

CATAWBA JUNCTION

On a visit to his Indian friends McDonald Furman writes up the station.

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There Years ago I visited this place for the purpose of going out to visit the Catawba Indians; two years ago I was here for the purpose and at that time I wrote up the Junction for the Enquirer. Now I am here for the third time. Yesterday I paid the most delightful visit to the Catawba's and as I am here I will send you some items from the Junction.

Since I was here two years ago the place has changed some-it looks more like a village now. New houses have been built and the village has increased in population. At present there are upwards of a dozen white babies aged from 19 months down. Among the new buildings, Mr. H.M. Lineberger's pretty cottage is especially noticeable. Two of the new houses belong to Mr. Sep Massey, who has the prettiest crop around the Junction. Speaking of Mr. Massey, the following is worthy of mention: He gathered this year 60 bushels of oats to the acre from two acres. He had manured them with 14 bushels of cotton to the acre.

Mr. A.B Ferguson, who lives about a mile from the Junction, is the largest planter in the section. Week before last he sold 150 bales of cotton here. Mr. Ferguson raises all of his supplies at home.

The new depot built this year is quite an attraction and is a credit to this place. It is 260 feet long and 30 feet broad.

Mr. S. Killians blacksmith and general repair shop is an institution established since I was last here. He gets a good deal of work.

The Junction is well connected by the telephone. There are two systems and the Junction is connected with Rock Hill and other points.

Mr. Henry Simpson's is the only place at which transient boarders are entertained and they are well treated there.

Among the gentlemen who are entering the political arena, is one from this section-that is Mr. Jno. D. Cornwell, candidate for county supervisor.

I must give the colored people showing. The Catawba Brass Band, composed of 14 colored men of this section practice once a week and sometimes play at picnics. Will Yarborough is the leader. We wish that the colored people in all of our towns and villages would get up a band like this.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, let me say a few more words. I am only a visitor here; but I like the place and could not resist the temptation to send you a few items. I said the place had changed somewhat—in one respect it has not changed in the least, and that is in the genial and pleasant nature of its people. I love the Junction on account of its excellent people. Should I ever stump South Carolina for governor, I intend to make a special campaign speech to the pleasant people of Catawba Junction.

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