

## BARKLEY-GRAY NUPTIALS.

**Popular Gastonia Couple United in Marriage in a Beautiful Church Ceremony—Many Costly Presents—Leave for Extended Southern Tour.**

The following special from Gastonia to the Charlotte Observer, is the account of the marriage of Mr. Fred D. Barkley, son of Mrs. J. M. Barkley of this city, to Miss Ethel Gray, of Gastonia: Gastonia, April 22.—One of the most brilliant weddings ever celebrated in Gastonia took place in the Main Street Methodist church last night at 9 o'clock when Miss Ethel Carolyn Gray became the bride of Mr. Fred D. Barkley. The main auditorium of the church was beautifully decorated in ferns and other potted plants and cut flowers for the occasion and a brilliant assemblage of Gastonia's elite was present to witness the consummation of the marriage vows.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party at 9 o'clock a musical programme was rendered. Mrs. R. J. Sifford presided at the pipe organ. Mrs. E. S. Green, of Monroe, sang "All For You," and a double quartette composed of the following rendered the bridal chorus from "Rosemaids": Mrs. John F. Love, Mrs. L. L. Hardin, Miss Lowry Shuford, Miss Eunice Bryan, Mr. S. S. Shuford, Mr. R. L. Durham, Mr. W. Y. Warren and Mr. W. Meek Boyce.

Following the rendition of the musical program the bridal party entered in the following order while Mrs. Sifford rendered Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." First came the ushers, Messrs. Will Adams and Joe Abernethy down the right aisle and Mr. A. C. Jones and Mr. Cameron McRea, of Chapel Hill, down the left aisle, crossing in front of the altar and taking their stands on each side; next came the first bridesmaid, Miss Grace V. Brown, of Concord, down the centre aisle, with Mr. George A. Gray, Jr., first groomsmen; down the right aisle Miss Maude Separk with Mr. A. G. Myers, crossing in front of the altar and taking their positions at either side of the floral arch; left aisle, Miss Grace Gray with Mr. Ed Pegram; left aisle Miss Laura Page with Mr. Henry Bostamer, these couples crossing in front of the altar and taking their places on the platform above the arch; left aisle Miss Nell Hearne, of Albemarle, with Mr. Charles Gray; next came the maid of honor, Miss Blanche Gray, down the centre aisle, taking her stand at the right of the bride's position; following down the left aisle came the dame of honor, Mrs. J. H. Separk, sister of the bride, she being followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. George A. Gray, Sr. The groom and his best man, Mr. W. B. Morris, came down the right aisle and the principals met in front of the altar where they were met by the Rev. George D. Herman, who, using the ring ceremony of the Methodist ritual, impressively pronounced the words that made the two husband and wife. During the ceremony Mrs. Sifford at the organ softly rendered Schubert's "Serenade" and the party left the church to Tanhauser's march.

The bride, who is one of Gastonia's most popular and attractive young ladies, was handsomely gowned in a tulle-trimmed gown of Niobe satin trimmed with Duchess lace and battered pearls; she wore a lace veil caught up with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Barkley left on No. 35 last night for an extended

## MANY YEARS AGO.

**Some Facts About the Postoffices in the Year 1830.**

Eighty years ago there were just 16 postoffices in Iredell county and of course no R.F.D. routes. The following list was taken from the official U. S. postal guide for the year 1830. The name of the postmaster follows the name of the postoffice:

Bethany Church, Hugh R. Hall. Bogle, Joseph Bogle. Clover Bottom, James B. Thomas.

Fallstown, Edwin Falls. Goshen, James Patterson. Houstonville, Placebo Houston. Liberty Hill, Abner Feimster. Mt. Mourne, Rufus Reid. Mount Pisgah, John N. Bennett. Poplar Grove, Thos. Sumpter. Robinson's, Wm. H. Robinson. Spring Grove, William Hargrove.

Statesville, Whitfield Kerr. Stony Point, John Thompson. Sullivan, Richard Sullivan. Tabor Church, Daniel Gould.

We see from this list that five of these offices still exist, two of these being now in Alexander county. They are Houstonville, Mt. Mourne, Statesville, Stony Point and Mt. Pisgah.

