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**LIKELY TO BE A FACTOR.**  
 The future movements of Hon. John L. McLaurin is giving some people concern. They are constantly asking whether or not he is to be the downfall of Senator B. R. Tillman. We have had no information on the subject, and can only do as others—guess. In our opinion, McLaurin will be a thorn in Tillman's flesh. Senator Tillman has made enemies of many of his former friends and he has made friends from among his former enemies. There is however, a great difference in the two classes. The former left him because they were disappointed in his sincerity, and also because of what they regard his utter lack of appreciation and gratitude; his selfishness, greed and domination. The latter came to him because they recognized that Tillman was a power, and the only way for them to reach the political pie counter was to first sacrifice their principles, and this they did to get political recognition; this class are with Tillman for what they can get, and as soon as they get an opportunity to stab him, the dagger will be drawn. Therefore it is our opinion, that Tillman cannot win back his former friends, and he cannot trust his former enemies; with that condition existing, the opposition to Tillman in 1906 will be strong enough to defeat him, whether it is done by McLaurin or some one else.

The fact of McLaurin declining two fine appointments from the administration has had much to do with convincing people of his sincerity in the positions he took, and for which Tillman succeeded in arousing such a strong prejudice against him with the people. The sentiment is changing in his favor every day. The exposure of the hypocrisy of J. K. Jones the chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, has had something to do with helping McLaurin. It will be remembered that this man Jones was largely instrumental in causing McLaurin to refuse to go into the Democratic caucus, McLaurin taking the position, the committee was controlled by Populists and Silver Republicans, and that he had no confidence in Jones the Chairman of the Democratic party, that he would not be bound by such men. Jones knowing Tillman's personal hatred for McLaurin, joined Tillman to discredit McLaurin with his people, and the pair lost no opportunity to cripple him at home.

Jones branded McLaurin a traitor because he changed his views on the Paris treaty, McLaurin explained his reason, but all to no purpose, Jones kept on hounding him, and filled the newspapers full of hints that McLaurin had been corrupted by the President. The treaty was ratified, and when President McKinley went to make up the Philippine commission he offered McLaurin a place on it, which he declined. This commission is made up of three Republicans and two Democrats, and McLaurin was tendered the place as a Democrat. When McLaurin declined this well paying appointment his enemies said he was after a judgeship which is a life-time job; well, the judgeship was tendered, and declined. Now, these enemies have reached the end of their row, there is nothing else they can say McLaurin is after, and a state of uneasiness has taken a hold of them for fear McLaurin will come to the front and smash the idol they are worshipping.

This great Jones who charged McLaurin with being a traitor, is the chairman of the National Democratic party; it was proven that he was at the head of the round cotton bale trust, while he was denouncing trusts. He was defeated for re-election by the people of Arkansas on account of this hypocrisy. He claimed, and with Tillman, made many people believe it, that McLaurin betrayed his party by voting for the Paris treaty to get an appointment, while Jones afterwards deserted his party associates, and changed his vote on the canal bill, and then became an applicant for a position on the commission. The difference is plain, McLaurin changed his vote, because he honestly believed it was for the best interests of his people and refused tendered positions, and Jones changed his, the result of a bargain and came forward to demand his pay. These are matters which will weigh in the minds of the people, and go largely towards restoring confidence in McLaurin. We believe with a great many that McLaurin will be a strong factor in politics in 1906 if he chooses to be, because by that time these

national questions will be better understood and the present leaders will be unable to hold their grip, obtained by a desire on the part of the people to get relief, while they were in the any- port-in-a-storm condition, and ready to grasp almost any kind of a promise, that politicians could invent.  
 The little court house rings, with their henchmen, in and out of town, are fearing the rising up of the people with the cry "clean sweep." They are trembling in their boots" lest some daring individual comes forward to lead, and drive them from their occupations. There is a political revolution brewing, and two years hence, it will burst forth in its fury. The frauds perpetrated in the recent primary in nearly every county in the State are now, and will continue, to rankle in the breasts of the people whose suffrages were stolen, and when the next primary comes off, methods will be adopted to prevent these outrageous frauds. Counties that polled a vote in excess of their white voting population are known, and will be kept under suspicion; means will be found to correct the evil, and by 1906 the primary system will be freed from its rottenness, so that the choice of the people honestly expressed, can be obtained, or done away with altogether. We favor the primary system, and will do all we can to purify it; we believe it is the best way of letting the people have a voice in the government, but when it becomes so that the majority are to be robbed by "Repeaters" or "ballot-box stuffing," and by voting men who did not go to the polls and the returns show more votes than there are legal voters, it is time for honest men to come to the front and do something for their country.

