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TILLMAN TO GOVERNOR BLEASE

South Carolina Senator Exhorts the Governor to be Good.

In an open letter to Governor Cole L. Blease, Senator B. E. Tillman, in characteristic language, rebuffs the oft repeated assertion in South Carolina that Bleasism is Tillmanism.

The Senator asks Blease to meet the criminal charges that have been brought against him, denounces his methods and urges him to try to be a "decent Governor."

"Tillmanism means genuine Democracy, the rule of the people, of all the white people—rich and poor alike with special privileges and favors to none, with equality of opportunity and equality of burden to all," says the Senator. Bleasism, on the contrary, means personal ambition and greed for office—the office to be used not for the welfare of all the people and of the State, but for Blease and his friends, none other need apply."

Further he says "you never shall, if I can prevent it, carry out your threat to make the people of South Carolina 'sweat blood' because so many of them have not been bamboozled and debauched by your demagogic appeals." Again referring to the difference between Tillmanism and Bleasism he says:

"I want those who consider Bleasism as Tillmanism to take this contrast into consideration when they make up their final judgement. Tillmanism as Tillman preaches it and has always preached it is noble, high and elevating. Bleasism is selfish, low dirty and revengeful."

The Senator rejoices in the vote he received in the recent primary from those who have always opposed him but charges Blease with having stolen the vote of the old line Tillmanites from him.

Concluding his letter, which is quite lengthy, Senator Tillman says:

"If you can clear yourself of the foul accusations made against you in the Governor's office and will pursue a wholly different policy, there is some future for you in the State. If you do not your name will go down in history as the very worst native South Carolinian who was ever Governor, Moses not excepted. I repeat you are eminently qualified to be Governor so far as brains go, and if you reform and make good in the two years you have yet to serve in that office the people may forgive you. But you must be Governor of the whole people and not for your friends alone and they will take care of your future destiny, always supposing that you clear yourself of the infamous charges that have been brought against you. For unless you do that you can never hope to aspire to higher promotion, for the people of South Carolina will never send to Washington a man not above suspicion. For the honor of the State I hope you can and will clear yourself. May God forgive you for the sins you have committed against yourself and the people of this State."

"Governor Blease, you are given another opportunity. Will you make use of it and show them you are a man and not a demagogue? Put the devil behind you and be the Governor of all the people instead of your friends alone."

BLEASE REPLIES TO TILLMAN.

Your letter has been carefully read and it but adds to the efforts which have already been made by the newspapers and others to discredit the people of South Carolina, by charging them with dishonesty and injuring them by holding them up to the world, that her government is selfish and corrupt," says Governor Blease in his letter replying to Senator Tillman. Charging that the newspapers were fighting him bitterly because of his veto of the libel bill, the Governor says: "Since then no act of mine has met with the approval of the editors, but on the contrary every suggestion of mine, whether it be for the best interests of the State or not, has been fought and sneered at." Continuing he says that the newspapers have done great injury to the State, but that the people "knowing that the newspapers were publishing what was untrue and that they were unfair, have been made

FOX FARM RUN BY A BROOKLYN MAN

James A. Kane Raises Peltis For Fur Coats Out On His Pennsylvania "Estate."

New York, Sept. 2.—James A. Kane of 489 Third street, Brooklyn, raises foxes, though many of his neighbors don't know it. They need not learn it with misgiving, however, Mr. Kane's fox farm is not in Third street, but at Boothwyn in Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

It's a long way from Hudson bay to Delaware county, but there will be promenaders of Broadway and Fifth avenue this winter whose "wild fox" skins really came from peaceful surroundings in Pennsylvania.

The fox ranch apparently is more profitable than the adjoining farm screened by a wood. The sight of Mr. Kane's automobile has caused the farmers to wonder whether or not it would not be a good business move to leave farming for fox breeding.

Mr. Kane at present has about 200 foxes ready for marketing and has orders for as many as he can raise. The runs in which the foxes live and breed are screened in a valley and are screened by a wood. Only the barking of the red coated animals at meal time shows that an unusual industry is being carried on.

Hounds of the neighboring farmers first gave away the secret. The crisp atmosphere carried the scent afar, the hounds became restless, gave noise and followed the scent, only to wind up on the outside of the wire enclosed, ranch.

Mr. Kane has made a science of the breeding of foxes. He has experimented with silver tipped foxes and with black foxes, but he believes that the red coated, finely marked reyaards give the best results in this climate.

A Jamaican negro is the active manager of the fox farm. He has brought the captives into a remarkable state of tameness. They show absolutely no fear of him and wait to be petted when he enters the runways at feeding time. He has trained several of them in much the same manner as a person would train a dog and they have been taught to run after a ball and fetch it back, receiving in payment an apple or a carrot.

