An Address Explaining Why He

Resigned His Seat

TO THE PEOPLE.

ISSUED BY BEN. TILLMAN.

Says McLaurin Was Virtually Organiz ng a Republican Party In this State Under Another Name.

Senator Tillman furnished the press the following address Tuesday after-

To the Democratic Voters of the State. Fellow Citizens: An extraordinary and unparalleled situation has unexpectedly arisen in the State, and as I swapping will be prevented. The issues To My Fellow Citizens: am manily responsible for this, I feel that a proper respect for you, requires an explanation of my actions and mo-

Eleven years ago by a very large vote you elected me governor of the vorable conditions. Our party has the State, and two years afterwards I was opportunity to rebuke and punish reelected by an overwhelming major | treashery at once as warning to those ity. In 91 I was sent as your representative in the congress of the United States as one of the senators from Scuth Carolina. After six year set vice in that body I was last year cho sen without opposition to be my own successor. I was sworn in on March last for the six years' term end-4.h, last for the six years' term end-ing in 1907. The ink has hardly be-some dry upon my oath of effice and yet I have tendered my resignation to able di charges. Civil virtue, the satake effect September 15.h next. My cred relations which should exist becolleague has also tendered his resig nation to take effect the same date, and thus there will be two vacancies to be filled by appointment of the gov ernor until the legislature can elect our successors in January next. I deisre to I prefer to let the people of the State announce my candidacy to succeed my- consider the matter for themselves and self and shall ask you to vindicate my action by your votes in the primary, which will be ordered by the State Democratic committee. This is an off year in politics and but for the conditions which had come about my action | their servant and shall continue to do so in precipitating a political campaign, and primary election would be inex causable. A brief review of recent po litical events will be necessary to give that exaplanation My colleague, Jno L. McLaurin, was elected to the sen ate at a primary held in '97 to succeed the lamented Earle. He was elected the degraded elevation of a high posias a Democrat standing upon the Chicago platform of 1896. Early in '99 the wishes of the people. I put my case me to reiterate what I said in that Senator McLaurin parted company with his Democratic colleagues in the senate, and has since voted for and primary canvass. advocated everything that the Republican party now stands for, and has persistently antagonized his own party in all of his public t terances and acts

Notwithstanding that a new State convention last May laid down the pria-ciples and policies of the 1 and a new national convention at Kansas City in July announced the principles of Democracy as now understood throughout the union, your junior senator has acted though he were entirely copie who elected him and has felt under no obligations to obey their wishes or do their will as their representative. When congress adjourned last March he and his sympthizers in the Sate began at once an active propaganda of his new doctrines, which he claimed were Democratic, but which all true Domocrats must know are only Republican-18m in disguise and very thinly disguised at that. He made a speech at Charlotte. April 16th, in which the Democratic party is succeed at and assailed. He made another speech at Greenville last week filling out and develop ng his new theories, and took pains to indicate his perfect accord with Mr. McKinley in all his policies. He had appointments aiready arranged to make speeches at a:least three other places-Gaffney, Yorkville and Spartanburg-and had begun an active canvass for reelection, fifteen months before the regular campaign, which would choose his successor, in the Democratic primary of 1902 would open. It was natural that these gentlemen who proposed to contest for his seat should be unwilling to premature ly announce their candidacy and take the field againts him. He had the dispensing of federal patronage placed at his disposal by the Republican president, and he had unlimited money fur nished by his Republican ailies, or Mo Kinley Democratic followers in South Carolina and his purpose was to go up and down the State unopposed and unanswered to organize his new political machine. This was the situa tion up to the Gaffney meeting and I was confronted with the question of what was my duty under the circum stances. Recoilect that I am a member of the national Democratic committee, as your representative; I was on the committee on platform in both of the last national conventions and helped

Remember too that both at Charlotte and at Greenville, directly and indirectly, I had been assailed by Mr. McLau rin and you will understand why I was anxious to meet my colleague at Gaff ney, and when intited by a large num per of citizens of Cherokee county I willingly accepted. The result of that meeting is now well known. Mr. Mc-Laurin was unexpectedly brought face to face with the question of resignation and appeal to the people whose confi thrust, by charging that I was attempting to dictate and boss the people and interfere in the race with which I had no concern and was safely esconced in uy seat for six years and had nothing to lose, but well afford to lay down code of moral ethics, for another which I was unwilling to follow myself. I saw the opportunity to precipitate a battle at once rather than wait fifteen months and I offered to resign if he would, and the result you know. I seted from impulse it is true, but I have always seted upon impulse and as a public man I can affirm with the sacredness of an oath that all my impulses have been to serve the best interests of the people who have honored me. I had every opportunity to weigh the consequences of my action and to get cut of

