

What Tillman Thinks.

A Split in the Party Not an Improbability.

Lexington, Ky., April 10.—Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, whose fearless attack on President Cleveland and his administration has directed the attention of the country to him, reached Lexington this evening. He will deliver his first speech in his campaign for free silver in the auditorium in this city to-morrow afternoon. There is every assurance of a very large crowd. The farmers, who are very generally for silver, will flock in by the hundreds from miles around, and even those who do not agree with the aggressive South Carolinian will go out to hear him. During this evening Senator Tillman has been in receipt of marked attention from the members of the Fayette county Bimetallic club, which comprises some of the most influential citizens of Lexington and vicinity. His room in the Phoenix has been filled all evening, but the senator gave a few minutes to The Enquirer representative and told of his future plans.

Mr. Tillman is a man of striking personality. Full of fire and energy, and he possesses an inexhaustible fund of humor and cleverness in illustrating his views.

"I am greatly pleased with the course of The Enquirer in defending the interests of the people, said the senator. "A large majority of the metropolitan press are against silver and with the other fellows, and it is gratifying to know that there is one paper which has the courage to speak out."

"What is the purpose of your present tour senator?"

"I am on my way west to address a meeting of Democrats in convention in Denver next week. There isn't much of the Democratic party left out there, but the Populists made so many mistakes and had so many irresponsible men in command that they have lost their grip. I have believed for several years that the only salvation of this country is a union of the people of the west and south against the east. It is time we begin to protect ourselves from the wily New Englanders, and I want to extend the hand of fellowship from the people of South Carolina to those of the great west."

"Have you any idea that the silver element in the Democratic party will control the National convention at Chicago?"

"I don't think that there is any doubt about it."

"But suppose they don't and the gold men make the platform, what then?"

"I will not concede that such an event will happen, but, in the event that they do, there will be a split in the party, that's sure. The people of South Carolina will not stand any foolishness. We will be for a silver man in the Democratic party if possible, but if not will vote for him out of some other party."

"It is said that your colleague, Senator Irby, is leading a fight to keep the Democrats of your State in the party ranks, and while he wishes them to favor free silver, yet he wants to bind them to support the nominee of the Chicago convention."

"That's true, but he isn't making any headway. He offered a resolution to that effect in the meeting of the State committee last Tuesday, and got 5 votes out of 33. The people of South Carolina can take care of that matter themselves, and they will not bind their delegates to support the nominee of the National convention on a gold platform."

"Upon what do you base your opinion that the silver men will control the National Democratic convention?"

"I believe that the south will be solid for silver, as well as the west and some of the central States. The wave is on the increase, if you can get the papers to tell the truth."

"Who is your choice for President on the silver ticket?"

"Some good man who has battled for silver. It won't do to take one of the fellows who falls in with the tide. We want everybody to be with us, but those who are nominated must have been all right."

"Suppose Cleveland or Carlisle were nominated on the Democratic ticket?"

"Then it's all up with the Democratic party. Neither of them could carry a State in the Union, and Cleveland would have hard work to get a county. I tell you I would rather vote for a good Republican than Carlisle, even John Sherman, because Sherman has been consistent and Carlisle has not."

"Is there any chance of a split in the Republican party?"

"I think that the five senators who refused to vote for the tariff bill, Carter, Teller, Mantle, Dubois and Cannon, will surely bolt their party if a gold platform is made at St. Louis."

"Don't you think that if the gold men are beaten at Chicago they will bolt?"

"Yes, I do, and let them go. We will have the name and the good will, which is worth a heap, especially in the South. I am firmly convinced that silver will win the fight. I will be a delegate at large from my State, and if some of the present senators don't leave the Chicago convention with me if a gold platform is adopted, I pity them. They will lose their jobs. This is true of Vest and Cockrell of Missouri. If they don't leave the gold wing of the Democratic party in that event, the people of their State will leave them."

"Have you never regretted any part of your speech in the senate in which you were so severe in denunciation of Cleveland and Carlisle?"

"Not one word of it. I have received not less than 20,000 letters from every State in the Union commending my course. The people are with me and so are some of the senators, if they were not afraid to say so. Not long ago a well known Southern senator, who is a gentleman and an orator, came to me and said: 'Tillman, your speech was all right, but don't you think that you might have left some things unsaid, for instance, that reference to maure on a pitchfork was a little rough?' I replied to this: 'My dear sir, my farmers in the South understand that illustration better than anything I could have said, and they appreciate the aptness of the illustration.'"

"In your short experience in the senate, whom do you consider the ablest Democrat?"

"Vest of Missouri. He is a great man and a fearless man. Morgan and Daniel are also very able, and Dave Hill is a shrewd parliamentarian."

"Who is the greatest Republican there?"

