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Hon. R. H. Walker, Speaker
Alabama House of Representatives
Athens, Alabama

My dear Mr. Speaker:

I am in receipt of your appreciated letter of the 16th to which was attached clipping from your editorial page of last week. I am constrained to hold that my good friend, the Speaker of North Alabama, is beginning to weaken. Never would I believe that the illustrious editor of "The Limestone Democrat" would ever devote half a column of editorial space to any subject in which the diminutive Senator from Hale had an interest. Especially is it hard for me to understand that the fearless and courageous Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives would ever come to join hands with the Senator from Hale against the former's erstwhile secretary, who no less than three months ago trimmed the Senator from Hale by a vote of 27 to 1 in the Senate of Alabama on this very question which comes in for so much comment from the Democrat's editor.

But seeing as how you have taken my old friend, Representative McPhaul of Baldwin, to task for drawing down more shekels than the lame and infirm Senator from Lauderdale I am able to overlook in part your coup d'etat with the Senator from Hale. But one that would make you laugh and roar would be to know that even the Representative from Baldwin is letting up about the same howl voiced in your editorial page when you rallied to the support of your senator colleague because the Governor of Alabama saw fit to reward Irby Hall more plentifully than he did the Representative from Baldwin. McPhaul rants and chants and vigorously objects to the Governor's rewarding the former President of the Anti-Sales Tax Organization.

I did not have an opportunity to discuss as many things and in our usual manner when I visited you in Athens recently. Women legislators always did cramp by style. Unlike Clint, I can't take 'em. I look forward to your being here on the 25th for three days. I believe that it will be possible for me to carry you to the coast for a few days. However, I prefer the Pensacola coast rather than Mobile. I have a friend, in fact a municipal officer, who operates a resort hotel at Fairhope and who has always prevailed on me to spend a few days. It might be that the Speaker and the Executive Secretary of the League might spend a quiet and restful few days there during

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which time we could catch up on our blaming of a few so-and-sos in our usual rich and descriptive manner.

Regarding the Lieutenant Governor's race, I have spread the word around that you would definitely make the race and, boy, has it gained headway and momentum! The movement has taken on such definite proportions that I am no longer able to control it. All I am anxious to see is that your health remains good and we'll take the boys for a fast ride next spring.

I am to be at the University on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, returning here in the late afternoon of the 25th. If you come down, I presume that you will come on the Pan that night. Advise me just when you will get here.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Ed E Reid

Ed E. Reid *J.*

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