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E. H. AULL, EDITOR.

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We should not forget that the split log drag is a very simple device and yet a very effective road worker, being properly applied. Use the split log drag.

Gov. Blease's statement, in reply to Senator Tillman's open letter, is conservative in tone, and in good spirit. We are very much surprised and disappointed at some of the statements contained in Senator Tillman's open letter.

We suppose the State executive committee recessed until Wednesday in order that matters political might adjust themselves, without causing too great a shock to anyone. Of course, the result will be declared according to the returns, all of which might have been finished at the meeting on Friday.

The reporter who handled the county executive committee meeting intended to state that Mr. Keitt denied that his name was on any club roll in town and was under the impression that such a denial was in the report. It is not our purpose at any time to treat any one unfairly in any department of the paper, and particularly in the news columns, and we regret that this omission occurred.

We do not believe that there is anything upon which to base the charge of "rotteness" in our primary elections, especially so far as Newberry county is concerned. We believe that the managers who conducted the election are all honest and would not countenance any fraud or "rotteness." Of course, there were doubtless irregularities, as there will always be, but it is probable that these affected one candidate just as much as another. We regret to know that any citizen of the county would make so grave a charge against the gentlemen who gave their time without compensation to conduct the election.

TILLMAN'S LETTER TO BLEASE.

The Herald and News regrets very much to note the tone of Senator Tillman's open letter to Governor Blease, which we publish today. Senator Tillman has been re-elected and so has Governor Blease, the latter in the face of Tillman's opposition. Instead of writing a letter which can not but add fuel to the flames of bitterness, how much more appropriate it would have been for the senior senator either to maintain silence, or to write a letter in the interest of peace among South Carolina Democrats. Surely we have had enough of bitterness and of strife. Senator Tillman could have shown in a great deal better way that love which he professes for the people of South Carolina.

It is useless to go over again the charges which Senator Tillman repeats against the governor. Not a scintilla of proof has been brought in regard to any of them, and Governor Blease has been vindicated at the hands of a majority of the white citizens of South Carolina.

Senator Tillman's letter can not do any good, and it is calculated to do further harm.

It is interesting to note that Senator Tillman admits the nomination of Governor Blease.

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A STATEMENT FROM E. H. AULL, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

In the race for county superintendent of education, I have endeavored to make a clean, fair, open and honorable campaign. I have not resorted to any methods which have not been open and frank, and have not criticized any of my opponents, nor referred to them in any way, except on the stump and in their presence. From information which I have received, it seems that in the contest between my opponent and myself, efforts are being made to

resort to methods which are not open and fair. In the public and official business with which I have been favored by the people of Newberry county, and the people of the State, I have had nothing to conceal, and all of my official acts have been open for inspection.

I had an intimation before the campaign opened that one of the prospective candidates for the position of superintendent of education had been making inquiry in Columbia as to the doings of the State hospital commission, and my connection with that commission. I had expected that reference would be made to this during the campaign, but as it was not, I did not feel that it would be proper for me to refer to the report which had reached me, and I did not believe that any attempt would be made by any of the candidates to circulate rumors which might be construed as detrimental to me, and which had no foundation, in fact. It seems that in this I was mistaken.

I notice, in Mr. F. W. Higgins' card of thanks to his supporters, he makes the following reference and insinuation:

"To the many who have been led astray at the eleventh hour I have only to say that they have my profoundest sympathy in the conditions with which they are confronted, i. e., a wilful violation of the statutes against the holding of two offices at one time, on the one hand, and a youth on the other; in one of whose hands will be placed that most momentous of responsibilities—the unknown future of our homeland's citizenship."

I had not intended to notice this, but I have received from Dr. J. W. Babcock, the following letter, which was addressed to him by Mr. G. P. Hill, a trustee of the Helena school:

August 30, 1912.

"Dear Sir: As a question has arisen here that E. H. Aull is still receiving salary as a member of the asylum commission, I write to you for facts. He is now Supt. of education for Newberry county, and standing for re-election. By giving this information as early as you can you will greatly oblige.

(Signed) "G. P. Hill."

