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IN DAYS OF THE KU-KLUX

REMINISCENCES OF LATE MR. HUNTER

Mr. Charles L. Stowe, of Sherman, Texas, contributes interesting facts about experiences of late Mr. John J. Hunter, of Yorkville, in the days of the Carpetbagger and the Ku-Klux Klan—Banished to Texas, He Lived Interesting Life on the Chisholm Trail.

Mr. Charles L. Stowe, a native of Gaston county and for nearly fifty years a resident of Sherman, Texas, where he is engaged in the real estate business as the senior member of the firm of Stowe & Stowe, sends The Gazette an interesting communication concerning a period in the life of the late Mr. John J. Hunter, of Yorkville, S. C., mention of whose recent death was made in The Gazette, which will carry many of our older readers at least back to a day when conditions were far different in this section from what they are now.

In a private note to The Gazette Mr. Stowe says: "The semi-weekly visit of your excellent paper has become a regular pleasure to me. The people of my native county, Gaston, and of York county, S. C., where I attended school in the years 1859-61 are your subscribers and of them you publish much that is of interest to me. In your issue of the 5th instant you announced the death of my life-long friend, Mr. John J. Hunter. The enclosed statement of facts regarding a part of his career, I feel, will be read by his Carolina friends with approving interest. I certify to the truthfulness of this article as to the part in which Mr. Hunter is connected and as to the description of Red River Station. As a cowboy I assisted in driving a herd of 800 steers over the Chisholm Trail to Abilene, in the year 1870." Mr. Stowe's contribution is as follows:

The late John J. Hunter, a prominent citizen of Yorkville, S. C., who recently died and was buried there, resided for something over a year in this section of Texas. In reconstruction days and when the ex-confederate soldiers were disfranchised, not allowed to have part in the election of local, State or National officers governing their homes and country, and when the negroes, but lately freed from slavery, were upheld by United States soldiers stationed in every town in the South, and when the carpetbaggers, supported by the same military power, filled the State and local offices and misruled our people, the Ku Klux Klan was organized. In South Carolina a large part of the ex-confederate soldiers became members of this secret organization, a necessity for protection of their wives and daughters from the brutal negro rapists and that their property be made safe from thieves and themselves no longer daily subject to insults from their new-made lords, the carpetbaggers and ignorant negroes. Mr. Hunter became an active, loyal Ku Klux.

Dr. Bratton, of Yorkville, was captain of the Klan in which Mr. Hunter was a member and an officer. After months of very efficient service, resulting in great benefit to themselves and friends, the United States military forced Dr. Bratton, Mr. Hunter and dozens of other good men to flee from their homes to prevent being arrested and imprisoned. Dr. Bratton reached Canada and was afterwards kidnapped from there, his case causing an international controversy between England and the United States. Mr. Hunter came to Texas and he, having known me all my life previous to my leaving North Carolina, my native State, for Texas in 1866, came to visit me at my home in Sherman. This was in the year 1872 and that his enemies should have no opportunity to give him trouble, his correspondence with his people in South Carolina passed through my hands, his letters coming addressed to me at Sherman, Texas, and he sending his letters to me from where he resided for over a year, and I mailed them to his South Carolina home.

For several years following the great war, a trail, known to this day as the Chisholm Trail, led from South and Middle Texas along the frontier counties, crossing the North border of Texas at the mouth of Salt Creek on Red river, thence across the western part of Indian Territory, crossing its northern border at Elm Springs on the South Canadian river, thence across what is now the State of Oklahoma, thence crossing into Kansas at the mouth of Little Arkansas river, where it enters into its big namesake, thence to the Kansas Pacific Railroad at Abilene.

Over this trail thousands of cattle were driven from Texas; with but few settlements near it until Red river was crossed, then a wild waste of most luxuriant grass till the crossing of the Arkansas river enabled the Texas cattle to graze and fatten every mile of the route and nobody to care or interfere.

