

Dared Tillman to Fight.

Warm Words From Talbert—The Senator Started to Use His Pitchfork Tactics on the Ex-Congressman, Who Resented With Heat.

Special to The Observer.

Edgefield, S. C., Aug. 5.—The dispensary debate here today came near ending in a fight. Senator Tillman, whose appearance made the gathering of real moment, started in to pitchfork Hon. W. J. Talbert, who had interrupted him. Mr. Talbert got wrathful at once and practically dared the Senator to fight, but the latter pooh poohed his opponent's anger away. It looked stormy for a few moments, but passed away without any harm having been done.

Interest centered in what Mr. Tillman would have to say, for his sphinxlike silence had been puzzling many, but there can now be no doubt as to where he stands. In his speech he stood flat-footedly for the dispensary as the best solution of the liquor problem. He said that it was the best way to meet the difficulty ever yet devised, and if there was corruption existing, as many alleged it was to be ascribed to the conservatives, who had amended original dispensary legislation as to partly nullify it. Return it to its form and it would restore to South Carolina the reputation of having best handled one of the most difficult problems besetting latter-day Commonwealths. As between high license and real prohibition, he always favored the latter, if it prohibited, but as it had been proven that it did not, the worth of the dispensary was manifest. He quoted many internal revenue statistics to prove the amount of liquor sold in so-called prohibition localities. He urged the people to discard all changes made in the dispensary act and returning to its original provisions give it another trial. There were five other speeches made, but nothing of particular moment was uttered.

A RED HOT SPAT.

It was while Senator Tillman was talking about preferring prohibition to any license system that he said if there was no chance for the dispensary to live then he would line up with his friend Talbert and shout for prohibition. He went on and said: "I will never consent by my vote or influence to aid the re-establishment of saloons in any county in South Carolina."

Col. Talbert from his seat: "Thank God, one old sinner has come in."

Tillman turning to Talbert said: "Why didn't you say that three years ago when you were declaring you would enforce this damnable law?" The crowd cheered for Tillman and Talbert.

Col. Talbert said with feeling: "I said I would support the law—I never did advocate it. You are mistaken and when you were in trouble I stood by the law and said I would go to Columbia and defend you. I never advocated the law, I have supported it. I have been a prohibitionist for full 20 years."

Senator Tillman was still facing Col. Talbert who had meanwhile gotten up and was walking across the platform.

Senator Tillman said: "I am not imputing your motives."

Col. Talbert replied: "I have not come here for any trouble but if you want a personal controversy I am here. I supported the law because it is the law and if it is a prohibition law I will support it."

Mr. Padgett the chairman of the meeting thought there may be trouble and he went up to Mr. Talbert and caught him by the arm and spoke to him. There was no trouble. The crowd hurried a little and still standing near Tillman, Talbert said: "If you desire a personal controversy I am here and you can get it."

Tillman: "You broke into my speech, sir."

Talbert: "You alluded to me and shook your finger at me which I cannot take from anybody. If you want a personal difficulty you can get it."

Senator Tillman laughed and remarked:

"I've been along that road many a time before," and turning to his table said: "Now, the figures for Lawrence, Mass., show."—and then went on with his speech. The incident was closed.

August Kohn.

A GRIM TRAGEDY

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While the official figures cannot be obtained, the grand jury which is now investigating the county dispensaries, has the amount of the total sales of whiskey in the city of Greenville for the fiscal year, which closed on August 1, and it is understood that the amount is more than \$155,000. This includes the three whiskey dispensaries only and has no reference to the beer houses which also make enormous sales.

These figures give an idea of how much money the people of Greenville county spent for whiskey during the year, and when the quantity ordered in from North Carolina and other places is considered in connection with the consumption of beer from the four beer houses the total must run well beyond \$200,000.—Greenville News.

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Despotic Rule in Spartanburg.

An Effort to Bridle Hyatt, Weston and McLaurin at the Meeting of the County Cotton Growers' Association.

Special to The State.

By Jas. A. Hoyt, Jr.
Spartanburg, Aug. 5.—The meeting at the opera house here today, which was attended by 600 or 700 people, under the auspices of the Southern Cotton association developed a situation that was extremely unfortunate, as it was entirely unnecessary. The effort was made by the president of the county organization to prevent former Senator McLaurin from speaking and the effort was partially unsuccessful in that the president announced that if McLaurin spoke it would not be with his consent or by his invitation.

The president of the county association is the Rev. E. L. Archer, formerly a Methodist preacher and formerly a Tillmanite leader in this county, at one time holding the office of State senator. It seems that Mr. Archer is very bitter against McLaurin and his prejudice led him today to inject politics into a meeting where otherwise there would have been no mention of politics. Senator McLaurin had come here with no intention of mentioning politics but of talking cotton, as he did at Manning last week and he had come on the invitation of the secretary of the county association, which he had every reason to consider authoritative. He found on his arrival that the president, Mr. Archer, and the secretary, Mr. H. S. Lipscomb, were at cross purposes in this matter. It appears that neither the secretary nor the president is possessed of the soundest judgment and between them they worked up a very ugly complication that may hurt the Southern Cotton association in this county as much as it will hurt Mr. McLaurin or help any one who is opposed to his political views, among the latter class being The State's correspondent.

Mr. McLaurin, having come here on what he had every reason to believe was an official invitation, was placed in a very peculiar position; he had either to speak over the protest of the president or put himself in the position of running away. He took a dignified stand and got as much out of the little scrap as any one else. His speech amounted to little, for the reason that he was not called on until three others had spoken and the time was unpropitious for an address of any length, when folks were thinking about dinner, but what he said was well worth hearing, for whatever one may say or think about Mr. McLaurin he has a fine understanding of this cotton question and can discuss it in a statesmanlike manner.

