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H. MCLEAN, of Harnett.

For Congress from 7th District,
HON. THEO. F. KLUTTZ,
of Rowan.

For Elector,
J. R. BLAIR,
of Montgomery.

CONCORD, N. C., SEPT. 20 1900.

MR. SIMMONS' REPLY.

Defends Himself Against Damaging Charges—Spending and Being Spent for Democratic Triumph.

J. D. ALLEN, ESQ., Falls, N. C.
DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your recent favor, in which you say that it is being charged against me, as an aspirant for the Senate,

First, That Senator Vance opposed my confirmation of Collector upon grounds derogatory to my personal character.

Second, That I am charged with being a secret agent of the Southern Railway Company, and that it and other corporations have been, and are now, paying me large sums of money to protect their interests as a lobbyist and otherwise, and you express the opinion, in which I concur, that as I am a candidate for their suffrage, the people are entitled to know the facts with reference to these charges.

In reply I beg to say that Senator Vance's opposition to my confirmation was not based upon personal grounds and no charge against my personal character was made in connection with that matter. At the time of my appointment as Collector, Senator Vance, together with the other Senator and all the Democratic congressmen from North Carolina, favored me. The subsequent opposition of Senator Vance to my confirmation arose out of complications connected with the appointment of the Collector for the Western District of North Carolina. The records of the Senate and the delegation in Congress from this State at that time will bear out these statements.

With reference to the second charge to which you refer, I beg to say that it is not true that I am attorney or agent, either secret or otherwise, of the Southern railroad. I have never appeared for that railroad in any capacity. It has never paid me a cent of money in my life, ex-

cept a contribution made to me as Chairman of the Committee in 1898, which was spent for the benefit of the party. On the contrary, I have appeared and am appearing against it in many suits. During the last three years, since I commenced to practice law in Raleigh, I have been of counsel in recovering a number of judgments against it, one of them for as much as sixty-three hundred dollars, and I now appear of counsel in quite a number of cases against it, in which my clients claim damages for from thirty to forty thousand dollars. I am also of counsel against it in the tax assessment cases.

It is not true that I am, or have at any time been, a secret agent or attorney for any corporation or person, nor that I am a lobbyist, nor that I have at any time been in receipt of any personal income from any source whatever except such as comes legitimately to any North Carolina lawyer enjoying a moderate practice. I neither lobbied in the last Legislature, nor discussed with its members subjects connected with their duties not pertaining to general legislation, such as the Constitutional Amendment, the Election Law, etc. I am sure no member of the Legislature of 1899 will dispute this statement.

During the last three years, since I have been living in Raleigh, my whole income from all sources has been barely sufficient to support my family, although we live economically.

My entire estate, including property belonging to my wife, would not probably sell for more than seventeen or eighteen thousand dollars, and is encumbered by unpaid mortgages of over three years standing for eleven thousand dollars. Even my home is mortgaged for about half its purchase money.

I do my banking business with the Citizens National Bank of this city, and its books will show I have not had to my personal credit at any one time during the last two years as much as one thousand dollars.

When the campaign of this year closed, the Committee was very much behind. There were a number of urgent bills to be met, for which I was responsible. I borrowed, upon the endorsement of a friend, from the Commercial and Farmers Bank of this city, one thousand dollars and gave it to the committee as my contribution to the campaign.

Painful as it is to do so, I deem it proper to make this statement about my private affairs that the people of the State may see how unjust and cruel are the charges with which it is being sought to injure and destroy my reputation.

During the last three years I have given to the Democratic party a year of my time without any compensation, having actually borrowed money to pay, in part, my expenses while engaged in this work, and I have also given to it this year more than one-seventh of my net fortune.

I have done this ungrudgingly and if my State should ever again fall back into the horrible conditions from which it has been rescued, and again wish my services, I shall not answer not now, but at a more propitious season. I have not made, and do not intend to make any demands upon the party for these sacrifices. A

party has a right to expect, in time and money, sacrifices from its adherents, but no party exigencies can require the sacrifice of a man's character. Neither can I believe that any man's candidacy for office will be promoted by the assassination of an opponent's character.

During the last three years the fusionists have heaped upon me a degree of slander and vituperation which perhaps never before fell to the lot of any man in the State. I have borne these assaults with patience, counting myself fortunate that I was considered worthy to suffer in the name of the cause for which I was struggling. This abuse has been directed against me, not only as an individual, but I have been denounced by the enemies of Democracy for everything done by the Democratic party which has not pleased them.

It now seems that these charges made by the fusionists have been revamped and are being circulated to my detriment by men in my own party, because, forsooth, I am in the way of the ambition of their favorite. So be it, I am not the only victim. Others, yea thousands of others, have felt the mailed hand of a power which brooks no opposition to the accomplishment of its purpose, and which, though it was not always so, has recently become in this country a power mightier than "the man" himself.

There is no skeleton in my closet. For three years the enemies of Democracy, with evil and vicious eyes, have turned the searchlight of inspection upon my life and character. In the midst of it all I have stood defiant, asking no quarters and giving none. I ask none now, but there is a difference between injustice from foes and injustice from friends. The former may be regarded with indifference; the latter is sharper than a serpent's tooth.

My Democracy is without qualifications. I stand straight, square and flat-footed for every principle and declaration in our platforms, State and National, and for Mr. Bryan, the great leader of our hosts.

There is a well defined and largely successful movement in certain parts of the State to organize, against me and in favor of one of my opponents, certain interests and influences which, though usually acting with the Democratic party, are out of sympathy with and actually hostile to some of its principles and policies, and more or less unfriendly to our candidate for the Presidency. I have no apologies to make to anyone for my advocacy of the principles of the Democratic National platform, nor for my earnest admiration and support of Mr. Bryan. I stand for these principles separately and collectively; not for a part of them, but for each and everyone of them. I am glad that my position in these regards is fully understood in North Carolina, because I do not want to secure any man's vote upon false pretences.

Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS.

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Irish Point Curtains at \$2.50 per pair.

Filled Net Curtains at \$2.25 per pair.

Chenille and Tapestry Portieres at \$3.50 per pair.

36-inch Curtain Scrim at 5 and 15c. per yard.

Shades from 10 cents up and Poles from 25 cents up.

Homemade pieced Quilts, filled with good cotton, size 7x6 feet, weight 5 lbs, only \$1.25 each.

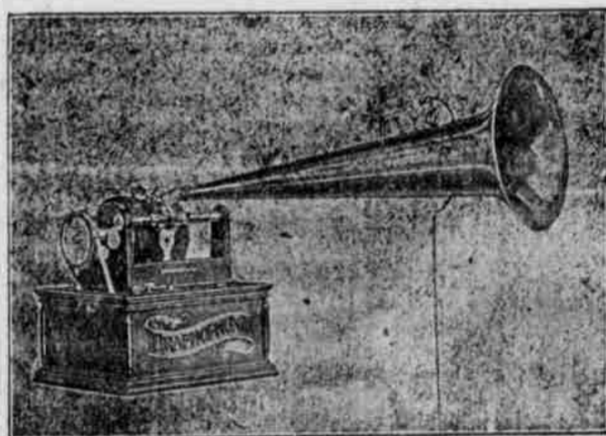
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Feather Pillows at 60 cents each. Only a few left.

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