At the Texas border was a rough frontier store called Red River Station and in this store Mr. Hunter lived and worked all the months he was a refugee from his Carolina home. This store was owned by a Sherman firm of merchants with whom I was connected and, being located 110 miles west from us and that distance from the nearest rail-

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folk and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience

—Red lemonade and peanuts.

—Young America is in his glory—the elephant has come to town.

—This is opening day with the dry goods and millinery stores and circus day with everybody.

—A few straw hats still linger—almost in the lap of winter, as 'twere.

—Mr. Ed C. Ray, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mr. Martin L. Rudisill, of Crouse, route one, was among the business visitors in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mr. J. M. Holland left yesterday for Black Mountain on business and will be out of the city for several days.

—Mrs. Thomas Norment and Master Durward Morrow returned Tuesday night from a visit to relatives in California.

—For lack of a quorum the adjourned meeting of the city council which was to have been held Tuesday night was not held.

—Miss Letha Hamilton, of the faculty of Weddington Academy at Weddington, arrives today to spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. J. McComb.

—Col. T. L. Craig has been confined to his home for a week or more by an attack of rheumatism. His friends hope for him an early recovery.

—Miss Julia LaFar will reopen her kindergarten next Monday, September 22nd, at the residence of Mr. A. J. Hale, 107 East Franklin avenue.

—The Ideal Theatre in this issue announces as a special feature for Monday "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The feature for tomorrow, Saturday, will be the "Great Circus Catastrophe."

—Mrs. W. M. Wilson is a patient at the City Hospital, where she underwent an operation yesterday morning from which she is recovering in a very satisfactory manner.

—Charlotte Observer, 18th: The friends of Miss Susie Love will regret to learn that she has been quite sick for the past several days at her home, 212 East Morehead street.

—We regret to learn that Mrs. J. B. Beal, whose serious illness was noted in Tuesday's Gazette, continues quite low, there being very slight hope for any improvement in her condition.

—Mrs. L. C. Eury, who has been spending some time with relatives in Salisbury and Hickory, returned from Hickory to Gastonia yesterday and is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Torrence, on Columbia street.

—Miss Virginia Haynes returned Wednesday to her home at Cliffside after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Love. Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Love and children left for Trenton, Tenn., where they will reside in the future.

—Gastonians have nothing to kick about the garden, we forget that local street car service as crops are good, cotton is bringing a good price and the outlook for business is excellent. The busy town will soon be busier than ever.

—Gaffney, S. C., Ledger, 16th: Miss Iris Littlejohn spent the past two weeks in Gastonia, N. C., doing substitute work in the Gastonia graded school. She came home Friday and was accompanied by Miss Mundy, who will be her guest for ten days.

—For the first time in many moons there was no municipal court Monday morning. Chief of Police Carroll stated that the department did not have a single call Saturday night, Sunday or Sunday night, an occurrence so rare in the history of the town that he could not recall when it had ever happened before.

—Prof. O. A. Hamilton, of Unionville, arrived yesterday to spend a few days here with his sister, Mrs. C. J. McComb, before going to Wilmington to resume his duties as principal of the Hemenway school. Prof. Hamilton has just returned from abroad, having spent his vacation touring Europe.

—Mrs. L. C. Davis and Miss Lola Davis returned on No. 37 yesterday morning from a two-weeks visit to Misses Sarah, Carrie and Rebecca Fayssoux at Philadelphia, Pa. While there they took a very pleasant trip of several days to Atlantic City and New York. They also visited Mrs. D. H. Siegfried, a sister of the Misses Fayssoux, who lives in West Philadelphia.

—Rain this week has delayed work on the construction of concrete sidewalks and has put those streets which have recently been worked in a pretty muddy fix. The sidewalk gang is now constructing the line to the Ozark Mill on East Airline avenue. A short strip was skipped near the railroad crossing where the street is to be widened and also in the vicinity of the old Hoffman spring in anticipation of the probable construction of an underpass at that point.

BALL SEASON CLOSES

WILL MAKE EARLY START NEXT SEASON

Gaston County League Pennant Won by the Lory Team of Gastonia With McAdenville a Close Second—The Batting Averages and Standing of Teams.

