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THE LANTERN.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1901.

A great effort is being made by the McClain press to make it appear that the state committee is "bossed" by Senator Tillman, and that its action in requesting Senator McClain's resignation was dictated by Tillman.

The above from the Spartanburg Journal is wholly wrong. Many papers who opposed to McClain see the thing the same way. They just can't help seeing it, and the mystery is that any are so blind that they can't see it as it is. Fairfield News has it.

Who doubts that Senator Tillman had opposed the resolution as strenuously as he advocated it, as many would have voted against it as voted for it?

Work for Ye Committee. Senator Tillman observed the Sabbath of August 4th making a bitter political speech in Wisconsin, in which he defended lynching and indulged in other expressions that do injustice to the law-abiding citizens of this state, and are very unjust to the Christian sentiment of the State. Now it is up to the executive committee to meet and resolve.

Whereas the Hon. Benjamin R. Tillman, senior United States senator, elected to represent the state of South Carolina in the national congress, has by deed and utterances before a strange audience brought contempt upon the statutes of the State of South Carolina and ignored the moral law and thereby misrepresented his state and his Christian citizenship, who elected him. Therefore be it resolved, that it is the sense and conviction of the state democratic executive committee, that Senator B. R. Tillman, from the standpoint of honesty and self-respect, should tender his unqualified resignation immediately.

Sample Canteen Argument. On another page of this paper is an article on the Army Canteen. Interested friends furnish the institution a certificate of good moral character, as was to be expected. The lowest bum in any city can get just as good a recommendation from his associates. The law, at first passed, was evaded, and now since it has been amended, the proprietors are trying to break it down by the manipulation of statistics. We used to suppose that the army was one place where men were under more than ordinary control and officers had real authority, and did not have to keep their men bottles to suck to keep them in order, but many recent events and such arguments as are used for the canteen tend to the conviction that military discipline is largely a myth. There may be that discipline is not now the same as that from which our ideals were drawn, or it may be that the men are not quite so untidy as these officers represent, in their zeal for liquor.

These canteen arguments remind us of an incident two or three years ago. A bright young man who had just been mustered out of the army and had been stationed, except perhaps a short while at first, where there was no canteen. He argued strenuously for the canteen, claiming that the men would have liquor anyway and that they made a worse abuse of it, the dissipation was more hurtful to them; and they were more disorderly when they had to get it on the sly than when liquor was provided where they could gratify their appetites regularly or as it was desired, and then the profits of the canteen came back to the men instead of being wasted. (The remarkable ways emphasize the profit feature.) A little later and in another connection mention was made of two young men in the army who had been general toughs, dissipated and run down in health. It was suggested that after getting away from home and other restraining influences they would become utterly abandoned. He said that just the opposite was true; that their former acquaintances would hardly know them. They had grown healthy and stout and behaved just about as well as any men they had. He added, by way of explanation, that they were not really very bad boys only as they were made so by drink, and when they got into the army where they could not get liquor where they

right. When asked if men like them, who had been in the habit of drinking did not manage to get liquor in the army, he said of course they got a little sometimes, but it was quite difficult. They had to slip away from camp, and it was risky. That they hardly ever got enough to get on a spree, and they didn't seem to try much.

Thus we have, on the one hand, a theory invented for the support of liquor and passed around as an argument—a theory with nothing in it—and on the other hand the actual facts as they are.

A Word from Mr. Nisbet. Through the kindness of the Editor of the Lancaster Herald, our attention was called to an editorial in the Chester LANTERN with the following head-line:

A BAD BEGINNING. The article starts out with a good word for the alliance, stating that in these days of organizations and trusts we believe the farmers should be organized in some way or other. It would be well to add to the list of ineligible all public officials and candidates. It would be a very safe policy of life insurance to the order if all were excluded who would not pledge themselves to refrain from seeking office for two years after the termination of their connection with the organization, but this would be a rather hard condition and would scarcely leave enough of men in any county to organize an alliance.

To this point have we wandered from our original purpose, which was little more than to commend the courteous spirit of Mr. Nisbet's statement.

Voters Supposed to Be Judges. So far as we can recollect there is no precedent in political history for an attempt by a state committee to determine whether a man had been true or false to his party obligations and to expel him from a party organization. The voters are supposed to be the judges of such matters. If a man offers himself before a party primary or convention the party voters are the judges of his faith and position; if they do not regard him as a sound party man will presumably defeat him.

Senator Tillman is dangerously near the laughter line. And when a statesman begins to be a source of amusement to the public his career is about finished. The South Carolina sense of humor is likely to be tickled by the contrast between a ferocious desire for battle in May and an eager desire to have the foe removed from the field in July. Nothing is more amusing than a badly-brought unexpectedly to facing a serious issue and seeking a way out.

The performance in this case is especially funny because Senator Tillman's first personal appearance in the politics of his state was not as a democratic nominee but as the nominee of a packed Farmers' Convention. He was a most engaging, thrifty and proclaimed himself a democrat in public speeches that the people of the south had "their baggage packed ready to leave the democratic camp as soon as they could see a light in the west. For a statesman of that record to develop qualms of party loyalty and to aid in bunding another statesman, neck and heels, out of the camp because of impaired democracy is a delightful addition to the humors of the situation.—Richmond News.

with regard only for the prize that is set before the riders, and after serving its purpose is turned loose to take care of itself. Unless the resuscitated alliance horse have the instinct to scent a candidate, and back whenever one attempts to mount, it will continue on the gallop until it galls out.

