

**TILLMAN TALKS ABOUT POLITICS**

**States Plainly His Opinion of Gov. Blease—Thinks Democrats Have Golden Opportunity in 1912 if They Act Wisely and Conservatively.**

Senator Tillman was in Columbia yesterday to attend the meeting of the Winthrop college board of trustees. He talked about national politics, the prospects of the Democratic and Republican party, said Joe Bailey was the smartest man in Washington, gave his views on the tariff and the chances of reciprocity passing the senate, talked about his health and the election of 1912, commented upon the Democratic presidential possibilities and gave his definite opinion of Gov. Blease.

"What do you think of Joe Bailey?" was asked.

"Oh, Bailey got into a pit and went off half-cocked. In my opinion, he is the ablest man in Washington and one of the smartest I ever knew in national politics," he replied.

He added that Bailey had split open his own head with his own hatchet and that "he did come back."

"What do you think of Gov. Blease?" he was asked.

**Opinion of Governor.**

"I expressed my opinion of him a long time ago. He has disappointed me somewhat. He has not managed to keep his poise with all the nagging he has received at the hands of the press," was the answer of the senator.

Senator Tillman defended Gov. Blease's pardon record by stating that it was a case of an accumulation of meritorious cases that had congested during the two terms of Gov. Ansel. He then switched off of the chief executive and was willing to talk on any other subject.

"Will you be a candidate for another term in the senate?"

"That depends on my health," he replied. He said that he looked strong but that he was a very weak man.

"I look into the glass and say, 'Yes, that is Ben Tillman,' but when I try my old pranks I find I can not do a thing," he remarked in characteristic manner.

Senator Tillman said that he did not know whether he would return to Washington for the extra session of congress. "I have my vote paired in the senate," he said.

The senator does not know whether reciprocity will get through the senate. He thought it would very probably strike a snag there. "I don't know the attitude of the senate on the question," he said.

**Predicts a Split.**

Senator Tillman predicted a split in both parties and said that a new party was sure to be formed. The Democratic party, he said, must stand by retrenchment. "If the Democratic party has the statesmanship it will seize the opportunity and hold the reins as long as it pleases." He declared that the party must cut down expenditures and do away with the useless offices given by the Republican administration. He characterized the new office building for the members of the senate as a useless expense and cited a magazine attack on the structure.

"If the Democratic party fails to clean up the house," he said, "another party will spring up."

Asked as to the chances of the Democratic party to secure the presidency, he said: "Gov. Harmon of Ohio has the best chance. He has made a good governor."

"The Democratic party is embarrassed with riches, for they have a wealth of material to select a candidate from. They are all men of high character and are able—Wilson, Harmon and Champ Clark. Wilson is evidently a very bright and strong man, with will power. He does things which the people wish to see done," he said.

"The Democratic party," he declared, "has a golden opportunity to win the next presidency if they are wise and conservative, and not conservative enough to be considered cowards and show that they are not in the game merely for the offices."

Senator Tillman considers Champ Clark an able man, as he is a droll and witty speaker. "I would like to see him president," he said, "but I don't think that his time has come." Senator Tillman is of the opinion that if Mr. Clark, as speaker, handles the house wisely and conservatively that he will some day be the president of the United States.

"I am not dealing in sensations," said Senator Tillman, when asked if he had any comment to make on Theodore Roosevelt. He then talked extensively on Booker Washington, saying that he had been knocked out for fighting with the wife of a bartender.

Going more into detail on national affairs, Senator Tillman said:

"I think the last election hinged on the tariff and that the Democrats were commissioned by the people to reform the tariff because the Republicans had failed to reduce it as they prom-

ised.

"If the house of representatives doesn't carry out this policy it will be a great disappointment to the people. They will miss the first opportunity the party has had since the war to restore themselves in the confidence of the country."

"The idea of a tariff for revenue only preposterous in the light of the magnitude of our expenditures. We have a billion-dollar congress every session and while there is much extravagance and any number of useless offices the country will not take kindly to any radical or ultra changes."

"The party ought to follow the old Latin maxim. In medio tutissimus ibis (you will walk safest in the middle of the road). Which means that we must have a tariff sufficiently large to get the expenditures required by the government, and yet not interfere with the business interests of the country."

"Free trade is a dream that will never be realized," he continued, "and any one acquainted with Washington at all knows how hard it is to abolish any office at all. It is therefore a difficult role the Democrats have to play and it will require wisdom and good judgment to keep off the rocks."

"If the house of representatives, which is Democratic for the first time in a long while, passes a tariff law and the senate rejects that tariff law, this law will become the issue on which the next campaign will be fought."

"Any deficit ought to be made up by levying a graduated income tax and thus make the multi-millionaires who have been multiplied and manufactured by the iniquitous Republican tariff legislation, bear their just share of the burdens of the government."

"I am tired and sick unto death of having Andrew Carnegie boast of having made 43 millionaires and having John D. Rockefeller scatter millions around as though they were dimes, when I know that but for the unjust and one-sided Republican legislation and failure to enforce the laws neither of them would have so much money which has been wrung from the people and not honestly earned."

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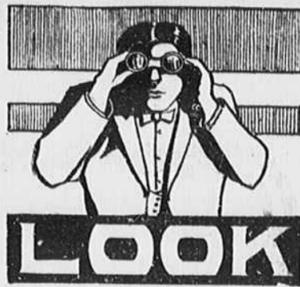
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