for membership in the parent order of United American Mechanics. The civil war almost obliterated the order, but on the 30th day of September 1869, the national council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, was organized. Several years afterwards the order severed its connection with the O. U. A. M. and is now a separate and distinct organization.

There are at present over 1000 councils in the United States, with a total membership of about 152,000. State councils are in active operation in all the states and territories. A national home for the care and education of the orphans of deceased members is

established at Tiffin, Ohio. This home represents a valuation of over \$100,000. In the home we educate and rear the children of deceased members of our order, and fit them for a life of usefulness. It has been in operation only a few years, yet 190 little ones have found their way to it. What better cause can men engage in than educating orphan children? An active interest has been taken in legislation to restrict immigration and to improve our public school system. We have been instrumental in passing laws in the state of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, providing that the children attending public schools of those states shall be furnished with their text books free of all cost. As a result the attendance of the school has increased over 20 per cent in a short time. It has also been instrumental in passing compulsory education laws in several states. We recently had a law passed in Pennsylvania providing that no teacher be allowed to wear the distinctive garb any religious denomination or organization. Laws providing that the American flag must be floated over the public schools during sessions have also been adopted in various states through our instrumentality. We have presented over 3000 American flags to the public schools throughout our land and are still actively engaged in that work. We are determined that our flag shall float over every public school house in our country.

W. D. Chambers.
Lancaster, S. C. Nov. 7. 1905.

The Deadly Tornado.

Seven People Killed and Many Hurt in Oklahoma--Great Destruction of Property.

Mountain View, O. T., November 4—A tornado struck Mountain View this evening, killing seven persons and injuring many others, and damaging much property. The dead are: W. T. White, F. W. Clark, Jennie Jones, Mrs. W. M. Holt and child, J. S. Barclay, Mrs. Smith. The seriously injured are T. D. Dunn, I. W. Gray, and many others are hurt.

The school house, two churches, two livery barns, one hotel, a cotton gin and about twelve dwellings were blown away, and many more houses were wrecked. The business part of the town was untouched, except a few windows blown in.

Three Killed in Runaway.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 5.—A special to The Times-Dispatch from Bedford City, Va., says that John Vaughan, a prominent Bedford county farmer, his wife and their 12-year-old girl, met terrible and almost instant deaths today in a runaway on the mountain road leading to the Peaks of Otter. Mrs. Vaughan and the girl seemed to have been instantly killed, while Mr. Vaughn, with head and body horribly mangled, died soon after being found, and without speaking a word. Remarkable as it may seem, neither the horse, harness nor buggy was injured in the slightest.

North Carolinian Committed Suicide after Two Attempts.

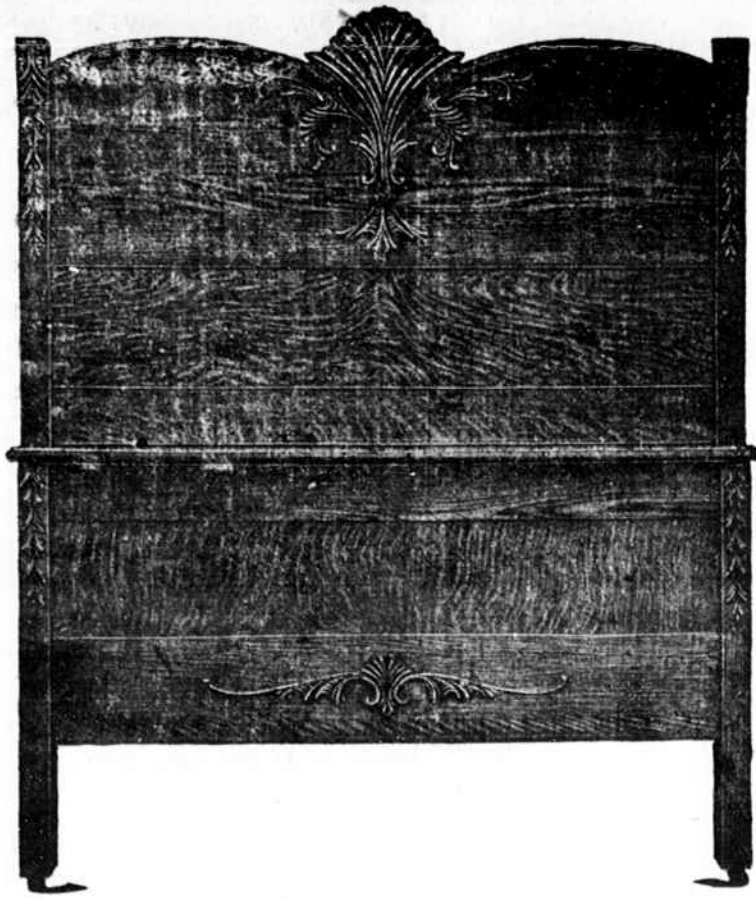
Asheville, Nov. 3—A special to the Gazette News from Rutherfordton says:

Two months ago Oliver Webb, an overseer in the Florence mills, six miles from here, struck Sam Lewis, one of his employes, over the head with a large piece of iron; Webb claiming that Lewis had started for him with an open knife. Both were tried before a magistrate and bound to court. The humiliation was too great, and immediately after the trial Webb went to a drug store, secured two bottles of laudanum, drank one and was drinking the other when friends interfered. Three physicians worked with him until the following morning, when he was revived. In the criminal court here yesterday Judge Council fined Webb \$25 and Lewis \$5. Webb again feeling that he was forever disgraced, paid the fine, left the court rooms, and went directly to a drug store, where he secured more laudanum and drank it. He is dying this morning.

