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MCWEENEY WANTS PEACE.

ADVISES THE SENATORS TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

The Governor Writes to Senators Tillman and McLaurin that "the People are Entitled to One Year of Peace and Freedom from Political Strife" and Respectfully Returns their Resignation that they "May Have Time for Serious Consideration."

[Special to News and Courier.]

Columbia, May 31.—Gov. McSweeney has virtually rejected the resignations of Senator Tillman and Senator McLaurin. To be exact, he has sent back the resignation "that they may have more time for serious consideration."

With the disagreement that seems to exist between the two United States senators as to how the fight between them shall be conducted and when it shall take place the likelihood is that there will be no new resignations sent in to Gov. McSweeney.

A MULTITUDE OF COUNSELLORS.

There seems to have been a great diversity of opinion as to what ought to have been done in the premises. Some wanted Gov. Sweeney to accept the resignations and appoint two new senators; others wanted the resignations accepted and a fair, square fight made, while others thought it exceedingly unfortunate that there would have to be another primary at this time. Gov. McSweeney on his return to the city found a bundle of letters awaiting him from friends of Tillman, advising him to refuse to accept the resignations, and that it would be wrong to hastily take another useless political fight. Gov. McSweeney saw as he has done, and acted promptly of his ability.

This leaves many of the senators, the natives. To appear to have more to the matter up at any time they are to the best interests of the State, they can do so. They can do so as to what they want.

That body, however, that both of future time, the senators are full of my own doing, plenty of sagacity to proceed as they want, and when they the resignations that they returned the resignations. It may be said about the right or propriety of Gov. McSweeney rejecting the resignations, he has done what he thinks will conduce to the interests of the State, although it is somewhat heroic.

THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

Gov. McSweeney writes as follows: Gentlemen: Your letter tendering your resignation as United States senators from South Carolina was received on the eve of my departure to Chickamauga to take part in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the monument which South Carolina has just erected to the brave and heroic soldiers who lost their lives in defence of a principle on this historic battlefield. Hence my delay in acknowledging it.

I respectfully return your resignations that you have more time for serious consideration of the effects upon the people of this State of this action on your part. The commission which you hold is the highest compliment and testimonial which the people of this State can pay to you. It is possible and without debate and without it be lawful to do so.

Yours respectfully,
B. R. McSweeney.

MCWEENEY STRIKES.

Following is a copy of the letter sent to Senator Tillman by Governor McSweeney:

Sir: Your letter of June 1st has been received. I have carefully noted its contents, and the most charitable view which I can take of it is that it was written in the heat of passion and without due consideration.

I note that you say that I have "transcended" my authority and that the governor "cannot compel a member of the United States senate to hold his commission and exercise the functions of that office if he chooses to surrender it," and that you "do-

your" in politics. There can be no possible good to come of it.

The people of the State are getting together and working for the advancement and upbuilding of the material prosperity of the Commonwealth and I should regret anything that would retard this progress.

It is not my purpose in thus writing to prevent the fullest and freest discussion of all public questions and the education of the people along all political lines. On the contrary, I heartily favor that, and believe it can be best accomplished without the bitterness and the personalities which would be inseparable from a campaign during the coming summer. Under our party rules a campaign will be necessary within a little more than a year and ample time can be had for a full discussion of the issues now before the people.

Holding these views and looking to the interests of this State—their peace, prosperity and happiness—I respectfully decline to accept your resignation and beg to return them herewith.

I have the honor to be yours respectfully,
M. B. McSweeney,
Governor.

The resignations have excited national interest and the situation here is being watched in all parts of the country. All newspaper correspondents have been advised to be on the qui vive and Mr. Messenger, of the Washington Star, is here watching the situation and the Philadelphia North American has sent Mr. Hunt, a member of its staff, here for a similar purpose.

The original document, for both signatures were appended to one paper, has been returned to Senator Tillman.

A PRIMARY IN SEPTEMBER.

It may be stated that Senator McLaurin insisted that the resignation was not subject to acceptance until September 15, and that the Governor had no right in law or justice to accept the resignations prior to September 15, and he so wrote Governor McSweeney. If this had been done and Governor McSweeney had intended to accept the resignation under Senator McLaurin's position, they could not have been accepted until September 15, when they were to be effective and the state committee would have had no vacancies to fill until after the resignations became effective and it can readily be seen that this course would have forced the primary some time after the 15th of September.

POLITICIANS AT THE CAPITAL.

There were quite a number of gentlemen here today interested in State and national politics. Senator Appelt was much interested in the situation and Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman had an extended interview with Governor McSweeney and perhaps had something to say on State politics.

