

DIAL MAKES REPLY.

Senator Says Former District Attorney in Error.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Replying to a recent criticism by J. William Thurmond, of Edgefield, Senator N. B. Dial issued the following statement:

"I have just read a tirade of J. William Thurmond against me. In many of Mr. Thurmond's statements he is absolutely in error. I do not suppose the public is very much interested in this subject, but I will reiterate its history briefly, as he has mentioned it.

"In 1912 and 1918 several of us were candidates for the senate. Mr. Thurmond was manager of Senator Tillman's campaign both times and organized the state against me. When the western district of South Carolina was established, he was appointed district attorney by Senator Tillman, which was perfectly natural. After Sen. Tillman's death in 1918 I was told that Mr. Thurmond was speaking good words in my behalf.

"I am sorry Mr. Thurmond speaks of my dining with him, for it forces me to mention the subject. While at the campaign meeting in Aiken, Mr. Thurmond phoned me to come to Edgefield and spend the night with him. For this I thanked him, but politely declined. After speaking at Edgefield, Mr. Thurmond invited Senator Pollock and me to dine with him, which we accepted. The public can understand my position in this matter.

"During Christmas, 1919, Mr. Thurmond asked me to have him re-appointed. I told him that I had not discussed the matter at all in Washington, but would let him hear very soon. After consultation and investigating the matter here, I informed him that under all the circumstances I could not recommend his reappointment, and that I had recommended another, whereafter he and his friends bombarded me with petitions, the purpose being evident.

"Mr. Thurmond is also in error about what transpired in Washington. I suggested the name of my friend, T. P. Cothran, for appointment as district attorney, he being one of the strongest lawyers in the south, a lifelong friend of mine and a strong supporter in all my campaigns. The attorney general informed me he would consider the matter and we would discuss it further. I left word at the White House that I wanted to see the president at the proper time. A few days later Mr. Thurmond's nomination came to the senate. I communicated with the White House and they were very much surprised and asked me to hold Mr. Thurmond's confirmation up in the senate, and also suggested that I see the attorney general. I declined the latter suggestion. Later the attorney general phoned to me to come up, as he desired to confer with me, and said that he was ready to appoint Mr. Cothran.

"Mr. Thurmond is also in error about my not being able to defeat his confirmation in the senate if I had desired. Any senator can defeat the confirmation of anyone in his state in a few seconds.

"Mr. Thurmond is also in error in saying Mr. Cothran was a candidate for United States judge at the time referred to—1920—for there was no vacancy in that position. Judge Watkins having been confirmed on July 22, 1919.

"After a visit to Washington, and when everything had been arranged for Mr. Cothran to be appointed, he notified me on July 29, 1920, that he didn't care to accept the place, expressing great gratitude at my efforts in his behalf, but stated that he felt it was his duty to the people of South Carolina to run for the general assembly from Greenville county. It was agreeable to me then for the attorney general to send down the name of Mr. Thurmond, for reappointment. His name was sent down a day or two after congress convened—on December 6. I asked the judiciary committee to confirm him, but his name was held up, along with many others.

"My policy has been since the Republicans have taken charge to ask no favors of the administration. The wisdom of this can readily be understood. Anyway, it was said here that the attorney general was disposed to let all Mr. Wilson's appointees fill out their terms, in the absence of charges, etc., against them, unless he decided to revoke some particular appointment.

"I have never mentioned the following fact. I took the matter up with the attorney general and stated to him if his policy was to let all Democratic appointees serve out their terms, that I would suggest that he allow Mr. Thurmond this privilege. This he considered a day or two, but finally declined. Mr. Cothran was confirmed, as I knew him to be a gentleman of high character and ability. The correspondence on the sub-

HENRY FORD DENIES CHARGE.

Writes to Man at Pickens, Resenting (?) Charge That a Ford Kicked.

Mr. Claude Hester, Pickens, S. C.

Dear Sir: I have your recent letter telling about one of my automobiles kicking you. It seems strange to me, Mr. Hester, that you should complain of a Ford with a kick in it when everybody else seems to be complaining that they cannot find anything with a kick in it. Neither do I see how you could complain of a little thing like your arm being broke when the whole blame country is in the same fix.

However, Mr. Hester, I am very glad you wrote to me. I am sure we are good friends and I am going to take you into my confidence. The Ford you got is undoubtedly not one of the regular kind, but, judging by its action, is one that was made for sale to Jews only, and its name is Maud.

Now, Mr. Hester, don't think for a minute that I doubt a word in your letter, but what happened to you recalls to mind a recent incident which I will relate to you. A man we will call John for short, wrote to me and wanted me to pay him \$300 damages because he said, one of my automobiles kicked him, broke his arm, knocked him over and skinned his head. I investigated the matter and found the facts quite different. What really happened was that this man was leaving his house one morning when his wife came to the door and said, "John, there is no stove wood cut," and John replied, "Well I am not taking the axe with me," and they dressed his wounds at the city hospital. Now, of course, this has no connection with your accident, but I just thought of it and I can tell from your letter that you like a good joke.

You mentioned milk cows and I will tell you some more confidential information. You no doubt have read in the papers that I am working on a tin milk cow. Well, I have perfected it and will be able to sell them completely equipped with switchless tails and Klaxon horns for less than a good bull costs.

So you know Randolph Rose, too. Yes, I remember he used to wind up all his advertisements by saying, "I thank you." But what he should have said was, "I tank you."

