

Social and Personal

A large number of friends throughout this State and South Carolina will be interested to learn of the approaching marriage of Miss Caro Mayes Brevard and Dr. Baxter Springs Moore...

Cards reading as follows were issued yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey McClintock request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Laura Elizabeth...

Cards reading as follows were received in the city yesterday: Rev. and Mrs. John Edmund Underwood request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Virginia Page...

Mr. Walter Eugene Connally on Thursday evening, December the twenty-seventh nineteen hundred and six at half after eight o'clock at the Methodist Church Rockingham, North Carolina.

Several of Charlotte's hospitable matrons and misses will follow the pretty custom of keeping "open house" New Year's evening. Among those who will receive will be: Mrs. Fred Oliver and Miss Alida Oliver, at No. 408 South Tryon street...

Miss Maud Purcell, of Belmont, Ky., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. James F. Wilson, on South Brevard street.

Mrs. W. S. Stewart has returned home after a visit to relatives at New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. T. J. Matthews, after spending several weeks with her mother, at Sharon, returned to the city yesterday. She was accompanied by her daughter, little Miss Ruth Gertrude Matthews.

Mrs. Fannie B. Purcell, after spending several weeks in the city with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, has returned to her home at Belmont, Ky.

Mrs. P. M. Brown is visiting her father, Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr, at Mooreville.

Their many friends here will be glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cothran, of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive within a few days and will hereafter make Charlotte their home.

The following from The Asheville Gazette will be of interest to a large number of Charlotte people: "At a beautifully-appointed luncheon given to-day Mrs. Thomas B. Doe announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Jennie, to Lieutenant Thomas Dewey Osborne, U. S. A., the marriage to be solemnized at the bride's home Thursday evening, December 27, at 9 o'clock. Miss Doe is a graduate of Converse College and since her debut two years ago has been one of Asheville's most charming and attractive belles.

Mr. Osborne is a son of Judge and Mrs. Frank I. Osborne.

Miss Harriet Keerans and Mr. A. J. Rowe will be married at the home of the mother, Mrs. Emma A. Keerans, of the bride-elect, at 609 North Church street, Wednesday next, the ceremony to be performed by Rev. Martin D. Hardin, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Miss Keerans is one of Charlotte's most attractive young women. She is quiet and dignified. Mr. Rowe is a well-to-do citizen of Bennettsville, S. C.

The engagement of Mr. W. N. McKee and Miss Mary Kuykendall, of Providence, is announced, the marriage to take place at Providence church, at 7 o'clock Wednesday night week. Rev. Mr. Parker performing the ceremony. No invitations will be issued. Mr. McKee is one of Mecklenburg's newly elected county commissioners. He is one of the leading young farmers of the county. Miss Kuykendall is a daughter of the late W. F. Kuykendall, who for years was a county commissioner, and is very popular.

Miss Grace Hughes, of Columbia, S. C., has arrived in the city and is the guest of Miss Lucile Parker, who is visiting Mrs. M. E. Query, at No. 14 South Myers street.

The Christmastic services of the Young Women's Christian Association of the Presbyterian College will be held in the auditorium this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The United Commercial Travelers will attend the special services in the new Sunday school room of the First Baptist church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The programme will include some very fine vocal and instrumental music. All traveling men are cordially invited. Special seats will be reserved.

A treat is in store for the boys of the city who attend the meeting of the Boy's Sunday Club at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Schaffer will deliver an address on the subject, "Watchfulness." Mr. Schaffer is a very interesting and forcible speaker. Mr. Cecil Butts will render a ballad solo at the close of the service, singing the selection entitled "Forever With the Lord."

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BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. -The Gordon Bennett automobile races will be pictured at the Odeon the first of this week.

-Mr. T. A. Gibson, a well-known farmer of the county, is quite ill at his home in Lemley's township.

-Mrs. A. H. Washburn, who has been ill for some time, is improving, but she is not able to be out yet.

-Her friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Ab V. Harrill, who was operated upon at St. Peter's Hospital a few days ago, is much improved.

Notice was served this morning on the creditors and temporary receiver of Robert Knuckley, bankrupt, that a meeting of the creditors will be held the 28th instant. Knuckley was placed in involuntary bankruptcy on the 11th instant.

-Mrs. B. D. Springs, chairman, Mrs. J. Lee Kolner and Mrs. A. S. Cheek, the committee, desire the ladies who were asked to take care of booths at the Masonic bazaar, to meet them in the Central Hotel parlors at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

-Rev. M. E. Sentelle, Rev. E. D. Brown and Rev. J. E. Summers, and Elders J. B. Nicholson and D. W. Mayes have been appointed to ordain and install Rev. W. E. West as pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Ramoth this afternoon at 6 o'clock and at Huntersville to-night.

-Dr. J. E. S. Davidson, a well-known physician of Huntersville, has formed a partnership with Dr. C. B. Stephenson, of Dilworth, and will hereafter make Charlotte his home. He will move within a few days. Stephenson & Davidson will have headquarters at the Atkinson drug store.

The Masons are getting busier and busier with their preparations for the big Masonic bazaar to be held the first week in the new year. It is expected that the bazaar will net less than \$2,000 or \$3,000 to start the fund for the home for aged and indigent Masons.

THE OBSERVER HAS A FIRE.

Blaze, From an Unusual Cause, Discovered in the Press Room, Destroys Many Christmas Edition Supplements and Damages Others. -The Greatest Damage Not to be Computed in Dollars and Cents.

Late yesterday afternoon fire broke out in the press room of The Observer building and destroyed 3,000 or more Sunday supplements and damaged many more. Friday night, when the supplements were run off, the boys piled them against some of the shafting and yesterday when the press room machinery was running full blast friction caused the fire.

Mr. Charley Willis, The Chronicle pressman, who was just going off duty, discovered the fire, and with Messrs. Parks Stone, his assistant, Paul H. Brown, mailing clerk, and Milas, worked to save the building and the papers, and but for their promptness there might have been no Christmas issue. An alarm was turned in and the firemen responded promptly, using the chemical engine to complete the work of subduing the fire.

The damage done would not amount to much in dollars and cents, but if the mental anguish caused in the heads of the men who had toiled for days and nights on the great Christmas issue could be estimated, all the gold in the Charlotte banks could not pay the bill.

Mr. R. Vincent, who labored so hard to make to-day's Observer the greatest issued in Charlotte, was sick at heart when he saw the ruin that the fire had wrought. Thousands of the supplements were burned beyond recognition and others were scorched and discolored.

The readers of The Observer must be kind and charitable in their comments concerning the paper to-day. Those who draw supplements with burnt corners or smudged edges may be glad that they are no worse. The Observer will endeavor not to send out any paper in which reading matter has been damaged, but the earmarks of the fire will be on almost every supplement.

The fire came at such a late hour that it would have been impossible to print more supplements if the forms had been on the press. But it was worse than that: the forms had been returned to the stereotyping room and melted.

Chances Good for South's Getting More Immigrants.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—Another step in the movement to bring white immigrants to the South was taken by the Illinois Central, which arranged with the European Steamship line to run immigrant steamers between New Orleans and European ports as soon as the new immigration station is erected in New Orleans.

The Mutual Building & Loan opens a new series January 5th. The last one was the largest in its history of 25 years. It's hard to find a man in Charlotte that doesn't carry shares here. Hundreds of women and many small children own shares and take as much interest in accumulating as the men who have been at it for years.

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NOTICE OF FIRST CREDITORS MEETING. In the District Court of the United States, for the Western District of North Carolina in the matter of Robert Knuckley, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy.