

BLEASE ANSWERS SENATOR TILLMAN

Says "Old Man is Very Weak-Minded, And is More to be Pitted Than Blamed."

Columbia, July 17.—In a dictated statement, given out today, Gov. Cole L. Blease took occasion to reiterate his statement that he thought Secretary of State Bryan should attend to his official duties and not deliver chautauqua lectures. He also took a hit at Senator Tillman for his interview in which he criticised the chief executive.

The governor's interview follows: "Yes, I have noticed Senator Tillman's interview.

"The first part of it is brought about by a statement published in the newspapers which is absolutely untrue, and if the senator had read the News and Courier, Mr. Caldwell's report, he would not state, as quoted by Senator Tillman, and as published in the Columbia Record, 'Senator Tillman ruined himself with the people of South Carolina in just the same manner when he went about lecturing instead of remaining in Washington and attending to the business in the senate.' What I said, and now repeat, was, that Senator Tillman broke his health down and ruined his usefulness to the people of South Carolina by running around over the country delivering lectures and overworking himself. I repeat that now.

Misquoted about Bryan.

"I was also misquoted in the paper as to what I said about Secretary of State Bryan. I said nothing about him drawing two salaries, because anybody with good sense knows that a matter of holding a public office and appearing on the platform are not in conflict with each other, so far as the salary is concerned; but what I said was that I did not think that the secretary of state of this great nation should be going around a chautauqua circuit under the management of some little fellow like a circus rider under a ringmaster and I still think that it is beneath the dignity of the position which Mr. Bryan holds for him to so act. So far as money is concerned, that, in my opinion, is not to be taken into consideration in the matter at all. It is a question of dignity on his part.

"As for the remaining part of Senator Tillman's interview—I care to have nothing to say. It shows what I have long since said and what I repeated at Hendersonville—that the old man is very weak-minded, he is now enfeebled and I am satisfied that his past conduct in his own election is working on his enfeebled mind and no doubt the loss of life in the Darlington riot is also playing its part in his reference to the militia situation in this state, and that he is more to be pitted than to be blamed."

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Poplar Spring Dots.

Poplar, July 19.—We are having some of the hottest weather of the season. The thermometer stood at 106 in the shade yesterday afternoon.

Mr. B. M. Thomason was called to North Carolina the first of the week on account of the serious illness of his father, and Mrs. Thomason received a telegram yesterday saying he was dead. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them in their sorrow.

Mr. J. A. Walker has been unwell for the past week, but is some better now. Mrs. Mollie Wood also has been very sick but she is better now.

A crowd of young people took a moonlight ride to the big spring at Mt. Bethel last night and enjoyed the trip very much.

Several from this vicinity attended Children's Day at Mt. Olive today.

Miss Lois Dodson, of Donalds, has been spending the week with relatives in this community.

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SENATOR TILLMAN BACK AT BLEASE

Senior Senator Makes a Few Remarks in Regard to Coley's Hendersonville Speech. Warns Supervisors of Registration.

Washington, July 16.—Referring to affairs in South Carolina Senator Tillman said tonight:

"I notice that Governor Blease has broke loose again. He makes a misstatement, to speak mildly, and I feel compelled to correct him. He wrote to Hendersonville the other day and in a telegram to the Columbia Record he is made to say:

"Senator Tillman ruined himself with the people of South Carolina in just the same manner when he went about lecturing, instead of remaining in Washington and attending to the business in the senate."

"I have lectured very extensively throughout the country, but I never neglected any senatorial work to do it as the record will show. I do not recall ever having left Washington while the senate was in session exceeding a half dozen times to deliver lectures. Then I went to nearby points which I could reach after the senate adjourned for the day, delivered the lecture that night and returned to Washington the next morning. I have received offers time and again to lecture while congress was in session, but I always declined. I could have made tens of thousands of dollars had I believed it right to do so.

"Governor Blease has recently done two things about which I want to say something. I have been amused at the subtlety and cunning he has shown in getting out of the militia muddle. He double somersaulted instantly, and was so anxious to comply with the requirements of the war department that he telegraphed his acquiescence to the secretary's demands. The mail was too slow for him. Another thing the governor has done recently is the letter he wrote to the supervisors of registration ordering them preemptorily to register all white men. His exact words are: 'Let no white man be refused.'"

"I have examined the law carefully to see just how far the supervisors ought to go, and I take liberty of advising them to obey the law—the strict letter of the law—and register only men qualified under the law who will take the oath required. That oath is as follows:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a male citizen of this state and of the United States; that I am twenty one years of age or more; that I have resided in this state for two years, and in this county for one year, and in the polling precinct in which I apply to be registered and in which I will offer to vote I registered for four months; and that I have not been convicted of burglary, arson, obtaining goods or money under false pretense, perjury, forgery, robbery, bribery, adultery, bigamy, wife beating, housebreaking, receiving stolen goods, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, fornication, sodomy, incest, assault with intent to ravish, miscegenation, larceny or crimes against the election laws."

"I am very anxious to have all white men who can take the above oath register, and thus be able to fulfill their duties as citizens, but it will be a fearful blunder and crime for anybody in South Carolina to lay the foundation or give excuse for the house of representatives or the United States to throw out a senator or congressman elected from South Carolina because of illegal registration. The republicans are not in power, and the danger is not as it once was. But even a democratic senate and a democratic house cannot afford to tolerate anything smacking of illegality of fraud.

"The law as it stands now requires the people to elect senators by direct vote and I do not want to see South Carolina jerked up for illegal voting. Until we get our primary laws amended by the legislature so as to remove all possibility of the charges of fraud and bribery in the primary, we cannot afford to take any chances.

"If Governor Blease will exert himself to see that the legislature at its session passes a reasonable and just law to insure honesty and fairness in our primary, all will be well. I want to emphasize this, and I say it with all due solemnity: If money buys the next senatorship in South Carolina, as it may do, and as it is charged it has done in the recent congressional race in the first district, I will feel compelled to object to the seating of any man sent here with a tainted title.

"I join with Governor Blease in urging our people to register. While it may be straining a construction of the law in any other than a 'general election year' for supervisors to go to places away from the court house in each county, I can see no harm in that. They are permitted and can go to any place they receive. But every good citizen ought to see to it that no illegal registration is permitted be-

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 —Greenville News.

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