"To tell you the truth, none of the members of that party have impressed me very much. I suppose that Sherman and Hoar are the best. You speak of Teller. He is a smart man, but I don't consider him a Republican any longer. Wolcott is talented, but he broke his neck by his speech against the Monroe doctrine. I have had as many letters from Colorado as any other State, and they all roast Wolcott, besides Wolcott is inclined to stick to his party, no matter how the St. Louis convention treats the silver question."

"Whom do you think the Republicans will nominate for President?"

"It looks like McKinley. The party is going to try and sidetrack the silver question for the tariff, but it won't go. The people will not be deceived in that way."

When asked if he were a Presidential candidate, Senator Tillman turned the question off with a laugh, and declared that he was simply on a mission of peace and good will for good money and good government. He talked entertainingly about the South, and told how he had overthrown the old South Carolina officeholding aristocracy. He said that his State had always had the misfortune to have only the one party and a little ring had parcelled the offices out among themselves for many years. The abettors of negro domination had forced the white people to unite, and all it was necessary to do was to name a ticket and all the white people had to do was to vote for it without any question. In his fight against the ring he was opposed by every paper in the State except a few country sabbies. The people had won there, as they would do everywhere, when they had confidence in their leaders.

Senator Tillman gave the members of the Silver club in his room some good advice about organizing. He said that a few officeholders could control a county as against the people, just as well drilled troops could whip a mob with a captain in command.

The senator stated that he would be pleased to address the people of Cincinnati en route to Washington on April 24, if a meeting could be arranged for him. He had received several offers to make speeches in various part of Ohio, but had declined them all. He is very much interested in the result of the election of delegates from Ohio to the Democratic national convention, and says that if the silver men can get half of Ohio and Indiana there is no doubt that they can win at Chicago.

Tillman to Kentuckians.

Lexington, Ky., April 11.—Senator Tillman of South Carolina made his first speech in Kentucky at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Lexington auditorium. The audience filled the house, a great many ladies being present. He said little about silver, devoting nearly all his time to Secretary Carlisle, President Cleveland, Henry Watterson and the press of the country. In referring to Mr. Watterson he said he pitied him, that he had for years taught true Democracy to Kentuckians but "when his master told him to undo the good work he had done, he did his bidding." He asserted that he would rather cut his throat than remain in such employ longer. He said he had always been a Democrat and his ancestors before him, "but if Carlisle and Cleveland are to set the pace for Democrats, I will declare myself to be no Democrat."

He praised Senator Blackburn for remaining in the silver ranks, and criticized that wing of the party which caused his defeat. He told his hearers that they were cowards to allow the sound money Democrats to remain in power and that they would forever be ruined if they permitted the rings of the various counties to send delegates to the State convention, who would pass resolutions endorsing Carlisle for President.

Not Guilty.

New York, April 10.—The jury in the case of the Cubans on trial in connection with the Cuban filibustering expedition, returned a verdict at 6 o'clock to-night of "not guilty" in the case of all the defendants.

The House of Representatives passed seventy-five private pension bills within an hour.

The Congressional Menu.

Washington, April 12.—As soon as the Indian bill is disposed of in the senate, Mr. Hale will call up the naval bill, which was reported Wednesday last.

Incidentally, there will be a variety of questions called up during the morning hour Monday, Mr. Chandler, according to notice, will speak on the Dupont election case and will probably be followed by Mr. Gray, of Delaware. Mr. Squire has given notice that on Tuesday he will address the senate on the comprehension bill for the erection of fortifications, reported by his committee some weeks ago.

A spirited debate is expected on Wednesday, Mr. Peffer having secured unanimous consent to call up on that day his bond sale investigation resolution. House bill to reduce the cases in which the penalty of death may be inflicted, has been made the special order for Wednesday.

Mr. Lodge has given notice that on Thursday he will call up the immigration bill, providing for an illiteracy test. Meanwhile the joint resolution of Mr. Cannon directing the secretary of the interior to open for public entry the Uncompagne reservation holds its place on the calendar as unfinished business.

Under the rules of the house, to-morrow is District of Columbia day, that is the day set aside for the consideration of matters presented by the committee of affairs of the District of Columbia, but that it will be so devoted is uncertain. Two other matters are pressing for consideration now—the fortifications appropriation bill and the contested election case of Goodwin vs. Cobb, from the Fifth district of Alabama, in which the committee on election No 1 recommended the seating of the contestant, Goodwin. Judge Daniels, chairman of the committee, gave notice 10 days ago that he would ask the house to dispose of the case to-morrow, but it is understood that he will not antagonize Chairman Babcock, of the District of Columbia committee, when the latter moved to take up District business.

But Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, may not be so leniently disposed and the house may have to determine the order of business for itself. The probabilities seem now to favor the fortification bill as the first item, and at the conclusion of its consideration the rest of the day to be given to the District of Columbia committee.

