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WOULD HAVE M'LAURIN PRESERVE THE STATE

Tillman Thinks Old Opponent Equal to Situation.

ISSUES LETTER ON M'LAURIN STATEMENT

Tillman Disclaims Paternity of Bleasism and Charges that Bleasism has Stolen from Him the "Old Time Tillman Song". Says Sims has Ended an Anarchist.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Discussing the announcement made a day or two ago by Former Senator John L. McLaurin that he would not become a candidate for governor of South Carolina in the primary of next year, and denouncing this statement as the "swan song" of a very brilliant man who failed to be a very great man, and declaring further that he disowns being the father of Bleasism, Senator B. R. Tillman today gave the press an interesting story concerning these matters.

"I read in the South Carolina papers this morning," said Senator Tillman, "McLaurin's farewell address or statement withdrawing from the governor's race and bidding adieu to politics forever. It is a pathetic utterance—pathetic because it is the swan song of a very brilliant man, who failed to be a very great man because he lacked the moral fibre to always be true to himself and his conviction of right rather than allow ambition and selfishness to warp him. His life, in a way, is a sermon which young men everywhere ought to take to heart. Nothing in the State's history is more lamentable. If he had only been true to the Tillmanism to which he says he was converted in 1890, he would be in the United States senate now and would be an ornament to it.

Two Things He Denies.

"McLaurin says, 'It is the irony of fate that I who suffered most injustice from Tillman personally should now be the sole defender of Tillmanism.' There are two things about this statement upon which I desire to comment. I never did have any personal ill will towards John L. McLaurin, and have none now. I denounced him in the senate because I believed he was a traitor to the people of the State who had sent him there. The people were convinced that my charge was true and have sustained it whenever they had an opportunity.

"When he says he is 'the sole defender of Tillmanism' he means among those Bleasites to whom he was speaking. He, of course, knows there are tens of thousands of Tillmanites, some of whom voted for and some against Gov. Bleas last year, who have never wavered in their adherence to Tillmanism as they understand it, and as he now understands it. "Mr. Charles Carroll Sims out-herded Herod in this Bleasism, proclaiming that it is higher than Tillmanism. He illustrates Byron's couplet:

"He stood a foe with all the zeal Which young and fiery converts feel." "He is no doubt as sincere in his Bleasism now as he was in his Haskellism in 1890. He never understood Tillmanism at all. Inheriting a grand name, he thought he was an aristocrat and has ended by becoming an anarchist and wants to run into the governor's office on demagoguery. Truly, 'politics does make strange bedfellows,' and if the Tillmanites who deserted me last year on account of Bleas vote for Sims for governor it will be a remarkable transformation. It will only show how little wisdom or reason governs their actions.

Something to Admire.

"There are some things about McLaurin's statement that are very admirable, and I say now that I for the first time since I denounced him on the floor of the senate believe he has at last become a patriot and wants to do the State all the service he can during the balance of his life. Of course he has played politics so long and used diplomacy so much that even now he can not drop the role all at once. I have felt heretofore that he was trying to 'come back' into poli-

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LAND SALES MONDAY DREW LARGE CROWDS

A Large Amount of Land Changed Hands at Fairly Good Prices.

Monday was legal sales day and a very large number of people were in town to bid and witness the sales. November sales day being one of the most important of the year, quite a large bit of property went on the block for the settlement of estates, judgments, etc. Several tracts of land which had been advertised to go on sale were not put up because of the cases being compromised. The following sales were made:

Judge of Probate Sales.

In the case of James M. DeShields of the estate of W. F. Lawson, vs Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lawson, the following land were sold:

Tract No. 1, 251 1-2 acres, sold to Eddie Lawson for \$1,732.50.

Tract No. 2, 58 1-2 acres, sold to Eddie Lawson for \$655.00.

In the case of A. H. Setzler, as administrator of the estate of Dr. W. H. Ball, vs Mrs. Mary Ball, the following tracts in Dials township:

Tract No. 1, 89 acres, sold to H. T. and R. L. Cook, Jr., for \$4,150.

Tract No. 2, 71 acres, sold to Mrs. Mary Ball for \$2,600.

Tract No. 3, 50 3-4 acres, sold to Cook Henderson for \$2,050.

Sheriff's Sales.