Lieutenant Governor Tillman was teased a good deal about taking the gubernatorial chair and appointing Governor McSweeney for the short term as his first official act. About all that Lieutenant Governor Tillman would say was that if he were given a chance he would mightily soon settle the whole matter.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Who Knows.

A butterfly was fitting
About in careless bliss;
He gaily thought, without a word,
"I'm not a chrysalis!"

The frog was perching
On a great big log;
While proudly sitting there,
We use to hear him "log."

If you are
I would advise you
boy that owns a fast
driving, and be sure
of the barn before he

For price and coroner
apply to the owner.

You Know What You Are
When you take Croy's Tonic
because the formula
is simply Iron and quini-

less form. No Cure, No

McLAURIN'S PLANS CAREFULLY LAID.

TO CAPTURE SOUTH CAROLINA IN NINE MONTHS' CAMPAIGN.

Is Already Organizing State-Said He'll Resign Before Congress Meets in December and Make the Fight for Election in 1902.

[The State.]

Charlotte, N. C., June 2.—A special from Bennettsville says there are good reasons for believing that just prior to the meeting of congress, in December, that Senator McLaurin will resign, and request Gov. McSweeney to appoint his successor. Should the senator do this, which is most likely, he would expect the governor to appoint a strong man representing the same political views of Messrs. Bryan and Tillman, and the senator would meet this gentleman in 1902, on the hustling with the purpose of regaining his place in the senate. The senator believes that he has as much right to define Democratic principles as has Mr. Bryan, Mr. Tillman or any one else. Mr. McLaurin says that Mr. Bryan and Mr. Tillman both oppose true Democracy and advocate Populism, socialism and communism, and that he is opposed to these disturbing political dogmas and is determined by the aid of his fellow-citizens and the help of his God, to forever bury these South Carolina disturbers of public peace.

One thing is settled: Those who know John L. McLaurin, are convinced that the next eighteen months in the Palmetto State, will encompass the fiercest political battle ever waged within her borders.

One thing that convinces your correspondent, that the gentlemen managing this movement are in earnest and in the fight to the finish is this, in a short time, so the cards announce, a strong daily morning paper will be established in the city of Columbia with a brilliant South Carolinian, now residing in Richmond, Va., as editor.

Senator McLaurin is a born debater and campaigner, and if it is an undisputed fact that he intends to promulgate his views, should the Democrats desire, and with their aid push them forward, until every fabric of the political garment of South Carolina will be permeated with their tolerant and undogmatic doctrines.

Already the manager has been named, who will have charge of this educational movement, with headquarters in Columbia, and many of the preliminary arrangements have been perfected in several of the counties. Thus it will be seen that the junior senator has not been idle, though remaining at home most of the time since his return from congress. Senator McLaurin is a unique, yet systematic organizer and long before the primaries shall have been ordered for 1902 South Carolina will have one of the strongest McLaurin political organizations since the noted alliance combine in 1890.

McLAURIN'S LETTER MAILED McWEENEY.

He Will Not Say What the Document Contains—Runners of Information Against Tillman and a McLaurin Paper.

[Special to The State.]

Bennettsville, June 1.—Senator McLaurin states that he has mailed his reply to Governor McSweeney and declines to give the contents to anyone, on the ground that it would be discourtesy to the Governor.

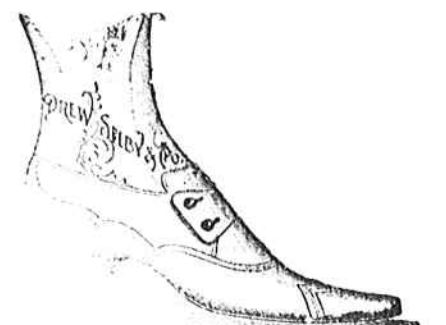
Several gentlemen came in last night on the Columbia 9 o'clock train and they were driven directly to Senator McLaurin's residence. An important conference was held and lights burned all night. The gentlemen left on this morning's early train. It is believed that McLaurin has obtained some information valuable to him within the last three days that he believes would annihilate Tillman. Heretofore the junior senator has been very open and free with your correspondent, but today he refuses to talk.

It is rumored in Bennettsville that a McLaurin morning paper will soon be established in Columbia, with a South Carolinian, now residing in Richmond, Va., as editor.

MIMNAUGH'S

Great Half Price Sale!

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday!



