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TILLMAN AND MCLAURIN.

Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin means to be a candidate for United States Senator against Senator Tillman next year. We look upon this as certain. Whether or not Mr. McLaurin will remain of this mind is another proposition. His courage may ooze from his finger tips as the time approaches. One cannot guess what will befall. If Mr. McLaurin enters the race it will place upon Senator Tillman much annoyance. Senator Tillman is not so fond of prancing over the State as he formerly was. He is by no means so gay and frolicsome at 57 as he was at 42. "I've got a brass throat!" he shouted in the midst of a speech in Newberry in 1894 and the clangor of the words carried conviction of their truth. But the Senator's throat is said not to be so fiercely strong now. Campaigning in July weather and in August is a severe straining of an elderly man's powers. In 1897 Mr. McLaurin collapsed at Yorkville before the campaign ended.

Mr. McLaurin advises that the Dispensary be voted out, county by county,—as it is being voted out. Senator Tillman declares that the Dispensary must stand or fall in a state election next fall. Here the issue is fully joined. There can be no backing from this.

Mr. McLaurin has chosen his ground. He is a prohibitionist with no adjectives to qualify and with no conditions to limit. Senator Tillman on the other hand occupies a shifting position. He promises to defend the dispensary in some circumstances if the Legislature will clean it out. Otherwise he will advocate State prohibition. As the latter will be a travesty in counties where public sentiment does not favor it, it seems that Senator Tillman will in no case be a real friend to the Prohibition cause though he may give it nominal adhesion.

While Senator Tillman is far more popular than Mr. McLaurin the latter undoubtedly has the advantage of position.

AS TO PROHIBITION.

If the people of Laurens desire prohibition we hope they will vote for it and get it. If they vote prohibition and earnestly wish what they vote for, they will enforce it. Prohibition prohibits in Marlboro county because the people of Marlboro are merciless in their treatment of "blind tigers." The "Tigers" are watched, they are arrested and they are punished severely. Although Marlboro is a border county, the law is observed.

Unless the Laurens prohibitionists mean to pursue the tigers relentlessly, year in and year out, they had best beware of voting a prohibition system into existence to be brought into ill repute through lax administration. Prohibition and free liquor would work a vast deal of evil not only to our own citizens but to the whole State.

In Cherokee County it seems that the Prohibition sentiment was so strong and so general that little difficulty has attended the enforcement of the law. It seems to be fully established that considerable improvement in the morals of the county is manifest in Cherokee though the dispensaries were voted out only nine months ago. State Senator Thomas Bothwell Butler avers that crime is less frequent and that drunkenness in Cherokee has decreased to a marked degree.

Half a dozen earnest and determined and persevering prohibitionists could make Laurens too warm for "blind tigers" to inhabit but a thousand listless and idle persons who will vote Prohibition and then go to sleep will accomplish nothing. If "blind tigers" are not molested they will increase and multiply. But an active and alert sheriff, such as Capt. Duckett, backed by a few good men can enforce prohibition or any other good law in Laurens county.

NEW YORK SHOULD LYNCH.

A few days ago it transpired in New York that several society women had paid from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for copies of a book published from the office of a disreputable weekly Journal in that town. In reality the money was extorted from these rich women under threat of slanderous publications about them in this journal.

This could not happen in the barbarous and benighted South. The editor of a Journal which spoke of a respectable woman in other than polite terms would be quietly and decently but quickly lynched in the usual manner and form. He would be tarred and feathered and otherwise duly prepared for the function. The reporters, printers and the news-dealers selling the sheet would also be lynched though with less eclat.—Then the printing office would be promptly burned.

These sundry performances would be described by the New York newspapers as "anarchy." It is very wrong to uphold lynching. The blackmailing schemes of disreputable newspapers could be frustrated in the South without resort to lynching but if a newspaper should venture to lightly handle a woman's good name in this region our people would not take time to consider the modern, improved and cunningly devised methods of redress. Lynching is easy, simple and effective.

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LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

AND THEN HE WAKED UP!

An Ozark country editor has found three new wild animals in the mountains of South Missouri that heretofore had been overlooked by naturalists. One of them is the Oogley Woo, a six legged animal, with a sharp, stiff tail, and when pursued and cornered it stands on its tail, and whirling rapidly around, bores a hole in the ground into which it disappears. Another is a Sackabore—it has four legs, two long ones on one side and two short ones on the other. It will run rapidly around a mountain with its four feet always touching, and can only be captured by being turned in an opposite direction, when its short legs will not reach the ground. The third is the one-eyed screeching Boo-Boo. When pursued it will turn on its enemies, and with a mighty gulp swallow itself.—Harrison Ark. Times.

ACHIEVEMENT.

A thing of beauty and a joy
Forever is a certain Nancy;
How she can fail to charm a boy
I can't see.

Incomparably sweet her air,
Her years just trembling over twenty,
With wit and tenderness to spare
A plenty.

Too human far to be a saint,—
No saint could do things quite so hand-
some!

My! she can sketch and golf and sing
And dance some.

Her heart, which some say can't be
won,
Is quite in keeping with her beauty.
(It's in my keeping. This is on
The Q. T.)

And is the future gaily hued?
Am I an optimist? Well, rather.
Last night I utterly subdued
Her father.

—From Leslie's Weekly.

HER IDEA OF IT.

Taragon: "The Russians have great faith in the bayonet, the Japs in the sword. Which arm do you prefer?"
Miss Imple (absent-minded): "Both!"
—Woman's Home Companion.

A DEMONSTRATION.

Judge: "What did the prisoner do to you?"
Witness: "He hit me wid a pavin' block, Yer 'Omner, as I was walkin' on the track."

Judge: "What excuse did he give?"
Witness: "Said he was testin' the block signals and was givin' the danger sign."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A MATTER OF STRIPES.

A small boy from the North who was visiting a relative in one of the Southern States where convict labor is employed in public improvements became very interested in the men and their black and striped clothes. One day he went to a circus and for the first time in his life saw a zebra.

"Oh, auntie," he cried, "look at the convict mule!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

HER FEAR.

He: "Clarice, you know I have always thought a great deal of you, and I have flattered myself you think not unfavorably of me. May I—will you be my wife?"

She: "What a start you gave me, Harry! Do you know, I thought you were going to ask me to lend you some money."—Tit-Bits.

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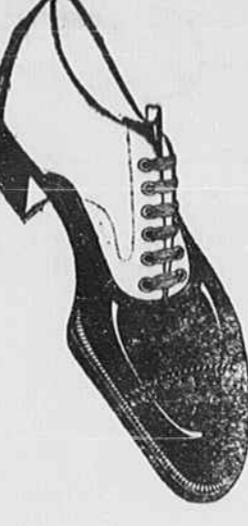
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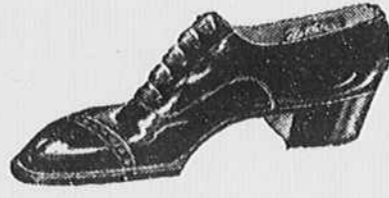
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