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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

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FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

T. B. LEONHARDT.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Gaston county, subject to the action of the Republican convention. If nominated and elected I promise to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,
JOHN N. HANNA.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Register of Deeds for Gaston county, subject to the action of the coming Democratic primaries and county convention.

A. J. SMITH.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Gaston county subject to the action of the coming Democratic primaries and county convention.

W. O. GARDNER,
Mountain Island, N. C., July 2, 1908.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

J. M. SHUFORD.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

J. H. RUTLEDGE.
June 2nd, 1908.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Gaston county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and convention.

N. B. KENDRICK.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Representative from Gaston county to the next Legislature, subject to the Democratic primary and county convention.

DAVID R. DELLINGER.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

From Crowders Mountain township.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner from Crowders Mountain township, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

J. T. R. DAMERON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as county commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

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J. W. KENDRICK.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

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A. R. ANDERS.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as county commisssioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

JOHN F. LEEPER.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

W. C. THOMPSON.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for State Senator from Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

W. T. LOVE.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

R. K. Davenport.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for State Senator from Gaston county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

ROBERT L. ABERNETHY.
Mount Holly, N. C.

Lawn Party.

The ladies of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will give a lawn party next Thursday evening, August 13th, on the church grounds, beginning at 7:30. Ice cream and cake will be served, the proceeds to be for the benefit of the Ladies' Society. The public is cordially invited.

Police Court.

Quite a number of cases came up for trial at Mondaymorning's session of the police court. Jesse Steel was fined $7.50 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly. Bob Jenkins, drunk and down, was given $1 and the costs. R. M. Honeysuckle, for an assault on Paul Wilkes, colored, paid a penny and the costs. Ed Williams, for tresspassing on a train, was given ten days on the roads. A young man named Fields, for being drunk and staggering, was fined a penny and the costs. Bela Hanna, for an assault on his stepmother, was fined $1 and the costs

Will Millings, colored, was taken from jail at Brighton, Ala., Tuesday night and lynched. He was accused of taking part in the dynamiting of a non-union miner's home.

The commissioners of Ashe county have been asked to call an election for Sept. 12th for a vote on the issuance of $100,000 in bonds for the construction of a proposed railroad from Troutdale, Grayson county, Virginia, to Jefferson, Ashe county.

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President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, Writes of the Limitless Possibilities in Store for the South.

To the Editor of The Gazette.:

It has occurred to me that it may not be improper for me to address you and other representative editors in the Southern States on a subject which I believe to be of great importance to the future prosperity of our section.

My duties require me to keep in touch, as nearly as possible, with business conditions throughout the country, and especially in the South. Since the beginning of the business depression from which the country is now recovering, I have been greatly impressed with evidence which has come to me that, while business all over the United States has been unfavorably affected, the effects of the depression have been felt most severely, as a general rule, in those communities the energies of which are devoted principally to the production of a single commodity, or of a few commodies, and that business has been relatively less affected in those communities in which production is more diversified. I have been impressed especially with the fact that the business depression has been relatively less severe in those Southern localities in which attention has been given to the growing of fruits and vegetables. There has been a steady market for these products, and, although prices have not in some instances been as high as in other seasons, I believe they have generally yielded profits to the growers.

The press of the South has already accomplished much by advocating diversification of agriculture and manufacturing, and, looking back over the past twenty-five years, we can realize that much has been accomplished in this direction. I believe, however, that the time is especially opportune for continuing our efforts in this direction and for urging that each Southern community shall make the most of the opportunities which a revival of business will open to it.

Nature has favored the South with practically inexhausible resources of great variety, and the industrious and resourceful Southern people have shown their ability to take up and carry to success new lines of industry. I believe, therefore, that you will agree with me as to the desirability of encouraging still greater diversification of industry in the direction of utilizing to the fullest extent the natural resources of our section.

Without attempting to enumerate the lines in which progress in agricultural prosperity might be advanced by further diversification of farming, especially in the direction of producing the fruits and vegetables best suited for each locality; that live stock and dairying might profitably receive more attention in some localities, and, that in connection with a larger production of fruits and vegetables, there are many localities in which canning and preserving industries might profitably be carried on more extensively than at present.

Industrially, I believe it should be the aim of the South to add to the profits of producing raw materials the profits of manufacturing, by converting Southern raw materials, as far as possible, into articles ready for use. As indicating what may be done along this line, I may refer to the cotton textile industry. Although the South has a substantial monopoly in the production of the most widely used textile fibre in the world, some of us are old enough to remember when it was believed in many quarters that cotton manufacturing on a large scale could not be established successfully in the South. The Southern people first demonstrated their ability to make the coarser grades of cotton fabrics, and they are now demonstrating their ability to make the finer grades as well and to bleach and finish the products of their mills. I think we may look forward with confidence to the further development of this great industry and of industries depending upon it, such as the manufacture of cotton goods into articles of clothing ready for wear.