Everything reduced for this great sale! Don't miss it! You know when we say bargains what it means, and if we ever had good things for you, it is now. We open wide our doors and invite you to get your share of these great half price offerings. Where there is so much smoke there is bound to be fire. Where the best goods are you better go. Read our quotations and compare prices. Our entire line of Dress Goods and Fine Silks at ACTUAL FIRST COST! Now is your time to buy a fine Dress or Silk Waist for a little money. Look before you leap. My warning is look before you buy!

Look Before You Buy!

- 100 Pieces Shirting Calicoes, the price is 4c. worth 5c.
- 100 Pieces 36 inch Percale, the price is 6 1/2c. worth 10c.
- 50 Pieces Table Oil Cloth, the price is 12 1/2c. worth 25c.
- 50 Pieces Colored Organdies, the price is 4c. worth 10c.
- 50 Pieces Colored Organdies, the price is 8c. worth 12 1/2c.
- 100 White Bed Spreads, the price is 65c. worth 90c.
- 100 White Bed Spreads, the price is 90c. worth \$1.25.
- 100 White Bed Spreads, the price is \$1.25, worth \$1.75.
- 100 Dozen Cotton Towels, two for 5c.
- 100 Dozen Cotton Towels, the price is 5c. worth 8c.
- 100 Dozen Cotton Towels, the price is 10c. worth 15c.

Half Price Embroidery Sale.

- A big shipment just opened for this sale.
- 100 Pieces Fine Embroidery worth 6 1/2, 8 1/2 and 10c., your choice for only 5c.
- Another lot of about two hundred pieces worth 15, 16 1/2 and 20c., your choice only 12 1/2c.
- A big lot of Fine Laces worth 10 and 12 1/2c., your choice 5c.
- 100 Dozen Ladies Under Vests, 4c. worth 6 1/2c.
- 100 Dozen Ladies Under Vests, 10c. worth 15c.

Shoes and Oxfords!

Every Shoe and Slipper in the house at a big reduction. Now is your time to buy a pair of Shoes or Slippers for a little money. All shapes, all kinds—lace, cloth top, or button; not a pair worth less than \$1.50, most of them worth \$2; but I am going to sell you them for only \$1.25 a pair. Don't compare them with other stores \$1.25 kind, because my 75c. and 90c. ones will match the other fellow's \$1.25 kind.



Shoes and Oxfords!

- 200 Pairs Childrens Slippers, 50c. regular 75c. kind, now 50c.
 - 200 Pairs Childrens Slippers, 9 1/2 12, regular \$1.25 kind, now 65c.
 - 300 Pairs Mens' low cut Shoes to go on sale at \$1.25, worth \$1.75.
 - 300 Pairs Mens' Fine Shoes at 1st cost.
 - 300 Pairs Ladies' Fine Slippers at only 65c., worth \$1.
- Don't be stopped by the wayside! For Shoes, come to headquarters.

Come to the Cheap Sale, Whether You Buy or Not, Make Yourself at Home,

YOU ARE WELCOME!

Mimnaugh's!

OPINIONS VARY.
Some Say McSweeney Did Wrong—Majority Approve.

[Greenville News.]

Columbia, S. C., June 1.—Regardless of politics the people of South Carolina with almost unanimous voice endorse the action of Governor McSweeney in taking a position which blocks the schemer to have a political campaign this summer or any other time this year. This fact is stated because the press of the State before his action was taken advised him to do what he has done and it generally represents the sentiments of the people.

Besides this many citizens in every walk of life and from every part of the State wrote him urgent letters to act as he did. His own views coincide with theirs, and it is safe to say, Governor McSweeney has done nothing during his gubernatorial career which has met with more general approval.

The governor has been the recipient today of many personal congratulations on the part of the citizens of Columbia as well as from other parts of the State through telegraphic messages.

Josh Ashley of Honea Path wrote: "Such a political deal has never been made in our state—two sen-

ators to resign to fetch an extra expense on the people for a campaign in an off year.

"Now, governor, I hope you will have the backbone to ignore the whole thing and not receive any such resignations without they will resign for good and put no extra expense on the people.

"It is a disgrace and scandal to South Carolina and I hope that you will show that your love and sympathy is for the people's welfare more than for Tillman's or John McLaurin's, either one. I thought we were living in a free country and we did not have any boss.

Now, governor, I know that you

have got good common sense and you know that an election at this time of the year would be a big expense for nothing."

Among the congratulatory telegrams received this morning were the following: "J. H. Morgan, Greenville; "I heartily approve your determination not to accept the resignations of the United States senators. Let the people have a rest."

W. J. Thackston, Greenville; "Congratulate you in your refusal. Believe you voice the sentiments of Greenville County."

F. H. McMaster, Charleston; "Congratulations for your wise action."