

GASTON IN THE EIGHTIES

Interesting Events in the County Thirty-odd Years Ago as Recorded in the Gazette—To Which is Added State and General News Notes and Some General Reading Matter That Proved of Interest a Third of a Century Ago.

FIFTY-FIRST INSTALLMENT.

Local Dots.

(From The Gazette of May 21, '81.) Mr. M. L. Kendrick has a live gosling with three legs.

Died, in South Point township, April 3rd, 1881, Mrs. Mary Fowler, aged about 37 years.

Rev. G. W. Calahan, of Dallas, preached a very interesting sermon at Shiloh Methodist church Sunday. A candid man who says just what he thinks has about the same effect in the social circle, and is just as welcome as a mad dog.

We have had the pleasure of a few lines from our young friend, D. F. Smyre, who is attending a commercial college in Baltimore, Md. We hope "Dan" will make his mark.

The locusts have got things all their own way now, so far as monopolizing in their monotonous music is concerned. In an acre patch of woods where they settle the grating of 20,000 factory spindles is no where.

Small pox seems to be on the increase in Concord. Four more cases are reported.

The weather has been remarkably cool for several days. Fires have been comfortable.

This is the day set apart for the Sunday school picnic. We hope all may enjoy themselves hugely, and that nothing may happen to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

A club of 18 subscribers has been raised through the instrumentality of A. M. Smyre, Esq., to the paper published at Oxford in the interest of the orphans at that place.

Our band is now in good spirits on account of a new and excellent drum that has just arrived from New York. Our good friend, "Doc," the drummer, looks more like a drum than ever.

Rev. J. H. Booth, of Dallas, about three weeks ago married a young man in Chester, age 21, to a maid 45 years. Two weeks ago he married another young man who died in three days afterward, and on last Thursday he united in marriage a sister of the unfortunate deceased, age 45, to Mr. Helton, age 19.

The matron of the Kee Hotel informs us that she had peas and Irish potatoes for dinner last Thursday, raised on the premises this spring. We are having dry weather in this vicinity at the present writing, but then had the past few weeks been wet, grass would have now been master of the situation.

Mr. F. M. Hardin, formerly of Blacks station, S. C., but more recently of Lula, Ga., has succeeded Mr. Page as agent at this place. Mr. Hardin is quite a young man, but we understand he is a thorough business man and worthy of the position to which he has been called. Mr. Page goes to Laurinburg, N. C., to fill a position on the C. C. R. R.

On to Richmond.

(From The Gazette of May 21, '81.) We left Gastonia Tuesday morning on the fast mail just as the sun rose. We soon discovered that we would have a dusty trip. There was only one passenger, a lady, on board, but at Charlotte, two more ladies and five gentlemen entered. The train, owing to a hot box, was detained at Charlotte about 40 minutes and again at Concord 15 minutes. At the latter place several gallons of water were emptied from the tank on the heated box which we supposed cooled it off as it never encountered any more trouble after that. We made a stop of two minutes at Salisbury and at a wood station just beyond Lexington five minutes. At Greensboro we stopped 20 minutes for breakfast, one minute at Reidsville and reached Danville at 11:30 A. M., 142 miles from Charlotte and 140 from Richmond. We made three stops after leaving Danville and arrived at Richmond at 4:30 P. M. We took up quarters at the St. James Hotel because we found it more convenient to the wholesale business of Richmond. We have not yet peeped out to view the surroundings, and will say nothing of the hotel until after supper.

The crops of wheat and oats look well all the way; the spring oat crop between Charlotte and Richmond is large and is beginning to suffer for rain. We noticed some very fine fields of rye and clover between Salisbury and Greensboro and Richmond with the exception of the Dan river valley, which is very much worn and bad looking. The most of the farmers' houses are miserably constructed and generally in bad repair. They don't seem to display as much pride and taste about their houses as the people of our section; altho occasionally we noticed some very neat and comfortable looking

houses. The St. James is a good place to stop. It gives excellent fare. It is situated within two yards of the State Capitol and Governor's mansion, and seems to be headquarters for country merchants. G. W. C. Richmond, May 17, 1881.

A Lusus Natural.

