

COL. KEITTS REJOINER.

MAKING THINGS LIVELY IN ALLIANCE CIRCLES.

He calls on Dr. Stokes, President of the State Alliance, to explain that mixed caucus—the former charges re-iterated and some further facts given.

Editor Observer: I have read in the News and Courier the reply of Senator Stokes to my letter first published in the Observer and reproduced in the News and Courier. I will not allow him to cloud and obscure the matters in issue by an effort to make the public believe I was moved in what I have said by personal feeling.

When I say I was not a candidate for the United States Senator at any time before the General Assembly, I am sustained by the record. My name was not presented in either house. Two votes were cast for me on the first ballot; not a vote was cast for me after that, although the names of Hampton and Tiltman were cast for several ballots.

There was an Alliance meeting held on Saturday night, December 9, over which I presided. The Alliance members were absent from the city, it was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday night, when all the Alliance members could be present, and not only so, but the United States Senator.

The Sunday News of December 7, gave the following as Senator Stokes's position at that time: "Dr. Stokes's idea, in brief, is that the Alliance members of this State demand an Alliance nominee for the United States Senator." That was, or should have been, the idea of every Alliance member.

On Monday Senator Stokes writes to me the following extract: "The idea held and expressed by me on the occasion of the meeting at which the Alliance would demand a candidate in sympathy with its demands. This is not what I said."

What brought about this change in the idea of Senator Stokes on Saturday night Monday? Why did he name Col. Irby? Why did he not say Col. Donaldson? Did he consult the press in the Charleston World that he "will not figure in the fight for the United States Senatorship next Tuesday, but that, on the contrary, he is being carefully groomed for the office of the United States Senator."

The Charleston World is the organ of the Alliance, and it is in the secrets of the Administration, all the powers of which were exhausted to secure the election of Irby. Does Senator Stokes denounce the World as a disreputable newspaper, and a false correspondent as a falsifier? He dare not do it. He knows, and he knows the World knows, and he dare not denounce them, for they might tell the powers that be.

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election, assumed the sole responsibility for calling the meeting for an Alliance meeting, agreed upon and appointed for the specific purpose of putting in nomination an Alliance candidate for the United States Senator, and leading off into a meeting of Non-Alliance men.

What moved Senator Stokes to this action? On Friday, the 5th day of December, the following appeared in the Charleston World: "Senator Stokes has seen and heard to-day a conference of the Alliance members."

Senator Stokes had prevailed to the Alliance the Order would have nominated a candidate and elected him Non-Alliance men in the General Assembly. He had no right to have any say as to who should be the Alliance candidate.

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to a meeting of Non-Alliance men—Tiltmanites—friends of Irby—and delivered into their hands for safekeeping the principles, demands and measures of the State Alliance. All was lost, and what "all" means.

Why did he do it? Clearly to give Mr. Irby the advantage, and if possible to secure his nomination and election. He was well understood in Mr. Irby could not get the nomination in an Alliance meeting. Hence these tactics.

The Alliance had no nominee and did not present a candidate to the General Assembly. A large majority of the General Assembly are Alliance men. They should have nominated a clean and able representative and run him clearly defined principles.

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ought to disqualify him from going to Washington city, as the representative of the party of the American States, of the State of South Carolina. O, Carolinians! Shall this man go to Washington as your representative and a standing reproach to the State? Who has it proud State done to be so dishonored.

All the glories won by the peerless Calhoun, who for forty years on the floor of the American Senate was the admiration of the world, and who made the name of South Carolina immortal, will go into eclipse.

And, too, to give this man the position of Vice-President in his old age, is driven from the service of the people to whom he gave a lifetime of heroic and noble service.

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CLOSING UP FOR A VOTE.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS AFRAID OF THEIR PARTY LASH.

The Force Bill Under Senator Hoar's Management is Making Headway in the Senate—Democrats Fight It Inch by Inch—A Lively Debate in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 15.—At midnight, while the snow was falling fast around the Capitol, the members of the Senate were gathered in the Senate Chamber for the closing of the session.

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At 1:30, when there were five Democrats on the floor and only one Republican (Senator Casey) Senator Daniel moved an adjournment. The motion did not succeed, however, for Senator Casey rushed to the other end of the hall and returned to the room and Senator Platt, who was in the chair, declared the motion lost.

Notwithstanding his long vigil Senator Faulkner was in good voice, and when not quoting from his books, spoke with earnestness. He paid special attention to the features of the bill, which he claimed conferred on the canvassing board power to carry on their operations behind the returns.

At 10:55 Senator Harris rose to a particular point in the bill, and he desired to know whether the Journal would show that there was a legislative day of January 17, and if so, when that legislative day began.

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The other amendments offered by Senator Hoar were agreed to without a position, including one increasing the number of members of the canvassing board of election in a district. The bill was then laid aside informally.

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WORSE AND WORSE.

ANOTHER SERIOUS PHASE IN THE BONHAM DEFEALCATION.

A Charge that the Colored Troops are Credited With Two Thousand Dollars they Never Received—The Sensation the Talk of Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 17.—A dispatch from Charleston wants to know if there has been a discrimination against colored soldiers and says Charleston is very much agitated over the remarkable bombshell which today went from Columbia about the accounts of Adjutant and Inspector General M. L. Bonham.

Being an officer of the recent administration, a bright young man of distinguished family, he has many friends there who cannot understand the situation, and why Gen. Bonham allowed the checks to be issued.

Friday, however, a bomb was exploded in Charleston, over the Bonham matter. The colored military of that city, claims that not one cent of last year's appropriation has been received by the negro companies.

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