I might enumerate a long list of opportunities for the further development of manufacturing. It would include the conversion, on a larger scale, of Southern-made leather into boots and shoes, harness and belting, in Southern factories, and the conversion of the products of Southern forests and mines into a long list of articles ready for use. I have said enough, however, to suggest to you the point I wish to make, which is, that I believe that all of us who have the prosperity of the South at heart should do all in our power to encourage the diversification of Southern industry and the conversion in Southern factories of Southern products into articles ready for use rather than their shipment to other sections in the form of raw materials or of partly manufactured commodities. I need not assure you of my great interest in every movement for the advancement of a Southern community, and you know that this Company, through its Land and Industrial Department, stands ready at all times to co-operate in every proper way with individuals and communities along its lines for the establishment of new industries, the promotion of such immigration as may be desired by each community, and the general advancement of Southern prosperity.

Yours very truly,
W. W. FINLEY, Pres.
Washington, D. C., July 31, 1908.

LOWELL LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Aug. 7.—About four hundred people witnessed a game of ball between Bell Park and Begonia on Bell Park diamond Wednesday; J. Price for the locals was in fine form and pitched excellent ball. The visitors could not find his curves, only a few hits being secured. The locals won a khut out game off of the visitors, the score being 8 to 0. Batteries: Bell Park, J. Price and R. Price; Begonia, Johnson, Meek and Kendrick.

Mr. E. L. Stroup, of Salisbury, is home for his vacation this week.—Miss Mabel Leonhardt was a Charlotte visitor Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Petty Steele has returned home after a two-months stay with her sister, Mrs. Frank Robinson.—Mr. S. J. Hand was a Gastonia visitor Monday.—Mr. John Gaston attended the Farmers' Institute at Dallas Monday.—Mrs. P. W. Hand and Mrs. Frank Robinson were Charlotte shoppers Monday.—Mr. S. J. Gaston was in Gastonia Monday on business.—Mr. L. E. Rankin was a Gastonia visitor Monday.—Messrs. W. A. Jenkins and Ralph Jenkins attended the Farmers' Institute at Dallas.—Rev. W. V. Honeycutt is spending his vacation at Connelly Springs.—Mr. Andy Armstrong, of Belmont, was in Lowell on business Monday.—Mr. Jenks McLaughen, of Gastonia, was in town Monday on business.—Mr. A. R. Leonhardt and Mr. C. H. Hand went over to Charlotte Tuesday to see the ball game between Greensboro and Charlotte.

Misses Bessie, Ada and Lottie Cox are visiting Miss Lois Williams, of Matthews.—Mr. Arthur Ford, of Great Falls, is visiting home folks this week.—Mr. Coit Robinson and Mr. P. P. Murphy have returned from Montreat, Webster and other mountain points.—A picnic was held at the Lutheran Chapel Wednesday by the Sunday school. All enjoyed themselves very much.—Mrs. B. F. Leonhardt has returned from a week's stay in Charlotte, where she has been visiting friends.—Miss Leah Clarke, of Belmont, is visiting Miss Frank Leonhardt.—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Julian, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Julian's parents, here for a week or two.—Miss Joe Rhyne, of Dallas, has been visiting Miss Marynett McClelland for the past week. Messrs. Sim and Arthur Ford and J. I. Hammett were Salisbury visitors yesterday.—Mr. Robert Cox, who has been visiting his parents for the past week, returned yesterday to Johnson City.—Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Miller, Mrs. S. M. Robinson and Miss Nellie Roseman attended the Sabbath School Convention at Mount Holly yesterday.—Miss Alice Jenkins entertained a number of her young friends at her home last night. All had a very enjoyable time.

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Judge Boyd signed a decree at Greensboro Wednesday authorizing Caesar Cone, receiver, to sell the bankrupt property of the Odell Manufacturing Company at Concord on September 16th. The indebtedness is about $420,000.

Two million gallons of whiskey were destroyed by a fire in Midway, Kentucky, Wednesday night. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The government lost two and a half million dollars in unpaid taxes when it burned, as it was in government bonded warehouses.

THE BLARNEY STONE.

An Old Legend Tells How It Found Its Way to Ireland.

THE MAGIC OF KISSING IT.

Origin of the Quaint Belief That It Imparts to the Lips That Touch It the Power to Utter Honeyed, Coaxing and Delusive Speeches.