Of course, the purpose of writing this letter is to get something which may be used to my detriment. I have written Mr. Hill the following letter:

"Mr. G. P. Hill, Newberry, S. C.—Dear Sir: Your letter of August 30, to Dr. Babcock, has been referred to me. You could have secured the information desired by asking me, without writing Dr. Babcock. I have not been a member of the hospital commission since my resignation took effect on January 6, and you could have gotten this information without writing to Columbia. I have never tried to keep any of my official acts from the public and have no secrets now. As it seems that it is the purpose of those who are opposing me to use fair or unfair means to encompass my defeat, I shall publish in the papers on next Tuesday my letter of resignation, and a full statement of my connection with the State hospital commission. It was published in the papers in January that I had resigned, and I did not feel that further statement of that matter was necessary."

It seems to me that it comes with a little bad grace for Mr. Hill to resort to methods of this kind, especially in view of the fact that when I came in office the trustees of his district and the office of superintendent of education were very much disturbed with each other, and I was instrumental, in a very short time, in settling the differences amicably, as I thought, to all parties.

Some three or four months ago, I stated to a friend that I supposed it would be good politics on my part to let the office of superintendent run along, and make no effort to do anything for the improvement of conditions amongst the rural schools, because, as a rule, the people for whom you do the most are the people who take pleasure in opposing you, and it seems that there is a popular notion that the best way to hurt a man is to oppose him for election, when he becomes a candidate. However, I am one of those who believe in doing things, and I would prefer to have a record of having done something for the betterment of the schools in Newberry county, than to have the temporary approval of the people, with nothing accomplished. Of course, if the people refuse to give me a full term, it will be impossible to carry to completion the many plans which have been inaugurated, and which are in contemplation for the betterment of the rural schools of Newberry county. I am frank to say that I would be very glad to carry these plans to a successful termination, but looking at the returns of the last election, the precincts, or school districts, in which there was the greatest opposition to me, are the ones in which I have al-

ready done most for the schools. I am somewhat puzzled to know whether it is a lack of appreciation on the part of the patrons of the schools, or whether the people really do not want their schools improved.

As to my connection with the State hospital commission, my position is well known to the people of Newberry county, on the question of holding two offices, and while they voted against my contention four years ago, and have re-elected the same gentleman, who still holds two positions, I desire to be consistent, and when I decided to accept the position of county superintendent of education, I addressed the following communication to Governor Blease:

December 30, 1911.

Governor Cole. L. Blease, Columbia, S. C.

My Dear Sir:

Having decided to accept the position of county superintendent of education for Newberry county, to which I have been elected by the State board of education, I herewith tender you my resignation as member of the State hospital commission.

I do this in obedience to Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of 1895, which says: "No person shall hold two offices of honor or profit at the same time."

I desire this resignation and my commission as county superintendent of education to be effective not before January 6, as the State hospital commission is to meet during the coming week to complete its report of its doings during the past year, to be submitted to the general assembly, under the joint resolution creating the commission, and as secretary of the commission I feel that I should not sever my connection with it until this report is completed.

In leaving the State hospital commission, there is regret on my part in the severance of the pleasant ties which have bound the commission together in the important work in which they are engaged. I feel that this is the most important of the extraordinary work in which the State is now engaged. During the past year the commission has worked harmoniously, and its energies have been directed in the lines which it conceived to be for the best interests of the State in the development of the plan which it had under view for the building a home for the State's unfortunates. Personally, the work to me, while arduous at times, has been pleasant, both because of the associations and of the great object in view.

In tendering this resignation, I desire to assure you personally of the appreciation of the commission for the co-operation you have given us in our work.

Respectfully, E. H. Aull.

(Copy.)

January 1st, 1912.

Col. E. H. Aull, Newberry, S. C.

Dear Colonel: Letter tendering your resignation received. I regret to see you leave the hospital commission. Dr. Babcock has frequently spoken in the very highest terms of your work, and I am sure that your services will be greatly missed. However, you are entering a broader field and I congratulate you and wish you success in your new work.

Very respectfully, Cole. L. Blease, Governor.

