

AN INTERESTING WEDDING

KELLY-ABERNETHY NUPTIALS.

Miss Margaret Kelly and Mr. James C. Abernethy were married at the First Baptist Church last evening.

Miss Margaret Kelly, a daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Abner Kelly, was married last evening to Mr. James Campbell Abernethy at the First Baptist church.

A very well-conceived procession was rendered, the ushers, the Messrs. Earle S. Pegram, Henry B. Fowler, D. S. Kates and A. A. Shuford, Jr., following.

Then, as these attendants took their places along the aisle near the altar, Miss Sara Kelly, a sister of the bride, and who was the first to come forward, and then the bride herself.

The happy couple, attended to the Southern depot by many friends, left for a visit to New York City. They will return to the Western Union Telegraph Company, and various departments of The Observer and The Chronicle.

The high regard in which Mrs. Abernethy is held by the community, she is charming and accomplished. Mr. Abernethy, who is managing editor of The Observer, is a young man of high intelligence, and fine character.

There were numerous and handsome presents from many relatives and friends from the Western Union Telegraph Company, and various departments of The Observer and The Chronicle.

IN THE HOTEL LOBBIES.

County Commissioners W. F. Utley and J. T. Edwards, of Wake, were at the Buford last night. "We have been sent here as a committee," said they to look into the county government.

While Mr. Edwards was driving over the macadam roads and studying the Mecklenburg system of working them, concerning which he expresses himself as much pleased, Mr. Utley spent the day about the court house.

"I am now having my first political experience," said Representative-elect R. L. Ryburn, of Shelby, last night.

"You ought to see how my mail has increased since the election. I never knew before how many people there are who are office-seekers in a small way and how wide awake they are in their seeking."

One of his friends was joking Mr. R. S. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, last night about getting married. Mr. Abernethy had been at the wedding of his cousin Mr. F. C. Abernethy.

"Did it put you in the notion?" asked his friend.

"No," Mr. Abernethy replied; it did not. I was already in the notion.

Mr. A. E. Allen, of Savannah, says he is doing nothing here but waiting for the railroad to take him way.

"Nothing but giving away my money to the railroads and hotels," replied Mr. Allen, playing with the loose silver in his trousers.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE. Running like mad down the street, dashing the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences.

IN THE FEDERAL COURT.

An Observer Reporter Notes Some Incidents of the Day's Doings in the United States Tribunal.

Minor cases occupied the attention of the United States District Court yesterday, with two exceptions of some note. But to-day the most important matter of the term will come up, when Mr. L. A. Key, who is perhaps the largest distiller in the State and one of the best known in the South, will be tried with W. S. Richel, charged with rectifying with intent to defraud.

Rapidly the following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Cyrus Q. Lemons, charged with being a guilty felon, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and to be imprisoned one month in jail.

Bill Jones, of Polk county, was given a similar sentence for a similar cause. B. Russell and Joseph Fowler, also of Polk, were acquitted of a charge of retailing. Lee and Christie Anthony were also adjudged not guilty as to the former, and as to the latter, later.

The major portion of the day was concerned with the trial of M. M. High, who is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails. The defendants were sent to Mrs. Sallie Hartis at Durham, the wife of Lee Hartis, who is an inmate of the Mecklenburg county home.

The peculiarity of the case is that a formal ceremony of marriage took place through the agency of the defendants, and that the defendant, M. M. High, had lived together until last March, when Mrs. Hartis, supposedly Mrs. High, left her supposed husband and went to live at Durham.

Col. D. G. Maxwell testified that he had known Mr. and Mrs. Hartis some years ago when they lived here. He also knew of High and Mrs. Hartis living as man and wife.

Mrs. Hartis testified that she was married to Hartis in 1893. In 1901 she heard from several persons that he was dead. She was Sallie Elliott. Hartis left her in 1897 and she was married to High in South Carolina in April, 1902.

High, the defendant, was put on the stand. He too, identified the certificate and related substantially the same account of hearing of Hartis' death and belief that he was dead. Neither tried to conceal the marriage, thinking that it was all regular. She had been his house-keeper and cook for a year before their marriage.

