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#### TILLMAN AND McLAUREN

Senator Tillman betrays signs of deserting the Dispensary. He says that he will desert it if the legislature does the Dispensary perhaps.

The Columbia State points out that then turned to the clerk. the wiley Senator chooses in time a soft spot to fall upon if he sees the Dis- a tam'ed lifty squirrel vot you got in pensary be doomed to disaster. Of dare, ain't idb''--Lippincott's Magazine. course this is true. The Senator always runs away when the tide is against him. He makes a vast deal of noise when he retreats, he makes such a confusion that many people think he is fighting valiantly, but those who have watched hard pressed.

We shall not be surprised if Johnnie McLaurin whips Senator Tillman into the Prohibition camp next year. We have opposed McLaurin incessantly for 15 years; we have rarely if ever agreed with him in any of his leading policies but there is one thing about him: he won't flunk. Once he is in he will! cajoled, he can be led astray in a manner entirely discreditable to his intelligence but he can't be bullied, and he can't be frightened. We do not mean that Senator Tillman can be frightened in a physical sense, we are not discussing that, but he will run to shelter when he sees a storm gagement Mrs. Davis received a check coming even if he has to take the back-McLaurin is not smooth and smart like Tillman, nobody in these parts is as limber as he, and McLaurin has no better sense than to assert his manhood from time to time, whether it spells defeat or victory. If McLaurin makes a hard fight for Prohibition Tillman may join him and take the lead

When the Constitutional Convention met Senator Tillman tried to run it. In a week or two the Convention was about to run over Tillman. The Senator slipped under the table, so to speak, and kept quiet for a few days. Then he peeped out slyly and when nobody was looking fell into the ranks. In a few days he had taken his old place at the head of the column but he did not try again to drive a body of men which included more than a score who in capacity were in his own class.

It begins to appear that Mr. McLaurin will not permit Senator Tillman to nail him in a coffin before he is dead.

However, if Senator Tillman should see any danger in McLaurin he would perhaps annex him again. Mr. Mc-Laurin is a good-natured man. Senator Tillman would make friends with him if necessary to his political future. Senator Tillman can fool and has fooled into a wordy war, and Mrs. Davis checks they are studying the autograph more people than anybody. He may arose with the cane in hand. Handling fool THE ADVERTISER some day. He it like a foil, she passed the ferrule has fooled a number of newspapers lightly through the glass door of the which at one time opposed him.

### DON'T DEPEND ON COTTON.

Whether or not the organization of the farmers caused the price to ascend it at least caused many to hold and reap the benefit of the better prices. We think that the organization helped to check the pouring of cotton upon the market and so checked the declining prices. Probably if the farmers had not already been in better financial condition than usual the holding movement would not have been successful. few days ago who has never sold his caused many to stop and conjecture the cotton for less than ten cents. He does cause. Mrs. Davis, smiling with the not raise a great deal. He is not de- utmost good nature, moved to the other dendent upon his cotton crop for a live- side of the office and gazed critically at lihood. When the price dropped some years ago he rolled four or five bales into the back of his barn. The next shall have your money." A messenger year the price was again low and four was dispatched to the box office with or five bales more were stowed away. An order. He returned in a few min-Meanwhile the farmer continued cheer- utes with a huge roll of bills, which ful and lived well. At last, after sev- Mrs. Davis carefully counted and stoweral years, the price bounded up and ed away. Then, bidding the manager the farmer sold

We shall not say that this old farmer was wise to hold so long. He took the chances of fire, the cotton lost in weight and he lost interest on the money that the cotton was worth. He was wise though, to be able to hold. In this State of South Carolina where ou people may raise cattle and sheep and scores of crops, no man should be dependent upon cotton alone. Our farmers should raise their own supplies for the most part even if cotton should sell at 15 cents all the time.

It is stated that Messrs. G. H. Mahon, B. A. Morgan and A. H. Dean are discussed in Greenville as possible candidates for Congress against the incumbent, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, being a native of this county, will have a strong support in Laurens as usual. Meanwhile there is well seasoned and sound Congressional timber in Laurens. R. L. Abercrombie, O. G. Thompson and Representative Miller would prove strong candidates. The truth is Laurens material for Congress is much better than that of other counties. Congressman Johnson would be a much better Congressman, if he lived in Laurens, though his nativity has enabled him to do very well.

Is it possible that the Hon. W. Jasper Talbert could be induced to become a candidate for United States Senator next year? He is an Edgefield man. He is therefore open to the suspicion of being a candidate for some office or other. He has declared himself a prohibitionist. Senator Tillman who, not satisfied with two terms of six years each, will be a candidate again, promises to defend the Dispensary on the stump. It is likely that Senator Tillman will have opposition. He ought to have opposition.

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#### LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

"You have been with your firm a long time?" said a man to his old school-fel-

"Yes." answered the friend, with a patient expression of countenance. "What's your position?" "I'm an employee."

"Yes, but what do you do?" "Well, I am a doer, and the others are tellers. It's like this. When the guv'nor wants something done, he tells the cashier, and the cashier tells the book-keeper, and the book-keeper tells the assistant book-keeper, and the assistant book-keeper tells the chief clerk, and the chief clerk tells me.'

"And what then?" "Well, I haven't anybody to tell, have to do it."-"Digit."

### A LIVELY ANIMAL

He was a good natured German and his face fairly beamed as he walked innot cleanse it. He will become a Pro- to a drugstore. The first thing that hibitionist in certain circumstances. caught his attention was an electric fan Meanwhile he will stump the State for buzzing busily on the soda counter. He looked at it with great interest and

"Py golly!" he said, smilingly, "dot's

#### A WOMAN WITH A WILL.

The Way Jessie Bartlett Davis Once

Jersie Bartlett Davis was a woman of indomitable will and with a stock him have seen him skedaddle out of of self confidence born of a healthy every scrimmage in which he has been outdoor life. When not engaged in voted to outdoor pursuits. On her ranch in California she tarted and rode bronchos, herded cattle and sheep and attended to her chickens with equal facility. This combined to make a good business woman and with the museular activity to back it.

Mrs. Davis was once engaged to sing in a vaudeville company in New York stand fire. He can be persuaded and city. The manager of the theater was famous for his negligence in meeting demands of performers whom he had engaged, and, in fact, there were ugly rumors about checks bearing his signature being returned from the bank with the ominous words "No funds' written across their faces. At the conclusion of her week's en-

for her salary. That was Saturday night, and it was an open secret to ev erybody that she had engaged passage a steamship leaving the following Wednesday for Europe, where she had planned to take a long rest. The proprietor of the Broadway hotel where she was stopping obligingly cashed the check. It was returned to him Tuesday afternoon as worthless.

Mrs. Davis took back the repudiated paper and smiled grimly. "I will make it all right this evening," she said, Armed with a stout cane she went to the manager's office that ovening, the stick serving as excure for a limp due to a "slight sprain," she announced. The manager received her with evident embarrasement and listened to the story of the check told quietly and in moderate language.

"It was a mistake on the part of his bookkeeper," he explained. The stupid fellow should have known that the manager's secount in that particular bank had been closed out long ago. But if Mrs. Davis would wait a few minutes he would give her a check on another bank which would be honored without fail.

But Mrs. Davis was not accepting checks. She was to leave for London the next morning and nothing but the bard, cold cash would satisfy her. The manager was obdurate and Mrs. Davis politely Insistent. Then it developed manager's office. Another pass and the ferrule broke one of the window panes. The clatter of glass brought a half dozen employees to the spot. The manager danced around as if on a hot stove and begged her to desist. The scandal, he said, would ruin him. By way of reply Mrs. Davis punctured auother window.