In the case of Charles F. Brooks and L. R. Brooks, et al., vs Mrs. Julia Childress, et al., which case involved the settlement of the estate of the late John B. Brooks, the sheriff sold the following tract:

One third of an acre on Jail alley, bounded by lots of J. J. Roland, C. D. Barksdale and Blackwell Printing Shop, this being located across the street from the King Hotel, bought by C. F. Brooks for \$1,100.

Also in the same case:

Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 on South Harper street next to property of Mrs. Rosa I. Caine, sold to C. F. Brooks for \$500.

Also in the same case the following several tracts near the Watts Mills:

Lot No. 7 of Block E, by C. F. Brooks for \$115.

Lot No. 8 of Block E, by C. F. Brooks for \$105.

Lot No. 2 of Block C, by C. F. Brooks for \$110.

Lot No. 13 of Block C, by C. F. Brooks for \$100.

Lot No. 4 of Block C, by C. F. Brooks for \$75.

Also lot fronting 75 feet on Farley avenue, bounded by lots of S. R. Todd, T. Mac Roper and Mrs. Clara H. Babb, sold to C. F. Brooks for \$300.

Also five lots of sub-division of S. R. Todd lands, to wit:

Lot No. 5, fronting on Main street, to C. F. Brooks for \$1,250.

Lot No. 6, fronting on Madden road, to C. F. Brooks for \$250.

Lot No. 7, fronting on Madden road, to C. F. Brooks for \$280.

Lot No. 75, fronting on Madden road, to Albert Dial for \$68.

Lot No. 76, fronting on Madden road, to Albert Dial for \$52.50.

Also three lots on Conway street, as follows:

Lot No. 2, to C. F. Brooks for \$500.

Lot No. 3, to C. F. Brooks for \$130.

Lot No. 4 to C. F. Brooks for \$100.

In the same case:

1-2 acre of land known as the O. L. Irby lot, sold to C. F. Brooks for \$105.

In the same case:

100 acres between Waterloo and Harris Springs, sold to S. L. Moore for \$695.

Ross D. Young, Treasurer, vs Timothy Ball, execution for taxes, 61 acres, five miles west of Cross Hill, sold for \$235.

In the case of Laurens Trust Company vs Mrs. S. M. Roberts, et al., 53 2-3 acres of land, formerly the Roberts land, bought by R. C. Culbertson for \$555.

Clerk of Court Sales.

In the case of W. H. Bailey vs W. C. Wharton et al., 244 acres of land near Waterloo, sold to J. B. Park, attorney, for \$3,000.

In the case of T. L. W. Bailey, et al., by their guardian ad litem, T. L. W. Bailey, vs Mrs. Lara Walker McNeill:

Lot in town of Clinton, sold to T. L. W. Bailey for \$2,700; 190 acres in Laurens township known as the Ben Jones old place, sold to T. L. W. Bailey for \$2,050; 95 1-2 acres about three miles northwest of Clinton, sold

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DEATH OF MRS. JOHN EDWARDS.

Sister of the Messrs. Childress, of this City, Died at her Home in Fountain Inn.

Mrs. John Edwards, of Fountain Inn, died at her home there Tuesday morning at five o'clock after a lingering illness. For several weeks she had been very ill, so her death was not unexpected. She is to be buried in the cemetery at Fountain Inn today at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Edwards was an estimable, Christian woman, a member of the Methodist church and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband and four children, Ethel, Ralph, Kathleen and Harry. Besides these she leaves four brothers and two sisters, Messrs. William P., Thos. B., John D., and R. O. Childress, all of Laurens and vicinity, Miss Sallie Childress and Mrs. R. A. Jones, both of Fountain Inn.

J. B. Park, Esq., and E. S. F. Giles, Esq., of Greenwood, attended the sales here Monday.

J. J. McSwain, Esq., of Greenville, attended the sales Monday.

Miss Addie Shealy, who has been sick for several months, is now convalescing and on the road to recovery.

R. B. Posley, Esq., of Spartanburg, was a visitor in the city Monday.

BLEASE'S STEPMOTHER DEAD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bleas Passes Away at Home in Newberry.

