

SHOULD TURN TO THE FUTURE.

Many Good Men Voted to Give Blease Third Term, Declares Tillman.

To the People of South Carolina: The election is over. Manning is renominated and Blease has missed the third term he coveted so much. I hope that I will not be misunderstood if, as your old and trusted servant, I make a few observations and give some advice.

There are approximately 65,000 South Carolinians who wanted Blease for their governor despite his record, and I am convinced that 45,000 or more of these voters are good men and true. They voted for Blease because they honestly believed he was the better of the two candidates. I know they were mistaken, woefully mistaken, but they would have been recreant in their duty to the State had they not voted as their consciences dictated. There are too many voters not alive to their duty as citizens, and they were easily misled by a selfish demagogue. Lack of thought, not viciousness, was responsible for the hold that Blease got on the people. They did not stop to analyze the difference between demagoguery and statesmanship. Being honest and straightforward themselves, they did not suspect Blease. His striking personality, his ability as a stump speaker and his genius for organization were too much for them. When he proclaimed himself the heir of Tillman and the reform movement, these 45,000 good men took him at his word and followed him. History is full of like instances.

It grieved me to see so many of my old friends bamboozled by Blease, but I know their hearts are right and that in time they will see the difference between true Tillmanism and false—the kind that Blease teaches. The old reformers were blinded and misled, but at the same time their ardent and unselfish support of what they thought were the principles I taught them long ago excited my admiration, respect and affection. In their splendid loyalty to true democracy as they see it lies at once the promise and the hope of good government in South Carolina. Let a real statesman arise, and these men will be even more loyal to him than they were to Blease—and as they always were to me.

Now that the election is over, look calmly down into your own hearts—I am speaking to the 45,000 patriotic Blease men—and see if your position was well taken. The heat of the conflict is past, and you can now see clearly. Ask yourselves—nobody need know you are doing it—why all the tinhorn gamblers, all the blind tigers, all the redlight habitues, all the criminals—those who have been pardoned and those not yet caught and convicted—were for, Blease. What have you in common with these men, these vicious parasites on the body politic? Nothing; for you are good men and they are bad.

There are those who have said that the reform movement was responsible for Bleaseism. I, as the leader and organizer of that revolution, deny the charge. The reform movement had certain definite, constructive aims in view. 1. To teach the people the power of the ballot and thus free the State from an oligarchy which had ruled it for 100 years. 2. To provide means for educating the enlarged electorate. 3. To safeguard the State, as far as possible, from negro participation in politics. "By their fruits ye shall know them." I point to the primary system of elections, to Clemson and Winthrop colleges, and to the constitution of 1895 as the fulfillment of the purposes of the reform movement. The positiveness of 1896 never could have produced the negation of 1910 and 1912.

He who charges that Tillmanism gave legitimate birth to Bleaseism expresses his own disbelief in democracy. The reform movement made the people of the State free political agents. Will anybody dare deny that that was a good thing? "Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed." Tillmanism gave the ballot to the people and taught them its potency—which all Democrats must admit was right and proper; it is not responsible for the mistaken use of a rightful power. I am a Democrat, and the defeat of Blease in 1914 and 1916 renews my faith in the people. If the reform movement elected Blease, what defeated him?

I am growing old, and before I die I would like to see the people of South Carolina forget their differences and bury factionalism. Factions are the result of misunderstandings and social injustice. Let all the people, Bleasites and anti-Bleasites, come together in a spirit of mutual helpfulness, clearing up the misunderstandings and working together to remedy the injustices that are but too many. The vast majority of both factions—thank God!—are honest men, and surely honest men can find common ground to stand on. B. R. TILLMAN. Trenton.

BOLT MAY BE OUTCOME.

Blesee Organ Discusses Chance of "Revolt."—"Steal" Now Alleged.