Unlike their brothers bred in the woods the tame foxes eschew meat. Rice pudding is their favorite and their principal diet. It not only agrees with them, according to the Jamaican manager, but it makes their skins fine and glossy.

Morning, noon and night the foxes are fed. The older animals gather almost to the minute of meal time around the feeding boxes and when the keeper appears they almost knock him over in their anxiety to get at the rice pudding.

Mr. Kane has owned the fox farm for nearly 10 years and even now he is not anxious that any person, other than those with whom he does business, should know it. He declares absolute quiet is necessary for the successful raising of foxes.

Shelter of concrete have been erected for the animals. Beds of straw are provided in the shelters, but they shun them for their own bunks, made in the artificial caverns and the clumps of woods.

stronger for me."

Saying that he had been most "maliciously lied upon and his speeches misconstrued, distorted and parts of sentences only published, making him apparently say the opposite of what he did say, the Governor proceeds to explain what he meant when he said: "To hell with the constitution." He said that if there was anything in the constitution that made white ladies associate with negroes, then "To hell with the constitution."

As to the "sweat blood" reference he says: "I said at another time that if I was defeated for reelection by the old Haskellite crowd that I would make them sweat political blood. I meant that when I said it, and I mean it now, not by pardoning criminals which you seem to have dreamed with your eyes open, or by any other mal-administration of the office of Governor, but strictly in a hot way. Now you see, sir, if these two sentences had been published in full none would have had a right to have complained."

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Away They Go.

Over One Hundred Young Ladies Are In The Race For The Twelve Handsome Prizes That Are To Be Given Away By The Lincoln County News On Saturday December 21st.

As will be seen from the number of contestants that have entered the race for the twelve prizes offered by The News this contest will be a dandy. Different from the contests as conducted heretofore we will offer twelve prizes instead of one. First grand prize is a handsome piano. Second grand prize is a nice five piece parlor suit. The other ten prizes—five gold watches and five gold bracelets—will be awarded to the young ladies receiving the highest vote in their respective townships. Any young lady receiving a grand prize will not be entitled to a township prize.

How to Get Votes

With every yearly subscription to The Lincoln County News accompanied by \$1.00 in cash, 1000 votes will be given. This applies to back subscriptions as well as new ones and you can pay for as many in advance as you desire. Same amount of votes will be given for renewals as new subscriptions. The following scale of votes will be in force:

1 Year Subscription	1,000
2 " "	2,500
3 " "	4,000
5 " "	7,500

Rules of the Contest

Rule I. Any young lady (white) in Lincoln county is eligible to enter this contest.

Rule II. The right is reserved to reject or eliminate the name of any contestant for sufficient cause.

Rule III. Any question that may arise between the contestants will be determined by a committee of three, one to be appointed by each of the contestants and the other by the Editor of The News.

Rule IV. All collections made by contestants must be turned in promptly to The News office.

Rule V. Subscribers are cautioned to demand a printed receipt for all money given to contestants and return same to News office in order that proper credit may be given. This is done in order to prevent errors in dating.

Rule VI. Signature of Editor of News must be affixed to votes before same are of any value in contest.

Rule VII. Ballots cannot be bought. The contest will be run on a square basis, absolutely fair to all. Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions, either new, renewals or arrears, by cutting coupon (nomination) or voting certificate out of The News.

Rule VIII. No employee of The News or a member of his or her family will be permitted to participate either as contestant or voter in the contest.

Rule IX. Candidates will not be restricted in securing subscriptions to any territory, but may secure them in any place in the United States.

Rule X. Only one nominating coupon, entitling each contestant or nominee to one thousand (1000) votes, will be allowed.

Rule XI. These rules, regulations and scale of votes are subject to change or alteration without notice.

Rule XII. Votes once issued cannot be transferred to another contestant.

Rule XIII. Nominators of contestants in The News Contest must agree to accept all rules and conditions.

Important!

In arranging the names of the contestants under the various township heads it is possible that we have some of the young ladies in the wrong township. We are anxious to make the correction right away if that be the case and we trust the young ladies will notify us immediately if there be a mistake of this kind. It is important that we be informed right away in order to prevent confusion in awarding the township prizes.