and I was chairman of the committee

on platform in your last State conven

still feel that my duty was to force the fighting and rid the party of all traitors. The situation as I understand it, is this. The people who are interested in having two senators at Washington to do their will and stand by their principles will have an opportu nity of being honestly and honorably represented. This has not been the case during the last two years, and as Mr. McLaurin remains in the senate in

could not be the care. As to the burdens of the con.est. The citizens of a given county will lose but two days, to bring about this much desired result, one day to attend the campaign meeting and the other to go to the primary. While I will have the fatigue and expense of a State canvas which I could The contest bave avoided.

be influenced in this contest by the desire to elect local favorites and thus lication. will be clear cut. The organization of the "Commercial Democracy," another name for McKinley Democracy, will have to be consumated in a much shorter time and under much less fa opportunity to rebuke and punish who may be wavering. Many good men will be prevented from becoming Republican in fast, though not in name by having the asues explained before nce between honorable and dishonortue n the representative and his constituency, will be more clearly under-stool and all true Democrats must repice at the result. For myself and the sacr.fice I have made I will say nothing pass upon my conduct as they may deermine, whether it was right and pro per or rish and quixotic. I have ser sed them to the nest of my ability with zeal and honesty since I have been f they continue to honor and trust me. When I cannot truthfully say that represent the majority of the people of outh Carolina and vote and speak as they desire, I become, "as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." And prefer the retirement of private life to tion optained by deceit and held against | cial action since 1899. It is uscless for

B. R. Tillman. NO FARMER'S DREAM.

Mr. Bauer Tells How the Rain Affected Crops Last Week.

The rains last week were heavy. There is no discounting that fact. There were many evidences. But here comes Mr. Bauer, the local weather bureau director, who piles on the agony with dreadful statistics. Mr. Bauer says in his weekly report:

Excessive rains over the entire State characterized the beginning of the week, and general rains prevailed at its close. The amounts for the week ranged from nearly two to nearly ten inches, the former in the southwestern counties and the latter in Spartanburg turn home in April last I received inrainfall of 4.68 inches for the State. Bottoms were flooded and the crops that were on them were destroyed hillsides and terrsced lands were badly damaged, eroded and gullied, and the young cotton and corn washed up. The Broad and Great Pee Dee Rivers in places rose higher than for many years. But aside from the physical injury to lands and crops by the expossive rains, the moisture was needed, and all crops were greatly benefited. Hail occured at many points, but only in portions of Abbeville, Edgefield, Saluda, Sumter and Williamburg counties did it seriously damage crops. The ground was too wet to plow during the greater part of the week, and fields are becoming grassy.

Cotton is now quite generally up good stands, and chepping out is being presecuted wherever this work has not een finished, but cultivation is needed. The rains caused a marked improve ment where the stands were not de stroyed, and poor stands are now confined to early cotton that was not replanted. In Oconee stands are dying. ca island cotton looks better, but light has appeared on it.

Corn on uplands has a healthy color. s growing, and stands are fairly good out practically all bottom land cor was destroyed and must be replanted.

Bud worms are doing damage in places. Tobacco looks well in a few localities nly, and its general condition is poor More is being set out, as the ground is ow in good condition for growth.

The acreage of June rice will be reframe the declarations of principle and luced, owing to the high water coverpolicy upon which we went to battle. ng lands that would have been sown to ce; otherwise the crop has improved. Wheat continues very promising, exept that rust has developed in Newperry, Oconce and Union counties ome wheat will soon be ripe enough to harvest. Oats were benefited by the rains, but much bottom land osts was totally destroyed, and some of rank

vested. Spring sewn osts are poor. Minor crops, truck, pastures, fruits, gardens and berries were all greatly benefited by the rains, and although late look promising, except melons, dence he had at used and whose trust he which are poor. Apples and peaches had betrayed. He tried to dodge the are dropping, and prospective yields are thereby greatly reduced. All crops now need supshine and cultivation.

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ing, and some have already been har-

Wants to Down Tillman. A dispatch from Washington says riords there with reference to the resignation of himself and Senator Tilluan, he expresses the confident belief the suggestion being made that the people of South Carolina might resent their resignation by sending two new men in their places, he is quoted as saying that general expression was one of great conit without discredit, but I felt then and | tion.

M'LAURIN'S REPLY. Statements Made Necessary by

HE CHARGES FALSEHOODS

Tillmans Charges.