The blarney stone takes its name from the village of Blarney, in County Cork, Ireland, near which stand the ruins of the famous Blarney castle, dating back to the fifteenth century, and the groves of Blarney, which enjoy an equally wide reputation. A rivulet flowing through them bears the same name. The name Blarney is from the Irish "blairne," a little field, the Gaelic form being "blair" or "blar," a plain. The village is four miles northwest of Cork and has a few hundred inhabitants. In the groves of Blarney stands the ruined castle, in one tower of which is the world famous stone, the kissing of which is reputed to endow one with the gift of coaxing, wheedling and flattering.

The true stone is declared to be one in the castle wall, a few feet below the summit of the tower. To reach and osculate it it is necessary for one to be held over the parapet by the heels. But so many persons traveling in the Emerald Isle desire to report that they have kissed the real blarney stone that one in the top of the wall is held to be sufficiently near the real thing for the fiction to be maintained that it is the true stone with all the powers of the original. And even to aged and infirm persons one near the castle entrance is declared to be the original. On the true stone, near the top of the tower, a half effaced inscription reads, "Cormack McCarthy Fortis Me Fieri Facit, A. D. 1446."

Of the blarney stone Father Prout, the Irish poet, declared that it was the palladium of liberty for Erin. He describes the stone and relates a number of legends regarding it, one that it was brought to the island by the Phoenicians, who are reputed to have colonized the region, and that it had long been in the custody of the Carthaginians, who from it gained the reputation for insincerity which is transmitted in the phrase "Punic faith," and that before that it belonged to the Syrians, who were credited with speaking with double tongues after kissing it. According to the story, some Carthaginian adventurers became enamored of the stone and appropriated it. They set sail for Minorca, but, being overtaken by a storm, were driven into the harbor of Cork and left the stone in that vicinity until it was made use of in the construction of the donjon tower of Blarney castle.

As to the origin of the belief in regard to the qualities secured by kissing the stone, Crofton Croker says that in 1602, when the Spaniards were urging the Irish chieftains to harass the English, the owner of the castle, Cormack McDermod McCarthy, who then occupied it, concluded an armistice with the lord president on condition of surrendering it to an English garrison. But he put him off from day to day with specious statements, fair promises and false pretexts until the lord president became the laughingstock of the ministers of Queen Elizabeth, and the honeyed and delusive speeches of the lord of the castle became known as mere "blarney."

The word found its way into literature in the last century. In the "Journal" of Caroline Fox, which appeared in 1835, there is this use of the word: "Mme. de Stael was regretting to Lord Castlereagh that there was no word in the English language which answered to their 'sentiment.' 'No,' he said, 'there is no English word, but the Irish have one that corresponds exactly—blarney.'" Samuel Lover wrote "The blarney's so great a deceiver" in one of his Irish novels. President James Buchanan wrote, "The general has yet to learn that my father's countrymen (I have ever felt proud of my descent from an Irishman), though they themselves do blarney others, are yet hard to be blarneyed themselves." Washington Irving in "The Traveler" wrote, "So he blarneyed the landlord." James Russell Lowell in "The Fable For Critics" says:

The cast clothes of Europe your statesmanship tries
And mumbles again the old blarneys and lies.

The name of the old time castle and town has added a noun, a verb, an adjective and a participle to the language. The most comprehensive definition of the noun "blarney" is "exceedingly complimentary language; flattery; smooth, wheedling talk; pleasing cajolery." As to the origin of the word, one lexicographer quotes Grote as crediting the derivation of it from the phrase "licking the blarney stone," "applied to incredible stories told of climbing to a stone very difficult of access in a castle of that name in the county of Cork, Ireland." But he added that Dr. Jamieson derives it from the French "balwerne," "a lie; frivolous talk," and defines it "gross flattery; unmeaning or vexatious discourse (Low)." But the word seems to have outgrown this restricted meaning since the latter part of the eighteenth century. Every Irishman south of the Liffey is popularly supposed to have kissed the blarney stone, and if, moreover, he has had a dip in the Shannon he is reputed to have the requisite amount of impudence, or what the natives call "civil courage."—New York Tribune.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Connell, of Thomasville, who have been spending a week with relatives in River Bend township, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Connell and returned Sunday afternoon to their home.

Person county suffered heavily by reason of the recent terrific storms prevailing in the eastern part of the State. Thousands of dollars worth of crops and live stock was swept away.

Bisbee, Arizona, a town of 25,000 inhabitants, was struck Tuesday by a landslide and 20 people are reported killed and much property destroyed.

After a meeting of the directors of the State penitentiary held in Raleigh yesterday it was stated that the institution was in fine shape, having a balance of $45,000 in the treasury. Three hundred convicts are leased to different railroad companies in the State.