Mr. McLaurin was not the only one who was reflected upon by Mr. Archer, however. Mr. Archer intimated that Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Weston, each of whom holds a higher office in the Southern Cotton association than does Mr. Archer, was not invited to this meeting and that they both spoke merely by sufferance. These two men have spoken all over the State in the interest of the Southern Cotton association and neither of them was for a moment daunted by this

intimation. Mr. Hyatt, being called on first, made it plain that he did not intend to be read out of the meeting and that further he did not intend to be dictated as to his future career merely because he was at this particular time interested in an official capacity with this organization.

There are varying views as to the effect of the squabble and Mr. Archer's friends contend that he was only preserving his consistency in taking the position he did and endeavoring to keep politics out of the movement. Others, however, take the ground that by his extreme interpretation of that idea he did more to bring the matter of politics to the front today than would have been done by a political speech from Mr. McLaurin or a declaration from Mr. Hyatt that he is a candidate for governor—a declaration that he is not at all likely to make.

Mr. Archer stated that the Spartanburg Cotton association had invited Mr. Harvie Jordan and Mr. E. D. Smith here to speak today. Mr. Jordan had been delayed by a late train and would come this afternoon. Mr. Smith was present, as was Mr. F. H. Hyatt, the treasurer, and Mr. Weston, the secretary, who would speak.

Mr. Archer did not say that Messrs. Hyatt and Weston, would speak and he did not mention Mr. McLaurin. He said that at the conclusion of Mr. Smith's address the cotton association would adjourn until afternoon when Mr. Jordan would speak.

Col. T. J. Moore introduced Mr. Hyatt, who first read letters from Mr. H. S. Lipscomb, of the committee on invitation, and Mr. P. E. Chapman, treasurer, inviting him to address the meeting. He then said he had never run for office and didn't expect to but if he wanted to run he would do it and run like the mischief, too. He said that if the crowd didn't want him to talk because he wouldn't promise not to run for office, he would sit down. It was up to the crowd, said Mr. Hyatt whether he should speak or not.

There were calls for him to go on and Mr. Hyatt proceeded, making a splendid speech on good roads, diversification, immigration and the cotton question.

In a very happy vein, Capt. Charles Petty, the veteran editor and soldier, introduced Mr. Francis H. Weston, as "Frank Weston, a plain farmer of Richland."

Mr. Weston said he was present as secretary of the State Cotton association because it was his duty to be on the firing line when the flag of that cause was unfurled. He then made the best speech he has yet made in this cotton campaign, laying stress on the purposes of the organization and what it has already accomplished by smashing the statistical bureau of the department of agriculture.

Mr. E. D. Smith was introduced by President Archer. His speech was simply grand and held the crowd spell bound.

THE MUDDLE.

Mr. Archer said that he found after he came to the city that other gentlemen had been invited to speak here today, and that after the collection had been taken any citizen of South Carolina was at liberty to address the meeting as citizens of Spartanburg but not as the Southern Cotton association. Mr. H. S. Lipscomb arose and

said that he had been denied by the president the courtesy of making an announcement, which he would make after the meeting. He referred to what Mr. McLaurin had done for the Cotton association and his mastery of the subject of cotton.

Mr. Archer reiterated his position.

Mr. E. D. Smith said he wanted, as president of the association, to defend his position. This is a non-political organization and from the nature of the case must be. He had insisted that politics should not be discussed at these meetings, but, said he, "I have no right to say to any man before you join this organization you must promise not to run for office." He would be a fool to do that and I would be a fool to ask him to do it." Any citizen interested is free to come in and to speak at these meetings.

When McLaurin stepped out of the bounds at Dillon he had protested. As long as he stuck to the text it was all right but if he got off the text he (Smith) would get on him! He had McLaurin in harness now and proposed to drive him for the cotton association and if he kicked out of the traces he could go to thunder!

Mr. Archer, referring to Mr. Smith's smile, said with a sneer that when he tried a mule once and he bucked he was done with him. Mr. Archer then left the platform and the hall.

A large portion of the crowd left also but whether their departure was due to a desire not to hear McLaurin or a desire to get dinner remains to be explained.

Both reasons were probably operative. It was 2 o'clock when this incident took place and dinner was as interesting as cotton.

MR. MCLAURIN.

Mr. McLaurin said he was placed in a most embarrassing position. He had received letters asking him to come to Spartanburg and make a political speech. He had refused. He had received a letter from Mr. Lipscomb asking him to come and speak on this occasion. He had said he would come only under the auspices of the Southern Cotton association. This was the misunderstanding under which he came.

His political career has been such that he could afford to pass unnoticed and in contempt such an exhibition as had been given today. He would prefer speaking to the citizens of Spartanburg on the invitation of the free people rather than that of any political boss. He thanked them for their courtesy.

He was reminded of the time when Capt. Shell, Col. Hugh Farley and himself spoke here on a similar occasion and he took the opportunity to pay a feeling tribute to the intelligence, character and courage of Farley, his friend. There followed an apostrophe to the Confederate soldier and a review of the south's fight for local self government and the south's sufferings under Reconstruction.

Coming to the subject of the present situation, he discussed the cotton question and the matter of foreign markets. He spoke only a short while, realizing that the hour was late and the crowd was impatient to get away.

When he concluded the crowd dispersed for dinner and reassembled at 3 o'clock to hear Mr. Harvie Jordan.

President Jordan was to have been present at the meeting but could not come. His train was over one hour late in the afternoon so it was after 5 o'clock before he began, but there was a goodly crowd present to hear him. He spoke over an hour and although he covered much of the same ground that was gone over in the morning he did so in a forceful way and received close attention.

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