I would write you a long letter, but as you probably know I am a very busy man. However, there is just one more thing. You state that after the automobile kicked you it also spit in your face and called you nigger. Are you sure, Mr. Hester, it wasn't a phonograph you were trying to crank? Respectfully,

H. FORD.

—Pickens Sentinel.

MELONS WITH A KICK.

Colorado Grower Contracts to Raise 'Em for Beverage Purposes.

F. H. Chandler, prominent melon grower, of Burlington, Col., has contracted to raise one acre of watermelons for each of three real estate dealers in Burlington, Chandler to receive \$1 for each melon that equals or exceeds 10 per cent. alcohol content.

When the melons are half grown, Chandler will plug each melon and insert in the cavity from which the plug comes a special yeast of his own invention. The rind part of the plug will then be replaced, covered with grafting wax and sealed in place with adhesive strips. According to Chandler, the yeast acts on the natural sugar content of the melon and immediately begins to develop alcohol in the tissues. It also stimulates the growth of the melon to a tremendous degree.

Quite Sufficient.

They were discussing the merits of their respective dogs.

"Yes, 'Enery," said one, "your dog ain't so bad, but he's got rather short legs."

"Short legs? They reach the ground, don't they?" snapped the irritable from a warm bed to respond to a cry

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ject is too long to print, but these letters are dated respectively, July 18 and 20.

"It seems that Mr. Thurmond is very much outraged because I preferred to appoint one of the ablest lawyers in the southern states in preference to one who had organized the state twice against me. So far as his statement is concerned that my objection to him was because he voted for Senator Tillman, this is simply silly. As a matter of fact, the first appointment I made after I was elected was a young man who told me that he had been a follower of Senator Tillman. Since I have been in the senate, I have never asked or inquired how anyone voted, but, of course, I have always endeavored to aid my personal friends and supporters first."

SWEET POTATO MONEY GETTER.

Address at Conference on Work of the Development Board.

Of particular interest at the conference yesterday in relation to the South Carolina Development Board were the remarks of H. E. Horton, the board's manager, on the sweet potato. State Senator Neils Christensen, of Beaufort, chairman, took part in the conference. The two officers told business men of the board's activities and the success it is achieving.

Mr. Horton said that at present there are 107 "curing" houses for sweet potatoes in South Carolina and as many more projected. He pointed out that this sweet potato industry had reached interesting proportions in the state, and that it is remunerative to those who are following it.

"Cotton must always be one of the big crops of the state and we may not give up its production, but the hour has struck when another cash crop must move to the fore, namely, the sweet potato," Mr. Horton said.

"Everybody, north and south, likes the sweet potato. Some of our people who have not been away from home, or having been in the north, have not studied the subject carefully, say the northern man does not like the moist sugary Porto Rico variety and demands the dry, poorly flavored potato grown in New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia. Opposed to this men who have made this subject their special study report the northern man does like the moist sugary sort we like so well.

"It may be asked, why haven't we built up a demand in the northern market for our produce? The reason why we haven't has nothing to do with excellence of the potatoes, but is due to the fact the southern grower has never put up a standard pack and handled the selling end in the businesslike way demanded by the trade. The New Jersey grower, with an inferior article, puts up a standard pack and handles his sales like a real business man.

"What are we doing about it? The South Carolina Sweet Potato Association, backed and coached by the South Carolina Development Board, is perfecting plans at this time to grade, pack and market cooperatively the pack of its eighteen member houses. The sweet potato crop will be handled in a way very similar to the way cotton will be handled by the South Carolina Cotton Grower's Cooperative Association—locals made up of growers located in all parts of the state producing sweet potatoes, districts made up of locals, and finally the head selling organization. The Development Board is making the necessary studies preparatory to launching this project.

"The market demands grade stock, the so-called 'Number Ones' and 'Number Twos.' Choice Number Ones, suitable for baking (weighing 8 to 10 ounces) retail at 10 to 14 cents a pound. Number Twos for 4 to 6 cents a pound.

"To put up the choice pack it is necessary to find some use for the 'jumbos,' 'strings' and 'cuts,' which must be culled out. These culls may be used to make a line of high grade by-products: Cattle feed, table syrup, vinegar, starch, flour.

"The 'curing' process makes it possible to 'keep' potatoes from the time just prior to the first frost until the middle of the following May, and 'curing' houses located in the Piedmont district should have no difficulty 'keeping' the potatoes well into June. As we begin to get new potatoes the middle of July there is only a short interim when potatoes may not be offered on the market.

"The sweet potato grows to greatest perfection on the light sandy loams of the coastal plain district, and with little care produces over a hundred bushels per acre of field run, and with care may be made to produce 350 to 400 bushels per acre.

"There are 107 curing houses in the state and as many more projected. If the 'houses' join the South Carolina Sweet Potato Association, and adhere strictly to its rules, the growing of sweet potatoes may be made a very remunerative business.

"Ninety per cent of the potatoes grown in the state is the Porto Rico variety, not that it is the best tasting as we all know, but because it is a big yielding variety, fairly free from disease, keeps well and stands shipping."

If Something Must Shake.

A notorious gossip one day went to Dean W. D. Wilson, burning with indignation: "Oh, doctor, have you heard the disgraceful news? The young people of your church are going to have a dance, they say. How shocking! What do you think about it?"

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N. R. HAYS, Administrator of the estate of Miss Addys Hays, deceased. July 23rd, 1921. 9-1

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