Columbia, November 2.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bleas, stepmother of Governor Bleas, died in Newberry tonight at 9 o'clock. Her funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Bleas was the relict of the late Henry H. Bleas, and was about 73 years of age. She is survived by the following children: Eugene S. Bleas, Sheriff Cameron G. Bleas and Mrs. J. R. Eison, all of Newberry, and the following step children: Governor Cole L. Bleas, H. H. Bleas and Mrs. T. G. Williams, the latter two of Newberry.

The deceased was a loyal and devoted member of the Methodist church, of Newberry. The funeral and burial will probably be in Newberry tomorrow.

Governor Bleas went to Newberry this morning in response to news of the serious illness of his mother, her condition having been grave for the last several days following a stroke of paralysis. News of the death of Mrs. Bleas was received in Columbia tonight by telephone from Newberry.

Clothing Specials.

Attention is called to the two advertisements of the Red Iron Racket that appear in The Advertiser this week. They are having a special winter clothing sale and are giving some excellent bargains in men and boys suits and pants.

TRADE IN LAURENS WITH THESE MERCHANTS

AND OBTAIN VOTES IN THE ADVERTISER CONTEST

For Each Dollar Spent You Get 100 Votes in The Laurens Advertiser Childrens' \$500.00 Voting Contest. These Coupons Will Help you to Win Your Share of the Gold. The Merchants Who Are Represented Here Give Dependable Merchandise That is Worth One Hundred Cents on The Dollar and Service That is no More Efficient Any Where.

J. C. BURNS & COMPANY
(Red Iron Racket)
Next to Bramlett's Shop.

J. C. SHELL & COMPANY
Fancy Groceries

RAYS PHARMACY
Drugs, Stationery, Toilet Articles and Druggists Sundries

LEVERET FURNITURE COMPANY
Furniture and Stoves

STREET PAVING PROGRESSING.

First Section of West Main Street to be Opened Latter Part of the Week.

The work of paving West Main street, which is being done under the supervision of the city officials rather than by contract, is going steadily forward. Mayor Babb stated Monday that he hoped to have the present section of the street, between the post office and the Baptist church, opened for traffic by Thursday afternoon. If not earlier, and that immediate work would be started on the next section between the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. This is but a short link and will take but a few days to finish.

The covering of granite and tar is giving the street a splendid appearance and is apparently very substantial. Laurens is one of the first cities of its size in the state to try this kind of paving and from present indications the results will be entirely satisfactory.

Monday afternoon the working force had a set-back of about half a day because of a fire in the tar or "tair" kettle. In some way, the boiling tar caught fire and it was very difficult to put it out. In fact, it was necessary to let it take its course after a large part of the tar had been drained out and saved and before the fires could be started again it was night-fall. There was but little actual damage, only about half a barrel of tar being lost.

INCREASE IN COTTON GINNINGS.

Report of Government Agent Shows an Increase of About 3,000 Bales in Laurens County to October 18th.

Mr. Charlie McCravy, government agent for this county, has received from the census department a confirmation of his earlier report on the cotton ginning of this county. It shows that 18,095 bales of cotton were ginned in this county up to October 18th, against 14,950 for the same period last year. This is a gain of a little over 3,000.

Another Ginney Burned.

The three saw ginning outfit and gin house, belonging to R. R. and M. E. McDaniel, located at McDaniel's mill about eight miles southwest of the city, was totally destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. It is supposed that the blaze started from a match igniting between the saws of the gins. The plant was valued at about \$1,200. This makes the fifth cotton gin fire in the county since the cotton season opened.

Housebreaker Caught.

Sam Wardlaw, the negro who recently broke into the home of Mr. H. L. Jones, near Mountville was caught last week in Abbeville by Deputy Reid. He is now in the county jail awaiting trial at the next term of court.

COMMON PLEAS COURT NOW BEING HELD

Large Number of Cases on the Roster and Term will Last Two Weeks.

Court of Common Pleas convened Monday afternoon with Judge S. W. G. Shipp presiding. All of the other officers of the court were at their respective stations. John M. Cannon, Esq., a member of the bar is confined to his home because of broken bones in one of his legs and will not be able to appear for his clients at this term. The cases in which he is interested will be postponed.

