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Tillman's Address

To the People of South Carolina on the Subject of the Dispensary--An Elaborate Defense of the System.

Fellow Citizens: It is only from a sense of the highest public duty that I feel called upon to address you at this time.—Burdened as I am with national concerns nothing but obligations to the people induce me to take upon my shoulders the additional work of directing your attention to matters affecting the state alone. But I have never felt or believed it to be the wish and intention of the people of South Carolina that my election to the senate should cause me to lose all interest and concern about home affairs. I was a citizen and taxpayer before I ever held any office at all and I will be a citizen and taxpayer after I shall cease to hold office. Therefore, it is unnatural and improper from my point of view for me to take no interest and have no thought about what is going on in South Carolina.

I have received a great deal of advice recently from the newspapers of our state to the effect that I should attend to my duties in Washington and leave others to discuss and direct affairs at home. The common trend of all of this advice is that I should discuss national questions in the coming state campaign, be re-elected to the senate, with or without opposition, and not stir up strife. I am warned and threatened should I not heed this counsel, but in spite of it all I feel compelled to speak to the people with my usual frankness and bluntness and let them determine the whole question. I have never sought to dictate to the people; I have only told them the truth as I see it, given my opinion for what they were worth, and I am always willing to abide by their action whatever that may be. It is so in this instance—It gives me no concern that my return to the senate may be jeopardized.

There are things more to be dreaded than the loss of a seat in the senate, one is the loss of my own self-respect. I have been trusted by the people of South Carolina and have been honored by them far beyond my deserts, have been chosen as their leader and been followed loyally. Now if after sixteen years I should from selfish motives betray their confidence and allow ambition to draw me aside from the path of duty, I would deserve and expect to receive their contempt and punishment at the polls. I, therefore, scorn all suggestions of cowardly non-interference in State affairs. The people know me too well to be fooled by the assertion that it is my desire to boss or dictate for my sole purpose is to give them the benefit of my experience and knowledge and offer such advice as in my judgment will be conducive to the public welfare. Then I will abide cheerfully by whatever conclusion they may reach.—“Teach the people and trust the people” was Jefferson's motto; teach the people and trust the people is equally my motto and that is all I shall attempt to do at this time.

Sixteen years ago there was a revolution in South Carolina which gave the common people

of the state for the first time in its history that recognition which was their due and made them in reality the masters of our public affairs. The old ring was overthrown; the primary system which gave every man however poor and humble an equal vote with every other man however rich and high followed; the new state constitution gave us temporary immunity from negro domination; the utmost freedom of discussion in all political activities was assured; and under these new impulses the state has bounded forward like a race horse along all progressive lines. There are not wanting however indications that sinister influences are at work and that a few men are seeking to obtain practical control of the state government and to dominate in our affairs. The corporations have not regained the sway which they once held but are gradually getting more and more influence and direction in our politics. There are evidences of more than “incipient rottenness” in the state, and if the scheme of certain men are not thwarted in the coming primary election, it will be only a short time before another “state ring” will have full sway in our affairs with its headquarters in the State newspaper office in Columbia.

There are several things in connection with our state government that I will discuss in the coming campaign, but in this address I shall treat of only two of the things the people of the state should earnestly consider now and take action about. One is the settlement of the whiskey question and the other is the control of the democratic party of the state by a majority of all of the democrats rather than by a small fraction of the voters. The two ideas are interlocked and cannot be separated and, therefore, I shall treat them together.

At this time by election held under the Brice Act fifteen counties in the states are enjoying the blessings of prohibition? (Two have always been dry). No whiskey can be lawfully sold within their borders. But any citizen living in those counties has only to keep his eyes open and look around him to see what the results have been.

First, let every man who reads a newspaper printed in those counties search its columns and see the advertisements of whiskey houses outside of the state and then let him go to the express offices along the lines of the railroads and see how much liquor is being daily brought into these 17 counties. Then let this citizen follow up this liquor and find out who drinks it; but before doing that turn to the editorial pages of the newspapers and see the constant allusions to the “blessings of prohibition,” “quietude,” “freedom from drunkenness,” “peace and good order,” that are proclaimed. Of course there are exceptions to this bright and beautiful picture as shown in the news items about the recent murder in a blind tiger in Greenville followed by a similar occurrence in Columbia, but upon the whole a man would be very much edified to know how much money flows into the coffers of these journals from whiskey advertisements, while the same papers are exploiting prohibition and sobriety.

A little calm consideration

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PERSONAL

Mr. Douglass McDowal, of Camden, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Miller is visiting relatives in Sumter.

Mr. J. E. Craig returned yesterday from a visit to Rock Hill.

Miss Lula Fletcher of Westville is visiting Miss Nannie Fletcher here.

Clerk of the Court J. F. Gregory spent Sunday in the Taxahaw section.

Mr. W. W. Barr and family moved from here to Yorkville yesterday.

Dr. J. P. Young, of Richburg, spent Sunday with Judge Ira B. Jones and family.

Mrs. D.-L. Tillman, of Cheraw, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Amos.

Mrs. J. E. Rutledge visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton, at Westville, the past week.

Mrs. F. E. Smith and children of Newport, came over Tuesday on a visit to the family of her father, Mr. M. J. Long.