Against the Senior Senator. Appeal to the Pacple to Help Relegate Ben

The contest and the Democracy and the man who ceeks to betray it will be fought wo yout any local complication what ever. Voters will not Laurin's reply to Senator Tillman's address to the people of the State for pub-

The address of Senator Tillman to you rendered it necessary that I should say something in explanation of my motives and actions. I sincerely regree that you are to be subjected to the expense and excitement of a senatorial primary this year, but I feel that I am and as soon as the doors were closed and all entries barred, he made a slannot responsible. Had it not been for dorons attack ways the Gibbs and all entries barred, he made a slannot responsible. Senator Tillmau's intrusion upon the Gaffney meeting there would have been no necessity for it. A joint debate was recipitated by him contrary to my wishes and of the gentlemen who in-vited me. He forced himself upon the meeting by his own admission. No other honorable course was left to me but to accept his proposition or lay myself open to the charge of coward It is too late now to consider whether it was wise or unwise and the people must judge between us. I desire to announce my candidacy in opposition to the senior senator for the unexpired long term, and will discuss with him in a fair and reputable manner the national issues of the day and leave it to you to jurge who can the more "honestly and honorably" represent you in the United States senate. In 1897 I was elected to the enate as a Democrat and I am still a

In everything I have said and done have had the good of my people at heart, to them I am ready to render an

In my recent speech at Greenville I gave the people the reason for my offi address of the senior cenator, it would be unnecessary for me to say more. But I cannot allow him to assail me State an active propagands of my new doctrines, "which are claimed to be Democratic but are nothing but Republicanism in disguise." He arrogates to himself the power to decide for the people as to the righteousness of my course and views, and is not willing for them to hear and judge for themselves. His indecent intrusion upon the Gaffney meeting illustrates his methods of "bossism" and his devitations from citizens of Greenville, York, Cherokee, Newberry and Spartanburg counties to address the people on the national issues of the day. As their public servant, I could not disregard their imperative calls, and I accepted the invitations. Had I not done so, my political opponent would have charged that I could not meet my constituents face to face and explain my political action. It was not my pur pose in accepting these invitations to inauguate my campaign for reelection more than a year in advance of the primary, but to attempt to enlighten the people and remove false impressions produced upon the public mind by the senior senator and his sympathizers. I had been persistently ma ligned and misrepresented and the only means afforded me for my vindication was to get the ear of the people. This was my only object in making speeches where I was invited to go, and had it not been for these invitations I should

have remained silent. Have we reached the point where a number of private citizens cannot in vite one of their representatives to address them, without including the senior senator or first obtaining his permission? The senior senstor, it eems, willed that I should not heard at that time and determined that should wait for his bidding to go, before the p.ople. The senator also charges that I am a Republican and was organizing a Republican party here. If he believed this charge, why did he consent to run with me in a Democratic primary? I denounce the charge as an infamous faisehood and he senior senator knows what he says is untine. In his recklessness, the senior senator further charges that the dispensing of the public patronage has been placed at my disposal and "un-limited money" is furnished me by the Republicans to aid in the scheme of the organization of a new party. lenounce this as a malicious falsehor In my Greenville speech I explained why I had been consulted about the federal patronage and at G. ffucy I denounced, in his presence, both of these charges as wilfully false and yet he reiterates them in his address. His

purpose in repeating what he knows to be slanders must be evident to all. The senior senator undertakes in his address to throw the whole responsibility of the present situation in the State upon me. After defining my Democracy and branding me as a enater McLaurin in speaking with traitor to the party, he meekly says rioteds there with reference to the resailed by me, and it was incumbent upon him to crush me and my influence hat Tillman would be destroyed. On in this State. The senior senator has undertaken a herculean task, for "truth crushed to earth will rise again." The senator forgets that he insidiously and maliciously assailed me last summer, he would not regret his own retirement when I was unable to defend myself, from the senate if by the sacrifice of and after my Charlotte sheech, in an the two years remaining of his term he interview, made false and slanderous sion was a clear case of malice. Gleacould finally dispose of Tillman. His charges against me. I did in my Char- son & Co. had some trouble with their lotte and Greenville speeches criticize neighbors recently which would indi-

motives of others, but when a reply is GOVERNOR REFUSES tacked in an unjustifiable manner. The people shall judge of our Democracy and not the senior senator. It is evi-dent that the senior senator fears that he cannot defeat me on a fair field with no favors. Else why is he assailing me in his address and threatening to put out other candidates? What was said on the stand at Gaffney and the correspondence between us will convince any fair-minded man that our resignation was with the understanding that the race was to be between us only and the campaign was not to take place until the fall.

