

### 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.

#### 326TH INSTALLMENT.

(From The Gazette April 5, 1888.)

Texas will soon have a surplus of \$2,000,000 in her treasury, and Governor Ross has called an extra session of the Legislature to reduce taxation. If some of the officials would take a trip to Canada, it would, perhaps, ease the treasury. The Mt. Airy News learns of a woman who has a double row of teeth, while one of her sons has no teeth at all. A daughter has a head of hair, black on one side and red on the other, and the watch dog that guards the variegated family has one artificial eye and was born without a tail. The reporter who gleaned these facts didn't wait for any further particulars.

The Shelby Aurora says: The Gaffney sensation continues to excite comment and we are fearful it will develop into a lawsuit between Messrs. Augustus Mintz, of Black's, and Dr. Atkinson, of Chester, as each one asserts he was legally married to Miss Florence Little the charming and beautiful belle of Gaffney.—Mr. R. McBrayer returned last week from Dallas court and was delighted with his political prospects in Gaston from other parties at Dallas we learn that most of the prominent and leading citizens are for McBrayer.

Shelby New Era: Kings Mountain correspondence: Glad to meet in our town this week Mrs. J. K. Dixon and her two sons. Their many relatives and friends are always glad to see them. Allow me to say here that the people of Gastonia are very much attached to friend Dixon, both as an agent and citizen.—Our physicians, Drs. Tracy and McKay, are much pressed now to do their riding, showing that there is considerable sickness in our community. Dr. McKay is making a good impression upon our people, and we wish him much success.

The Shelby Era says: Mr. Perry Dever has now in successful operation a machine for manufacturing barrel hoops and is turning them out at the rate of a carload per week. He has orders ahead for all he can ship. The machinery is located on the C. C. & C. R. R. between Paterson's and Earle's.—Mrs. T. J. ("Stonewall") Jackson, of San Diego, Cal., is visiting her friends in North Carolina. Mrs. Jackson is a sister of Dr. R. J. Morrison, of Shelby.—Shelby will soon have a furniture factory in operation. Mr. H. G. Hall is the projector.—There is strong talk of a cotton factory being built at Blanton's mill on Busy Creek.

#### Obituary.

(From The Gazette April 5, 1888.)

Mr. James McReady died March 31, 1888, in the seventy-third year of his age. The disease that terminated his life was cancer of the nose. He suffered intensely with this distressing ailment for more than three years. He had not taken any nourishment on account of this disease for 17 days before his death, and had not been able to see or speak. His case was enough to arouse and excite the sympathy in any human breast. His neighbors and friends manifested much interest and sympathy in his behalf, by frequently visiting him and praying with him. He endured his severe and protracted affliction with exemplary Christian patience and submission. He realized very sensibly that his disease would terminate in death and was willing and anxious at the appointed hour to depart and be with Christ. He was a member of Olney church and died the death of the righteous. He leaves a devoted and faithful wife and five affectionate children to mourn his death. But they are comforted with the assurance that he is now enjoying "that rest that remaineth to the people of God."

#### Local News.

(From The Gazette April 5, 1888.)

Cotton is selling at 9 3/4. Mr. S. N. Boye is at home again. Mr. John Brown, who lived near Waco, died April 3rd.

The contractor and force of hands arrived Tuesday to go to work on the factory.

Mr. W. N. Davis and Miss Maggie Rhyne, both of this county, were married March 28th.

The brick work on Mr. Falls' new building is completed and the roofing is in progress.

Mr. E. L. Glenn has bought and moved into the Foysson house, near Mr. J. D. Brumfield's.

The cold-wave flag should not have been displayed Tuesday. The mistake was made by misunderstanding the dispatch.

Miss Aida Smyre, accompanied by Misses Laura Mason and Mahel Little, was at home last Friday from Gaston College enjoying the Easter holidays.

Rev. Wm. E. McIlwaine was in Dallas last Monday to meet the committee of Lowell to get a plan for the new Presbyterian church soon to be built there.

Mr. W. H. Faulkner, son of Mr. J. H. Faulkner, of this place, who was formerly on the Air-Line railroad, is now chief clerk of the postoffice department at Charleston, S. C.

Margaret Ann Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Glenn, died the 30th of March, of meningitis, aged eleven years, and was buried at Bethel. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. McLain.

Rev. G. S. Robinson, of Pineville, is lying sick at the home of Mr. John Campbell. He was to preach at Bethel

last Sabbath, but did not on account of sickness.

Died, in this vicinity, on the 23rd ult., Mr. Elam Robinson, aged 81 years. For a number of years he was a ruling elder in Sugar Creek Presbyterian church.

Mr. James H. McGrady, who has been suffering so long with cancer of the face died March 31, 1888, and was buried at Olney. Rev. J. J. Kennedy conducted the funeral services.

Mr. J. D. Brumfield received a telegram last Saturday from his nephew, Mr. J. W. Hooser, of Will's Point, Texas, saying that the latter's wife died that morning. Mr. Hooser was from New Orleans, and they lived in Dallas some time after their marriage.