The rates of postage on a few articles were as follows:

Single letters composed of one piece of paper, six cents for a distance not exceeding 30 miles; from 30 to 80 miles 10 cts; from 80 to 150 miles 12 1/2 cts; from 150 to 400 miles 18 3/4 cents and over 400 miles 25 cents. A letter composed of two pieces of paper was double the above rates and of four pieces quadruple the above rates and so on. The postage on a letter weighing one ounce was one dollar, for two ounces two dollars and so for any amount.

Newspapers could be sent 100 miles for one cent and for over 100 miles 1 1/2 cents was charged but anywhere in the state in which it was printed for 1 cent whatever the distance. Pamphlets not published periodically were charged 4 cents per sheet for a distance not exceeding 100 miles and six cents per sheet for over 100 miles.

By comparing the past with the present we can realize what great advancements and improvements have been made in the Postal system. A little pamphlet which can now be mailed for one cent would have cost a nice little sum of money 80 years ago.

Who can locate the postoffices named above, for instance, where was Clover Bottom?

Rev. W. A. Lutz returned Thursday from a trip to Mt. Ulla and Concord. He spent Monday near Mt. Ulla with relatives and friends and spent Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. M. E. Mehaffey, of Concord. Mr. Lutz says the cotton sales in Concord the past week have been among the largest in the history of the town. Mt. Lutz came home by private conveyance and reports farmers busy and good prospects for large crops. He says the prospects for a large oat crop is the best he has ever seen.

Southern trip. On their return they will reside in Gastonia. Mr. Barkley being engaged in the wholesale business here.

The bride and groom were the recipients of a large number of costly and handsome presents among the number being a chest of silver from the bride's parents, a cut glass electrolier from the best man, Mr. Will B. Morris, a set of Haviland china from Mrs. L. H. Separk and Mr. J. Lander Gray, sister and brother of the bride.

## FINE HORSE INJURED.

**A Barrel Hoop Cuts a Leader on the Leg of a Horse.**

Yesterday afternoon Dr. E. M. Yount had the misfortune of getting one of his fine horses very seriously injured. He was driving through the passage way by the old electric light plant, when in some way the horse got its hind feet entangled in an old barrel hoop, and the leader on one of its hind legs was completely severed. The injured horse was taken to its stable and the leader was sewed together this morning, but it is not thought that the horse will ever be of much service again.

This is one of the fine Morgan horses brought to this city last year from Vermont, and they are of a more enduring type than the native horse. Dr. Yount prized his team very highly, and it is very unfortunate that the accident occurred.

## Teaching Language Through Letter Writing.

One of the best ways of teaching language is through letter writing. Take one day in the week and let the students write letters to one another—write about the week's work, or the amusements of the week, or the woods and fields. Then let an afternoon be devoted to reading these letters publicly.

Then arrange with other schools in the county, or with other classes of the same school to exchange letters. One letter may be devoted to geography work, another to nature study, another to the school grounds, another to the decorations in the school room, and so on. The replies should be on the same subject.

Then arrange with other schools out of the state—in the north or West. Some schools have arranged to correspond with students in England and Scotland.

In all this letter writing insist on the correct forms, training them especially in the following: How to direct a letter. How to begin a letter. How to close a letter. How to paragraph properly. How to use the necessary punctuation.

How to use the necessary capitals and abbreviations. How to be careful to correct all misspelled words and other grammatical mistakes.

—E. C. BROOKS.

## Mt. Ulla High School Commencement.

Sunday, May 2, 2:30 p. m.—Annual sermon by Rev. W. S. Wilson, pastor First Presbyterian church, Mooresville.

Tuesday, May 4, 8:15 p. m.—Society Evening, program consisting of a debate by the Dialectic Literary Society and an essay and some recitations by the Hesperian Literary Society.

Wednesday, May 5.—Commencement Day, 10:30 a. m.—A contest in declamations and recitations for two gold medals by six young men and six young ladies of the school.

2:30 p. m.—Annual literary address by Hon. John J. Parker, of Greensboro, N. C.