We believe lawyers, merchants and some others were ineligible to membership in the alliance. This was wise. As a rule, lawyers who joined would have been after office or business, and merchants would have been looking for trade. Newspaper men could join if they

these provisions were suspected of having visions of news subscribers or financial backing, and there are men now thousands miles from here who will testify that they have permanent investments in some of these enterprises which do not pay a dividend. It would be well to add to the list of ineligible all public officials and candidates. It would be a very safe policy of life insurance to the order if all were excluded who would not pledge themselves to refrain from seeking office for two years after the termination of their connection with the organization, but this would be a rather hard condition and would scarcely leave enough of men in any county to organize an alliance.

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Now, we want to say, for the information of the editor in charge of the LANTERN, that several lawyers consolidated offices of the county business agent and cotton weigher, and elected the cotton weigher until two years ago, when the Legislature passed an act requiring the cotton weigher to be elected by a popular vote. And the county alliance still wishing to retain their business agent, who, by the way, does not receive any compensation for his work as agent, elected the cotton weigher as before and asked him to make the race, which he did and was successful. Now we still need a business agent, and the county alliance elected the cotton weigher and business agent as usual, and that is why "that line" is added to my announcement. The people of Lancaster county understand all this and we are glad to say that they do not see our still having a county alliance is largely due to the above arrangement.

J. F. NISBET. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Nisbet, but we have known him for many years and do not remember ever to have heard anything bad about him. He bears an old and honored name, and his straightforward and dispassionate explanation indicates that he has a well poised head and good sense. The average politician would probably have thought it incumbent on him to get mad and snort. This is the kind of fellows who a few years ago regarded "every well meant suggestion and offer of aid as a covert design against the alliance, and seized upon the opportunity to commend themselves to the gratitude and votes of the farmers by strenuous defense of the "no border" against the imaginary attack.

Mr. Nisbet's explanation shows very satisfactorily why he "added that line." It does not, however, dispose of the "rock" against which the "editor in charge" was warning the alliance, viz., any use of the organization to influence the result of an election, and thus make it a vehicle to convey politicians into office.

We do not know what was the official status of the cotton weigher before "the legislature passed an act requiring the cotton weigher to be elected by popular vote." If he was merely a representative of the alliance, it would be remarkable if the arrangement did not cause friction. We do not think it probable that the office was provided for by law and that the alliance was authorized to name the weigher. Since the act has been passed, submitting the selection to popular vote, if that order suggest or endorse candidates for that office by caucus or primary, there is no reason why it should not do so for candidates for any other office.

This is what brought its ruin before and would insure it again. Although the clamor for office has resulted in greatly increasing the number of places, they are still altogether inadequate to the demand, and every horse that bids for a reach the promised land is mounted double and ridden under whip and spur,

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McLaurin's Votes

Proclaims to the World that the Executive Committee do not Represent the Intelligence, the Democracy, or the People of South Carolina—Star Chamber Proceedings Denounced—Tillman's and McLaurin's Votes Compared.

Paris, Monday, B.C., August 5th, 1901.

To the Democratic Executive Committee, State of South Carolina. Gentlemen: The official notice of the action of a majority of your committee of July 25th...

year, none of which ever reached the State Treasury. I have never had the handling of a State bond refunding scheme with \$25,000 of commissionary over for account of or explained.

year ago Senator Tillman went into North Dakota and made speeches advocating the re-election of a republican Senator—Mr. Pettigrew. Senator Tillman and the Senator were prominent in promoting by financial tactics a vote on the subsidy bill.

TILLMAN NOT A DEMOCRAT. Has Senator Tillman, prosecuting attorney against the Democrats, ever failed to be a democrat and democracy? Do you know that in the last two democratic national conventions...

GIVE THE YOUNG MEN A CHANCE. In the Senate I have labored, as the record will show, to broaden the property of the country, to promote the interests of my own people, to spread civilization, to encourage the oppressed, to protect the rights of men and to stimulate enterprise.

WOULD CONDEMN AND DEPOSE WITHOUT A HEARING. You have undertaken, to condemn and arraign and depose me, not only without a hearing but without any evidence. Upon what ground are my good faith and my good will as a democrat assailed?

TARIFF SUBSIDIES AND EXPANSION. I have favored ship subsidies. It is a great question and now, I submit, on which the people of this State are competing to pass after bearing full argument. The subject has never been brought to the attention of the State of real importance to the property of the State.

LET HIM TELL HIS RECORD. I have been at some pains to show from the records, by volume and page, that when Senator Tillman and I differed in congress it was not on party grounds...

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TILLMAN VOTED SIMPLY AND ALONE WITH THE REPUBLICANS.

I voted against him for protection to the farmers on a measure which was a straight bill, proposed by Senator Jones, of Arkansas, president chairman of the executive committee.

TILLMAN AGAIN VOTED WITH REPUBLICANS. In the second session of the same congress Senator Tillman and myself voted together on 25 of 90 roll calls.

TILLMAN VOTED WITH DEMOCRATS—TILLMAN VOTED WITH REPUBLICANS. On page 426, vol. 31 of the Record it is shown that I voted, with all the democrats but three against the Democrats as far as provide for arbitration of disputes between railway companies and the Democrats.

TILLMAN VOTED WITH FLATT AND QUAY. On a vote to recommit the conference report on the River and Harbor bill I voted for the recommitment with such Democrats as Chilton, Hill, and others.

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