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M'LAURIN REPLIES TO SEN. TILLMAN

Accuses Senior Senator of Throwing Sand.

HAD FORGIVEN TILLMAN LONG AGO

In Reply to Tillman's Article in Reference to Part Played by McLaurin in Bleese Meeting Held in Columbia During the Fair, After which the Latter Withdraws From Bleeseism.

Bennettsville, Nov. 4.—Senator Tillman's letter is so "Tillmanesque" that when I read it yesterday, I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry; cuss or pray. I expect a little of all is in order.

He hits Bleese with a meat axe, pitchforks me, ignores Smith and spits in Slinm's face.

I am not going to let myself loose (if I can help it). The situation is too serious, for from the way I feel and he feels, we'd be fighting in a pair of minutes and let South Carolina go to the devil as we did before. I will honestly acknowledge that I have never been able to get entirely over an early affection for Senator Tillman. I have said hard things myself, but I don't like to hear other people say one word against him. If I had conquered and had him down, I would never have rubbed sand in his eyes. His letter is distinctly offensive: "Johnny is smart, but he is a bad little boy, he sassed papa, Papa is sorry, but come here Johnny, hand me the brush, now get across my knee, papa is going to spank you, but if Johnny is good the balance of the week, he can go to the 'movies' Saturday." I feel like saying "damn," but I'll say "Bless the Lord."

That letter discloses why I couldn't get on with Tillman, why Latimer couldn't, and why he and Smith can't agree. An imperious will that brooks no opposition. I could get on with him now, I'd laugh at him. I used to take him and myself too seriously. I will say however that, God never made a man big enough to talk me down. My record in the senate needs no defence. I have done the "penance" of the "very nearly great man," who was too far ahead of his time. I have suffered the bitter fate that comes to all advanced thinkers. After "pitchforks" are forgotten and "dung heaps" plowed under, the state warehouse idea with agricultural products as a bankable asset will give me a place in history, where foul slanders and my own weaknesses are forgotten. God has been good. I do not need an office for my name to live. When Cole L. Bleese stood up before 8000 people and said he is a "good man, he would make a good governor, he has been badly treated by the scurrilous politicians of South Carolina," he made a personal friend that will last him after the miserable bootlicks and sycophants have turned on him, like those who used to lick Tillman's hand and at his bidding drove the steel into my heart and are now ready to drive it into Tillman's for the favor of another. Senator Tillman has served a great purpose, he does not need an office to perpetuate his fame, but he is a man, poor weak clay, same as I. In us both is that unperishable spark, that after death has washed the dross away, will shine clear and bright. Why should he still seek to dim the luster of my star? I envy him not the faintest ray of his own. I rejoice in all true greatness, and sorrow in what is little for are we not all MEN.

God must judge between us and the balance he strikes shall be for all eternity. I long ago forgave him, his letter shows he has never been able to do that.

God does not expect repentance except from the "near" great. Life is a pose to 99 per cent. The world is a stage. My sense of humor gives me. It made me laugh, to see how utterly the public misconstrues the true character of both myself and Tillman. It is the joke of the century.

Tillman's pose from the beginning has been bluff, brutal honesty, "Pitchfork Ben." "Give 'em hell and rub it in." He overplayed his hand a little. Down underneath lives the most astute

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SCHOOL INSTITUTE GREAT SUCCESS

Excellent Addresses by Prominent Educators Injects Much Interest and Enthusiasm Into Meeting of Laurens County Teachers Association.

With every school in the county except five or six represented, the county teacher's institute held in the graded school the latter part of last week, was a very pleasant and profitable meeting, the teachers probably carrying away with them after the close many lessons which will prove beneficial to their work. The addresses of the different speakers on the program were of the practical, timely order and left a deep impression upon the hearers. With so many suggestions along lines of advancement from such authoritative sources, the meeting could not have been other than inspiring. The first session of the institute was held Thursday evening and at noon Saturday adjournment was taken, preceeded, however, by a short meeting of the county teachers association.

The teacher's institute was held under the direction of the county department of education for the purpose of drawing the teachers into closer touch with each other and of affording them an opportunity to hear the state's educational specialists on subjects of vital importance to the progress of the schools. A program, ornamented with the names of the state's leading educators, was provided, including addresses by W. K. Tate, state supervisor of rural schools, W. H. Hand, state high school inspector, J. A. Stoddard, assistant state superintendent of education, Miss Sadie Goggans, supervisor of rural schools for Newberry county, Miss Wil Lou Gray and Mr. Geo. L. Pitts, Supt. of Education, J. E. Swearingen was expected to be here but was detained on account of other business. Mr. Hand was obliged to leave a conference of educators in Knoxville, Tenn., to be with the Laurens teachers. After he arrived and found such an unusual large number present he said that he felt amply repaid for leaving the larger meeting.

This was a noteworthy meeting of teachers because of the very large number present and the small number of schools unrepresented. The idea of the county teacher's institute in an original one and doubtless will be taken up by other counties. The fact that so many of the schools were represented was commented upon very favorably by the visiting educators and the wholesouled enthusiasm prevalent among the teachers made a strong impression. Supt. Anderson, of the Newberry schools, was present as a visitor and onlooker and went away very much impressed with the progressive methods in the Laurens county and city schools, stating that he had been very much benefited by his experience here.

The institute was opened with a session Thursday evening, when the teachers and speakers were welcomed by Supt. Jones, president of the county teachers' association. Prof. W. K. Tate made an address on the subject "The County School of Tomorrow with Pictures from Today." This was a very instructive and interesting talk, enthusing the teachers with the desire to have better fitted school buildings.

Thursday morning was given largely over to the observation of class room work done in the Laurens graded schools and this was followed by discussion of the impressions received there and of the application of city school methods to rural school work. In the afternoon the teachers listened to addresses by Miss Gray, Miss Goggans and Prof. Tate under the general topic of "Some good Methods and Some poor Methods" of teaching we have seen.

Friday night was featured by two addresses, one by Mr. Stoddard and another by Mr. Hand. Mr. Stoddard, a Laurens county "boy," evidenced the pride which he felt in his county by quoting some statistics showing the phenomenal strides that it had made in the last few years along educational lines, pointing out, however, at the same time, some things in which she had not made such progress. In every comparison which he made between Laurens county and the rest of the state as a whole, the standing of this county was above the average for the state. Particularly noteworthy was his statement that all the school districts in the county but one had voted special taxes for school purposes.

BUSINESS HOUSES OPPOSED TO CARNIVAL

Send Petition to President of C. N. & L. Railroad Asking that Show Grounds be not Rented to Carnival.

Following the granting by the city council of a license to a carnival company to pitch tents here some time during the month of November, a petition was circulated by several merchants of the city asking President Livingston of the C. N. & L. railroad not to rent the railroad property, usually occupied by such shows, to the carnival company. The license to show in Laurens was given by the city council in a meeting held Friday night. Universal objection to the carnival has been expressed on every side in the city.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Livingston replied to the petition of the merchants stating that the railroad would refuse to rent the lot to the carnival company. Mr. C. H. Roper states that he will also refuse to rent them the Garlington pasture lot. Whether or not any other desirable lot can be secured or what other steps are liable to be taken by the carnival company are not known.

The following are the petition sent to Mr. Livingston and the names attached to it:

Mr. J. F. Livingston, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

We, the undersigned merchants and business men of Laurens, respectfully ask that you do not allow the railroad's grounds (depot lot) to be used for a carnival or aggregation of shows that wants to come here during the month of November as we feel that such shows are detrimental to our business and the good morals of the community.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co., Minter Company, Fleming Bros., Clardy & Wilson, Todd Simpson Company, Davis-Roper Company, R. W. Willis, W. G. Wilson, Red Hot Rocket, Brooks Hardware Company, J. M. Philpot, Laurens Hardware Company, Hunter & Company, Owings & Owings, Swygert Nickels & Co., J. H. Sullivan, W. P. Hudgens, Bennett & Owings, B. F. Posey, Owings & Bobo, Kennedy Bros., Mahaffey & Babb, Switzer Company, Laurens Glass Works, Moseley & Roland, C. E. Bramlett, H. Terry, Laurens Drug Co., Rays Pharmacy, Dial Company, J. C. Shell & Co., Advertiser Printing Co., Powe Drug Co.

Meeting of D. A. R.

A meeting of the Henry Laurens chapter, D. A. R., will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. W. L. Gray.

This record is considerable above the average for the state. Prof. Hand, whose address closed the evening's exercises, was a delightfully expressed argument for saner methods in the primary and secondary schools of the state by the elimination of "wastes" in the school work. Mr. Hand advocated the consolidation of schools, the lengthening of the school days and the general reduction of speed in recitation, the elimination of "clipp" by the parents after school hours, more attention to the rudimentary studies and less to unnecessary things, and other reforms tending to make the school more efficient. This session was made more enjoyable by several musical selections by Mrs. H. K. Aiken, Mrs. M. L. Roper, Mrs. Carol Roper, Miss Hattie Gray and Miss Frances Davis. Following the close of the session an informal reception was held and refreshments served.

Saturday morning Mr. Geo. L. Pitts addressed the teachers on "Some Plan for the Year." This was followed by a general discussion of the different activities in which the county teachers are interested. While here the teachers were entertained in the homes of different Laurens people.

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE ON C. & W. C. RAILROAD

Morning and Evening Train Added from and to Greenwood, Makes Connection Here with Other Trains.

According to an announcement from the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad, a new passenger train will be put into service starting next Sunday between Greenwood and Laurens. The train will leave Greenwood in the morning at 7 o'clock, arriving in Laurens shortly after 8, in time to make connection with outgoing trains on the C. & W. C. and C. N. & L. to Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia. The train will return to Greenwood in the afternoon, leaving here about 6:30, taking on passengers from the cities above named.

This provides a train service that has been wanted by patrons of the road since the change of schedule some months ago. After this train is put on, the people from the direction of Greenwood and Waterloo will be able to come to Laurens and spend a day or half a way, as they choose, returning either in the afternoon or evening. This will also give excellent service for people desiring to go from Greenwood to Greenville in the morning or from Greenville to Greenwood in the evening. The opposite service to that is already provided.

At Woodrow Wilson School.

There will be a box and oyster supper at Woodrow Wilson school house on the evening of Nov. 14th. The public is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Fine Turnips.

Mr. C. D. Robinson, who very generously brings to "us" every year a fine armful of turnips, did not forget his "engagement" this year but Monday morning brought in as fine a lot as has been seen. Mr. Robinson grows turnips to sell in the city and always has a splendid variety to offer his customers.

Box Supper.

There will be a box supper given at the home of Mr. W. L. Teague, Friday night, Nov. 14th, for the benefit of Beavertown church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CONTEMPLATED RAISE ON TELEPHONE RATES

Local Telephone Company Petitions for Hearing Before Railroad Commission on Question of Raising Rates, Hearing to be Held 18th December.

Upon the petition of the Laurens Telephone Company, the railroad commission has ordered a hearing to be given in the court house here on December 18th on the question whether or not the telephone company will be allowed to raise its rates. The petition was filed with the railroad commission in Columbia on October 25th and the hearing was to have been held during November but other business necessitated a postponement. A copy of the order of the railroad commission will be found in another part of this paper.

The petition of the telephone company asks that it be allowed to raise the rates in order to give first class service, more particularly to put all its subscribers on metallic circuits. For business telephones the telephone company petitions to be allowed to charge \$2.50 per month, where they are now charging \$2.25. For residence telephones the rates petitioned for is \$2.00 per month where now it ranges from \$1.50 to \$2.00, according to the kind of circuit. A reduction in rate of 50 cents per month is asked for on party lines.

Mr. Richey, president and general manager of the company, yesterday quoted a number of cities in the same class as Laurens with higher telephone rates. Union, Newberry, Darlington, Florence and others charge \$3.00 for business phones and \$2.00 for residence phones. A great many other cities, he said, about the same size as Laurens have higher rates.