LINCOLNTON TOWNSHIP	
Miss Prue Carpenter	1000
" " Ill Lynch	1000
" " Nidle Ingle	1000
" " Ill Casble	1000
" " Willie Rhyne	1000
" " Pearl Carpenter	1000
" " Rachel Hovis	1000
" " Addie Lawing	1000
" " Ella Ford	1000
" " Anna Coffey	1000
" " May Sain	1000
" " Susie Crooks	1000
" " Frankie Wood	1000
" " Kate Epps	1000
" " Bessie Keener	1000
" " Willie McCoy	1000
" " Jennie Saine	1000
" " Lillie Lineberger	1000
" " Vertie Knowles	1000
" " Bryte Statts	1000

HOWARD'S CREEK TOWNSHIP	
Mrs. E. C. Sullivan	1000
Miss Ava Mauney	1000
" " Adeline McClurd	1000
" " Katie Scronec	1000

IRONTON TOWNSHIP	
Miss Margaret Killian	1000
" " Sallie Hamrick	1000
" " Flossie Armstrong	1000
" " Myrtle Stroup	1000
" " Bertie Bynum	1000
" " Agnes Abernethy	1000
" " Alice Bynum	1000
" " Willie Stroup	1000
" " Jessie Howard	1000
" " Sullie Brown	1000
" " Susie Hallman	1000
" " Sullie Bradshaw	1000
" " Gordis Harris	1000
" " Pearl Camp	1000
" " Connie Wilkinson	1000
" " May Moore	1000
" " Ethel Reel	1000
" " Ruth Reynolds	1000

CATAWBA SPRINGS TOWNSHIP	
Miss Mary McCorkle	1000
" " Lucy Lineberger	1000
" " Eva Keover	1000
" " Pearl Smith	1000
" " Fannie Keover	1000
" " Bertie Mundy	1000
" " Gwendolyn McCaul	1000
" " Omie McConnell	1000
" " Grace Howard	1000
" " Mary Kincaid	1000
" " Elmiry McConnell	1000
" " Cornelia King	1000
" " Connie Kelley	1000
" " Anna Cherry	1000
" " Birdie Dellinger	1000
" " Mattie Hager	1000
" " Vertie Black	1000
" " Rena Sifford	1000
" " Rosa Nixon	1000

While the friends of a large number of young ladies have sent in their names as contestants yet the list is not full by any means. We will be glad to enter the names of any other young ladies who desire to enter. Each young lady, upon entering, receives one thousand votes free. We have provided the following nomination blank for those who desire to get in the race and who have as yet not been nominated. Send along your friends name.

NOMINATION BLANK—GOOD FOR 1,000 VOTES.

I hereby accept the nomination as a contestant in The News Popular Contest. Please place these 1,000 votes to my credit.

NAME _____

POST OFFICE _____

COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Term of Superior Court Convened Monday With Judge Daniels Presiding, and is Still in Session—Document Larger Than Was Expected.

A list of the grand jury is given below. Up until yesterday morning the following cases had been disposed of. The proceedings in full will appear in next issue.

GRAND JURORS

J. M. Roberts, foreman; W. S. Carpenter, Ed. C. Sullivan, T. Ben. Falls, W. E. Ingle, A. L. Harris, John H. Edwards, C. G. Rudisill, Boyd Cherry, John L. Houser, W. A. Rudisill, S. W. McLean, C. Press Miller, John W. Henkle, Walter Nixon, C. T. Hoke, Alex. C. Robinson, and W. J. Howard.

State vs. Henry Shull, indictment, larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Beverly Shull, indictment, larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. J. F. Killian, indictment, retailing, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Andrew Grigg, indictment, assault with deadly weapon, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Joe Weldon, indictment, false pretense and embezzlement, verdict guilty, judgment, defendant to be confined in jail eight months to be assigned to work upon public roads in Cleveland county.

State vs. Augustus Poole, indictment, carrying concealed weapon, defendant pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Lem Willis, indictment, carrying concealed weapon, defendant pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Joe Hoyle, indictment, carrying concealed weapon, verdict not guilty.

State vs. Noah Leonhardt, Claude Leonhardt and Gete Anthony, indictment, assault and affray, verdict guilty, judgment, Noah Leonhardt, fifty dollars fine, Claude Leonhardt, ten dollars fine, and Gete Anthony ten dollars fine, and each one-third of the cost.

State vs. Virgie Holbrooks, indictment, assault and battery, defendant pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Hattie Dellingham indictment, assault and battery, defendant pleads guilty, judgment that defendant pay a fine of ten dollars and the cost.

State vs. Marshall Ramsaur indictment, larceny, verdict guilty.

State vs. W. A. Goodson indictment, false pretense, verdict not guilty.

State vs. Lauder Wilson and Lawrence Leatherman, indictment, affray, verdict Wilson not guilty Leatherman guilty.