Since the 6th of January, I have not been a member of the State hospital commission. The commission did request me to remain as secretary, or clerk, during the session of the legislature, inasmuch as I was familiar with the details of the work, having kept the books and disbursed the money, and was, therefore, in better position to give the members of the legislature information concerning the expenditures than any one else would have been. This I consented to do, and at the request of the commission have continued since that time to act simply as secretary of the commission, and have kept the books. For Mr. Hill's benefit, will say that I am not doing this work without compensation, though the compensation received is not commensurate with the work which is being done. For the further information of those who may desire to know, the legislature passed the following joint resolution, continuing the commission for another year, and taking from the governor the right to make any changes in the personnel, at the time the resolution was adopted and became law. At that time I had resigned and the governor had not appointed anyone as my successor, and I take it that he has considered the act as forbidding him to change the commission as then constituted, unless there should be a vacancy, by death or resignation, or removal from the State, and therefore, as I take it, the commission can be composed of only four members, because there were only four at the time of the ratification of the resolution, and I was not

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Yours truly,
HOLLAND BROTHERS,
Greenwood, S. C.

one of the four.

The following is the resolution:

"Section 1. That the State Hospital commission, as created by the joint resolution above referred to, (1910-1911) is hereby continued for one year. That the said commission as now constituted, shall continue for one year from the expiration of their commissions. Any vacancy occurring therein by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by appointment of the governor."

I trust that I have made this statement clear, and regret that if any one desires information in regard to my position the question was not raised during the campaign, and prior to the first primary, instead of coming in at this late day and endeavoring to get information at Columbia which could have been obtained from me here at Newberry.

There is another matter to which I would like to refer: My opponent in the second primary made a statement in his talk at Young's Grove, to the effect that a professor of Clemson college had stated to him that upon request the authorities of Clemson college would send a member of the faculty to any rural school, and that he would remain from one to six days, and lecture to the children and the people of the community, without cost to the school district. As soon as he came off the stand, I asked him for the name of the professor who had made that statement, because I felt that it was the intention to make it appear that I had been derelict in my duty, if I had not secured this free tuition offered voluntarily by Clemson college. He gave me the name of the professor, to whom I immediately addressed a communication, requesting that he arrange a program, or an itinerary, for each of the fifty-nine schools in Newberry county, and that I would take pleasure in giving as much publicity to this special instruction as possible. In reply to this request, the member of Clemson college, faculty writes that he can not remember ever having made any statements which could be interpreted to mean anything of the kind. I was satisfied at the time that no professor who was competent to hold a position would make any such statement. I referred to this correspondence at a subsequent meeting, and so far as I know, the candidate who made the assertion has never yet acknowledged that he was mistaken.

Another effort to mislead and fool the people is to talk about the reduction in the cost of text books and the constant changes. Of course, anyone who will stop for a minute to think, and who is conversant with the law, will know that the superintendent of education has absolutely nothing to do with the adoption of text books, or the price, and as a matter of fact, the adoption was made only last year and the price fixed, and the contracts entered into with the publishers and the State for a term of five years, and the county superintendent of education has absolutely no power to make any changes.

I regret that efforts of this kind were made to mislead and regret still more that so many good people permit them-

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selves to be misled by such demagogic utterances.

I have always tried to tell the people of Newberry county the truth as I saw it, and would not mislead them for any office within their gift.

I believe that I can be of great service to the schools of this county, if given a full term. I am free to say that I would appreciate an endorsement of the work which I have inaugurated, but if it can not be had by honest, fair and square dealings, and by speaking the truth to the people at all times, then I do not care for it.

The matter is left with the people. I appreciate the support they have given me in my past races in the county, and if I am re-elected I can only promise them to try to do my whole duty in this important position.

Respectfully,
E. H. Aull.

NOTICE BY REGISTRATION BOARD.

The board of registration of Newberry county will be at Whitmire on September 3 and at Prosperity on September 4 for the purpose of giving the people of these communities an

opportunity to register.

C. E. Wheeler,
George A. Epting,
G. C. Evans,

Registration Board of Newberry County.

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