3:30 p. m.—Presentation of Bible and flag to the school by the Jr., O. U. A. M. of Mt. Ulla Council.

8:15 p. m.—An entertainment by the school, consisting of music, instrumental and vocal, drills, plays, recitations, and declamations.

Music furnished by the China Grove brass band.

## AGED MAN DEAD.

**Mr. W. H. Cowan Dies very Suddenly Yesterday Just After Noon.**

Mr. William H. Cowan died quite suddenly yesterday about 12 o'clock at his home in Olin township, the cause of his death not being known. The funeral services were conducted from the Snow Creek church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment was in the Snow Creek grave yard, with Masonic honors, the services being conducted by Rev. W. O. Ruth.

Mr. Cowan was born and reared in this county, near where he died, and was about 63 years old. He is survived by his wife and five children. Only two children, a son at home and Mrs. Jas. R. Hill of this city, live in this state, the others being very far away. Mr. Cowan was a brother of Mrs. J. A. Long who lives west of the city, and an uncle of Z. V., H. F., Mrs. J. W. C., and Miss Tennie Long all of this city.

Mr. Cowan was a confederate veteran, and was one of the survivors of Company A., First North Carolina Cavalry, and was always ready to go to the front at any risk for the sake of his cause. He was a good kind hearted man, and always led a devoted Christian life, and his death is mourned by all who knew him.

## LARGE FRUIT CROPS.

**The Reports Say That There is Still Much Fruit Left.**

Encouraging reports come from all parts of the country concerning the probability of a large fruit crop. In the mountain sections especially it is believed that the frost and freezes have done little damage to the earlier fruit blooms, while the apple blooms are practically unharmed. A gentleman who was in this city this week attending Federal court, stated that he owned a large orchard in Wilkes county, and as yet his crop was not injured much, but he stated, it was not too late for the fruit to be killed, as he had known frost to come as late as the first of May. In an event of that kind it is impossible to estimate the loss.

"Fruit Farming in the Brushy Mountains" is the title of a booklet issued by Mr. W. T. Rowland, secretary of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association. The booklet is being widely distributed into those sections where it will probably attract attention and interest to the possibilities of fruit culture of that section. Those who feel an interest in the matter should write to Mr. Rowland at Taylorsville, N. C., for a copy of the booklet.

## IS IT FREAKS?

**Henderson Boasts of Twenty-Nine Sets of Twins in One Year.**

Hendersonville, April 22.—The French Broad Hustler of this week authoritatively notes the fact that twenty-nine sets of twins have been born in Henderson county during the last twelve months, and on another page states that on Monday last the Balfour cow gave birth to twin calves. In addition to this a child has just been born here with five fingers and a thumb on each hand; one subscriber finds a four-legged chicken in his barn, and another has a hen which spoils the scenery by laying all her eggs from the height of the roost. We also have a three-legged dog, but this last is not regarded as a "sure enough" wonder, as his being shy one leg is attributable to the Southern Railway.

## THE KNIGHTS MEET.

**The District Meeting, and Banquet Held Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.**

The district meeting of the Knights of Pythias held in this city yesterday afternoon and evening was not largely attended, the delegates who were to come from other points, for various reasons not attending. At the afternoon session reports were received from the lodges of the district which were represented by delegates, and at the evening session that was exemplification of the third degree work. In the afternoon several Pythians attended the music recital given at the college in their honor, by the young ladies of the school.

One of the most elaborate occasions ever witnessed in the city was the reception and banquet given last evening from 10 to 12 o'clock, in the Commercial Club rooms, at which a large number of ladies were present; the guests being received in the club room and the banquet being served in the hall adjoining. A reception committee composed of Messrs. R. O. Deitz, P. C. Gray, J. B. Gill, C. M. Steele, D. M. Ausley, L. C. Steele, J. A. Brady, R. L. Poston and W. W. Cooper. The banquet room was beautifully decorated in the colors of the Pythian order and the tables at which the guests were seated extended the whole length of the hall. A most delicious menu consisting of a salad course, coffee, cream, cake and fruits was served by the young ladies. The entire affair was most splendidly arranged, and the committee on arrangements spared no pains to make the affair most successful.