**THERE WILL BE A HOT TIME.**  
 There is certainly something doing in the cotton seed oil industry, which we fear portends harm to the toilers of the earth, and while it may bring smiles to those who never sweat now, they too, will learn that they have sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind. The cotton seed oil trust has recently made a dicker with Hallgarten & Co. and Blair & Co., by which it has made a sale of \$7,000,000 of bonds, thus putting it in possession of funds to increase its resources. It will be remembered that last summer the trust bought control of potash in Germany, and now by increasing its resources with the issuance of \$7,000,000 will enable it to buy more mills, put up new ones where it cannot buy, and then dictate prices. We feel sure the trust will sooner or later take in every mill in the country, even to the smaller trust, sailing under the deceptive name of "association." The whole business is a trust and nothing more, and its purpose is to make all the money that conditions will permit, and as rapidly as possible regardless of the effect upon those whom this money is made out of.

It is a source of gratification to hear that many of the white farmers are hauling their seed back from the gins and are not being cajoled into selling by the 27 cents per bushel offer. They reason the matter sensibly, the more paid for the seed the more will the meal cost, and if the mills can make a profit out of the seed after undergoing the enormous expense, then it surely must be equally as profitable to the farmer to keep it, especially, since it is known that the mills do not add anything, but on the other hand they take away a good portion of the fertilizing properties of the seed. Our information is that most of the seed sold come from negro tenants, and if we are correct in our conclusions, this can be remedied another year by the land owners stipulating in their rent agreements that the seed shall be returned to the land.

If the big trust has issued the \$7,000,000 bonds to crush out the "associations" and other trusts in their way, it looks to us as if cotton seed meal will be cheaper a little later on. We can rest assured of one thing, and that is, the "association" will not sell any lower than the trust, and the "association" will not lower its prices unless forced to do so by the trust. We believe however, the indications are that a cotton seed meal war is on, and we base our suspicions, not upon any definite information we have, but from the anxiety to get contracts for meal closed for future delivery. Whenever we see in any line of business an anxiety to push sales for future delivery, in nine cases out of ten, it means that trouble is looked for, and those who are loaded are uneasy and want to unload, before they get crushed under the heavy weight. Whether there is anything in our surmises or not, the farmers are in a position to resist anything like imposition and robbery; if they will hold their seed, and the trusts push prices up on them, they can let the trusts keep their yellow dust, while they utilize the seed on their lands. The result will be that the trusts will be cautious in the future, how it tries to throttle the farmer. In our opinion, it would be a blessing to the farmers of the country if cotton seed meal was to jump up to \$50 per ton, then they would let the mills keep it, and it would not take much persuasion thereafter to save the farmers from these destroying enticements.

**DON'T NEED THEM.**  
 Among the many recommendations by the press for the consideration of our legislators, is a proposition to establish county courts, a measure of the sort was introduced before and we opposed it on the ground that it would only add to the expenses, and furnish jobs for lawyers who cannot make a living at the practice. Our present system might be greatly improved by giving the magistrate at the county seat greater jurisdiction in criminal cases. Let him have the power to try cases which inflict a penalty of two years on the chaingang; when this is done, the people would recognize the importance of the office and would select competent men for the place, and they would be willing to pay a salary to compensate a competent man to the office. If the jurisdiction of the court house magistrate is extended, that officer would try most of the cases which are now tried by the circuit court and which causes the dockets to be so congested that civil cases are very seldom reached. The courts are kept busy with offenders that could very well be tried in an inferior tribunal without detriment to the rights of the accused.

If county courts are established it would necessitate the drawing of jurors monthly, the services of a county prosecuting attorney, and other officers, all of which would greatly add to our taxes, and in our opinion would work very unsatisfactory. The only good we can see in the establishment of county courts, is to open up a pension bureau for members of the legal profession, who have not the ability to build a practice, or who have not the character to inspire the confidence, which is necessary for people to entrust them with their business. To be a Judge of a county court a man would have to be a member of the Bar, and so would also the prosecuting attorney, thus it will be seen that the county court project is solely in the interest of the legal profession; everybody knows that a lawyer with reputation and practice would not accept a county judgeship at a salary of \$500 or \$600 a year, if he has any standing at all he would make in his practice many times that sum, therefore it must be seen that to get poor material for these places the people would be better off without it.

