

SENATOR TILLMAN OUT FOR JONES

SAYS BLEASE IS UNFIT FOR RE-ELECTION.

Senior Senator Can No Longer Be Neutral When South Carolina's Future is at Stake—Bleasé Would Be Worst of Recent Governors.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Senator R. F. Tillman last night issued a statement in which he says among other things:

"In this grave crisis in the State's history I can better afford to retire to private life, if necessary, than to be considered, even by indirectness, as endorsing Gov. Bleasé. I will at least maintain my own self-respect, and as my confidence has been betrayed I will give the whole letter to the public. As the battle has progressed I have been more and more convinced of Bleasé's unfitness to be Governor, and rather than feel, as I would be compelled to do, that I was in part responsible for it, if I remained silent, I write this statement and will take the consequences.

"The State has been disgraced in the eyes of the whole world and its good name made a byword and a hissing and nobody can erase it and redeem it except its own people.

WOODMAN PICNIC.

Programme of the Occasion—Governor Kitchin to Speak.

Messrs. J. F. Bradford, J. F. Oberler and D. P. Johnson have published a programme of the Annual W. O. W. Picnic at Poplar Tent Friday, September 6, which is as follows: Morning Exercises, 10:30 O'clock.

Music—W. O. W. string band and concert band of Kannapolis. (The Kannapolis band is the finest concert band in the South.)

11 o'clock—Address by W. S. Charles, Jr., Past Consul W. O. W. of State of North Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.

12 o'clock—Dinner.

Afternoon Exercises.

1:00 o'clock—Address by Sovereign W. W. Kitchin, Governor of North Carolina.

After the address of Gov. Kitchin there will be a match ball game between Poplar Tent and Harrisburg.

Congress Ready to Adjourn.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The end of the second session of the sixty-second congress, the longest national legislative term in a generation, was at hand today.

Cincos' Errors Result in Victory for High Point.

Costly errors, one of which was made by the twirler himself, lost "Ding" Bell a close game at High Point yesterday, when the furniture makers defeated the Cincos, 3 to 1.

Roosevelt for Onco Won't Talk.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 24.—Col. Roosevelt won't talk about his possible appearance before the Senate committee to answer under oath the testimony of Archbold and Penrose until he knows more what the committee intends to do, but those close to the Colonel are pretty certain he is willing to testify.

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THE FIGHT AGAINST BLEASÉ.

Primary Next Tuesday.—An Interesting Resume of the Situation.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 24.—Democrats of South Carolina in a primary election next Tuesday will nominate a State ticket, one United States Senator and seven representatives in Congress.

All of the present representatives are candidates for re-nomination and several of them will be named without opposition. Senator Benjamin R. Tillman is opposed by N. B. Dial, of Laurin, and W. Jasper Talbot, of Parkville.

The bitter fight for the governorship between Governor Cole L. Bleasé and Judge Ira B. Jones is monopolizing public attention to the exclusion of all other contests to be settled by the primaries. There is but one issue: Shall the administration of Governor Bleasé be sustained and continued or be condemned and ended.

Governor Bleasé is regarded as a result of the old dispensary system which was established in South Carolina by Tillman, and which has caused innumerable scandals in the past few years.

The dispensary system became so notorious that the State decided to abolish the commission. In winding up its affairs, however, the State entered suit to recover from wholesale liquor houses in various cities large sums of money alleged to have been paid in rebates.

Bleasé ran for Governor two years ago and won, although opposed by almost every newspaper in the State and the charges against him were placarded everywhere.

Governor Bleasé had warrants sworn out against Attorney T. B. Felder, of Atlanta, who represented South Carolina in winding up the affairs of the dispensary commission, but the Governor of Georgia refused to honor the requisition papers.

Detective Burns and his men offered a legislative committee testimony to show that Governor Bleasé had received money for the pardons granted, and had accepted money from the blind tigers for protection and had signed or vetoed railroad legislation which came before him for a consideration.

Many members will have lost their seats when the next congress meets. Among the old timers and regulars who must fight hard in November are: Joe Cannon, Minority Leader.

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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Given to Eeg. F. A. Sloop, of Rowan, in Honor of 72nd Birthday.

The children, brothers, relatives and many friends of P. A. Sloop, Esq., gave him a surprise birthday dinner, Thursday, August 22nd, 1912. Mr. Sloop's son, Leona, was the leading spirit in getting up the dinner.

Of the children the following were present: Leona and wife, Calvine and Lewis, of Salisbury; Mrs. Emma McGraw, of Mooresville; Mrs. Jennie Barner and husband; Daniel, of Organ Church; and Miss Mary, who is in the home with her parents.

Among the number were Mrs. J. Q. Weriz, of Salisbury; Revs. H. A. Trexler and C. A. Brown. The noon hour soon arrived, but before partaking of the many good things prepared to feast the body, a short devotional service was held.

While the dinner was given in honor of Mr. Sloop's seventy-second birthday, it so happened that Mrs. Sloop's birthday is in August, and also the birthday of their youngest daughter, Mary, all of whom were the recipients of quite a number of valuable and useful articles of wearing apparel.

So pleasantly was the day spent that the occasion will long be remembered by all who were present.

Policeman Overpowered by Three Negro Women.

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MR. EFRID AND MISS POUNDS MARRIED

TOOK PLACE AT THE PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING.

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NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

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A STATEMENT FROM MR. JAMES P. COOK.

Did Not Seek Chairmanship of Party.—Other Members Knew He Would Accept Nomination for Senator.—Has Made No Canvass for the position.—A Dignified and Candid Statement.

Mr. Editor: My own self-respect, and in justice to the Democratic party, of which I am chairman, compel me to publicly make a statement, in reply to the article published in your Friday's issue and signed "Democratic."

1. I did not directly or indirectly, privately or publicly, seek the chairmanship of the party, having declined it on May 25th—this every member of the executive committee present will confirm.

2. More than a month before this my name was mentioned in the papers for the Senate, and under the pressure of friends I had given expression to my willingness to accept the senatorial nomination if tendered me.

3. I did not accept said chairmanship on June 15th, until I had personally advised several members of the executive committee that I had consented to accept the nomination for State Senator if same was tendered me.

4. I have not solicited a single man, directly or indirectly, for his support for the Senate.

5. I have written no letters in my personal interest.

6. I have caused no man, directly or indirectly, to canvass the county in my interest.

7. I have not spent one cent or anything else of market value in the interest of myself; neither have I inspired such to be done directly or indirectly by another.

8. Every statement made in the article referred to, in so far as I am personally concerned or had any control or direction or knowledge, is absolutely unfounded.

9. Begging pardon of a generous public for this intrusion, with malice to ward none, with pride in Cabarrus county and with an abiding hope and faith in Democratic success this fall from Wilson down to township constable, I am,

Yours very truly, J. P. COOK.

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McCOMBS MAY NEVER RESUME CHARGE

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Physicians Say He Cannot Return to His Desk For a Month.—Will Have to Yield Leadership to Mr. McAdoo.—Mr. McCombs' Illness More Serious Than at First Believed.

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Tailoring Opening Aug. 22, 23, 24. You are cordially invited to attend our Fall Opening held by Isaac Hamberger & Sons, Merchant Tailors, BALTIMORE. Their Representative is with us, who will be pleased to show you the most Beautiful Line of the Latest Fall Creations, and take your measure. A FIT GUARANTEED. H. L. Parks & Co. The Home of Good Merchandise.