State vs. Giles Friday, indictment, carrying concealed weapon, defendant pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Obelie Phifer, assault, nol pros with leave.

BEAVER DAM NEWS.

Sept. 3.—Most everybody is wanting rain at present. Cotton is not doing well, late corn is burning up for the want of rain.—Mr. and Mrs. Flay McGinnis and son spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carpenter.—Mr. Taylor Paysour visited Mr. A. W. Lynch Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rash spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Luther Kiser.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carpenter spent Saturday at the home of Mr. W. L. Carpenter.—Mrs. Henry Alexander and daughter, Miss Kate, of Cropwell, Ala., and Mrs. William Howell of Falleton spent last week among relatives in the neighborhood.—Mr. J. L. Carpenter and wife and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Monday on the O. & N. W. for McAdenville to spend a few days with his sister Mrs. Mary Kiser, on his way home to Clover, Texas.—Mr. Sylvanus Rhyne and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Andrew Kiser.—Mrs. Frank Paysour is very ill at this writing with fever.—Mrs. Jno. Kiser went to High Shoals last week to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Robinson. X.

Robbing one's self of sleep is putting a mortgage on future health and happiness. Nature will surely foreclose. Try to get your eight hours out of twenty-four. They are yours.

ALMONDS GROWN IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Mr. J. A. Shaw Raises Tropical Nuts in His Orchard—No Monkeys Here to "eat em."

To say that everything from peanuts to elephants can be raised in North Carolina is a pretty true statement, for here in Lincoln county thousands of miles from their original adaptation tropical nuts are grown. A climate made pleasant by the cool summer breezes and crisp winter winds, where the heat of the sun is not intense the whole year round and where pestilential monkeys may not eat them, Mr. J. A. Shaw who lives on Lincoln route four is growing almonds. He set out a tree three years ago and this year, it bore nuts, having on it about two bushels. It is interesting to observe the nature of the tree and fruit. It blooms and leaves like a peach tree. The nut grows in a pod that resembles a peach in color and when the nuts have matured, and fall off the pod burst open very much like an open stone peach.

To figure the price of these nuts is right interesting also. Here they are retailed out of the grocery stores at 20c per pound, and counting 30 pounds to the bushel this would mean \$6.00 per bushel. At this rate it would pay handsomely to raise the nuts. Mr. Shaw has some other foreign fruit in his orchard which seems to be climatizing itself splendidly.

A DELIGHTFUL PARTY.

On last Thursday evening the young folks of this vicinity gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sain where Misses Mae and Emma gave an ice cream supper in honor of their friends Mr. Sid Michum and sister, Miss Pearl, who left Monday for Lenoir College. All were invited out on the lawn to play ring after which ice cream, cake, and lemonade was served. Those who enjoyed this happy occasion were, Misses Dolie Finger, Lizzie Turbyfill, Maud and Addie Hoyle, Carrie and Annie Reep, Bessie, Minnie and Gertrude Heedick, Emma, Pearl, Ida, and Minnie Michum, Pearl Smith, Dessie and Minnie Chatman, Lillie Putman and Essie Shronce, Messrs. Schenck and John Cline, David Rudisill, Dodd and Banks Finger, Will Martin, Willie Heedick, Odus Carpenter, John and Sid Michum, Henry, Sid and Julius Smith, James and Algus Chatman, Wilber Bost, James McCaslin, German Hoyle, Kent and Roy Turbyfill, John Abernethy, Toll Allen, Lee Biggerstaff, from Crouse, Guy Shronce, Lex and Harlee Ramsaur, Ernest Shronce, Spurgeon Hoyle, and Dewey Chatman, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shronce and little son Douglas. X.

Mysterious Death.

Gastonias Gazette.

A tragedy such as has seldom been heard of in this county was brought to light Friday when a colored woman found the badly decomposed body of another member of her race near the home of Mr. J. Math Armstrong, about one and a half miles southwest of Belmont. The woman whose body was found was identified by her husband as being that of Dora Miller. Identification was made by means of a pin which she was known to have worn on her person when she disappeared, in fact this was the only way by which she could be identified as the body was so badly decomposed that recognition was impossible.

The Miller woman had not been in her right mind since early in the summer. Just shortly before she disappeared four weeks ago she attempted to kill another woman with a pair of andirons. Fortunately the attempt resulted in only slight injury to the woman.

Coroner E. L. Wilson was notified of the find and held an inquest over the body Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The verdict of the jury was that she met death by her own hands.

Miss Cora Ballard, of Machpelah passed through Lincolnton Tuesday en route to Newton where she has been chosen as a member of the faculty of Oatawba College to serve in the capacity of art teacher.