The senior Senator said on the stand

that he would unite with me in a let ter to Gov. McSweeney requesting him to withhold action until a decision by the primary. The address is characteristical of the man and his political methods. He is addicted to making reckless and false charges against others which he never substantiates. An hon-est man is always chary in charging others with dishonesty. The thief often criez: 'Stop thief.' He is an ambitious bess and habitual disturber of the colitical peace and harmony of South Carolina Last summer, for the sake of peace he was given no opposition, and as soon as the doors were closed derous attack upon the Bible and the ministry of this State. Fellow Citizens there will never be anything like unity or quietude among our people until he is relegated to private life. His incendiar, appeals to class hatred and rejudice, such as he made at Gaffney to ber. The people of th the factors operatives, and his dictatorial spirit and utterances, will keep up dissensions, divisions and discord in the State. With the aid of the people I will make a heroic effort during this campaign to break down "bossism" with its train of political evils and I invite all good citizens to assist me to inaugurate an era of free thou speech and independence of a the part of the people of Sou-lina. The senior Senator, in the udo of a farmer's life in E ounty, could be viewed as a press pigmy and a blessing to the (Signed) John Lowndes MoLat

Brutality in Anderson. A aispatch from Anderson to Th

tate says a most shocking case of huheart, to them I am ready to render an account of my stewardship, but not to the senior senator; perhaps in this lies my chief sin.

Two years ago he married a

pretty young woman and they have a Burriss supports the family by her work in the cotton mill. Burriss says he is not in good health, and stays at home and is the nurse. The child seemed to irritate the unnatural father. Frequently he pinched the helpless infant to stop its crying and more than once thrust it roughly in the kitchen and my Democracy without saying safe, where the baby sobbed until ex same thing in my vindication. He charges that, after the adjournment of congress in March last, with the aid of my friends, I commenced in the commenced in th Last week the climax came. The baby cried longer and louder than usual one evening and finally the infuriated father clutched the child brutally by he arm, and threw the crying boy up on the floor. The poor mother lifted the baby from the floor and discovered that the left arm was broken between the shoulder and elbow. When he saw what he had done, fright took possession of him and he professed deep remorse. The affair was reported to the police and the Chief arrested Burriss upon a charge of disorderly conduct, but was released on bond. The mayor is undecided as to what disposition to make of the case. He will either try the case in the mayor's court or turn Burriss over to the sheriff. The affair has created a great deal of talk and the opinion seems to prevail that Burris out to be handled in the superior court on a charge of assault and batery of a high and aggrevated nature. The case was to be heard today but Burriss sent a doctor's certificate that he was not able to be present. He may receive a coat of tar and feathers yet.

Backs McLaurin.

A dispatch to the Charlotte Observer says two hundred and fifty citizens of Bennettsville, Senator McLaurin's ome, marched to the senator's resi ence, called him from his bed and the bject of the visit was announced by T. W. Bouchier, Eq., in a beautiful peech. The senator stood on his front porch and in pathetic and patriotic scrains of eloquence spoke of his unounded appreciation of this evidence f the endorsement of his home people the senator said he was in the fight o stay, and that there were signs of odging by Tillman, but that he inended to hold him to the agreement. he senator said that he only wanted fil man in this race, and that he would give the people a clean, decent, highoned campaign, or, if Tillman preferrd, he could throwas much mud as Till nan wanted. Senator McLaurin said hat the senate was too small for both Cillman and himself, and that he want d to meet Senator Tillman in every county in South Carolina. Such me es Capt. P L. Breeden, C. E. Exum, H. W. Carroli and many such prominent pusiness men led the crowd. Bennettstille will be almost solid for McLaurin, ad the citizens, through Mr Bouchier, pledged Senator McLaurin their support.

Shall Be a Hen No More.

The cagle will hereafter be the model nd emblem of the Weman Suffragists. Alice Stone Blackwell, of B ston, laughter of the woman's rights leader. Lucy Stone, in an address to her associ ates in Chicago Thursday during a re ception to delegates en route to Minne polis, said: "Hereafter the American woman must cease to be a hen which could do no better than cackle and eratch. She must cease to be a mere nightingsle, that can only feed her oung and warble. She must be the eagle mother and her slegan must be Woe betide the male chicken hawks which swoop upon her offspring.'

