

JENNINGS LASHES BLEASE'S RECORD

ASSAILS GOVERNOR BITTERLY IN LEXINGTON.

Chief Executive Admits That Sharp is State Chairman of His Political Organization.

The State.

Lexington, July 24.—The campaign meeting here today was marked by the most severe arraignment of the governor's record during the campaign. The vitriolic utterance was from Mr. Jennings, who spoke directly after the chief executive, and several parts of it were in answer to statements made by Gov. Blease.

Alluding to Messrs. Jennings and Pollock, the governor said: "When men appear on the platform and spew out filth against a gentleman, I don't notice them. I never pay any attention to those who put themselves on a plane with John T. Duncan and Barney Evans."

In replying to this Mr. Jennings said he would suffer his hand to be paralyzed and his tongue to cleave to the roof of his mouth before he would speak to a man with such a record as that of the governor. He hoped his wife and children would desert him if he did, he said.

"During the last three and one-half years," the speaker went on, "the present governor has made the filthiest and most diabolical record ever made by a white man in South Carolina. He has debauched the State worse than Scott, Moses and Chamberlain of Radical times combined."

This record, he concluded, was "as filthy as the nest of a carrion crow." W. P. Pollock, though not as scathing in his denunciation today as usual, struck stinging blows at those who attempted to confuse the speaker and muffle his words when holding up "in its hideous nakedness" the governor's record.

A Pleasant Prospect.

One man from Columbia, who kept talking after the Cheraw candidate, was told that on August 25 the Bleasesites would be buried with their faces downward.

This he explained would be done so "if you scratch out you'll scratch out in hell."

Another was told: "Holler now, but two years hence, like Peter of old, you'll confess, 'I never knew him.'"

Senator Smith today was asked to discuss the record of opponents. To this his reply was that he was in the campaign to take care of his own record.

"I am not going around to nail out the rotten spots in the characters of other men," he added. "I haven't started a campaign of vilification and abuse. I am not here to hold up the pitiable failure of any poor human being, but here to hold up E. D. Smith's magnificent success."

The speech of the governor today was characterized by an unusual reference to The State, though the governor apologized to the crowd for making it, expressing the hope that lightning would not strike him while he did so.

"I want to thank The State for being fair to me, and I hope the lightning won't strike me while I do." He then added, "I want to thank The State for being fair enough to print this morning the full report on the Richey case."

Sharpe His Chairman.

Another departure from his customary speech today was the open statement by the governor that State Senator W. H. Sharpe of Lexington county was chairman of the Blease State organization. The governor ex-Francis H. Weston is attempting to machine, with a representative from each county composing the executive committee. The county sub-organization, he said was composed of one or two members from each club in the county.

Another interesting feature of the governor's speech was the charge that Francis H. Weston is attempting to disrupt the Democratic party in South Carolina.

In this connection the speaker said: "How long, I wonder, will Mr. Wilson allow the Democratic doctrine of Grover Cleveland, the good rule laid down by him that federal appointees should not participate in party politics, to be violated?"

Mr. Weston, the governor charged, was doing all in his power to disrupt the Democratic party in the State by splitting it up into factions in working for Senator Smith. This, he said, was being done that there might be an excuse to go to the general election in the event of the defeat of the anti-Blease forces.

The meeting today was largely attended, there being approximately 1,500 voters in attendance, many coming from Newberry county and a

large representation from Columbia. George Bell Trimmerman, county chairman, presided.

Senator Smith got another ride today, he being drawn to the grounds by a four-mule team. This wagon was followed by another load of farmers driving four gray mules, and this in turn by two other two-horse wagons loaded with "shouters." Five horse-men rode in advance of the pageant.

Another Demonstration.

The friends of Gov. Blease, too, got up a demonstration for the chief executive, and drove him to the yard in a wagon seated in a "pseudo" senatorial chair. Four young women were on the wagon with the governor. At the conclusion of his speech the governor was again placed on the platform and driven away. Before the float got out from the grove an electric wire caught in the trappings of the wagon and delayed the procession for an instant. Some wag in the anti-administration forces that remained behind jeocularly reminded the string of followers that "if you don't be careful, you'll electrocute the governor."

Storm at Pollock.

Mr. Pollock was the first speaker and was subjected to a storm of persistent interruptions by partisans of the governor's faith. When these were told that free speech and a free press were two of the greatest of American liberties, some retorted in a manner to discredit the speaker's statement.

"If you'd open your ears more to free speech and read more of the press, some of the scales would fall from your eyes, and there would be a better condition in South Carolina," the speaker shot back.

He was asked: "How much did Cole L. Blease pay for you?" adding, "if he paid as much as 20 cents, then he got cheated out of about 19 1-2."

Lexington hearers were told today that if they would examine the roll of delegates from this county to the State Democratic convention last May, on it they would find some Bleasesites who had voted the Bull Moose ticket.

The shooting down of Dr. James H. McIntosh was brought into the speeches again today. Mr. Pollock asked: "What is to come to pass when a doctor, who has been eulogized by the governor as a man who wouldn't lie, is shot down in the dark?"

"No," the speaker went on, "Dr. McIntosh wouldn't lie, but you dirty cowards know that you lie when you accuse Dr. McIntosh of shooting himself."