The Gaston County Baseball League closed its second year most successfully on last Saturday, September 13th. During the past two seasons this league has furnished Gaston countians a fine exhibition of amateur baseball.

The schedule as agreed upon by the managers of the various teams before the opening of the season was carried out in full with the exception that Spencer Mountain, without giving any reason, failed to appear for the game scheduled to be played at Belmont on the last day. President Ford declared the game forfeited under the rules of the League to Belmont and it so counted in the official standing given below.

It is planned to make an early start toward organizing the league for next season and a number of improvements in the regulations are being considered. Some of the teams during the past season failed to "come out" financially, while others were able to show a reasonable profit.

Following is the standing of the clubs at the close of the season:

STANDING OF CLUBS.	
W. L. P. C.	
Gastonia	37 3 850
McAdenville	16 4 890
Mtn. Island	10 9 526
Belmont	10 10 590
Lowell	3 16 158
Spencer Mtn.	3 17 150

TEAM BATTING.	
A. B. H. P. C.	
McAdenville	548 178 325
Mtn. Island	628 174 277
Gastonia	692 188 272
Belmont	553 148 267

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES

The first figure after each name indicates the number of times at bat, the second the number of hits, and the third the percentage.

Jenkins, O., Gastonia,	63, 20, 47.6
Bentley, J., McAdenville,	72, 34, 47.2

Van Pelt, L., Mountain Island,	31, 13, 41.9
Stone, Belmont,	70, 29, 40.1
Gule, C., Mountain Island,	29, 11, 37.9

Boatley, W., McAdenville,	77, 28, 36.4
Stafford, O., McAdenville,	76, 27, 35.6
Costner, McAdenville,	31, 11, 35.5

Danenhardt, Gastonia,	71, 25, 35.2
Autrey, Mountain Island,	63, 22, 34.9
Lawing, E., Mountain Island,	79, 27, 34.2

Funderburk, McAdenville,	78, 26, 33.3
McKelvey, M., Mountain Island,	72, 24, 33.3
Grisdale, McAdenville,	17, 5, 33.2

Jenkins, A., Gastonia,	77, 25, 32.5
Willis, Gastonia,	84, 25, 29.8
Bumgarner, C., Belmont,	48, 14, 29.2

Stafford, J., McAdenville,	67, 19, 28.3
Fisher, Mountain Island,	46, 13, 27.9
Lawing, E., Mountain Island,	73, 20, 27.4

Reeves, McAdenville,	66, 18, 27.3
Gordon, Belmont and Gastonia,	45, 12, 26.7
Lee, Belmont,	64, 17, 26.5

Parker, Belmont,	50, 12, 24.0
Sahms, E., Gastonia,	72, 17, 23.6
McKelvey, J., Mountain Island,	73, 17, 23.3

Abernethy, Belmont,	70, 16, 22.9
Lewis, Belmont,	50, 11, 22.0
Van Pelt, J., Mountain Island,	55, 12, 21.8

A BONDED WAREHOUSE

NEW \$125,000 ENTERPRISE FOR TOWN

Charter Has Been Requested for People's Bonded Warehouse & Storage Co. With Authorized Capital of \$125,000—Will Build Warehouse on East Franklin Avenue to Hold 6,000 Bales—Receipts Negotiable Anywhere.

Gastonia's latest enterprise is to be a large bonded cotton warehouse, application having been made yesterday to the Secretary of State for a charter for the People's Bonded Warehouse & Storage Co. with an authorized capital of \$125,000 and a paid-in capital of \$16,000 with Messrs. Andrew E. Moore, D. M. Jones, A. G. Myers and H. M. Cleveland as the principal stockholders.

A site for the building to be used by this company has been purchased from the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co. on East Franklin avenue between Broad and Willow streets. A two-story fire-proof building, 100x150 feet, will be erected on this property at once. The contract for its construction will probably be let within a few days. The building will be equipped with the latest sprinkler system for fire protection. There will be six compartments, each made to hold 1,000 bales. It is intended to have the warehouse ready for business by the first of November.