A Case of Malice. Glason & Co's jewelry store on 125th treet New York, was wrecked by dinanite Wednesday morning, and the whole front of the store was blown in by the explosion of a nitro-glycerine The police say the explofidence and satisfaction in the situa- his Populistic Democracy, and I have cate in the opinion of the police, that nothing to retract. He impugns the the place was blown up for revenge.

To Accept the Resignations of Senator Tillman and McLaurin.

CAMPAION NOT DESIRABLE.

He Says it They Should Resign Unconditionally He Would Appoint Their Successors Immediately

The following is taken from the State of Saturday.

tion created as much of a sensation as the Gaffney episode itself. There were a number of letters awaiting the governor's arrival from Chickamauga, and upon what grounds or by what auevery one which touched upon the thority he acts. some action to prevent a campaign this summer. The governor stated that he stand is himself opposed to a campaign in an ff year.

To a representative of The State said: These gentlemen, I see by newspapers are unable to agreupon the terms of the resignation warts a campaign in Augu t and the other considers that the canvass can-not be held before the 175th of Septem-State have appealed to me to return the resignations, and I have done so If they want to resign the offices, let them say so and make the resignations effective im-mediately. I would appoint their mediately. would appoint their Successors ; n less than two minutes and

e governor stated that all sort of oposition had been made, but he eaght this the best course. He had a approached to tender his resignan as governor in order to become ator himself and to let Lieut. Gov. H. Tillman become governor, and had also been urged to accept the esignation, the vacanceies to be supplied upon the result of the Democratic pri-

THE LETTER.

Following is the governor's letter, a copy of which was sent to each sena-

Gentlemen: Your letter tendering your resignation as United States senators from South Carolina was reseived on the eve of my departure to Chickamauga to take part in the ceremories incident to the unveiling of the morument which South Carolina bas just erected to her brave and heroic oldiers who lost their lives in defence principle on this historic battle Hence my delay in acknowledg-

fully return your resignaou may have more time for nsideration of the effects of this State of this part. The commission which you hold is the highest compli-ment and testimonial which the people tens. It is possible that you have taken this step hastily in the heat of lebate and without due reflection of he consequences to the people who have so signally honored you.

It was only last year that our people had the excitement and turmoil inoident to a campaign and in another year we will be in the midst of further political strife. The people are entitled o one year of peace and freedom and from political battles and bitterpess. The indications are that a campaign such as would be precipitated by vacancies in these two exalted positions would be a very acrimonious one and personal rather than a discussion of issues, and from such a canvass our people should be spared. In fact it would be calamity to the State to be torn asunder by a heated canvass in this "off year" in polities. There can be no possible good to come of it.

The people of the State are getting together and working for the advancement and unbuilding of the material prosperity of the commonwealth, and I hould regret anything that would re-

tard this progress. It is not my purpose in thus writing to prevent the fullest and freest dis cussion of all public questions and the education of the people along all political lines. On the contrary, I heartily favor that and believe it can be best accomplished without the bitterness and he personalities which would be inseparable from a campaign during the coming summer. Under our party rules a campaign will be neessary within a little more than a year, and ample time issues now before the people.

Holding these views and looking to the interest of the people of this State their peace, prosperity and happiness erewith.

I have the honor to be, etc.

THE SENATORS NOTIFIED

Resignation's Tendered Rim. A special to the State from Bennettsrille says: There was general satisfac-

ion expressed here Friday afternoon when the news of Gov. McSweeney's action was received. Your correspondent immediately visied Senator McLaurin at his residence

and the following is his statement: "The unexpected action of Gov. Mc sweeney leaves me completely at sea. was reluctantly forced into the fight out when I saw the insulting remarks of Senstor Tillman, 'If McLaurin is afraid to meet me, etc., I made up my show that more guano was washed mind, if possible, to break off every into the sea by the May freshet than in

through. "The contemplation of my resignation is no new thing with me. I value chemical examination of the fertilizers my honor and integrity as a man far States Senate. I wished to resign last | ed a sum which very nearly pays the winter when I was so cruelly assailed running expenses of Clemson college for the taunts and sneers that met my | where the stuff is analyzed. The total efforts to benefit South Carolina nearly amount received from this source since drove me distracted. I will withdraw the first of the year is \$77,528.43, my resignation if Gov. McSweeney has against \$75,214 for the whole of last requested it, because I appreciate the year and \$65,497 for 1898. The repatriotic motives that inspire him and ceipts for the remainder, of the year am willing to unite with him in shield-will be small, yet the figures show that Friday was charged with causing the but before any one could get to the ing the people of this State from strife | the sales this year will be nearly 10,-

