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## SENATOR TILLMAN'S POSITION TOWARDS GOVERNOR'S RACE

AGAIN DECLARES HIS NEUTRALITY — DENIES TAKING PART IN ALLEGED MEETING — HE IS FOR NEITHER JONES NOR BLEASE — RICHARDS HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTED.

Senator Tillman has sent to The Daily Record, for publication, a copy of a letter he has written to Mr. W. T. Crews, editor of the News-Scimitor, replying to an editorial in the first issue of that paper, Sept. 22nd, and denying that he took part with Major John G. Richards, Jr., in any scheme to bring out Chief Justice Ira B. Jones as a candidate for governor. Senator Tillman declares this report does both himself and Major Richards great injustice, and that so far as he himself is concerned he reiterates that he is taking no part in the contest for governor, as both the candidates are "old Tillmanites" and the people must choose the better fitted man of the two, without dictation from him.

It may be said upon authority that Major Richards had nothing whatever to do with inducing Mr. Jones to run for governor and that as a matter of fact Major Richards has not given Mr. Jones any assurance that he, Major Richards, will not himself become a candidate for that office against both Jones and Blease. Major Richards has not intimated even to his closest friends what he proposes to do in that regard.

The letter from Senator Tillman is as follows:

Trenton, S. C., Sept. 25, 1911.  
Mr. W. T. Crews, Greenwood, S. C.  
Dear "Boss": This morning's mail brings me the first number of your new paper, The News-Scimitor. I was very much surprised to find that you had hatched a new nest out of my recent visit to John G. Richards at Liberty Hill, and have been none too tender of his feelings, and have dealt very unjustly with him. Although it is perhaps not worth while, I take the trouble to write you this letter which you are at liberty to publish.

Your father was my staunch friend all of his life and it will not add to my peace of mind or contentment to feel before I die that his son is not the same loyal friend that Tom Crews was. I know your paper will circulate, if it circulates at all, among the pronounced Tillmanites of the state because the Laurensville Herald with which you have been connected was always one of the "blue hen's chickens" and outspoken as regards to Tillmanism. I think it unkind, therefore, to lend yourself to any suggestion or scheme which will weaken the confidence in me of any friend of mine. You know, if you know anything, that I have nothing to do and never will have anything to do with that Gonzales crowd, or any emissary that they will send to me. I may be a fool and not recognize such emissary, but I think I yet have sense enough to know an ambassador or agent of that bunch of politicians should one approach me.

Your editorial, "The Plot Against Blease," is so unjust to Richards and to me and so calculated to mislead I write this in order to set you straight. In the first place, Richards is not the India rubber politician and hypocrite you insinuate he is, but an honorable and high-toned man, and should have been elected governor last year, if character and ability to serve the people creditably had been considered by the voters. The subject of Jones' candidacy was not discussed during my visit to Richards and his announcement was a surprise to me. Richards has known all along that my candidacy for the senate depended entirely on the condition of my health, and even if I am in bed, unless wholly paralyzed, I expect to allow the people of South Carolina who want to do so to have the opportunity to vote for me. I am anxious to see whether or not they appreciate my earnest and honest efforts to serve them these twenty-one years. So any hint or suggestion that I can be

used in the way you suggest in the editorial is an insult and outrage to me and I am shocked to have such an assassin's blow come from Tom Crews' son. If I am re-elected I will not resign but die in harness. You of all men are the last one to insinuate that I am so cowardly and so easily wrapped around people's fingers that I would join any such combination. I am astonished at you and of course you know I am very much hurt. I do not expect to take sides in the governor's race next year. It is none of my business, anyway, and my policy as a public man has always been that of Jefferson: "Teach the people and trust the people." Both of the candidates thus far announced are old Tillmanites and the people must judge for themselves which one of them is best entitled to their confidence.

Very respectfully,  
B. R. Tillman.

The article to which Senator Tillman refers is as follows:

**The Plot Against Blease.**  
Several days ago Senator Tillman was the guest of Mr. John G. Richards at his home in Kershaw county, and when the senator left for his home at Trenton the chief justice of the supreme court of the state, Judge Ira B. Jones, made a pilgrimage also, to Mr. Richards' home, which seems suddenly to have become the political mecca for all anti-Blease politicians.