The court was occupied all of the first and second days with three cases involving a strip of land alongside the S. A. L. railroad at Clinton. The merits of all the cases being similar they are being tried together and it is thought they will be finished today. These cases are Williams vs the S. A. L. Ry., Martin vs S. A. L. Ry., and Whitmore vs S. A. L. Ry. In each case the plaintiffs are suing for damages and for the possession of property alleged to be their own but now occupied by the defendant.

Two cases of considerable interest are set for Friday. In each case the plaintiffs are suing the C. & W. C. Ry. for damages in the amount of \$25,000 because of injuries claimed to have been inflicted upon them because of a wreck on the defendant company's railroad near Cold Point a few months ago. The plaintiffs are A. Ross Blakely and T. A. McAlister.

Edwards Granted Bail.

Cornelius Edwards, who shot and killed Ernest and Hunt Sharpe in the public highway near Backsdate station last Monday morning, appeared before Associate Justice Watts Friday and was granted bail in the sum of \$1,000. He was liberated the same afternoon by Sheriff Owings. His trial will most probably come off at the March term of court.

Fire in Martin Building.

Quite a little excitement was caused Monday afternoon when the alarm of fire was given and it was found that the blaze was in the Martin building, next to the Enterprise Bank. The fire had started in the pressing club of W. H. Reddick, colored, caused by a bottle of gasoline turning over and becoming ignited. Before the fire department could throw any water into the building, the blaze was extinguished through "heroic" work of the workers in the pressing club assisted by several citizens. The damage was very small.

Rabun Creek.

It is desirable that all members of Rabun Creek be present next Sunday morning. The associational secretary, Rev. B. P. Mitchell will be there to preach. His subject will be "Home and Mothers."

PRESIDENT HUERTA MUST STEP DOWN

So Says President Wilson in Ultimatum

MEXICAN USURPER MUST VACATE

President Wilson Hopes to Bring About Satisfactory Settlement by Moral Suasion and Expects to Avoid Conflict of Arms.

Mexico City, Nov. 3.—President Huerta has been told he must resign the presidency of Mexico without loss of time, and that he must not leave as his successor General Ruradano Blanquet, his minister of war, or any other member of his official family or of the unofficial coterie whom he might be expected to control. This ultimatum from Washington was conveyed to President Huerta through his private secretary, Senor Rabago, by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, acting under instructions from the State department.

Senor Rabago presented the memorandum to his chief late Sunday, but up to this evening President Huerta had returned no answer and as far as could be learned, had guarded its contents from almost all of his official and intimate counsellors.

Those who learned of the Washington note regarded Gen. Huerta's position as one in which he will be forced to give one of two answers—refusal point blank to comply with the demand, possibly going so far as to ban the diplomatic representative his passport, or the elimination of himself officially.

Those most intimate with the president insist that the latter course will not be taken for many reasons, chief among which is that such action would be tantamount to submission to the rebels. Official Mexico has no doubt or in doubt that the Washington administration favors the rebel cause, and is convinced that this is the means adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to assist Carranza to win.

Story from Washington.

Washington, Nov. 3.—A well defined report tonight was current in official circles to the effect that the United States had communicated anew to the Huerta government its views concerning the necessity of Huerta's retirement from the presidency.

While House officials would neither confirm nor deny the report and Secretary Bryan was equally reticent. The administration is endeavoring to work out its plans in the quiet realm of diplomacy and to clothe in secrecy any negotiations it may undertake to compose the situation.

Outwardly administration officials view the situation calmly and some of them express a feeling of optimism over the future. It was evident from a canvass of administration officials that published stories predicting armed intervention at this time were not justified. Persons close to the White House declare that both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan still were hopeful that their policy of moral suasion would succeed and added that any assumption that plans for intervention were being laid was unwarranted.

So far as the plans of the administration can be expressed in general terms, the course that is being pursued is subject to change with the shifting developments of each day, and high officials admit that daily different phases of the situation crop up which make it impossible to predict even their own course far in the future. There is a disposition to handle the present diplomatic efforts by confining the discussion to informal parleys at Vera Cruz and Mexico City unembarrassed by the publication of any documents which in the Lind-Garcia correspondence drew from the negotiations the public opinion of both countries as an important factor. The intention is to be followed by trained observers, it is believed, over negotiations and proposals with the Huerta officials in secret will cover any further developments. The issue, though, accounts for the steady reports maintained by administration circles for many days.