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A McLAURIN-TILLMAN CONTRAST.

"Democrat" Scores McLaurin and Praises Tillman.

Editor: The action of our senators in the most

prompting the same is to be considered in the hands of their constituency, and it might also be well to review their official course there and their political conduct as well since they have been the accredited representatives of the State of South Carolina.

Senator McLaurin was elected to the United States senate to succeed the late Joseph H. Earle as a Democrat and by the Democratic party and under an implied oath, at least, to faithfully adhere to the platform, principles and creed of the party which had honored him with the highest office in its gift; but regardless of his obligation to the party that had entrusted the great office, together with its emoluments to his keeping, he barely reaches the senate before he betrays the Democratic party and is found to be the willing tool of McKinley and Mark Hanna, the arch enemy of Democracy and the corruptionist of the Republican party. When the Paris' treaty, a Republican partisan matter that has caused the lives of thousands of our brave young men and an expenditure of hundreds of millions, with nothing in return and no probability of any return, but a never-ending confusion, bloodshed and foreign entanglements that will be the inevitable result, Mr. McLaurin distinguished himself upon this occasion by making a forcible speech which he had stolen from a sermon of a New York minister against it, he pictured the dire results and horrible calamities that would inevitably befall our native land should the treaty be ratified; he declared that foreign lands would be drenched with the blood of our fellow men; yet two days after using the great sermon of the New York minister against it as his own production and when the Republican corruptionists are sorely pressed for one vote more to secure the necessary two-thirds, Mr. McLaurin stultifies himself, disgraces his State and betrays his party by going suddenly over to the Republican camp and voting for it. The infamy that cleaves to the name of Benedict Arnold is also indelibly written upon the forehead of John L. McLaurin.

Ordinarily a change of mind can be justified, but for such a

radical change in two days and upon a matter in which the honor of his State, the character of the man himself, and the betrayal of his party are involved, there can be no excuse, nor mitigation. The senator from this State, who has been elected to the United States senate, has not only disgraced his State, but he has also disgraced himself. He has betrayed the Democratic party and has become a willing tool of McKinley and Mark Hanna. He has accepted the bribe of \$180,000,000 and given it to the wealthy corporations and ship-owners as a gracious gift; he again goes hand and hand with the Republicans and votes for a large increased standing army at a cost of \$1,000,000 per day to carry on a cruel war of murder and public plunder in the Philippine Islands, whose people have been struggling amid poverty, privation and ruin for their independence against tyranny and oppression—just as we did in the Revolutionary war and again in the war of the rebellion when the domination, outrages and robberies of the opposition became intolerable and unbearable. What horrible offence have these poor helpless and friendless Filipinos committed to justify this brutal war of extermination and subjugation? Absolutely none! Acting solely upon the defensive and actuated by the lofty and patriotic inclination characteristic of any free people they have dared to feebly protest against the invasion of their sacred homes by a foreign and alien army.

McLaurin next orders his name stricken from the Democratic caucus roll and thereby severs his connection with the Democratic party, if he had not indeed done so before. McKinley and Hanna then call McLaurin up and as a reward for his treachery and conversion to republicanism, or a partial reward therefor, give him a Republican patronage bag for South Carolina, and it is said the promise of a barrel later on for the upbuilding of McLaurinism and Republicanism, which is synonymous.

After all this positive proof, and dozens of other instances, still more damning against the junior senator, he has the audacious effrontery to stand before a Gaffney audience and still proclaim his democracy; he eulogizes McKinley and his administration; he supports the Republican policy and platform, and this platform is as widely different from the Democratic platform as daylight is from night. On the other

hand he denounces the Hon. W. J. Bryan, the late Democratic nominee for the Presidency. He declares the platform as made and promulgated by the national Democratic party and the policy a heresy and contains everything that is mean and obnoxious to civilization, progress and advancement. Yet after all of his eulogies he expresses admiration for and affiliation with the Republican party, and his denunciation, slanders and falsehoods against the Democratic party and its faithful leaders, he still has the brazen audacity to say he is yet a Democrat. Does McLaurin not make a most ridiculous spectacle of himself by trying to palm off such deception and hypocrisy upon the intelligence of South Carolina, conspiring with the enemy to disrupt the party he claims to belong to and expressing loyalty to the same while trying to destroy it. Imagine a man leaving his family circle and going to his bitterest enemy and conspiring with him to break up his own home and then return home and declare he is still true and faithful to that home, and his only motive was to perpetuate the happiness and prosperity there. But we will not have far to go to find the root of his deception. He knows the word Republican implies corruption, and is abhorred and detested by almost the entire white population of the State, and his only hope is to fly false colors and if possible deceive the illiterate voter. Mr. McLaurin's record shows that honor, principle and loyalty to party play no part in his campaigns. It is the office he wants and the cost is immaterial. This is clearly shown by his conduct at Gaffney and since. When he was driven to resignation at the point of Tillman's pitchfork he began to impose conditions and qualifications, although he had previously stated that the office had no charms for him and that he had intended to voluntarily resign. But when Tillman closed in upon him with the glittering points of the pitchfork on one side and a yawning precipice on the other, he unwillingly accepted the inevitable, but almost immediately he began to hedge and continued to do so until McSweeney opened a crack for him to get out, and then he shot through like greased lightning, and the only wonder is that he did not kill himself in getting out of Tillman's pen in such indecent haste. However, after his escape he managed to contain himself long enough to thank the Governor for his patriotism in letting him out.

