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Glimpses of Tennessee and Kentucky — The Crops of Wheat, Corn, and Tobacco are Magnificent—"My Old Kentucky Home" in Russellville—Notes by the Way.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Russellville, Ky., July 11.—I arrived in Russellville Wednesday morning after a ride of 32 hours from Gastonia by way of Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville. Leaving Nashville about day-break Wednesday over the Nashville and St. Louis division of the L. and N. (Ellen N), we passed through the finest farming section I have ever seen. Vast fields of wheat with the golden grain shocked and ready to be threshed stretched away on each side of the track almost as far as the eye could see. Fields of magnificent corn and tobacco were also numerous in this section from Nashville to Guthrie, Ky. I talked with several farmers along the route. They told me that the wheat crop was the best in years and that the prospects for corn and tobacco were unusually fine.

Saturday night and Sunday I spent on a large tobacco farm situated in the fertile bottoms of the Red River twenty miles west of here. Mr. Joe Prince, the owner of the farm at whose home I was a guest, kindly explained to me the processes of raising, curing, grading and marketing tobacco. A description of the operation of a large tobacco farm would probably be of interest to many Gastonians but I have not the time or space to enter into details here. Logan county, one of the largest in the western half of Kentucky, is one of the largest, if not the largest, of tobacco producing counties in the entire state.

Tobacco, however, is not the farmer's only dependence. There are three staple products in this section and rarely does more than any one of them fail in any single year. These are corn, wheat, and tobacco. This particular season has so far been favorable to all and the farmers are consequently in splendid shape.

Russellville is one of the oldest towns in Kentucky, having been laid off in 1790. though prior to that date it was a small village. Its first settlement easily dates back 140 or 150 years. It is one of the prettiest towns I have seen. The broad macadamized streets are lined with handsome old-time residences and the shade is magnificent. Within the past eighteen months the town has made rapid progress as is evidenced by the erection of a handsome new $40,000 court house, a $20,000 opera house and about 4 miles of concrete sidewalks in the residence portions of the town. The shops of the Owensboro and Nashville Railroad are located here as are also Logan College for young ladies, owned by the Louisville Conference of the Methodist church, and Bethel College for men owned and operated by the Baptist Association of Kentucky. Both of these colleges have handsome massive brick and stone buildings and campuses made inviting by a wealth of blue grass and shade trees.

The atmosphere here is cool and delightful, being several degrees lower than at Gastonia.

Among the many travelers whom I saw bound for St. Louis were Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison of Bessemer City whom I left at Chattanooga.

Our party of eight will leave to-night for St. Louis to spend a week taking in the sights of the Exposition. We will be quartered at Inside Inn on the World's Fair grounds, from which point I will send THE GAZETTE some random notes on the Exposition.

On my return from the country yesterday evening I found Friday's GAZETTE awaiting me. I noted with interest that Bob Adams has reached home after six month's of globe-trotting, bringing with him trunks-full of souvenirs and tanks full of experiences, the relation of which will be a source of pleasure to his friends for months to come. Mr. Tompkins' article on Gastonia's celebration was excellent. I noted also with pleasure that Prof. Wray has secured a Lyceum course for Gastonia for the coming winter.

JAS. W. ATKINS.

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Hypnotist in Runaway.

A Rock Hill special of July 5, to News and Courier says: William Irving Fayssoux, the eighteen-year-old boy of hypnotic and clairvoyant powers, has been here several days giving exhibitions. In the carriage drive yesterday afternoon a bad accident was narrowly averted. As it was, an awning in front of a store was torn from the curbings and the vehicle in which Fayssoux and a committee of citizens were seated was completely wrecked. This gave the sceptical an opportunity to get in their work and numerous "told you so's," nevertheless it was very evident that it was from no fault of the blindfolded hypnotist holding the reins that the accident occurred. It was a plain case of very excitable horses running away. Mr. W. J. Roddey, who was one of the committee and was sitting on the seat by Fayssoux, stated positively that the latter was pulling with all his might to keep the horses from running into the sidewalks. After the wreck Fassyoux was anxious to complete the drive even with the same team, but the town authorities forbade it. The hypnotist gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Friedheim's hall last evening to a full house and will repeat it tonight.

Rattler Bites a Rabbit.

Chatham Record.

Salem Mitchell, a Danbury colored man, recently observed something very remarkable. While at work Monday on the farm of Capt. S. B. Taylor, a mile south of town, his attention was attracted by a rabbit jumping from the bushes near him and falling over dead. Mitchell became curious to know what could have caused the rabbit to die so suddenly and after looking around a little he found a large rattle snake right where the rabbit had first jumped up. Mitchell says the rabbit did not live more than one or two minutes after being bitten. The snake was killed and had ten rattles.

The first Parker club of the State was organized in Wadesboro last Saturday morning. T. R. Tomlinson is President, W. T. Rose, secretary and Lee Griffin treasurer.

Wants to Win.

Wilmington Star.

If we have said anything against Col. Bryan that we are sorry for we are glad of it. Not that we love Bryan less, but that we love the Democratic party more when it makes itself worthy of carrying the election the 8th of November. We are stuck on putting Roosevelt out of business, and we don't mind committing assault and battery on folks who stand pat on foolishness.

State Auditor B. F. Dixon and Hon. C. B. Watson have been invited to Boston and will probably go to attend the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which meets there in August.