Our magistrate system is all right, the country magistrates could try the minor cases, and when a case of gravity arises, they could send it to the court house magistrate who with the jurisdiction as suggested could try the case, and relieve the circuit court, and the people of the expense of jail fees, and several days jury pay.

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**CHILD LABOR.**  
 The question of child labor in our industrial establishments is giving our political thinkers much concern. It is a problem that should not be worked on sentimental lines, but one which should be gravely considered. Like all other questions this, has two sides—the sentimental and the practical. Those favoring a law prohibiting the employment of children in cotton mills, simply content themselves with what they designate a "humanitarian standpoint," we have never seen where they offer anything to protect these children from suffering when they are taken from employment. Compulsory education cannot be operated in this State, and the reason is obvious, therefore there is no guarantee that the children taken by law out of the mills would go to school. If they do not go to school, and are not allowed to work, we would like to know how those favoring the law are going to prevent vagabondage? We know that many

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are advocating a child labor bill, believing it to be right, but there are many more advocating it, because they believe it popular. We cannot see where the good will result to the children by such legislation, and therefore believe it is a matter which can be more satisfactorily adjusted by the parents and the managers of the mills. If we could successfully enforce a compulsory education law, without bankrupting the State we would be willing to take the chances of providing food to those compelled to go to school, but to take these children away from work, and not have them go to school, would in our opinion be doing greater damage than to let them work out their destiny in their own way.  
 We take no stock in legislation which is calculated to create discontent among labor, it has a tendency to encourage idleness, and it breeds an element that thrive on clashes between labor and capital, it brings about strikes and suffering, and the laborer is the one who does the suffering. These labor agitators are like politicians, and are constantly figuring to create issues between the employer and the employee and by this means they secure their means of livelihood; they organize unions, get salaried positions, and out of the fees paid in by those who toil and sweat these fellows grow fat.

**The Worst Form.**  
 Multitudes are singing the praises of Kodol, the new discovery which is making so many sick people well and weak people strong by digesting what they eat, by cleansing and sweetening the stomach and by transforming their food into the kind of pure, rich, red blood that makes you feel good all over. Mrs. Cranfill of Troy, N. Y., writes: "For a number of years I was troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia, which grew into the worst form. Finally I was induced to use Kodol and after using four bottles I am entirely cured. I heartily recommend Kodol to all sufferers from indigestion and dyspepsia. Take a dose after meals. It digests what you eat. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store."

There is a great amount of stress being put by the Democratic press, on Speaker D. B. Henderson's declining the nomination for re-election. It looks like there is some dissatisfaction in the speaker's district on account of the tariff, and as he is not in accord with the declarations of the platform of his party on this question he would not run. Whether the Henderson incident is a pointer going to show that sentiment is veering around towards a Democratic congress we do not know, but that is the impression the Democratic newspapers would make. Suppose the coming congressional elections show a Democratic tidal wave and gives an overwhelming Democratic majority, what would it amount to, further than a change of personality? The senate is Republican, and the Democrats in the lower House could do nothing. In our opinion, with the senate in control of one party and the House by another, the people get between the upper and nether stones and suffer for the need of legislation which they cannot get on account of party jealousy or advantage. If Speaker Henderson's retirement had taken place on the eve of a presidential election it might have given us some advantage, but we can see very little in it at this time.

**His Life is Peril.**  
 "I just seemed to have gone all to pieces," writes Alfred Bee of Welfare, Tex., "biliousness and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, can eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run-down people. Try them. Only 50c at The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

**A FULL HOUSE.**  
 It begins to look as if the Democrats in the various States of the Union are turning their backs upon Bryanism, and getting back to where they were when led by Grover Cleveland. Five silver is no longer the battle cry, and "tariff for revenue only" will again be the song of Democracy. Just as soon as the anti-free silverites succeed in controlling the next national convention, we look for Teller, DuBois, Pettigrew and the rest of the Republicans now sitting in Democratic councils to go back to their first love—the republican party. It is this aggregation of statesmen which now have a powerful influence in weighing down the Democratic party. Teller was chairman of the commission which robbed Samuel J. Tilden of the presidency in 1876, the first president the Democratic party elected after the war, DuBois was chairman of the Republican steering committee in congress about six years ago, and Pettigrew is an anarchist elected to the senate by Republicans and Populists, these men hold high seats in the Democratic caucus of which J. K. Jones presides over, and in which John L. McLaurin refused to enter. The next national convention will scrape these barnacles off from the Democratic ship and perhaps with a safe captain at the helm the party may be guided into a haven of victory.  
**Forty Years' Torture.**  
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