

The name of Dr. James H. Carlisle of Wofford College, has been mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the U. S. Senate, as have also those of Congressman McLaurin, Ex Governor John Gary Evans, Judge Brawley, Ex-Senator Irby, Hon. J. E. Tindal, Railroad Commissioner W. D. Evans, Ex-Senator (State) R. B. Watson, John T. Sloan, S. G. Mayfield and others. But who will receive the appointment is yet a matter of conjecture.

As the vote on the tariff bill, which may be taken at an early day, will be very close, it is important that South Carolina have a Senator appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Earle. And as the electing-body, viz: the Legislature, will not meet till January, it is likely that Governor Ellerbe will appoint some one to serve till the Legislature meets. In the mean time a primary will likely be held sometime during the Summer or Fall to nominate a man for the position.

McLAURIN THE MAN.

Just as we go to press news reached here that John L. McLaurin has been appointed U. S. Senator, news that the ENTERPRISE is delighted to chronicle.

A Bad Showing.

Writing under date of May 14, the Chester correspondent of the Columbia Register says: The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Catawba Spinning mill was held yesterday. The mill was found to be in a deplorable financial condition under the management of D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, a debt of \$56,000 having been created since he assumed charge as President. It was also found that he had given credit to the Chester mills, an insolvent institution, to the amount of \$25,000, without any security. The stockholders were loud in their condemnation of President Tompkins, and passed resolutions to that effect. A new board of directors were elected, and the books of the company will be kept at Chester, instead of Charlotte as heretofore. An action has been brought against Mr. Tompkins and his "dummies" to recover the \$25,000 advanced to the Chester mills without security. Interest for one year on the first mortgage bonds of \$50,000 on the Chester mills was due on May 1, but the same has not yet been paid. No reason has been given by the board of directors for this failure.

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TILLMAN TO ELLERBE,

THAT FAMOUS LETTER AT LAST MADE PUBLIC.

The Senator Joins in the Demand for an Investigation into Dispensary Matters.

Governor Ellerbe having declined to give my letter to the press as I requested, I waited to hear from him before giving it out. It was written very hurriedly and some things in it seemed to him to be a reflection on his administration and he also objected to my strictures on some men and things as coming through him for fear they would be considered as receiving his endorsement. As I intended no reflection on the governor, and had no purpose of "striking others over his shoulder," I have modified the language which he considered to reflect on him and give the letter to the public in the form of a statement. I only addressed it to him in the first place because governor, he alone could order an investigation. It is substantially as first written except that I have changed my comments on the Agricultural hall matter some since reading the opinion of Justice Harlan and left out one or two sentences which might be considered as making boastful comparisons.

The dispensary scandals and the recent decision in regard to the Agricultural hall case have excited a deep feeling of concern in the minds of the people of the State, and have given my enemies a good excuse to engage anew in the pleasant past time of abusing and slandering me in connection with both. I commend heartily the governor's action in pressing the recent investigation and join in the sentiment: "Let no guilty man escape." I have no desire, nor do I believe has the governor, to make scapegoats of anyone but if there are any big fish in the net, let them not break through and punish only the little ones.

There has been more or less looseness in vogue in regard to samples from the very start and it is probable that contraband liquors and samples became mixed in the minds of men connected with the dispensary so that due regard to law has not been had in the disposal of contraband seizures.

But if there are no graver

crimes in connection with the management than these with which they have thus far been charged, I do not see that much good will come, even if Scruggs and Gaston are punished to the fullest extent of the law. In this connection, I would suggest that too much stress seems to be given to the having of a "hocus-pocus" key. Scruggs was the trusted agent of the board of control, so much so that they refused or failed to elect a commissioner and I cannot see what need he had for a key. Shipments must have been received constantly and I do not know how they could have been placed in the contraband room unless there was a key always in his possession to open it with. It is possible, at this distance, however, and for the lack of familiarity with the present workings of the dispensary, my criticisms along this line are worthless.

Samples were sent in in great quantities when I was connected with the dispensary and not knowing what else to do with them, they were freely distributed among the visitors to the institution, as one means of determining the qualities of the liquors, and also as courtesies. I carried some to my house and used them, as did Governor Evans, and, I presume, the present State board of control have done likewise, and I have no apology to make for it. During my term there were very few other articles than liquor seized, though I recall the fact that kegs and small barrels of liquor were found packed in rice barrels and also in casks of hams. I instructed Mr. Traxler to take account of all contraband articles and dispose of them according to law. While there is a great howl raised in regard to the dispensary by the old barroom advocates, it is done with the view of undermining and destroying the dispensary system, and they do not care so much for the punishment of these men as they rejoice in the opportunity the recent exposures have afforded them for revamping the old slanders about "rebates."

The obvious purpose of the anti newspapers—anti-reform, anti-temperance and anti-decency—their obvious purpose, I say, is to follow up the line of fight laid down long ago: to besmirch the character of any and every man connected with the dispensary and to magnify everything which can be criticised in its management in order to break it down in the affections of the people and to accomplish the restoration of barrooms in some form.

The system has no inherent vice, which ought to work its dissolution, and it only requires to be conducted as the asylum, or as the tax department is run to command the respect and support of the people. No one can claim that this is a matter of impossibility, and if the system shall finally fail it will be owing to the improper administration of the law. So much for the general subject. Now, for particulars. I have waited to see this week's Headlight so as to have Gantt's specific charges, covering the administration of the law under "Ben Tillman and Traxler": and like others, I have been astonished at the affront which gives out so much smoke and so little fire. He merely dips his syringe into the gutter of filth and slime

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emanating for the last three years from The News and Courier, The State, The Spartanburg Herald and The Greenville News, with which the people have been so disgusted and spatters me along with others with its contents. He, however, winds up with a reiteration of the cry: "Investigate! Investigate!! Investigate!!!" I have not shunned nor dreaded an investigation and I do not shun it now; but I venture the prediction that my enemies will be sorry if one be held and declare that it is not honestly made. They do not want the time to come when they cannot dig up the question of rebates and cast insinuations against my honesty. When these stale slanders about rebates under my administration were put in circulation by the newspapers and then taken up by General Barber, in the canvass three years ago, I met them promptly and vigorously at Union and elsewhere, and last winter I joined with Governor Evans in asking that the legislature should appoint a committee to look into the dispensary's management and set the charges of corruption at rest forever. The books of the dispensary and everything connected with its financial affairs have been investigated and reported on time and again by a legislative committee, one of whose members was an anti, incapable of seduction or of being induced to cloak wrong. The committee has never yet made a report reflecting on the integrity or honesty of its management. Now the cry is "Investigate" and while Gantt and no one else has or can give satisfactory reason why my administration of the dispensary should be investigated, I desire to ask the governor to select a committee of citizens to enter upon an investigation immediately, and I am willing to answer any inquiries made and I doubt not that every other man connected with the dispensary in any official way, would be willing to do likewise. The expense cannot be great and could be paid out of the contingent fund and the matter is of sufficient importance, I think, to warrant the outlay.

The friends of the dispensary cannot allow it to be undermined and smothered in filth by the guttersnipes, who are running the editorial pages of our daily papers, and if any corruption can be shown, other than what has already been shown to exist punishment swift and sure should follow. I stand to explain and justify every act of mine in connection with the law, and I doubt not that Governor Evans can do likewise. Let the matter be set at rest, and the smoldering embers of envy and hate be put out once for all.

B. R. TILLMAN.

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