The Spartanburg speech of the governor, in which the chief executive is said to have advised the shooting down of any physician who attempted to examine the daughter of any one in compliance with the proposed medical inspection school measure, was then discussed.

Calls it Anarchy.

"When the governor preaches that kind of anarchy, are you surprised that a man would hide in the darkness and press a pistol to Dr. McIntosh's body and shoot him?"

The crime, the speaker said, had been committed by some poor deluded follower of the governor, who had been wrought up by such inflammatory remarks, and who thought that he was doing the chief executive a real service.

If the governor should be sent to the United States senate, the governor, the speaker said, would neutralize the good work that Senator Tillman is doing, and would leave the State practically without representation. The governor, he added, could not and would not work in double harness with anyone.

Senator Smith made his usual speech. The Smith bill to curb cotton exchanges on Wall street and to guarantee that contracts shall be filled with the same quality of grades as contracted for, was explained to an attentive group of farmers, who largely made up the Lexington audience.

The new banking and currency law, particularly the amendment granting an extension of six months for farmers' notes, and providing that farm products and real estate shall become collateral also evoked much interest.

Prices for Cotton Higher.

It was the sett of standardized grades that possibly created the most interest among the voters from the rural districts. By this it was demonstrated that last year a difference of \$15 per bale was made between good ordinary and middling grades, when by the government tests there was no real difference.

The opponents of Senator Smith were told today that they charged themselves with hypocrisy when they said that no one man could either raise or lower the price of cotton, if they intended to go to the senate and open their mouths to help better the price.

Several bunches of flowers were

brought to Senator Smith by little girls, who filed by and delivered them. This was duplicated when the governor had finished, a bunch of girls passing across the stage, each depositing a bouquet for the governor. In referring today to the shooting of Dr. McIntosh, the governor said that when Judge Ernest Gary was held up and relieved of his watch it was looked upon as "a nice trick." But when Dr. McIntosh is held up by some thief, he added, the cry of lawlessness is set up.

Again today the governor reviewed the "humiliating" procedure of enrolling under the new primary rules.

Senator Smith was charged with never getting a bill through the United States senate, and the Lexington audience was told that the appropriation asked for by Senator Smith for the Congaree river dredging was lost through the inability of Senator Smith to accomplish anything in the United States senate. This appropriation, he added, according to information which had been given him, was that the matter had been placed in charge of Congressman Lever.

Mr. Jennings who spoke last, was the only speaker who got a quiet hearing, and made today the most militant speech of the campaign.

Another Parole Case.

This candidate cited another case of clemency to a prisoner convicted of the unmentionable crime, similar to that of the Richey case, in each the little girl being the adopted daughter of the convicted man.

Other instances of flagrant violations of public conscience in the granting of pardons were enumerated each of which seemed to grip the Lexington crowd.

The two letters written by the governor relative to Dr. Eleanora B. Saunders were characterized by the speaker "as the like of which had never been written by the lowest man who ever walked the face of the earth."

Some one reminded Mr. Jennings that the governor had said that the Lord was fighting on his side.

"If God is fighting his fight," Mr. Jennings replied, "then it's the God of Pilate and other men of that type."

Mr. Jennings today pointed out that the 1 mill extra school tax levy measure, which the governor said would cause the last legislative session to go down in history, had been vetoed by the governor and that the measure had to become law over the governor's veto.

ELEVATED PLAYGROUNDS

Plan to Give Kiddies Recreation Spaces in Crowded New York.

New York Sun. Hugh E. McLaughlin, civil engineer from the Bronx, proposes the building of elevated parks and playgrounds in the congested East Side section of Manhattan borough, along First avenue north of Twenty-third street and along Second avenue south of Twenty-third street. Last winter he made an exhibit of his idea at the city planning exhibit at the New York public library. In speaking of the matter the other day Mr. McLaughlin said:

"Such men as Amos Pinchot, Julius Cohen, Dudley Wakne, Gen. Wingate, Thomas W. Churchill, Charles Dana Gibson, Gutzon Borglum and active philanthropists wrote me strong letters of support and approval. About a month ago the matter was again taken up publicly. During the winter I sent copies of the plan to members of the city administration.

"Today the administration is building the first elevated playground at the westerly approach of the Williamsburg bridge, Commissioner Kracke in charge. The completion will be early in July.

"I have no part in the construction and my work has been given gratis, as I tried to get the moral support of those interested and will continue to do so properly.

"At present in Manhattan there are elevated railroad structures on First avenue south of Twenty-third street, on Second avenue north of Twenty-third street, on Third avenue entirely, on Park avenue through Harlem, on Sixth and Eighth avenues in part and on lower Ninth avenue.

"As indicated, Second avenue has no elevated railroad below Twenty-third street and First avenue none above Twenty-third street, so that on these avenues the proposed ornamental parks and playgrounds can be built.

"The plan obviously offers a wide range to the fancy of the park maker and to the hopes of the playground enthusiast. Tennis courts and a covered baseball diamond are shown with the parks alternately arranged.

"Running tracks, gymnasium apparatus and football fields could readily be provided in their continuous structures.

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