"Immediately after Chief Justice Jones' return home he sent his resignation to the governor, to take effect next January, and also notified Col. Brooks, Clerk to the supreme court, to that effect. This turn of the political kaleidoscope affords some interesting prognostications, and at the same time develops a political scheme that has been hatching in Columbia for some time. What the popular News and Courier correspondent whom Tillman loved and loves above all other newspaper correspondents, of the anti press of the state, laid all his wires and made report to Gonzales and Co., the political leaven began to work. The big city dailies immediately began to sing the praises of Judge Ira B. Jones for governor and all the little "me-too" anti-Blease papers in the state yelped approval and have been making the welkin ring ever since with the praises of Mr. Jones.

"Whether or not Senator Tillman has given these conspiring politicians any pegs on which to hang their political hopes, we don't pretend to know; but whether he did or not, the anti-Blease politicians are trying to make Senator Tillman's old friends and supporters believe he did. But at any rate, it is easy to picture the suave, Richards and the sedate and wise chief justice sitting out on the porch of Mr. Richards' country mansion plotting the political downfall of Mr. Blease and the manning of his 'vicious and ignorant' supporters. The Delilah-like mediator and political ambassador of the Gonzales wing of the Blease opposition had already delivered his ultimatum to the plotters who were now expected to carry out their part of the scheme, by deceiving or fooling the 'old-time' Tillmanite-Reformers—and to this extent his mission was successful. Now, Jones and Richards got to work. The latter had already wormed out of Tillman, under the guise of personal friendship, as to the probability of Senator Tillman's being able to make an active canvass next year, and also as to the probability of his resigning the senatorship in the event of his re-election, with no opposition. So, the balance of the plot was plain sailing for Jones and Richards. The Gonzales politicians had already let it be known that they were not going to tolerate any more prohibition foolishness in the next gubernatorial campaign, so it was out of the question for Richards to become a candidate, as he was too well known as a pronounced prohibitionist; and after a few personal expressions of esteem one for another, Mr. Richards patriotically 'sacrificed' himself to the political ambitions of Justice Jones, and it was then and there decided that Mr. Jones would

### JEERED BY CROWD.

Toledo Aviator is Burned to Death While in Midair.

A Dayton, O., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, said: Forced into the air by the jeers of thousands who called him a coward, F. H. Miller, 23 years old, a Toledo aviator, shot into the sky at twilight the other evening and when 200 feet up was burned to death before the eyes of the spectators, on the Miami county fair grounds at Troy, north of here. Miller had circled the race track and was just starting into a spiral glide into a neighboring corn field when something went wrong. He could be seen making a frantic attempt to get his machine under control, suddenly the whirring of the propellers ceased. The craft then dropped like a shot for fifty feet, a tiny blue flame was emitted from the engine, and in an instant the gasoline tank exploded. The machine was wrecked, debris was hurled hundreds of feet in all directions. What remained of the aeroplane and its driver were burned almost to a crisp as they dropped rapidly to earth. It was Miller's second flight of the day and the fifth and last of the week. In a short flight shortly after noon his machine acted unsteady and he did not care to go up.

Mr. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., was in Camden this week. He was accompanied by Mr. L. Evelyn, a citizen of Wales, England.

announce his resignation, and, later on, come out as a candidate against Cole Blease. Of course, being a prohibitionist himself, Mr. Richards bundled up the prohibition vote, tied it with a piece of blue ribbon sealed it with pledge of the prohibition press of the State, presented it to Mr. Jones with all the knightly courtesies from one conspirator to another. This done, Mr. Jones' resignation was prepared, which, on his return home was to be sent to the governor, and later on to follow it up with the announcement of his candidacy for the governorship. The latter part of the program, however, seems to have been hurried up a bit. The conspirators got word of the fact that there were many old friends of John Gary Evans who began to use his name in connection with the governorship, when the Gonzales crowd warned Chief Justice Jones to 'do about'—get busy—and Mr. Jones' announcement for the governorship was immediately forthcoming. This much of the plot has already come to light; but there is another side to it that the people don't know yet.

"Mr. Richards is to keep in constant touch with Senator Tillman, and of course, he and he alone, is to know when the Senator is to retire—whether by declining to run in the next campaign, or whether he will resign after re-election. If the latter, then Mr. Richards is to be given the field alone, so far as the prohibition faction is concerned, and he is to get the support and influence of the Jones administration and the Gonzales crowd to succeed Tillman—all this to reward Richards for his self-sacrifice, patriotism, etc.

"But what is to become of Governor Jones? Is he to be permitted to fall out of public notice at the expiration of a little old measly one term as governor? Not a bit of it. The plot takes care of him fully and substantially. At the expiration of his term, the same political machine that made him governor is to still further reward him by giving him the Hon. Ed. Smith's seat in the United States senate.

