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## MANNING AND BLEASE WILL RUN AGAIN

### FOR GOVERNOR--CANSLER AND FANT IN SECOND PRIMARY FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

With approximately 125,000 votes accounted for, and with probably little more than 5,000 still out, the relative standing of the candidates for Governor has not been changed since the first reports were given out.

It is certain that Governor Richard I Manning and former Governor C L Blease will be in the second primary, which will be held Tuesday, September 12.

For Governor the figures so far reported are:

BLEASE	56,939
MANNING	37,094
COOPER	28,301

Lieutenant Governor Bethea, for re-election; Assistant Secretary of State Dove, for Secretary of State, and Treasurer Carter, for re-election, maintain their heavy leads over their respective opponents, the standing in these races being as follows:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.	
BETHEA	62,580
ADAMS	35,889
SECRETARY OF STATE.	
DOVE	36,783
WIGHTMAN	40,880
STATE TREASURER.	
CARTER	53,200
M'LAURIN	37,982
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.	
CANSLER	40,115
FANT	28,586
HAMPTON	16,627
KELLY	11,380
THROWER	9,239

For Railroad Commissioner, Cansler and Fant will make a second race, with the former leading by about 12,000. The figures in this contest follow:

CANSLER	40,115
FANT	28,586
HAMPTON	16,627
KELLY	11,380
THROWER	9,239

FOR CONGRESS.  
In the six races for Congress it appears that but one contest will go to the second primary, that in the Third, where Dominick is leading Aiken, the incumbent. These two will run over.

RS Whaley is re-elected in the First district; James F Byrnes in the Second; Sam J Nicholls in the Fourth; David B Finley in the Fifth, according to returns; and J W Ragsdale in the Sixth. A F Lever, Congressman from the Seventh district, had no opposition.

## FOUR DEAD, NUMBER MISSING.

### Thirty-three May Have Been Lost From Memphis.

Washington, August 30:—Reports to the navy department tonight said 33 enlisted men were missing, most of them probably drowned, four were known to be dead, two officers and six men were seriously injured and 67 others hurt, as a result of the wrecking of the armored cruiser Memphis by a hurricane yesterday in San Domingo City harbor.

Most of the missing were in a small boat overturned by wind and waves while returning to the Memphis. It is believed by the navy department perhaps a dozen of these may be alive on shore and will be discovered by a later muster.

Jennings P Blackwell of Parksville, S C, is among the seriously injured.

The cause of the wreck has not yet been explained fully in messages from Rear Admiral Pond, in command at San Domingo, and an investigation will be started by navy officers soon.

### Items of General Interest.

Mr J I A Walson, a farmer living near Cheraw, lost six bales of new cotton by fire which destroyed his cotton warehouse Saturday night. The origin of the blaze is a mystery, as there had been no fire near the building.

The American-Mexican joint commission to seek a solution of border difficulties will meet at Portsmouth, N H, probably Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The day will be set by the commissioners themselves at a preliminary conference to be held in New York Monday.

Robert A Beatty, 67 years old, a merchant of some prominence, of Charlotte, N C, shot and killed his wife at their home Monday. He then sent his daughter to call the neighbors and notify the police. It is claimed that Beatty attempted to kill a former wife who later secured a divorce from him.

The war game just completed by the United States navy proved that under fairly favorable weather conditions an attacking fleet has an excellent chance to land troops within twenty miles of New York, Rear Admiral Austin M Knight declared Sunday night. "Nothing of this sort would have been possible," he said, "if the defending blue fleet had had an efficient scouting force."

## WILLIAMSBURG BOY ON THE BORDER.

### ENTERTAINING SKETCH OF LIFE THERE AND THE COUNTRY ALONG THE ROUTE.

Editor County Record:—

Will you kindly publish the following letter, as some of my friends have asked me to give a description of our trip out here.

Sunday afternoon, August 6, each company from the 1st and 2d regiments was marched up to a stand prepared for the purpose, where Gov Manning made the soldiers a farewell address. He said that the 1st regiment would leave the next day (Monday) and the second would follow as soon as possible. Monday afternoon there was nothing to be seen of the 1st regiment, all tents were down, and the hill opposite us was deserted. All day Friday we were busy packing up such stuff as we were to carry and loading it on the cars at Styx. That night we pitched our "dog tents" to have some place to sleep, but there was not much sleep going on. After supper all the boys of our company got together on the tables we used for eating on, and until taps we sang old songs, such as "Old Black Joe", "Home, Sweet Home" and "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground". Early Wednesday morning we marched to Styx, about half a mile, with guns and packs on our backs. Our company is in the 3d battalion, and we were the first to leave. We were pulled into Columbia by a switch engine and transferred to the Seaboard Air Line railway, where crowds of people had gathered to bid us good bye. We were not allowed to leave the train, but every window held about four of us, and the crowds walked along by the windows giving us such a handshake and asking us to be good boys. We left Columbia at 9:15 a. m. and went via Savannah.

At each station along the route it seemed as if every inhabitant had gathered, but we got only a glimpse of them, for our first stop was Savannah, and there just long enough to get water and change engines. Wednesday night for supper we had "hard tack", corned beef, raw tomatoes and jam; all meals just like the first. We were all on Pullman cars, so before taps we were all fast asleep.

We arrived in Montgomery, Ala, at 8 a. m. Thursday, where we were taken from the cars and given 30 minutes exercise, also a good cup of coffee. The station there is very pretty, within about thirty yards of the Alabama river. The scenery along this stream is lovely.