Whether or not the rates will be changed will rest with the railroad commission as it alone has the power to make a change.

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SEN. TILLMAN WILL SUPPORT SEN. SMITH

Writes Letter in Reply to Mr. McLaurin.

S. C. SHOULD SUPPORT WILSON

Senior Senator Says Bleese is not the Man for the United States Senate, Strongly Endorses the Junior Senator for Re-election and Says He will Support Him in the Coming Primary.

Washington, November 8.—In reply to Senator John L. McLaurin's letter Senator Tillman makes the following statement:

"I have just read McLaurin's reply. There are some things I want to answer. He says I 'rubbed sand in his eyes.' I had no such purpose. It is not chivalrous and generous to do such a thing, and I think I have some chivalry and generosity in my nature. I simply told the truth. That is all.

"He says: 'That letter discloses why I couldn't get on with Tillman, why Latimer couldn't and why he and Smith can't agree.' Latimer and I never had any clash at all, and Smith and I never had one. We have simply been unable to agree about patronage. That is all.

Going to Aid Smith.

"I want it distinctly understood that when I said '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' the service he can during the balance of his life, I did not mean I would under any circumstances support him myself, for I am going to do all I can to re-elect Senator Smith. While Senator Smith has made some mistakes here, he has been loyal to the people of the State. He deserves re-election, and our people will make a fearful blunder if they do not send him back to the Senate. He can do better service hereafter than he has already done, for he has learned a great deal, and is just beginning to understand the Senate. Bleese can do nothing for the State, because he abused President Wilson before he was nominated, criticized him for his Mexican policy on his last trip to Washington, has shown absolutely no loyalty to the Democratic party and would necessarily have no influence with the Administration.

Wilson Due S. C. Support.

"While our people are not so crazy for patronage that they are ready to bootlick Woodrow Wilson or anybody else, they do deserve to have a man here who is loyal to Democracy, and from Bleese's past record and his selfish ambition, I would not be surprised at anything he might do if he were sent here. The Democrats have a majority of only seven votes in the Senate now, and the possibilities are that this will dwindle rather than increase. But whether it does or not the President is entitled to loyal support from South Carolina, for South Carolina had more to do with his nomination than any other one State.

"Bleese has shown that he is not broad enough and high enough to fly a sent in the Senate with credit to himself or anybody else. How would the people of South Carolina like to have a Senator who recognizes his friends? Had I pursued that policy the Gonzalez brothers never would have voted for me last summer, and a great many other political antagonists and personal enemies would not have voted for me.

Send a Loyal Man to Senate.

"It is not possible for my last public utterance. But if it were, and I could speak to the people of the whole State in one meeting, I would emphasize their duty to support the Democratic President by sending him a loyal friend to the Senate. Woodrow Wilson grows bigger in the estimation of the Democrats here and the people of the United States every day of his life. It would be criminal to do otherwise. The Democratic Democrats must do this. We cannot wait a half hour for our friends from South Carolina to change their minds. The people are not so stupid as to be misled by a man who has been so often and so long in the public eye. The wrong to have done to our people in spirit behind the scenes is too great to be forgotten.

Pity These Poor Little Children Of New Jersey's Moral Outlaws



Photo by American Press Association.

THIS picture probably makes you smile. It ought to make you weep. It's not amusing; it's tragic. These two tots are some of the unfortunate "Pinneys" of New Jersey, children of moral outlaws of the pin-belt of that state. If the state does not reform them and their hundreds of illegitimate brothers and sisters they will grow up to be the same sort of illiterate, imbecile, degenerate persons that their fathers now are. It's pitiful; it's horrible. A recent official report of the New Jersey woman's board of charities and corrections to Governor Fisher shows that these "Pinneys" are called because they live in the pin belt of lower New Jersey, have lived a law unto themselves for a century. The state is just waking up to the terrible situation. The investigation is likely to result in wholesale prosecution in an attempt to stamp out the moral lawlessness.

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