

"Sinbad" Tells of Many Things In This Old World of Politics

John G. Richards Has Lined Up Equally With Bleese and the McLaurin Forces Are Mad—Will Bleese Be a Candidate For Third Term?—Some Other Complications

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Abbeville, S. C., May 28.—The political situation as developed by the convention is about the most interesting one ever seen in this state. First, the efforts of certain leaders among the Bleese faction to bring in John G. Richards through the back door at the eleventh hour on a Trojan horse proposition has caused some of the staunchest and most influential Bleese men to raise the cry of "Wolf" and exclaim "beware of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts."

It has been rumored for months that Mr. Richards refrained from attending the "Bleese Conference" to which he was invited last November "for fear of offending Senator Tillman and Gonzales." But in the meantime as rumor has it, he was supposed to have made strides with several prominent Bleese leaders, for mutual supporters that were entirely satisfactory to the inner circle of Anti-Bleese leaders, who hoped by that means to get enough Bleese candidates working secretly for Richards to keep a straight-out Bleese man from getting into the second primary, and thus to destroy the movement. Some Anti-Bleese leaders have been known to state that they "would do this even if they had to let Bleese go to the senate for "if we can get possession of the State government." We will fix Bleese later," they said.

It is said that Richards came into a conference held in the governor's office the night of the 21st and declared for Bleese. There must be something in it, for the McLaurin men are as mad as wet hens and one senator from a lower Piedmont country who is a strong Bleese man was heard to say after the conference, that he "did not blame Senator McLaurin for refusing to go into a conference with an eleventh hour convert like Richards sitting in as a candidate. And if that little crowd of politicians, hostile to McLaurin don't stop ringing in political hubbards and compliments to split up the Bleese, I intend to quit the whole movement. I am a Bleese man, but a McLaurin man first, and we owe it to ourselves to put up with a first-class man for governor, and I will stand for no other kind."

That is the kind of talk being handed out in Columbia, and while there may be nothing come of it, still, it is curious, and there is no denying the fact that while the Bleeseites are practically solid for Bleese they are badly split up on the proposition for governor.

Bleese for Governor?
There are also rumors that Gov. Bleese, seeing the impossibility of his followers coalescing into a strong man for governor, and to keep up the new and unorthodox political rules, is considering the advisability of withdrawing from the senatorial race and making the race for governor. In that case it is certain that all but one candidate now out would retire and leave the field to the strongest Anti-Bleese Goliath. It is thought that Senator McLaurin would enter the lists against Senator Smith in such event.

There is undoubtedly as far as the gubernatorial situation is concerned, "a rift with the stars" among the Bleeseites. The friends of Senator McLaurin say that they will "not support Richards, or any Bleese man for that matter, who is put out to head off McLaurin. They point out that no objection can be reasonably raised to Iryb and Simms remaining in the race as they announced some time ago and come out on their own initiative, and if those opposed to McLaurin bring out a Bleese man now

to divide the vote, they will, while supporting Bleese for the senate maybe, throw their influence in the gubernatorial race to the strongest Anti-Bleese candidate for governor.

However, it is understood that the governor has called a conference for the first of June, inviting one strong friend from each county, and while it is rumored that the purpose is to map out a plan for the coming campaign—still coupled with the rumor is the statement that the gubernatorial tangle will either be straightened out and a man endorsed for governor, or the whole matter taken over the Governor's hands, and a formal declaration issued stating that he is hands off and that the lists are open to all.

Some Anti-Bleese politicians seem to think that at this coming conference the governor will be endorsed for a third term and urged to withdraw from the senatorial race, and will acquiesce.

Bleese for Third Term?
In connection with the above rumor, Senator Allen Johnstone of Newberry is quoted as saying: "I know Cole Bleese and his ways. If he thinks he can't beat Smith, he will run for governor to save himself and if he does, he will be elected again, and it looks to me like that is what he is fixing to do."

There may or may not be anything in these rumors, I give them for what they are worth, but there undoubtedly is a fratricidal strife being waged by rival groups of Bleeseites supporting a favorite for governor. And it is equally certain that the governor cannot arbitrarily select a candidate without losing the support of each of the others.

Unless these differences are harmonized in some equitable manner, it is hard to conjecture what the result will be. The rank and file of Bleeseites expect and want a straight-out fight all along the line, and a recognized, and strong candidate for each office from senator down to commoner; but will the politicians lay aside personal feelings and petty ambitions in order to do that? There is the rub, and with the four Bleese men, one half bad half, and one puss-foot in the race for governor dividing the Bleese vote it looks like a cinch for Clinkscales and Manning to get into the second race together.

McLaurin for the Senator?
In that event how will it affect the senatorial race? Here is the way some politicians hope it will work, and they may be right, who know? Suppose for instance Senator McLaurin should conclude that there were too many Bleese candidates for governor and announced that he would make the race as an independent political candidate upon the gubernatorial announced? He is largely supported by men who are Anti-Bleese, and many strong and influential Bleese men who think the state government of more important to them than the senator. Which is the safe among our people generally.

In that case it is very reasonable to conclude that the supporters of McLaurin as an independent candidate would sacrifice the senatorial proposition to elect their man governor.

Mediators Depended on by Huerta to Save Administration



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THE two leading members of President Huerta's delegation to the mediation board at Niagara Falls are R. Emilio Rabasa and Luis Elguero. Rabasa is said to have brought President Huerta's resignation to be handed to the board if certain concessions are made by the Mexican dictator. Rabasa and Elguero on their first visit to the United States said that they marveled at the rapidly moving American people, the tall metropolitan buildings and the great facilities for rapid transit. Rabasa is at the right in the illustration.

There Is No Law For Election On Dispensary, Says Harley

Writes the Ministerial Union of Anderson With Reference to the Situation in this County—Declares There is No Chance Here

The following is a letter sent by Rev. J. L. Harley, the State agent of the Anti-Saloon League to the ministers of Anderson.

I feel sure that you are anxious to know, if you have not already learned of the status of the dispensary proposition in Anderson County. I went to Anderson last Tuesday to ascertain all the facts in regard to this matter.

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"continue" removes all dry counties from the effects of this law. But the wets will make an attack on this section because the word "continue" was not in the former Act, but was inserted by the Code Commissioner, and even the Attorney General has so advised, but the Supreme Court of South Carolina in the case of Nexsen vs. Wade has rendered a decision in regard to the Code and the former Acts which settles the matter.

The Court further holds that the enactment of the Code by the Legislature repeals all other Acts which were not included in the Code. The Court gives as its reason: "If the Code contains the only general statutory law of the State of course there can be none other. To say that a general law which has been left out of the Code is nevertheless still in force is to destroy the effect of the declaration. We are not at liberty to say that the law-makers did not mean what they said in plain and unmistakable language."

Yours fraternally, John L. Harley.

COTTON ACREAGE.

The Government Figures it Out as the Largest on Record.

The Bureau of Statistics, United States Department of Agriculture, has made a revision of its preliminary estimates of cotton acreage last year (1913) based upon results of a special investigation and the report of the Bureau of the Census of the quantity of cotton ginned in the past season.

The yield of cotton an acre in 1913 is estimated at 182 pounds, as compared with 160.9 pounds in 1912, 167.7 pounds in 1911, 170.7 pounds in 1910, and 164.3 pounds in 1909. The area picked in 1913 was about 37,089,000 acres.

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