Since the second primary election rumors have been in circulation that overtures had been made to leaders of the losing faction, looking to a bolt on their part into the Republican party. These have been hard to confirm, but the Charleston American, avowedly a Blease organ, features as the leading first page article in its issue of yesterday a Columbia dispatch from which the following is an extract:

"The fact that this is a presidential election year is recalled by the various factions in the Republican party holding conventions in Columbia today, and it is rumored that efforts are being made to win over leaders of the Democratic factions who are dissatisfied with what they term the 'election steal,' and because of that consider themselves absolved from the primary oath on the ground that 'fraud vitiates all contracts.'

"It is certain that there never was more danger of a formidable revolt in the Democratic party against bossism and partisanship on the part of the State chairman, than at present, and every section of the State seems to reflect that sentiment to more or less degree. Just what effect this revolutionary spirit will have on Republican politics is hard to tell, but the next few days will disclose their plans in that respect.

"J. D. Adams, Republican national committeeman for South Carolina, was asked if he knew anything about these rumors or cared to make a statement concerning their authenticity, he only remarked, 'Yes, I have heard the rumors, but have given out all I care to at this time.'

"It is significant that just at this time all factions of the Republican party have put out all white, and entirely respectable electoral tickets."

The Columbia correspondent of the Charleston American was private secretary to Mr. Blease during his two terms as governor, and at present holds a similar relation to the State warehouse commissioner, John L. McLaurin. The dispatch quoted is not signed, however.

The American also says: "While definite information as to what course will be adopted by Mr. Blease and his advisers is not yet obtainable, still the constant stream of visitors from every part of the State to his headquarters and the ominous silence observed is taken to mean that something definite is in the wind."

"All of the presidential electors nominated by the two South Carolina factions of the Republican party, the one headed by Duncan Adams, the other by J. W. Tolbert, are white men. But the rank and file of the 'old line' group, led by Mr. Tolbert, is composed mostly of negroes, and Mr. Adams, when asked Thursday if his organization would bar negroes, answered in the negative. 'We will welcome all worthy adherents,' he said.—The State.

Refuses to Join Hughes's Party.

The Spartanburg Journal says:

Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the Church of the Advent, received a letter from Theodore E. Burton inviting him to join the Hughes's National College league. Mr. Burton is president of the league and the letter gave many reasons why Mr. Pendleton should join it. Mr. Pendleton sent a reply to Mr. Burton in which he refused to join the league, and gave his reasons. The letter sent by Mr. Pendleton is as follows: "Hughes's National College league, 511 Fifth Avenue, New York.

"Gentlemen: Your letter of September 8th inviting me to become a member of the Hughes's National College league has been received. I fail to see how the appeal to the college man operates any more in the case of Mr. Hughes than of Mr. Wilson, who was the president of one of our great educational institutions. In fact, I disagree entirely with the substance of this appeal on your part and believe that the record of Mr. Wilson's administration, with the enactment of the federal reserve law, which has saved the South from panic under most trying conditions, the creation of an army and navy, and the enactment of the child labor law, and many other accomplishments, for which I refer you to his speech of acceptance at Shadow Lawn—this record has made congressional accomplishments for the past twenty years look small. Nor am I greatly drawn to Justice Hughes by the substance or method of his campaign speeches. I had looked forward to a battle of the giants, an intellectual contest along lines of statesmanship. I read only continual criticism of the administration and am distressed to find an unwillingness on his part to recognize any good in an administration which in some features has challenged the admiration and respect of the country. I look in vain for any statements as to his own policy or methods of work. I am unable to

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"You are of course entitled to your opinion and I respect you and other gentlemen the more for holding such opinions, but it is futile to appeal to one who is so entirely in accord with the Wilson administration for any good wishes or support in your effort to defeat Mr. Wilson.

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To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Orangeburg, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated, April 8th, 1916.

J. STOKES SALLEY,
E. H. HENDERSON,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

To the defendant, J. J. Wilson: Take notice that the complaint in this action, together with the summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Bamberg County, S. C., on the 2nd day of June, 1916.

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