One of the employees, who was a relative of the manager, rushed forward to disarm her. The cane circled in the air, and the man retreated nurs ing a big welt across the back of his

The audience was just entering the We heard of a farmer in Lee County a theater and the crashing of glass the glass of a large picture-the mana-

ger's favorite possession. "Stop!" he almost shouted. "You a smiling good night, she swept out of the office and to her hotel, where the bad check was redeemed and added to her collection of souvenirs of her experiences on the stage, - New York

The Property Man's Troubles. The company was playing "Romeo and Juliet" the other day, and in the balcony scene a cannon went off. The property man was sent for, who explained that it was a cannon which should have gone off in the performance of "Henry V." two days before. That property man was spoken to more in sorrow than in anger.-From an Address by F. R. Benson in London.

Unvarnished Optnions. Artist No. 1-My landscape's absolutely rulned by a lurid portrait. Artist No. 2-Yes, the hanging's pretty slipshod this year. They've put me next to the crudest thing in the show. Artist No. 3 (coming up) -Hello! I see they've hung you two chaps together!

### The Religious Vocation.

The religious vocation isn't necessarily the outcome of long mental processes. It may either steal upon one subtly or overwhelm one at a single onslaught.-From "The Bishop's Niece," by George H. Plcard.

To Recover Her Child. "Can you help me to recover my child?" asked the poor woman. "Is your child lost?" "Oh, no. His clothes are worn out."

Heaven never helps the man who will not act .- Sophocles.

### W. L. Boyd, Laurens, S. C.

#### SIGNATURE EXPERTS

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One of the most trying positions in

our business, said a bank official to a writer in London Tit-Bits, is that of signature expert—the man who has to examine daily every draft that comes in through the clearing house and ouch for its genuineness. Our bank, one of the largest in the city, employs six clerks who do nothing all day long but examine checks, and when I tell you that it is no uncommon thing for 10,000 drafts to come in during a single day you will understand that the

popularly supposed to be. These clerks have not only to scrutiaize the signatures of both drawer and drawee, but also examine the "filling in," the latter being just as important, perhaps more so from a monetary point of view, as the signatures. As a matter of fact, the commonest forgery with which we have to deal is the "raising" of checks, and a forger of this nature generally chooses a check bearing a genuine signature, but hav-

job is not altogether the sinecure it is

ng very little "filling in." For instance, he knows that it would not be difficult to raise a check from £3 to £3,000, for all he has to do is to erase the word "pounds," insert the "thousand" and then add the erased word again. I have seen elenty of this kind of work during the time have been examining checks.

One of the most impudent pieces of forgery, however, that I ever came eross was a check raised from £5 to \$500. The forger had evidently relied on colossal impudence carrying him through, for he had simply added a couple of ciphers and then between the words "five" and "pounds" had placed omission mark and written the word "hundred" above, adding the initials of the drawer of the check just to give the thing a look of careless gen-

It was so astounding a piece of cool andacity that we had bets on the check, two of my assistants declaring t to be O. K., while the other three and myself declared it to be a forgery. Further inquiries, of course, proved that the opinion of the majority was the correct one. It is marvelous what a vast number

of signatures some clerks will carry in their ailnd's eye, as it were, and thus be able to pass checks by the thousand without once having to refer to the signature books. We had a clerk here a few years ago who was little less than wonder. He knew perfectly the sigpatures of at least 5,000 customers and could detect the alteration of a stroke in any one of them in an instant.

More remarkable still was the fact that he recognized with equal facility the signatures of those customers whose checks only came in once or twice a year. But he made an art of his work, and I afterward discovered that most of his evenings were spent in studying and learning the signatures of the customers, for he was a wonderful hand at copying writing, and whenever a new signature would come in, one with which he was not acquainted, he would at once facsimile it in his pecketbook and by the next morning would be able to recognize it among 10,000.

Signature clerks are not, as a rule, autographs, but many of them do, and some men are clever enough at the work to even deceive themselves.

the signature clerks are not examining books in order to familiarize themselves with the caligraphy of every derstand, passes through the hands of each clerk in turn, so that if one should pass a forgery or a "raised" draft it is very unlikely that the entire staff course, come through the clearing house, and if we should pass a forged draft and not find out our mistake before 3 o'clock in the afternoon our bank would be held responsible. One of the commonest dodges adopted by the modern check forger is to get a customer of some small country bank to introduce him to that institution as a likely depositor. On the recommendation of the friend (who is probably quite unaware that the acquaintance

he made some few months ago is a "wrong 'un") there is no difficulty in accepting their new client's check for £2,000, and the following day when the same customer calls and withdraws politely handed the cash, and then, of course, loses no time in skipping the town. After the bogus customer's check has passed through the clearing house it is returned to the bank on which it has been drawn, and the fraud is at once discovered.