Mr. Cannon was of the opinion Saturday that he could get the bill out of the way in an hour and a half. He may find it different at the beginning of the week. However they are arranged, these two matters will hold the boards against all other business until disposed of, unless a conference report on the appropriation bill shall be presented. The preliminary report upon the legislative executive and judicial appropriation bill has been agreed upon and will be presented to-morrow or Tuesday. It relates only to those items about which there was practically no disagreement among the conferees, and a further conference will be ordered on the matters of more serious difference.

As opportunity presents itself, the general pension bills reported by the committee on invalid pensions and the bankruptcy bill will be considered, but no time can be fixed at which they will be taken up.

A Rich Nugget.

Charlotte, N. C., April 10.—A special to the Observer tells of a gold excitement in Cabarrus county, which adjoins this one. Miners at work in the Reed Gold mine to-day took out a nugget weighing 22 3/4 pounds and estimated to be worth \$4,800. This is the second largest nugget ever found in the United States.

The county in which this find was made is one of the oldest gold mining regions in the country and in times past one of the most productive.

The Reed mine is owned by O. S. and O. W. Kelly and J. D. Lisle, of Springfield, Ohio.

War to the Knife.

Indianapolis, April 12.—The proposed organization of the members of the A. P. A. against McKinley is taking shape in the lodges of the order in this State and it is said an attempt will be made in the State convention to prevent the instruction of delegates and also to influence the delegates at large who are opposed to the Ohio man.

A leader of the A. P. A. men says to-day that the refusal of McKinley's manager to recognize the order had determined them to make open war against him in the national convention and at the polls, if he was nominated. It was intimated that the A. P. A. men were willing to unite with the friends of ex-President Harrison in an effort to prevent instructions for McKinley, and that overtures to this effect had or would be made.

Seven miners were burned to death in the Pope mine, Butte, Montana on Wednesday.

As to Expulsion.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Turkish legation received from the sublime porte, under to-day's date, the following telegram:

"It has been falsely stated that the missionaries would be expelled. The imperial government has not taken, and does not intend to take, any general measure of expulsion of missionaries and Catholic priests. Those among them who attend peacefully to their business are not and will not be disturbed. But, surely, it cannot be the same for those who by their attitude try to disturb the order and tranquility of the country, and place themselves in open hostility towards the law and regulations in force in the empire. The imperial government, watchful of the maintenance of public security, has the duty to send them away from its territory, and in so doing, it avails itself of a right which nobody in all justice could contest."

Chas. Brascomb, editor of the South Haven, Kansas, New Era, was shot and instantly killed in a shooting escape between A. A. Richards and Robert Simmons, both newspaper men.

The battleship Indiana has arrived at Newport News from Port Royal.

Reddick Adams, a negro murderer, was lynched at Seale, Ala, Saturday night.

The King of Greece gave a banquet to the contestants in the Olympic games at the palace in Athens on Saturday night.

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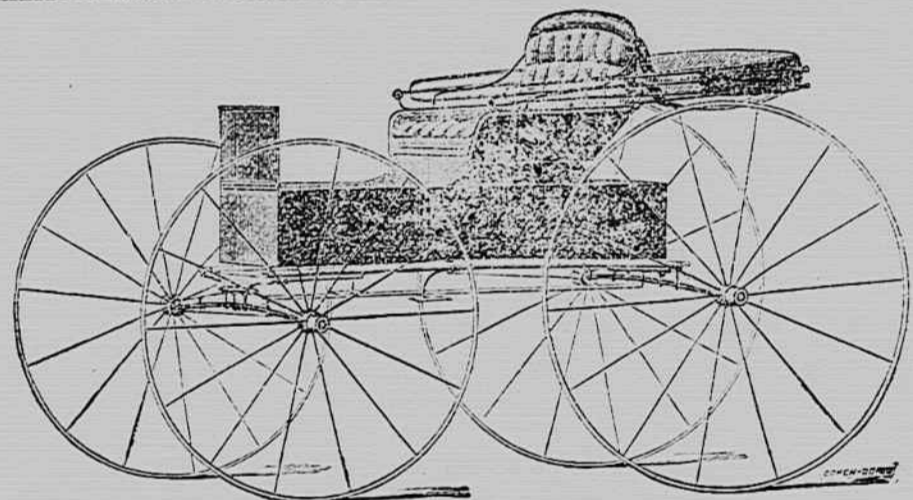
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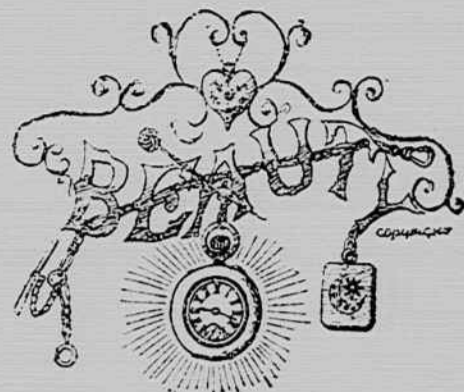
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