Such deception, hypocrisy, treachery and contemptible efforts to deceive the people is absolutely without a parallel in the political history of South Carolina. Contrast the able and dignified record of B. R. Tillman who has faithfully represented his party and State, whose power, influence and accomplishments that will more than equal that of all the senators and representatives we have sent to the national congress since the war put together. He has ably and with powerful effect combated Republican expenditures, thefts, outrages and robberies. He has boldly exposed Republican corruption without mercy, and put them to flight by the force of his powerful arraignment. He has driven the armor plate thieves from their base and thereby saved millions to the American people. In order to relieve the State of the disgrace of McLaurinism and republicanism, he offers to sacrifice his office with its emoluments aggregating \$35,000 and entail upon himself the burden of a State canvass at an additional cost of \$500 more. What could demonstrate more closely his devotion and loyalty to the grand old Democratic party with its honored traditions than this single act alone? When the impartial history of South Carolina is written Tillman will adorn its pages as one of the greatest men the State has ever produced, while McLaurin must go to oblivion in disgrace.

Democrat.

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A LETTER FROM NEW MEXICO.

Mr. D. M. Provence Writes an Interesting Letter to His Fairfield Friends.

Mr. Editor: I beg permission to write a short letter to my Fairfield friends through the columns of your paper. I have found it almost impossible to fulfill my promises of correspondence by individual letter, so I seek to do so in this way.

There are many things strange and interesting to "Eastern people" about which I could write much but I will confine myself to only a few this time and perhaps give you more in the future.

The character of the soil, rocks, fossil shells, etc., show plainly to the observer that this country was at some period of the earth's history covered by the sea, and that at a subsequent time it was "pushed up" so to speak, by some great upheaval of nature until now it stands far above the rest of the North American continent.

The altitude here at Santa Fe is 7000 feet, just 300 feet above the highest mountain peak east of the Mississippi river, with mountains all around which run up, some of them to 14 thousand feet. On account of this great altitude as a living place one who comes here from the east experiences often a good deal of difficulty at first with embarrassed heart and lung action.

This city is the oldest in the United States. It first existed as an Indian pueblo previous to the advent of the exploring Spaniards. It is situated on Santa Fe Creek which supplies water to the people and to the ever dry and thirsty soil.

The population is in the neighborhood of 8 thousand of which about eight ninths are natives or Mexicans, and the other ninth are either American or the Mexican.

As the people here are so prejudiced and through prejudice, you hear more Spanish than English and one often finds himself in an embarrassing position unless he is familiar with the language. The streets are generally very narrow and crooked without sidewalks. The houses are almost wholly of adobe, made into large bricks from the native dirt and straw and dried in the sun. This kind of building material must have forced itself on the native mind through necessity, for timber is extremely rare and only to be found in the mountains where there is plenty of water. The "dobe" brick is not so firm and strong as the common burnt brick, and consequently will not stand much pressure or rain, so the houses are only one story high and built flat on the ground. The floors are of dirt, which are often scoured with a cloth and water, which gives them a nice appearance when dry and also makes them hard. The roof is also of dirt a foot or more thick, almost flat, just enough depressed on one side to cause the water to run off. On these roofs grow grass, weeds, and shrubs, and I have seen vegetables planted safe out of the reach of sheep and goats. The walls are plastered without and within. The inside is frequently white-washed with lime. On a whole these houses are extremely comfortable, warm in winter and cool in summer. Most of these houses are built around a small square after the old Spanish custom, like an inner court, or in the Spanish *placita*, which is diminutive of plaza.

The *placita* is a delightful place with the doors of each room opening into it and completely obscured from the public gaze and from the wind, where the Senoras and Senoritas sit crouched on the ground with head and shoulders covered with that indispensable article of dress, the Mantilla (pronounced Mahn-tee-yah) and smoke the inevitable cigarette. The monotony of the town is broken by an open square in its centre, called the plaza or park, which is filled with trees, grass, flowers, fountains and benches, where hundreds congregate every day to converse and enjoy themselves. A military band gives open air concerts in the plaza two or three times a week. I often think what a Godsend it would be if every town and city

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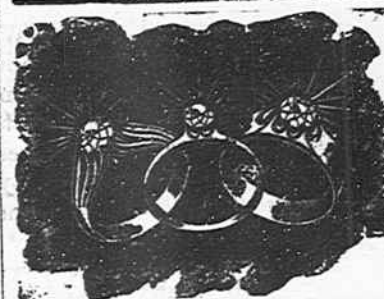
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The old governor's palace stands as another monument. It was erected in 1598, nine years previous to the settlement of Jamestown. It is the most important structure in the west from age and historically. Whether under rule of Spanish, Pueblo, Mexican or American it has been the seat of authority and power. With it have been associated such historical characters as Oñate, Vincente de Salivar, De Yargos, Lieut. Pike, Gov. Perez, Gov. Armijo, Capt. Cooke, Gen. Kearney, Kit Carson and Gen. Lew Wallace.

Gen. Lew Wallace while governor of New Mexico in 1879-80 completed his famous novel Ben Hur in one of the rooms of the palace. I insert an extract from a letter to a gentleman of this place: Crawfordsville, Ind., May 6, 1900.

Dear Sir:— * * * When in the city of Santa Fe my habit was to shout myself after night in the bed-room back of the executive office proper and write until after 12 o'clock. The sixth, seventh and eighth books were the result and the room has ever since been associated in my mind with the crucifixion. * * *

Very Respectfully,
Lew Wallace.

It would be unjust in closing not to make mention of the most comical, patient, useful and common animal to be seen in this country, which is none other than the burro. He drinks water only about twice a week and eats very little, seems satisfied with a meal made on an old newspaper and a rag.

He has had a hand in almost every enterprise where transportation was required. He is par excellence the pack animal. In Santa Fe his chief business is to pack in wood for sale by his Mexican driver, who beats him about through the streets seeking a customer, asking you,

Quiere Comprar lina? (Do you want to buy wood?)

A dios mis amigos. (Goodbye, my friends.)

D. M. Provence.

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