Another part of a signature clerk's duties is to see that no checks are postdated, as, of course, no drafts must be pald until they fall due. On occasions a careless man will postdate a check but as a rule the mistake is purposely This spotting of postdated checks, however, is the easiest part of a signature clerk's work, and it is very seldom that a check so dated escapes Then, again, we are often notified that payment on certain checks has been stopped, and the clerks have to be on the lookout for these, and it must be a very careless staff indeed that lets them slip by. We are held responsible for all checks passed after we have received notice to stop payment.

But it is very seldom now, owing to the cleverness of the experts, that any forged checks, "raised" checks, postdated checks or stopped checks pass the vigilant eyes of our staff without being detected, but when one does well, although the signature clerks are not held monetarily responsible for the loss, it means a bad mark against them in the future, and they feel its effects next time promotions or "rises" are being banded out.

Altogether, though the work is interesting and even fascinating in a way, the responsibilities are so great that the effect on the nerves is often very trying at times. One thing we are particular about, and that is to take no chances. If we have the slightest doubt about the genuineness of a check we at once communicate, either by telegraph, special messenger or telephone, with the supposed drawer of the check and in this way turn doubt into certainty. During the last three years not a single wrong check has passed our vigilant optics, and, though I say it, who should not, I do not believe there is a cleverer set of experts anywhere than those who compose my staff.

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#### A LINCOLN STORY.

The Sawmill Hand Who Didn't For-get About the Cant Hook, "The first citizen of Illinois and the greatest of American presidents" is the manner in which Mr. Carr refers to Abraham Lincoln in "The Illini." He calls the first time he ever heard Mr. Lincoln's name. It was at a country hotel, and one of the residents of the town was telling of a "curis young feller" who had worked in a sawmill, but gave up the job to go into the Black

"He was working for a gentleman named Kirkpatrick, and one day somebody said to Kirkpatrick: 'You ought to get a cant hook for that young fellow to move logs with. It's too bad to make him roll them about without one." "The sawmill tender asked what a cant hook would cost, and they said

Hawk war.

\$1.50. The young fellow said, 'If you give me the dollar an' a half I'll go on tackling the logs as I do now with a wooden spike that I make myself.' 'Done!' said the boss, and he didn't

need to buy any cant book. "But, do you know, that boss was so mean that he beat that poor boy out of that money. He never gave it to

"That fellow went on tending sawmill and telling stories and never let on about the cant hook. Presently came the Black Hawk war, and they pitched in and raised a company, and Kirkpatrick set all his pins to be captain, but that young fellow hadn't forgotten about the cant hook, and he just became a candidate for the captain's place himself, and when the company voted he beat old Kirkpatrick four to one. I helped to elect him, and when he got elected he turned to me and said, 'Bill, I've got even on that cant

"He is the most curious fellow I ever saw. There never came a man into the neighborhood but he'd find out just the things that man knew best. He never gave the schoolmaster any peace after he found he knew grammar until he'd learned all the grammar the teacher knew. He found a fellow who knew how to measure off land, and, sure as you live, this fellow quizzed him and quizzed him until he learned the trade, and then he got some tools and went out himself a-setting section corners and making lines and setting stakes to how people where to put their fences."

"What became of this young man?" "Well," sald Green, "he went and learned law, set up in Springfield and got to congress. But he couldn't get elected for the second term. He's as good a fellow as ever lived," continued Mr. Green, "but he's kind of common sort of just like everybody else; no bet ter, no worse; just a good feller." "What's bis name?"

"Abe Lincoln," replied Green.

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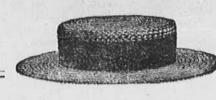
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