"This is their scheme—their political plot to defeat Blease—and even if it takes old-time Tillman-coat-tail swingers and Tillman's old-time bitterest enemies to accomplish it, they are going to try it. But as Blease's election showed that the people were not going to be ruled at the dictation of Gonzales politicians, we hardly believe that they will tamely surrender next year to a combination of anti-Blease politicians and Benedict Arnolds of the old Tillman-Reform movement. "We shall see."

## ABOUT SCHOOL BOOKS FROM SUPT. SWEARINGEN

WHAT OLD BOOKS THAT CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR THE NEW ONES.

J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of Education and secretary of the State board of education, has called upon all managers of text-book depositories in the State to co-operate in supplying the new book adoptions to the schools of the State.

The following instructions are given: "Under the text-book contract of the South Carolina state board of education with the 20 publishers whose books have been adopted for use in the schools of the State, liberal exchange terms have been granted to all purchasers. Any old book in use from 1906 to 1911 are exchangeable for any new book to be used under the recent State adoption.

"An old book that can be recognized is exchangeable.

"The condition of the books or the leaves, and the number of the missing leaves, should not be taken into consideration. The only requirement is that the old book shall be on the same subject as the new book introduced.

"All exchange prices are printed or pasted on inside the front cover of the new texts. Purchasers and dealers may secure full and clear information by reference to these official labels. Promotional exchange does not require that the new book shall be of the same grade as the old book presented by the purchaser. This point is clearly covered by Section 6 of the State text-book contract.

"The central text-book depository should fill all cash orders within three days after their receipt. If delay in the delivery of books occurs, please report promptly to the State superintendent of education, the date and the nature of the order and the books omitted in the shipment from Columbia. A copy of the order itself, marked so as to show the books ordered but not received, would be more satisfactory.

"Any overcharge should be promptly reported to the State superintendent of education."

Lieut. Ancrum to Charleston.

Washington, October 6.—First Lieut. Calhoun Ancrum, U. S. marine corps, has been detached from the advanced base school, at Philadelphia, and ordered to the marine barracks, Charleston.

Shooting in Chesterfield.

Mr. Wesley Raley, of Chesterfield county, was shot by Mr. Thomas Cates, also of Chesterfield county, on Sunday night last. Particulars of the unfortunate affair cannot be obtained. Mr. Raley's condition, we understand, is quite serious.

BERT LEIGH

In "The Man on the Box" Opera House, Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Those of our local theatre goers who appreciate high class comedy should be very much interested in the coming of "The Man on the Box" dramatized by Grace Livingston Furness from the novel of the same name by Harold McGrath, to be presented at Opera House on Tuesday, Oct. 17. As the book was, and still is, one of the best sellers, so has the play proven to be one of the best and most successful of comedies staged in recent years.

Both in the book and on the stage, "The Man on the Box" develops a combination of comedy, sentiment, farce, emotion and mild melodrama that is pleasing to all lovers. It is well written, its scenes are well constructed, and the plot proves with a stupidity of action that helps along its mirth-giving qualities and its comic power. Mr. Bert Leigh heads the company, presenting the play here, supported by Miss Billy Long and a strong cast. The production will be complete in all details. Seats on sale at F. Leslie Zemp's Drug Store.

### HOME MERCHANTS

Who Are Bidding For Your Trade Through The Chronicle.

Now that money is in plentiful circulation don't forget the home merchants. Don't go or send away from home for what you can get from them. When a dollar goes away from town for anything that can be bought here, just that much goes out of local circulation forever. Did you ever stop to think of that? It will pay you in the long run to patronize home dealers, even at a little higher price, but they do not ask that—all they ask is a square deal—a chance to figure with the out-of-town fellow. We feel satisfied that many of our friends send or go elsewhere for many articles mainly from thoughtlessness. It is time to do some thinking along this line. If we ever expect our town to amount to anything let us patronize home enterprise and keep the dollars at home.

The below mentioned firms are regular advertisers of The Chronicle and they are asking your trade. It is the intention of this paper to accept no objectionable advertising, no patent medicines—none but reputable concerns or manufacturers—and we commend the following to you:

- Baruch-Nettles Co.—Dry goods.
- Hirsch Bros. & Co.—Dry goods.
- Gilt Edge Store—Dry Goods.
- G. W. Brown—Groceries.
- The Kershaw Grocery—Groceries.
- G. L. Blackwell—Jewelry.
- A. D. Kennedy—Hardware.
- The Misses Gerald—Millinery.
- W. W. King—Horses.
- Belk & Kirkland—Real estate.
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- Hacker Manufacturing Company—Builder's Supplies.
- W. K. Tavel—Surveyor.
- A. B. Kirschbaum Co.—Clothing.