The principal mission of this warehouse, it is understood, is to accommodate the local cotton mills. While cotton will be warehoused for those farmers who may at any time desire it, the purpose of the company is to take care of shipped-in cotton for the various mills, issuing thereon warehouse receipts, which will be negotiable anywhere. That it will operate to the advantage of the manufacturers and fill a need which has long been felt here is not doubted.

To Richmond Hospital.

Dr. R. M. Reid left on No. 55 last night for Richmond, Va., taking with him Mr. J. Lee Robinson, Mr. W. N. Davis and Mrs. John C. Robson, all of whom go to the Johnson-Willits Sanatorium for the purpose of undergoing operations. Mr. Robinson spent some weeks in this sanatorium in the early summer, having gone there for an operation for appendicitis. His condition was such at that time, however, that he was not able to stand the operation and returned home. Since that time he has rapidly gained strength and, if the physicians there advise it, he will undergo the operation for that disease at this time. Dr. Reid expects to return to the city about Tuesday.

Wood, Gastonia,	28, 6, 21.4
Bumgarner, D., Belmont,	47, 10, 21.2

No standing is given for any player playing less than 5 games nor who has batted less than 200. However, all players were counted in team averages. Lowell and Spencer Mountain failed to report their averages and therefore are not included in the summary. Lowell's averages are given separately below.

Farris, H.,	17, 354
Johnson, B.,	10, 303
Lawing, E.,	6, 300
Price, W.,	69, 19, 27.5
Titman, G.,	17, 266
Ratchford, J.,	6, 250
Gaston, G.,	12, 3, 250
Price, J.,	39, 9, 23.1
Price, N.,	52, 11, 21.2

MR. BRYAN TO BE THERE

SECRETARY OF STATE AT KINGS MTN.

The Great Commoner Definitely Accepts Invitation to Deliver Principal Address at Celebration of Battle of Kings Mountain October 7th—Other Distinguished Men to Be Present.

Secretary of State William J. Bryan, the "Great Commoner," will be the principal attraction at the celebration of the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the famous battle of Kings Mountain to be held in the town of Kings Mountain on Tuesday, October 7th. There is no longer any doubt of this. The



SECRETARY OF STATE W. J. BRYAN.

committee on arrangements for this big event received a message Tuesday from Congressman Webb stating that Mr. Bryan had finally and definitely accepted the invitation to speak and would be on hand. It is probable that he will be accompanied by Mrs. Bryan.

Last May a committee of citizens from Kings Mountain went to Washington and extended in person this invitation to Secretary Bryan to be the guest of honor on this occasion and to deliver the principal address. He assured them at that time that he would come if the duties of his office would permit but there was never any certainty of his coming until this week.

Other prominent men who have also accepted invitations to attend the celebration are Congressman H. Y. Webb, Senator Lee S. Overman, Governor Locke Craig, of North Carolina; Governor B. W. Hooper, of Tennessee; and Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge. Governor Cole Blaise, of South Carolina, has also been invited but as yet has not signified his acceptance.

Elaborate preparations are being made for this event and there is every indication that the attendance will eclipse that at any celebration yet held at Kings Mountain or on the battlefield.

Mass Meeting To-Night.

Every business man in Gastonia is urged to attend the mass meeting at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock at which time important matters relating to Gastonia's part in the fight for relief from the discriminatory freight rates will be taken up. The time for action is short and it is highly important that tonight's meeting be well attended.

Three Weeks of Court.

Solicitor G. W. Wilson has received a letter from Mr. J. P. Kerr, Governor Craig's private secretary, stating that the Governor has provided for three weeks of court in Gaston county, beginning on Monday, October 13th. The first week, beginning on that date, will be the regular civil term. The next week, beginning the 20th, will be a criminal term and on the following Monday, the 27th, there will be a special week's term for the trial of civil cases. With this provision it is probable that both the civil and criminal dockets will be considerably reduced if not cleared.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe Bereaved.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowe, of West End, will sympathize with them very deeply in the double bereavement which has befallen them. Their little seven-year-old daughter, Bertha, after an illness of about three weeks from typhoid pneumonia, died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and at 2 o'clock this morning their three-months-old baby, John Wesley, Jr., died at the City Hospital, where he had been under treatment for some time, having been exceedingly frail since his birth. Funeral services over the remains of both the children were held at the home on West Franklin avenue at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Neill C. Williams, pastor of West End Methodist church, followed by interment in one grave in the Lory cemetery.

The sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which has been in session this week at Minneapolis, Minn., will hold its 1914 session in Atlantic City, N. J.

The body of Alice Hopper, a 16-year-old girl who had been missing since Saturday from her home in Kearny, N. J., was found Wednesday in the Passaic river at Harrison, her skirts being weighted with stones. It is believed that she was murdered.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. HICKORY GROVE, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Stroud returned to her home in Greensboro Monday, after spending a few days with Miss Buena Biggerstaff.

Mr. Thomas Uren visited Mr. Oscar Payseur Sunday.

Miss Ferrie Froneberger visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday. Mr. William Payseur gave the young people an ice cream supper Saturday night. All present had a good time.

Miss Ida Clemmer, of Gastonia, visited Miss Marietta Payseur Sunday.

Mr. Augustus Clark and sister, Miss Lucy, were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Miss Eunice Carpenter.

Mr. Arthur Carpenter and sister, Miss Susie, visited Miss Ella Kiser Sunday.

Mr. Clemmer and family, of Gastonia, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Payseur Sunday.

Mr. Claud Mauney and wife, of Waco, attended the services at Bethel Sunday.

Messrs. Arthur Biggerstaff and Samuel Payseur were business visitors in Cherryville Saturday.

CHERRYVILLE, ROUTE 2. Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, Route 2, Sept. 17.—Mr. Augustus Clark and sister, Miss Lucy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carpenter.

Mr. Will Farris returned from Kings Mountain last Friday.

Misses Vassie and Buena Stroup spent Sunday with Miss Eunice Carpenter.

Miss Sallie Stroup spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter.

Mr. W. R. Carpenter and son, Fitzhugh, spent Friday with Mr. D. H. Harmon.

Miss Ferrie Froneberger spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Froneberger.

Mrs. John S. Stroup spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. Ed Gardner, of Raeford, is spending a few days with his father-in-law, Mr. T. J. Black.

Mr. Columbus Harmon spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

IRON STATION NEWS.

IRON STATION, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lineberger and children, of Dallas, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Rhynes Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Senter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hoover, of Alexis, and Mr. Luther Long, of Mount Holly, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carpenter, of Lincolnton, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hallman.

Mrs. Mary Rhine and Mrs. Potts Rhine and children, of Dallas, visited Mrs. O. P. Rudisill last week.

Miss Eva Dellinger, of the Lincolnton graded school, spent from Friday till Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dellinger.

Mr. D. A. Troutman was in Charlotte today.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick gave a merry Saturday night to a number of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reinhardt were shopping in Charlotte yesterday.

FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

Railroads Submit Amended Proposition Which Grants Lower Rates to Gastonia and Other Border Towns—Commission May Accept the New Proposition.

A special from Raleigh to The Charlotte Observer under date of Tuesday says:

"An amended proposition from the interstate carriers in an effort to adjust the differences between the North Carolina shippers and the carriers as to interstate freight rates is in the hands of Chairman E. L. Travis of the North Carolina Corporation Commission and was submitted to Governor Craig today. Chairman Travis is just back from Washington, where he has been in conference with the railroad officials several days. The most notable amendments to the former proposition, which was rejected in August, gave additional concessions to Gastonia and other points on the Southern border line of the State and to all points bordering on the Virginia line and further concessions in rates to the Asheville or Western division of the State."

The amended proposition of the railroads is being given careful consideration by the entire Legislative commission on freight rates, and there is some probability that it will be accepted.

Every Business Man in Gastonia is Urged to Attend The Freight Rate Mass Meeting at the City Hall TONIGHT At 8:30 O'clock Important Matters to be Taken up

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