After the testimony, Judge Boyd gave his decision that the woman was a competent witness, and so the jury was recalled to hear her testimony. On direct examination she identified the letters which she had received in the regular mails, and they were in the handwriting of the defendant. Court then declared a recess until this morning at 10 o'clock, when the cross-examination of Mrs. Hartis will be begun.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

The board of managers of the Alexander Rescue Home will hold their regular meeting this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Second Presbyterian church.

Dr. George E. Flow, of Monroe, was in the city yesterday, and was asked about politics, said that the time had come for the people to sheathe their swords, pare their nails and fraternize.

Cotton receipts continue to fall behind those of last year. The receipts on the local market yesterday amounted to 55 bales, selling at 7 1/2 cents, against 176 bales at 1 1/2 for the same day last year.

The Sunday school of Tryon Street Methodist church is arranging for a celebration for Christmas. Each class will contribute something to charitable purposes and a Christmas tree will be prepared for the little folks.

An innovation at St. Peter's Hospital is the post of district nurse which the board of managers are preparing to establish. A competent trained nurse will be on duty at all times, ready to answer the call of Charlotte doctors for service in the country, among the city's poor or any other place where assistance is needed.

The Ariel Quartette will give its concert for the benefit of the St. Elizabeth church at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dilworth, at the Colonial Club in the Dilworth Hall, on Friday night, the 18th instant. Tickets are on sale at Jordan's, Hand's and Pittsboro's drug stores.

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ANOTHER FIRE.

Servants Quarters in the Rear of the Presbyterian College Partially Destroyed Last Night.

Fire broke out in a small one-story wooden structure in the rear of the Presbyterian College last night about 8 o'clock. The house was occupied by the servants of the college and was partially destroyed.

The blaze could be seen through the windows of the college from the front, causing many people to think that the college itself was on fire and so there was a general stampede in the direction of the institution in case the young ladies therein should need to be rescued.

It was at first thought that the building caught from a fire in one of the servants' rooms, but on their denial that they had had any fires all day, the theory is that the roof caught from the sparks of a railroad engine standing below the college.

THEFTS CAPTURED.

Police Arrest Two Young Negro Thieves Who Have Been Conducting a Systematic Method of Robbery.

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Both admitting stealing clothing from Belk Bros., an overcoat and other clothing from Mr. Kinney Cross, clothing from a number of College street, and as for chickens—they could not remember the times or places. They also admitted having broken into the room of Mr. E. A. Lee and doing some pilfering.

The method that these colored thieves adopted is to remove the transom over the door, and then enter with ease. They have committed several of these robberies in the day time.

A Fine Automobile.

Mr. Osmond L. Barringer yesterday received from the White Sewing Machine Company one of their 1905 model steam auto cars, which his company will use for demonstrating purposes.

An Observer man took a ride with Mr. Barringer yesterday afternoon, and in going up the long Biddle hill at a speed of twenty miles an hour was easily maintained, which proves that the wonderful showing made by this car in the Madison race, where it defeated all American machines, was well deserved.

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Mr. Mandeville and family came here from New York three years ago and during their stay in Charlotte have made many friends. Mrs. Mandeville and children will leave for Jersey City on the 22nd inst., joining Mr. Mandeville in Pittsburg the first of the year.

A Seeker After Information.

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Entertainment To-Morrow Night.

The programme for the entertainment which will be given to-morrow night by the Ariel Male Quartette, Miss Seymour and Mr. David Owens, under the auspices of St. Elizabeth's guild of the Church of the Holy Comforter, at Dilworth, gives promise of much interest. The affair will be given at the Colonial Club, instead of the Dilworth Hall, as was first contemplated. The admission price will be 25 cents.

Capt. Clarke's Death.

The news of the death of Capt. John W. Clarke Tuesday at Union, S. C., was received with many expressions of regret here yesterday. Capt. Clarke was well known in Charlotte, where some years ago he ran the Buford Hotel. He was buried yesterday at his old home, at Rutherfordton.

Death of a Little Child.

The little child of Rev. and Mrs. Patterson, of Little Steele Creek church, died Tuesday and was buried at Steele Creek church yesterday. The child was only five months old, a boy, and had been ill with pneumonia.



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