(From The Gazette of May 21, '81.) On the place of a gentleman named McKee in South Point township, Gaston county, about 15 miles from this city, is a pig, born like other pigs with the exception that where one of the fore legs ought to be is, in place a perfectly shaped human hand with four fingers and a thumb, with well developed nails upon them. There is another exception. On the other fore leg is a toe like those of a human being. The pig is 6 weeks old. It carries its hand in front and parallel with the body as if in a sling, and runs on its 3 legs much faster, even, than the other pigs with four. The owner of this pig wants \$500 for him. A gentleman of this city, Mr. C. S. Mallard, who was at the farm day before yesterday and examined the monstrosity offered the owner \$30 for it but understood from his reply that he couldn't "touch it with a forty-foot pole." Dr. J. C. Bauman, a practicing physician of Gaston county, made a scientific examination of it and says the bones and ligaments are those of a perfectly formed hand. It will doubtless prove to be worth all the owner asks for it. —Charlotte Observer.

(From The Gazette of May 21, '81.) The Charlotte Observer gets off a consistent (?) little joke in the way of trying to poke fun at Gastonia. Having one eye—certainly the larger one—on whiskey and the other—hand us a microscope!—on water, it attempts to dodge responsibility, and says:

"Some of the 'wet' men are chuckling over what they consider a good joke. A box was marked 'hardware' and sent to the depot yesterday to be shipped to Gastonia, a 'dry' town. The drayman, accidentally let it drop at the depot, it broke open and out rolled two jugs of whiskey. This is what they tell." Now brother, there are a number of still-houses near this place, and also three store-keepers and guagers living in town; and altho this town did elect a dry ticket, it is not probable that any of our citizens would put themselves to much trouble to send to your city for very bad whiskey, which though shipped in a pure state to your place by countless barrels, yet, "they say" is awfully doctored after it gets there and frequently one gallon gets to be two. Now is not this the more reasonable tale: Some jugs of whiskey were shipped from Gastonia to Charlotte, a (d)rye town, and so anxious were the poor fellows to slake their thirsts that the jugs were emptied of their contents upon arrival.

State News.

(From The Gazette of May 21, '81.) A colored man named Austin Cooper, came to his death on Saturday evening last from a pistol shot through the abdomen, while resisting arrest under a State's warrant, by the officer in discharge of his duty.—Greenville Express.

A kerosene lamp accidentally exploded in the residence of Mr. John M. George, on Church street, between First and Stonewall, Saturday night. The flames spread and ignited some clothing but were extinguished before much damage was done.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Hingard Best, living about 5 miles from Lumberton, Robeson county, was killed by lightning on the evening of the 3rd inst. Two of his children were severely stunned by the same stroke and the dwelling house was very badly damaged. Mr. Best leaves a wife and five children.—Wilmington Review.

Seventy-five more German immigrants arrived at this place yesterday, making some 225 in all. These will prove of vast benefit to our farmers if they but avail themselves of this opportunity to secure laborers.—Salisbury Watchman.

(To be Continued.)

Nice Cage.

Teacher—What is this picture, Willie? Small Willie—It's a picture of a house.

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TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1916.

TODAY'S POEM

THE QUITTER.

Robert W. Service. When you're lost in the wild, and you're scared as a child, And death looks you bang in the eye, And you're sore as a boil, it's according to Hoyle, To cock your revolver—and die. But the code of a man says: "Fight all you can." And self-dissolution is barred, In hunger and woe, oh, it's easy to blow— It's the hell-served-for-breakfast that's hard.

"You're sick of the game!" Well now, that's a shame.

You're young and you're brave and you're bright.

"You've had a raw deal!" I know, but don't squall.

Buck up, do your damndest, and fight.

It's the plugging away that will win you the day.

Son don't be a piker, old pard: Just draw on your grit; it's so easy to quit;

It's the keeping-your-chin-up that's hard.

It's easy to cry that you're beaten—and die.

It's easy to crawl; But to fight and to fight when hope's out of sight— Why, that's the best game of them all!

And though you come out of each grueling bout, All broken and beaten and scarred, Just have one more try—it's dead easy to die.

It's keeping-on-living that's hard.

His String of Fish.

The observer was fishing along the banks of a creek near Columbus a short time ago. Two men were also stationed near the same spot. The observer was fortunate enough to get a little string, but the two patient fishermen across the way had not got a nibble. Along in the afternoon an acquaintance of one of the men happened along the bank. Seeing his friend he exclaimed: "George, how many have you got?"

George looked up rather vacantly and responded: "When I get this one I'm after and four more I'll have five."—Columbus Dispatch.

What Impressed Her.

Shortly after Will Crooks, the labor leader, was elected to parliament, says an English weekly, he took his little daughter to Westminster. She was evidently awed at the splendors around her, and maintained a profound and wondering silence all the time. Mr. Crooks was much impressed.

"Well," he said to her at last, "what do you think of it?" "I was thinking, daddy," answered the little girl, "that you're a big man in our kitchen, but you aren't very much here."

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