A municipal election was held in Dallas last Monday. No excitement. Only 30 votes were cast. Mr. E. Passour was unanimously elected mayor. Messrs. R. W. Sandifer, L. M. Hoffman, J. C. Pickett, W. E. Holland and J. F. Rhyme were chosen commissioners.

All defects in The Gazette this week are chargeable to the parties getting up the concert. They have a piano and two violins in the hall near us, and we are getting nervous. We can't be expected to write about tariff and education while such is going on. The door is open, and we are not inclined to shut it. We can't sit still and haven't time to move.

(To Be Continued)

#### From Private Fred M. Grier.

Following are some extracts from a letter which The Gazette recently received from Private Fred M. Grier, of Co. C, 326th Infantry: Jan. 6, 1919.

Dear Editor: It has occurred to me that The Gazette would probably like to receive a letter from an American soldier in France, from Gaston county. I have a number of relatives and friends to whom I am not able to write personal letters, so I am working through The Gazette to get in touch with them.

I have been here but a short time, having come over here about August 15th of last year, and will admit that my experiences have been so many that it will be necessary to give a general account of my travels. I have been on the move a great deal, stopping short periods in places for training and finally winding up in the trenches. After spending about two weeks there, which was a very good place to stay, if it had not been for the "Boche," we were relieved by some Neapolitan soldiers one night about 10 o'clock and we hiked about 10 miles to an old house built of stone and it was my luck to sleep on the floor so I wrapped up in an old blanket being somewhat sleepy and tired from being up most of the time and I was glad to get somewhere to pull my shoes off and not be disturbed. A lot of hard work had been done which a soldier will sooner or later find in his lot, and which, in the majority of cases is accepted cheerfully.

Hiking under all conditions of weather, countries, etc., is the hardest job, but we always get through some way, whether wet, cold, hot, or tired. There are many difficulties to overcome in the way of eating, sleeping, personal attention, etc. But this is to be expected when a soldier is camping. We eat when we get it and what we get, as we most of the time have monstrous appetites. Uncle Sam finds good homes for his men and there are times when circumstances do not permit us to live like "regular folk."

Before entirely leaving the subject of hikes, I want to mention the most historical one, I have had. The most historical part of which appeals to me. It was somewhat lengthy and I was tired, hungry and sore-footed. But on the march we had the occasion to pass through the battlefield of one of the most famous struggles of 1914, on which the fellow heroes now rest under the protecting branches of autumn trees, covered with red and golden leaves. Friend and foe sleep side by side, "a cross" marks the pallet of each. No more enmity is known to stand, they are all as one. Somewhere, while traveling this historical spot, now marked with crosses and monuments, the thought came to me, "All that really exists is the infinite mind, and its idea. And in this mind all being is found harmonious and eternal." Of all the hikes I have made, this will be one to remember.

The people over here have some very curious ways of living and farming, some of them have treadmills which they use to thresh their wheat, and in most cases, they are all housed under the same roof, such as the stock and supplies, and instead of having flowers in the front yard, they have farming materials. Of course, in the better towns you can find some nice residences. Most of the country is very beautiful. Mostly valleys and beautiful fields covered with grass and the roads are all good except some places have been torn up by heavy trucks and wagons hauling supplies for the soldiers. And where in America they have steel bridges, over here they are built of stone. Speaking of the way they live, I have never seen a house built of wood. They are mostly built of stone and are very warm and comfortable. The people wear wooden shoes, which is something new for most of us. I have seen them working their cows and dogs to wagons and it always creates a laugh for the soldiers. Well, I will go back to the hikes again. We were only out of the trenches a little while till we were marching to another front, and believe me it was a lively place. Everybody was busy and we were not allowed to travel only at night. So it was sometimes cold and dark and rainy. But everybody seemed to be in good heart and didn't mind it. We marched through St. Mihiel and

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#### From Private George G. Dameron.

Following are some extracts from a letter which Miss Mary Dameron, of Lowell, route one, recently received from her brother, Private George G. Dameron, of Co. F, 9th Division, ammunition train: Jan. 15, 1919.

Dear Sister: I am well and feeling fine again. Have been in the hospital for two weeks with the measles but they did not hurt me much. Guess you all are having some cold weather over there. We have a mild climate where we are. It has been raining for the last three or four days and don't look much like quitting yet.

Don't know when we will get home, but think we will get there in time to help with another crop.

PRIVATE GEO. DAMERON.

through where the struggle of September last was. Finally we came to the front and the shells were falling all around. It would almost make a fellow shiver when those shells would come whistling all around. And on the morning of the 11th of November, we were on the front lines and that will be a day to be remembered by all nations.

PVT. FRED M. GRIER.

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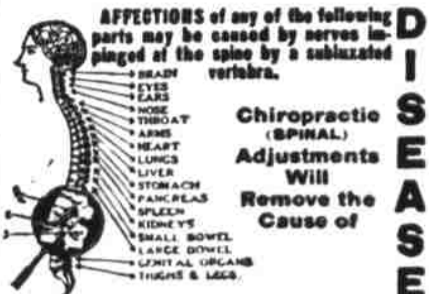
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