"I had been rejoicing at the coming oppo 'unity to viadicate myself. I in tend to speak on such invitations as did at Gaffney when possible, and I will not consent to any interference by Senator Tillman or anybody else. I desire, where the people wish it, to speak and render an account of my stewardship. The people have a right to this and it is but just to me. After making my speech at Newberry I will take Mrs. McLaurin north for treatment and will not make any ment and wi ment and will not make any more arrangements to speak until after we re-

WHAT THEMAN SAYS. A special to The State from Trenton, says. Senator Tillman would have nothing to say in the early evening in regard to the governor's action, but late Gov. McSweeney has returned the Friday night, in response to numerous inquires he issued the following state-

> thority he acts. He power is purely ministerial archis declination to accept can be ave no effect from a legal standardint. Unless I am mistaken the governor's function in such cases is simply to notify the president of the senate on one hand and the State legis lature on the other that vacancy exis s. He can advise withdrawal or resignation, but no hing more.

"B. R. Til'man." M LAURIN OBJECTS

Says His Health Will Not Permit a

Senator McLaurin, as indicated in an interview published in The State, pro-tests against a canvass of the State in August. He has written to Col. Wilie Jones, chairmin, asking that the State executive committee arrange for the campaign to be held at some other

In his letter to Co'. Jones, Mr. Mc-Laurin states that he wants the issue between himself and Tillman. He says: Dear Col. Jones: I note in today's

paper that you speak of the campaign between myself and Senator Allman beginning about August 1st. This is entirely out of the question so far as I am concerned. I made it point to date the resignation September 15th, because I knew that it was absolutely impossible for me to canvass the State until the weather became cooler. I re signed in good faith to submit the question to the voters of South Carolina. I want fair treatment and an opportunity to present my case to the people. Senator Tillman intruded himself into this fight. I am ready to fight to a finish, but want no "draw" or "fouling." My suggestion would be, as congress does not meet until December 4th, that the committee request Gov. McSweeney to withold action until the result of the primary is announced, and then appoint the man receiving the highest number of votes. Let the legislature elect my successor as it is only for a short time, or let you gentleof this Stave can pay to one of its citi men who desire to contest arrange your canvass entirely apart from mine and Tillman's.

I would also suggest that you mit he and I to arrange the schedule for our meettings. It is my desire to conduct a clean, decent canvass, free from personalities, if permitted to do so; but I am ready to take what comes. wish it distinctly understood, however, that I cannot entertain the idea of canvassing in August, and that one man at a time is all I care to fight. I had enough of the four to one business n 1897. I appeal to you as man and hairman of the party for fair play. The reason I suggest withhelding ac-

tion on our resignation until after the primary is that there are many postoffices and other matters of interest to the State, among which I might mention the Charleston exposition, which demand the attention of a senator. To take away from the State this protection for even six weeks may cause trouble. I do not care personally, however, what is done about this, but think it my duty to mention it. Yours respectfully,

John L. McLaurin.

COL JONES ANSWER. Col. Wilie Jones, chairman of the

State Democratic Executive committee. esterday addressed the following to Senator McLaurin in reply to the latter's protest against a canvass of the State in he month of August:

Dear-Sir: Upon my return home Wednesday from Chickamauga I read your open letter addressed to me in The Evening Record, and I will now answer t. I simply stated that I thought that can be had for a full discussion of the the canvass would commence in August next because at that time the crops are laid by and the farmers are at lei sure, and the merchants have little to do, and I thought that it was the best -I respectfully decline to accept your time for the people to hear public speakresignations and beg to return them ing. It has alway been customary since we have had the primaries to have the canvass during August. This is a mater entirely for the committee to decide. I really have no authority to do anything in this matter except to call the committee together. This I will do in a short Of Governor's Refusal to Accept the

You can rest assurred of one thing, and that is that the State Democratic Executive committee will be absolutely air in all that it has to do. I have never been associated in my life with a body of men who desired to sot more fairly, and did act fairer, than this committee has always done. It is composed of some of the best men of our State, and they will give everbedy absolute justice.

The Privilege Tax. The privilege tax recipts this year

show that more guano was washed prong of that old pitchfork and wear any previous year since the State has him out with the handle before I was been exacting this royalty for the inspection of fertilizers. This tax is 25 cents a ton, avowedly to pay for the to protect the farmers from adulterated nore than I do a seat in the United fertilizers. By this means is accumulat-000 tons in excess of last year.

THE VETERANS IN GREY.

Convention Called to Order With Historic Gavel.