### KERSHAW'S COTTON CROP.

Citizen Thinks This Year's Yield Will Be Largest Made.

Reports from all sections of the county seem to indicate the yield of cotton this year will break all records. Much open cotton remains in the fields owing to the scarcity of pickers. In speaking of the crop in Kershaw county a prominent planter said to a Chronicle man this week:

"After visiting nearly every section of the county I think the present crop of cotton is as large as any the county has ever produced. Of course, there are portions of the clay lands where it is not up to what has been produced in some years, but as a whole, the crop is a good one. It has been a hard job to get it picked out, as labor appears to be scarcer now than it has ever been known to be before.

"However, I cannot recall a year when a crop was made with as little work as has been given to it this year. In great many of the fields the only work done by the hoe hands has been the chopping out and thinning to a stand. All the rest of the work has been done with the plow.

"The cost of fertilizers has been higher than usual, but at the time the crop was planted it was thought that the price of cotton would hold up to 14 or 15 cents, which would make up for the increased price on all brands of fertilizers. This was a mistake, as good grades of cotton are now selling for less than 10 cents per pound, so that with the high prices for fertilizers and labor the farmer will be lucky to come out even."

Stockades for State Farms.

Columbia, Oct. 6.—The contract for two sanitary stockades on the State farms in Sumter county, to cost when completed \$37,000, was awarded today at a meeting of the board of directors of the State penitentiary. Mr. Geo. W. Waring, of Columbia, secured the contract.

## SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS IN PARAGRAPHS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE STATE GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Florence has awarded contracts for \$50,000 worth of bitulthitic and macadam street paving.

Thirty million dollars have been invested in new enterprises in this state since the first of January.

The citizens of Charleston will undertake to raise \$100,000 to aid in the establishment of a line of steamships to Panama.

A recent estimate from a reliable source placed the number of telephones in the world at 9,600,000 or 12,500,000 miles of wire.

The Rouse-Pegues Auto Company of Cheraw, has a public hire auto, made in its own shops here. The time is coming when this company will do more of this sort of thing and perhaps put on the market an automobile that will be made entirely in Cheraw.

Mrs. D. E. Hydrick, wife of Associate Justice D. E. Hydrick, of the supreme court, died at Spartanburg Saturday morning, after brief illness. Mrs. Hydrick before her marriage was Miss Rosa Lee, the daughter of Maj. and Mrs. John A. Lee, pioneer citizens of Spartanburg. Samuel Ridgeway, a negro wanted in Williamsburg county on the charge of manslaughter, was arrested in Sumter Saturday afternoon, by Policeman J. M. Barwick, but later, when he was being taken to jail by Mr. Owens, the jailer, he made his escape by striking Mr. Owens in the face with his handcuffs and doing a sprinting stunt which Mr. Owens was unable to equal.

Henry S. Drummond, who was found dead in a room at a Gaffney hotel Tuesday morning, died from natural causes, presumably of heart failure. This was established by a report from chemist, to whom the stomach of the dead man was sent. An empty bottle labelled "morphine" was found in Mr. Drummond's suit case and on this account the jury, at the coroner's inquest was unable to agree on a cause of death.

"I do not promise to move in the matter and unless the Supreme Court interferes, the man will certainly be hanged Friday," said Gov. Blease Monday, when asked what he intended doing about the batch of petitions received at his office urging executive clemency in behalf of Hyde, the mill engineer who killed his wife and her father in the Orr Mill village at Anderson. One petition from the mother of Mrs. Hyde urges the Governor to let Hyde hang.

Perry Edwards one of the wealthiest citizens of Greenville county, killed Bob Petty near Taylor's station Friday night while Will Edwards, and Perry's brother, and Petty were engaged in a fight. Perry and Will Edwards went to the home of Burl Hudson to collect a bill for lumber and while there Petty came over and started the fight with Will Edwards. Perry came to the assistance of his brother and choked Petty to death. He died a few minutes after the difficulty.

Marriage Licenses Issued Since October First.

Marriage licenses have been issued since the first of October, 1911, to the following:

Mr. Ernest Gregory and Miss Alma Horton, of Buffalo township.  
Mr. E. T. Hilton, of Lancaster, and Miss Daisy Fyler, of Bethune.  
John Carlos and Hattie Boykin, colored, both of Camden.

Those recently returned are: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gregory.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hilton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ellis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Cates.  
Thirty-two licenses have been issued altogether.

School Teacher Wanted.

WANTED—A teacher for the Oakland public school. Address, C. P. Pate, trustee, Lumberton, N. C. D. 1.