Our next stop was Mobile, where we stayed one hour, and the boys were allowed to take in the town. Alabama, I believe, is said to be a "dry" State, but if you could have seen some of the boys when they returned to the train, you would have thought that Mobile had a bar on every corner. We next stopped at Bay View, Miss. This is the most beautiful city we passed through; it is right on the Gulf of Mexico. The station there is undoubtedly the prettiest I have ever seen; everything looked so clean, and the flowers were perfectly lovely. At each end of the depot was a lawn, and in the center of each was the word "Bay View" in pretty little white flowers growing among the grass. After leaving Bay View, we passed along the gulf for forty miles, crossing trestles sometimes two miles in length. The moonlight on the gulf was lovely, and the boys stayed up later than usual taking in the scenery.

We arrived in New Orleans about 10 p. m. Thursday, stopping long enough only to take on water and ice. The cars were shifted to the ferryboat and we crossed the Mississippi and were transferred to the

Southern Pacific railroad and from there to the "Sunset Limited route". After leaving New Orleans, we still had 1,100 miles to go before reaching our destination. Our next stop was Lake Charles, La, where we had the pleasure of seeing the Damon oil fields. Leaving Louisiana, Orange was the first town in Texas through which we passed, our first stop being Roseberg. We were two days and nights crossing the State. We passed by ranch after ranch and saw thousands upon thousands of horses and cattle but nothing else except prairie dogs and coyotes, not a human being, not even a Mexican, to be seen.

Our second and most important stop was San Antonio, where we arrived about 7:30 p. m. The ladies served ice cream and cake in abundance. They were assisted by the boy scouts. All the boys met several good looking girls there, and most of them have received cards or letters from that city. After San Antonio, we struck the first outpost at Sanderson. From there on, every water tank and station was guarded. The country all along from Sanderson to El Paso is very mountainous. At one outpost about ten miles from here we passed one outpost where the railroad is so winding that we passed one tent three times. Coming along through the mountains, we saw one deer, two small bears and several coyotes.

We arrived in El Paso about 10 p. m. Saturday in a pouring rain, so we slept on the cars. Early Sunday morning we marched from the train to our camping ground, which was covered with cactus and sage brush. We stacked our arms, took our entrenching tools and without any breakfast began the task of cleaning away everything, and by 4 p. m. we had our tents pitched. While clearing our camping ground we captured several buck rabbits, horned

toads and prairie dogs. We have one horned toad and a prairie dog in our tent. The toad is tied with a string around its neck, and the dog is in a box. After we finished pitching tents we had another meal of "hard tack" and corned beef and we were all ready for a good night's rest. We haven't been doing very much lately, only drilling a little.

Before we left Styx we heard so much about the hot weather here, but we find it much cooler than in South Carolina. We almost freeze every night under heavy woolen blankets. The water here is just fine. The elevation is 4,447 3-16 feet.

The boys in our company decided to make up a purse and buy instruments for a string band. Each of the boys gave 25 cents and all officers gave \$1, so we had a plenty to get what we needed. Some of us boys went to town Thursday to get them. We took the street car at Ft Bliss and had a fine trip going. We got the instruments we went for and then took in the town. We went down San Antonio to the international bridge across the Rio Grande and looked over into Juarez, Mexico. No soldiers are allowed to cross the bridge, so we could only look over into the city and see the Mexican troops patrolling the border on their side.

While we were there we saw thousands of Mexicans leaving El Paso, where they had been working during the day, going back to Juarez. The Rio Grande just divides the two cities. I had always been under the impression that this is a very large stream and was disappointed to find it not half as large as Black river.

While we were in town a big rain came up and all the water rushed down from the mountains into the city. For about an hour the streets looked like rivers, and all car traffic was suspended for several hours. We left there at 7:30 and arrived at camp at 10:45, just before taps. Then we had to walk about a mile.

The best crops we saw along the whole route were in Georgia. All the corn and cotton in that State were pretty good. In Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas the crops looked very poor. The cotton was all small, but green and open. The corn was not much better. In some places I saw several fields of corn that had been drowned and looked as if it had been dead a month.

THOS CHANDLER,  
Camp Stewart.  
El Paso, Tex, August 21.

## WEEKLY CHRONICLE FROM LAKE CITY.

### PEPPERS PROVE PROFITABLE--TOBACCO SEASON CLOSING--THOSE GOING AND COMING.

Lake City, August 29:—The pepper farmers are gathering and curing their crop, getting ready to market it. The pepper that is being raised around here is not the large sweet kind, but the long slender, hot kind, paprika. It is gathered after it turns red, cured in tobacco barns in trays with screen wire bottoms, packed into sacks and shipped direct to spice mills. The returns are proving right satisfactory.

With the close of the last week the main portion of the tobacco season came to a close. Buyers are still here and sales are made each day, but the quantities are steadily growing less as the end of the crop is being approached.

Mrs Ella F Jones is at Flat Rock, N C, enjoying the mountain climate. Mr A M Parker came home from Pawley's Island to vote. He says the storm struck the coast just south of the island and did no damage on the island.

A young man of Georgetown and another of Union are the most persistent visitors Lake City has. They are not transients either; and their persistence is giving some local boys a pain, and such a pain!

It is reported that Mrs Kate Hall and family are getting ready to move to Greenville, which was Mrs Hall's home before she married the late Col O T Hall.

Messrs O S Baldwin, Ashton H Williams and J M Eaddy went down to Andrews Saturday night on business.

Dr and Mrs C D Rollins have gone to Chimney Rock, N C, for a short vacation.

A Live Stock Conference will be held at Orangeburg October 11-12, under the joint auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Settlement & Development organization of Baltimore, Md. This conference will be State-wide and the sessions will be devoted to practical discussions of the vital questions relating to Animal Husbandry. There will also be an exhibit of South Carolina bred cattle and hogs.

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