Tuesday of last week was a gala day in Memphis. On every hand were aged veterans, many from every State in the South. The city was profusely decorated and banners and flags, flying from one end of the city to the other. There were thousands of Confederate veterans present. Thousands more are

General George W. Gordon, of Memphis, Tuesday morning called to order the annual convention of the United Confederate veterans with a gavel made from a tree which shaded the ravorite seat of Jefferson Days, at Beauvoir, Miss. The Rev. ... William Jones, of hichmood, Va., offered a touching prayer, while the veterans stood bare-

"Have received no letter from Gov. headed. General Gordon then introduces weeney and therefore do not know ed Governor McMillian, of Tennessee. Governor McMillan gave a most hear; y welcome to the visitors. Ha complimented the men of the South on their glorious record in the war and deplored the fact that so many had passed away. Mayor Williams of Mem-phis was next introduced. He ex-tended to the visitors a most cordial

welcome. Mayor Williams' address of welcome was in part as follows: "Mr. Chairman and Confederate Veterans: "Just forty years ago, you left your peaceful homes and went out to submit to the arbitrament of the sword great constitutional questions, which states manship had been unable to postpone or decide. Imbued with the deep conviction that you were in the right, you fought with a courage and heroism which has been equalled in no country and in no age. For four long years you marched and fought over hill and

overwhelmed by numbers the S:ars and Bars went down in glorious defeat.
"When the dust of battle had clear ed away and the cause for which you ought dies and your homes your ranks lecimated, your fields desolated, your eloved south turned and shattered by the scourge of war, but with true he roism you set your hand to the work of reconstruction. You gathered to-gether your families, you rebuilt your homes, you cleaned the rust from your axe and plow and began again the de-

valley and field, leaving your blood a

your comrados strewn behind you, till

velopment and cultivation of your na-"Veterans, it is fitting that you hould reunite in the city of Memphis. The men of Memphis fought and died on the fields of Shiloh and Franklin and Murphreesboro and Chickamauga and wherever the fight was hot and the work hard. It is fitting that you should meet in Memphis, because here was the home of that great beldier and cavalryman whose daring deeds and daring in interest of the party and for the convewar have won the admiration of mili-tary critics in Europe and in America —Nathan Bedford Forrest."

Gordon. General Gordon said in part: Tillman. The latter was displeased r, Mr. Mayor, B Representatives of Memphis: for the third time it is my duty and high privilegee to respond to Tennessee's welcome to the United Confederate Veterans. For the third time since our organization this State embraces with maternal arms these immortal remnants of South's matchless armies, first, she welcomed us at Chattanooga, then at Nashville, now at Memphis, and what place could be this city, by the great river which was to contend for the place I have volunonce the highway for ironclads, whose | tarily vacated." waters were churned by torpedoes in were ramparts of defense for a strug-

gling people. our thousand years ago the ancient Memphis, built upon the banks of been touched upon. Col. Jones sugthe Nile, was the home of the Gods, the seat of Eastern learning and worship the proudest metropolis of the Great Egyptian delta. In this Memphis elect. Tillman jumped up impatiently is no ancient seat of sceptered monarchs, but it was for a long time the heme of Jefferson Davis, who, even in ty which he has betrayed and deserthis deepest humiliation and woeful experience towered in moral grandeur o far noble stature than the Egyptian medes or Persian monarchs or Greek McLaurin's conduct, Tillman replied

phemeral glory. he Great ever worshipped in life or tion has been brought about by a laid in state when dead, but here lived stroke of lightning." here fought, here died and here rests he honored ashes of Nathan Bedford Forrest the equal in native untutored genious of the greatest cavalrymen of

any age. We are glad therefore to meet in Memphis. It is appropriate because of ts graphical position and by the steadfast adherence of its people to the immortal memories of the past, it is in he very heart of the lost but forever oved Confederacy. It is appropriate because it is built upon the bank of the great river which binds together and would get a few thousand fellows with its liquid links the distant secions of our great common country, for this city of Memphis is one of the ountain heads of that stream of Amercan brotherhood and unity which lows with ever increasing volume hrough all liberty loving American nearts.

Committed for Arson. A dispatch to The State from Flor-

nce says R H. Wilkes was bound over o court Wednesday evening charged with arson. The preliminary occupied tanburg. But he made one pitiful apthe entire day. Carl Morgan was the poal. That I bullied him. That I had main witness and was the only witness salled. Much of the evidence was sen- I knew his sensitive nature. sational and may implicate others in the most elequent thing in McLaurin's both the attempt and burning of the whole speech, and was received with Chase building. The case excited in general applause, the only time he did tense interest, the court room being get any. And then he turned right filled during the hearing before Magistrate Lloyd. J. P. McNeil conducted toring, bullying demogogue, yet there the presecution and Shipp, Spears and Ragsdale the defense. The evidence brought out was strong.