On account of the absence of many of the delegates from other lodges, the program first announced could not be carried out to the full extent. Mr. J. H. Hoffman was toast master. Hon. L. C. Caldwell made the address of welcome, and Rev. John Wakefield of Barium Springs, made the response. Rev. E. D. Brown of Loray invoked a blessing upon the assembly. During the evening there were many toasts and responses made. The music for the evening was made by an orchestra composed of Dr. Turner, violoncello, Mr. Harry Asbury of Charlotte, violin, and Miss Martha Moore, pianist.

Among the visiting Pythians here were, Mr. Geo. H. Royster, of Greensboro; Mr. D. W. Clark of Lenoir; Mr. J. A. Parker of Charlotte and Mr. Chas. Meacham of Marion.

Geneva Hart, a lady of color, gave bond in the sum of \$200 in Judge King's court yesterday for retailing.

Jim Gant, who has figured in the local courts in this county often, was re-arrested in Hickory yesterday for skipping a board bill in Statesville. Mr. J. G. Gillespie swore out a warrant against Gant some time ago for skipping a board bill. Gant promised to pay it and was released. He went to Hickory and as he would not come across with the amount he was re-arrested in Hickory yesterday but rather than return to Statesville and stand a trial he paid the board bill and the costs in the case and was allowed to go his way.

## Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—For North Carolina showers and cooler tonight. Saturday generally fair. Cooler on the coast.

Poor pencils and dull boys are difficult things to sharpen.

## SHORT LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. Robert R. Williams of Asheville will deliver the speech here on memorial day, May 10.

There will be preaching at the Associate Reformed church Sunday at the regular hours.

Mr. A. D. Brawley, the enterprising trucker of Barringer township, has ripe strawberries. They will be on the market in a few days.

Rev. W. W. Morrison is seriously ill at his home on East Broad street. His daughter, Mrs. M. M. Davis, of Winthrop College, S. C. is at his bedside.

Rev. Father Gregory, O. S. B. will celebrate Mass at St. Philip's chapel Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sermon at 4:30 p. m., and Mass at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. A. L. Somers has bought of Felix Combs and wife a tract of 34 acres of land about 3 miles north of town on the Wilkesboro road for \$1000.00. Mr. Somers also bought of E. E. Chappel and wife a lot on Hill street for \$250.

Dave Woods and Parks Byers engaged in a scrap at Moore's livery stable yesterday evening, and were immediately tried before Mayor Grier. Woods was taxed \$4.15 for simple assault, and Byers gave bond for \$100 for his appearance at court for using a deadly weapon, to wit, a rock, on Woods.

The postoffice department has issued orders that all mail boxes on R. F. D. routes must be placed so the carriers may be able to put the mail in them without getting out of their buggies. Assistant Postmaster Gouger says this rule will not affect Iredell as all the boxes are already conveniently put up.

Miss Pearl Kestler, of Cool Spring township spent last night in Statesville on her way to Thomasville where she will join her father who has been visiting his son, Rev. M. L. Kestler. Monday, Miss Kestler will accompany her father to Greensboro where he will have an operation performed on his eyes. He has been almost blind for some time.

The school at Linwood, Coddle Creek township, closed Tuesday the 20th. On account of an epidemic of measles there were no public exercises at the close of the school. This is the first year of the school under the local tax which was voted last year and the patrons are well pleased with the additional facilities which it brings. Miss Baily returned to her home in Yadkin county today.

The long haired and bewhiskered individuals who held forth here yesterday, departed on their way yesterday. So far we have heard of no converts caused by their preaching. In an argument with a Statesville man yesterday one of them said, "Confound it, if you would not shave and cut your hair, you would live always." They know they have at least one consolation, no one can step up to them and say, "I told you so."

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Brown is seriously ill.

In the Federal court today, Frank Huffman and Fred Rector were sentenced fifteen months each for distilling, and Wade Fulenwider one year and one day for the same offense. The rest of the day has been taken up with the case of J. B. Powers of Me Dowell county for poeage, the charge being that he retained laborers in his employ against their will, by force, on railroad work in McDowell county. The case will probably be finished this afternoon.