Judge Gary to be Married.

The approaching wedding of Judge Ernest Gary, who is a general favorite in this state, has been announced. Cards have been issued by Mr. John Taylor Rhett for the wedding of his sister, Miss Eliza Barnwell Rhett, to Judge Ernest Gary. The wedding will be solemnized at Trinity Church, at 6 o'clock on the afternoon of November 15.—Columbia cor. News and Courier.

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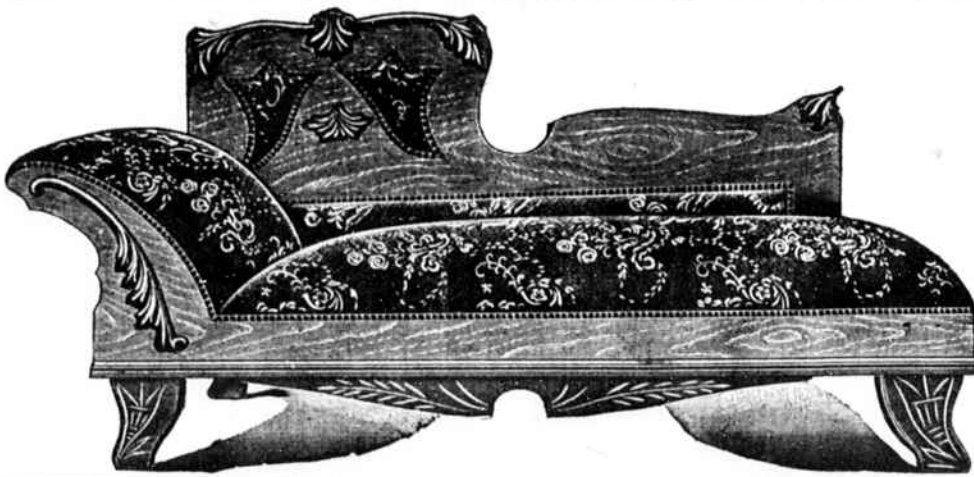
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A Tragic Death.

Clifton Mill Machinist Killed in an Elevator.

Spartanburg special to Charlotte Observer, 6th inst;

M. A. Giles, a machinist employed at the Clifton Cotton Mill No. 2, met a sudden and tragic death in the mill while passing from one floor to another on an elevator. His body in some manner, the exact cause will probably never be known, became lodged between the floor of the elevator and the ceiling and the unfortunate man was so badly mangled that death ensued within a few minutes. Mr. Giles was a quiet, honest man and highly esteemed by those who knew him. He is survived by a widow and a number of children.

"Green Goods" Man Caught.

New York, Nov. 4—Disguised as a Southern farmer a post office inspector yesterday arrested, on a charge of fraudulent use of the United States mails, Charles Barry, said by the government authorities to be an old time "green goods" man.

Barry was arrested on a similar charge a few months ago, and was only recently released on \$35,000 bail. When arraigned on the second charge yesterday he was remanded in default of \$10,000 bail.

Some time ago J. H. Gardner, a well-to-do citizen of Dalton, Ga., received a "green goods" circular, which he turned over to the postmaster.

King Edward, it has been ascertained, was crowned at the second second of the second minute of the second hour of the second day of the week of the second month of the second year of the twentieth century.

In Northern China, where a drought has long prevailed, officials have visited all the temples and thrashed the idols for negligence. Others have been put out into the sun, that they may feel how hot and dry it is.

Don't fail to read our column of business locals.

LANCASTER & CHESTER RAILWAY COMPANY

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

WESTBOUND			
Lv Lancaster	6:30 a m	8:45 p m	
Lv Fort Lawn	6:49 a m	4:15 p m	
Lv Hascomville	6:59 a m	4:30 p m	
Lv Richburg	7:05 a m	4:45 p m	
Ar Chester	7:20 a m	5:15 p m	
Ar Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:55 a m	7:00 p m	
Ar Columbia—Sou. Ry.	10:16 a m		
EASTBOUND			
Lv Columbia—Sou. Ry.	6:05 a m	3:10 p m	
Lv Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	6:08 a m	6:09 p m	
Lv Chester	9:00 a m	8:15 p m	
Lv Richburg	9:40 a m	8:39 p m	
Lv Hascomville	9:50 a m	8:45 p m	
Lv Fort Lawn	10:06 a m	8:55 p m	
Ar Lancaster	10:30 a m	9:15 p m	

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