Thirty-one Found Dead. A sensation was caused at Birming ham, London, on Thursday by the discovery of 31 bodies of infants in a stages of decomposition and huddled together in soap boxes. The establishinfants' deaths. The prisoner was re-

WHAT TILLMAN SAYS

Of McLaurin's Open Letter to Col. Wille Jones

TERMS IT "SUCHINSL LENCE"

Says He and McLaurin Have No More to Do W th the Senatorship Than If

They Wers Posad. Winite in Columbia Wednesday Senator Tillman gave out an interview in regard to Senator McLaurin's protest against a campaign in the month of

August. He said: "I have read Senator Mc-Laurin's letter to Col. Wilie Jones, chairman of the State Demecratic executive committee, and it is simply in-

comprehensible to me that Senator Mo-Laurin should display such insolence.

"He appears to consider the senatorship as being his private property in-stead of a great trust put into his hands by the people for a special pur-pesse. He undertakes to impose condiions or make suggestions and requests that are of a purely personal character, intended to serve his convenience. The people to whom the offices belong are absolutely ignored as they have been by

him for two years or more.
"It is well understood that there is only one season of the year when our people have sufficient leisure for poliice, and therefore it has been the custom to have the canvass begin quite early in the summer, the election held and matters settled before the busy

cotton picking season begins.
"Mr. McLaurin would have all this changed. The people must be put to the trouble of attending their affairs to

suit him.

"From my standpoint the two va-canoies which will exist caused by our resignation, are the same as though both of us had died. "Our resignations have been tender-

ed and the two vacancies are to be filled by the people at their convenience and as they see proper.

"Mr. McLaurin boasted at Greenville that his health is excellent and that he is ready for the fray. There has been

nly one little passage at arms, yet he pleads for a winter campaign as the fatigues of summer work are too great for him.
"It is not, of course, for me to say what should be done or to make suggestions. I preemptorily declined to do so at Gaffney and do not propose to do this new. The Democratic commit-tee will act, when it meets, for the best

interest of the people and whatever will he done is the campaign will be done is The most interesting address of the day was made by the famous Southern veteran and orator General John B.

idently. He said: That is another idea which illustrates Mr. McLaurin's conception of his own power and greatness and his view of the office as a personal possession. I consider that my resignation puts me on a level with every other citisen, and I have no rights in regard to the senatorships until the people shall give them to me. Any man who chooses has a perfect right to enter the race for either term, and I shall welmore fitted for such a gathering than come as many antagonists as see fit

That was about all that Senator Tilla seething cauldron and whose bluffs man had intended to say, and he turned to Col. Wilie Jones, who had called, and asked if there was anything in Mr. McLaurin's letter which had not gested that Mr. McLaurin had proposed, in the matter of a vacancy in the short term, for the legislature to and exclaimed, "What right has he to ask any favors of the Democratic par-

When asked what he thought of the failure to the legislature to criticise or Roman invader ever attained in all that he could see how the legislature their glitter of royal equipage and would naturally avoid such action as Here in this Memphis no Alexander of no consequence now. "A new situaunnecessary. That is of the past, and

> He then renewed his assertions that when he went to Gaffney he had no intention of precipitating such an

issue. "But I saw that this man would be going over the State doing untold injury. He would go up and down the State with his patronage bag and a crowd of venal fellows at his heels would be grabbing atevery opportunity. He would bring about and organization which might attract a campaign fund into trouble. When he taunted me, it flashed across me how I could put an end to this, or as I told somebody today, I saw where I could get him into a boat and throw him out. I may get thrown out too-I am not moonstruck."

Tillman then spoke of an incident at the Gaffaey meeting. "I watched the erowd. I got my optic on it, as they say. McLaurin never got much applause except from the fellows he had brought over from Laurens and Spartreated him brutally in coming when around and declared that I was a hocwas one man who was not afraid of me Oh it was pitiful. One minute crying to them to pull me off, the next boasting of his strength."

Bank Dynamited.

The Mechanics' Banking company's cellar beneath an undertaker's estab-lishment. The bodies were in various blown up by dynamite Wednesday morning by burglars. The safe was demolished, the building wrecked and the scene the burglars had fled with \$10,-000 in cash.