

Straightout State Ticket.

- FOR GOVERNOR: A. C. HASKELL, of Richland.
 - FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: W. D. JOHNSON, of Marion.
 - FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: EDWIN HARPER, of Williamsburg.
 - FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: JOS. W. BARNWELL, of Charleston.
 - FOR STATE TREASURER: W. A. ANCRUM, of Kershaw.
 - FOR COMPTROLLER: EDMUND BACON, of Spartanburg.
 - FOR ADJUTANT GENERAL: R. N. RICHBOURG, of Richland.
 - SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION: E. B. RAGSDALE, of Fairfield.
- County Ticket.**
- FOR PRABATE JUDGE: T. H. SPAIN.
 - FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONER: W. H. EVANS.
 - FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: W. W. MCKENZIE, A. A. GANDY, C. R. KING.

Are They Consistent?

A few months ago Wade Hampton was howled down at Aiken while speaking, and the Tillmanites were outraged because he had taken any part in the campaign, saying that he had nothing whatever to do with the State campaign, and all such talk; and this was an insult to Hampton, who had done as much if not more for South Carolina than any man in the State. Now these same Tillmanites, through their State executive committee, have invited him to speak at Columbia and Charleston on the 27th and 28th of this month, in order that the troubled waters may be calmed by the words of the man whom they so recently insulted. Wade Hampton should not take any part in a campaign in which his State is abused and slandered by her own sons running for office; and yet when others of her sons, who have been outraged, choose to put up another ticket, then the services of the old war horse are called for by these foul-mouthed men to save the State from ruin. Will he come?

A Shame.

The following is an extract from a letter published in the Columbia Record, from Mr. J. A. Peterkin, a well known planter of Orangeburg—one of the best planters in the State: "South Carolina will be ashamed of the day they make Tillman Governor instead of Haskell. Is there a cause for this? There is nothing without a cause. It is simply this: A lot of demagogues got to be officers in a secret society; they made a set of men, who had never been in a secret society before, believe they were imposed upon by their merchants, lawyers and bankers. Mr. Tillman, being a shrewd politician, saw the situation and just deliberately pocketed the whole concern. Policy men have gone in with them, and if Haskell had not come out in opposition to Tillman his pocket would not have been big enough to hold yours. Go back to the beginning of this fight and let your conscience guide you and all will be right."

The Issue.

The following appeared in the News and Courier of October 15th as an "advertisement" over the signature of "Banker": "There is only one question before the people of this State: Will the future of the State be best secured by the election of Judge Haskell or Capt. Tillman? All admit the high character of the Haskell ticket; even the Irbey committee admit it, but many fear the disruption of the Democracy. Already Capt. Tillman, by his threats of violence, and his committee, by its insane demand upon Governor Richardson, in the name of "white supremacy," to give them all the commissions of election, have done more to secure the downfall of Democracy here and in the United States than ten splits in the party. Entrust this Government to men whose views of life are limited to the narrow confines of their respective counties, and in less than two years the complicated machinery of a Government such as ours over a populace such as ours will be shattered into fragments. For one, I believe that our civilization can only be preserved by electing the Haskell ticket."

The Political Situation.

One of the worst and most dangerous enemies that South Carolina has ever had is the present candidate for Governor, B. R. Tillman. Simply to gratify his personal ambition he has sown the seeds of discord from one end of the State to the other; by his unscrupulous use of his undeniably great powers as a public speaker he has so stirred up the passions and prejudices of a large portion of our people that they will not listen to a calm and dispassionate discussion of the issues involved; and by his false and malicious charges against all of our State officials, has made discord and division where there ought to be harmony and unity, and brought the Democratic party to the verge of disruption.

There are three classes of men who support Mr. Tillman. First, men of the Pope and Gary type who are mere hangers on of Mr. Tillman and endorse everything he says and does simply that they may ride into office under the shadow of his influence. They are scarcely worthy of consideration, being mere puppets that can only move at the touch of that master's hand. The second class of his supporters, and the only one entitled to much respect or consideration, are the larger portion of the farmers of the State, a large majority of whom are perfectly honest in their convictions and support Mr. Tillman because they have been induced to believe his slanderous charges and think that, as he has had the courage to unearth to corruption, it of necessity follows that he is the best man for Governor. Whatever of intelligence our people may have on most subjects; politically they are ignorant, and they fall an easy prey to such arch demagogues as Tillman and Shell. When Whittemore resigned his seat in Congress to save himself from expulsion, he thanked God that his constituents could not read; and Mr. Tillman may well be thankful for the political ignorance of his supporters. The third class are those who denounce Mr. Tillman and deny his charges, but will simply sustain him because he is the nominee of the convention. If they prefer party to principle, then they are not open to argument; but it may not be amiss to say that whoever supports or votes for him, endorses the man and his charges, and no twisting or turning can make it otherwise. A man is judged by his acts and not by his belief, and if he votes for Mr. Tillman he is practically voting to the country at large that his charges are true.

The threats and denunciations made by Mr. Tillman and his supporters are absurd and undignified and only serve to show the weakness of their cause. There is no reason why the election should not be perfectly peaceable and quiet and if it is otherwise Mr. Tillman will be responsible for any violence or bloodshed that may result. Rage and fume as they may, it will not deprive Judge Haskell of a single vote of those who are only contending for principle and striving to maintain the purity of the Democratic party; believing as they do that if Mr. Tillman is elected without protest, the condition of the party will be infinitely worse two years hence than it now is.

What Will the Result Be?

The great majority of the newspapers in the State were opposed to Tillman before his nomination, and a great majority of them are now opposed to Judge Haskell's election. In spite of this opposition Tillman was nominated. Can it be that things are going to turn out the same way for Haskell? However that may be, the movement seems to be gaining ground and many men who do not now appear to favor it will, when voting day comes, cast their ballots for Haskell and say nothing about it. There are also a goodly number of Tillmanites who, having been disappointed in their aspirations, will vote for Haskell in order to experience the vengeance which is sweet to their souls. You may call the Haskellites Independents or anything you choose, but their position is not that of Independents usually; and those who compose the Haskell ticket are above those who make up the Tillman ticket in all things which go to make good State officers. These points will have their influence on the voters, and men who would not vote for ordinary Independents will cast their vote for Alexander C. Haskell and his ticket. It is difficult to foretell what it is going to amount to, but, as the force of circumstances has put the State into a critical condition, we must make the best of it and do all in our power towards the maintenance of law and order whether we vote for Haskell or not.

Nevada is enjoying an anomaly just now in its political experience. It is without a Governor or Lieutenant Governor, recent deaths having vacated both of those offices. The State will have to do without a Chief Magistrate until the next election.

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