Miss Brennie Thompson, of Riverside, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Williams.—Rock Hill Record.

Mrs. H. G. McIlwain, of Rock Hill, and her sister, Miss Julia Taylor, of Washington, D. C., were in town yesterday.

Miss Amelia Beckham, of Rock Hill, has been spending several days with Mrs. L. C. Harrison.

Mayor Carrison, of Camden, spent Friday night in Lancaster. He was the guest of Ex-Mayor Thomson while here.

Mr. A. C. McManus, of Rock Hill, who has been visiting his old home in the eastern part of the county, returned to Rock Hill Saturday afternoon.

Col. T. Y. Williams leaves today for Columbia to attend the meeting of the state democratic executive committee, of which he is a member.

Miss Marion Logan, of Yorkville, who is teaching school in the Douglass section, spent Sunday here with Mrs. J. T. Green.

Dr. M. P. Crawford returned Saturday from a visit to his brother, Dr. W. M. Crawford, at the Chester hospital, where he continues to improve in health.

Rev. R. E. Turnipseed paid a visit last week to Kershaw, where he was stationed before coming to Lancaster.

Coroner J. Montgomery Caskey, of Pleasant Hill, who has been sick for some time with grip, was able to come to town Monday.

Col. A. R. Banks, superintendent of the graded schools, went to Atlanta Saturday night, to attend the funeral in Decatur Sunday of his nephew, Dr. Alexander Mack, who died Saturday morning, of meningitis. Dr. Mack

was a son of the well known Presbyterian divine, Dr. J. B. Mack, and was prominent in his profession. He leaves a widow and four children.

Mr. Sam F. Massey, teacher of the Osceola school, was in town Monday. He paid this office a pleasant call while here.

Mrs. L. P. Roddey is expected to return this week from a visit to her sister in Yorkville, Mrs. R. J. Mackorell.

Mr. J. W. Caskey, of Athens, Ga., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Caskey, of New Cut, returned to Georgetown Monday.

Rev. P. B. Ingraham, of Lancaster, who has been under treatment at the hospital for rheumatism in his arm, left for his home this morning. He says he is well and ready for full duty.—Chester Lantern.

Cotton Warehouse.

Cotton Association to Build One in Lancaster--Application Made for Commission to Open Books of Subscription.

The Cotton Association is evidently in earnest about building a cotton warehouse in Lancaster. The committee having the matter in charge, composed of Messrs W. P. Caskey, T. W. McMurray, W. C. Hough, W. T. Vanlandingham, J. F. Williams and J. E. Porter, met here Saturday and formulated plans to go ahead with the work.

It was decided by the committee to make application, which has since been done, to the secretary of state for a commission to open books of subscription. As previously stated in The News, the capital stock is to be \$7,000, divided into 350 shares of \$20 each.

The Editor's Song.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance, without skipping a year;
Who lays down his dollar, and offers it glad y.
And cast 'round the office a halo of cheer.
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Who never says: "Stop it, I cannot afford it!"
"Or, "Getting more paper each day than I read!"
But always says "Send it, the whole outfit likes it."
In fact, we regard it as a business need."
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How welcome is he when he steps in the sanctum,
How he makes "our heart" throb, how he makes "our eye" dance!
We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance!
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American Printer.

A young man named B. Alvin Dennis was run over and killed by an electric car in Columbia Saturday.

Another Veteran Gone.

Mr. W. H. McManus Passes Away, at his Home in Chesterfield County.

Mr. W. H. McManus, a gallant old Confederate veteran who formerly resided in the Taxahaw section of this county, but who moved to Chesterfield county many years ago, died a few days ago at Middendorf, in Chesterfield. He was postmaster at Middendorf at the time of his death.

Mr. McManus was a nephew of Capt. Amos McManus, of Lancaster, and was a member of the latter's company during the war. He made a splendid record as a soldier. He lost an arm at the battle of Gettysburg. He leaves a widow and several children.

The Dog With \$20,000.

The dog that was distinguished by being left \$20,000 some time ago by his dying owner is not doing well. It is reported to have turned sickly and dissatisfied with life.

The executors seem to think that since the dog can enjoy the money only while it lives, the only proper thing for them to do is to spend as much of it as possible on the dog's immediate comfort.

They give him massage, chicken, mush and cream and other delicacies, until the poor dog, created for a different kind of life, is surfeited and sick.

Instead of enjoying its money, the lucky dog is losing its doghood, cannot look an honest dog in the face, and no doubt in its heart envies the mongrel curs of the streets that, though kicked about, have the blessing of independence, and, because they are half-starved, have the joy of appetite when knowing a bone.

Of course, there is nothing in the constitution or the statutes that prevents a rich man from willing his money away foolishly. Since he cannot take it with him, he must necessarily leave it to somebody, or something; and, though it is a sad sight to a good, honest dog sickened and ruined by it, still it is better that it is a dog than that it should be a human being.

Unfortunately most rich men, with more money than sense, inflict upon their own children the same woeful condition that has been put upon this too much money dog.—Atlanta Journal.

Margaret Adler, a colored woman, 75 years old, was convicted in Chester court last week of manslaughter and sentenced to 2 years in penitentiary.

In a row at Gaffney Jim Blanton shot three men. These Bright and son, Bod Bright, and Rufus Ray.