

Held Democratic Banner on High

Senator Simmons made a magnificent Address to a Large Audience

United States Senator F. M. Simmons delivered a logical and masterly address Monday night at the court House on the political situation.

A number of ladies were among the large audience which greeted him.

The distinguished speaker was introduced by Mr. E. F. Aydlett who in the introduction said:

"It was not only a pleasure, but an honor to have such a distinguished speaker to address us. There is no man in North Carolina to whom the people of the State owe a greater debt of gratitude than to Hon. F. M. Simmons. We remember the campaign of 1898, when dark clouds spread over the State; the Republicans had control; for six years they had brought shame and disgrace; it looked as if there was no hope for victory. In this hour Democracy looked over the State to select a man to lead them to victory. They selected Senator Simmons. He conducted such a vigorous and glorious campaign that the Republicans were buried so deep that we will never let them come back again.

He referred further to disgraceful conducts of the Republicans in placing the negroes in power.

Senator Simmons thanked Mr. Aydlett for the very complimentary terms which he used in reference to him, but he said: "I am very much afraid that I am not entitled to the full measure of the congratulatory terms employed in speaking of my services in the past for the Democratic party. What has been accomplished was not accomplished by me, merely the instrument—the work was accomplished by the manhood and womanhood of North Carolina.

He spoke of the pleasure of being with the people of this city and having an opportunity to discuss the political questions of the day with them.

The speaker said that he would begin in the beginning and give the genesis of Democracy and would speak of the time when the black foe was met and conquered.

"The Democratic party has stood for white supremacy—the Republican party for black man in power. Democracy has denied the negro the right to vote—the Republican party has fought to give him the power.

He referred to the silence of the Republican platform on the negro suffrage question. "Why, this silence? Does it mean that the Republican party acquiesces? Does it admit that we were right and they were wrong?"

"I do not wish to inject the negro into the campaign. I wish the Republicans could unloah him. I think the Republicans would like to get rid of him. But how can the Republican party keep the negro out by keeping him hid in view of the National platform and the attitude of the National Republican candidate, and the threat of Northern Republicans to reduce Southern representation in Congress on account of our constitution amendments.

"The only way to take the negro out of politics is to elect a Democratic president and a Democratic Congress.

"The election of Bryan and a Democratic Congress will take this irritating question out of politics and will clinch once and for all our constitutional amendment and other similar measures.

"The Republicans praised the administration of Russell as said that it was clear and denounced the Aycock administration as extravagant and filled with graft.

"No defense was necessary. The records answered the charges and they recoiled upon the heads of the Republicans. The cleanness of the Democratic record was apparent and the rottenness of the Republican administration was exposed and the whole State was suffocated with the stench.

He referred to the temperance question which by mutual consent of both parties had been taken from politics and any man who would try to drag it into the campaign would do so in violation of faith to both parties.

He congratulated the Republican party in trying to throw overboard

its old issues and second, but in doing so he said, "they have left themselves without an issue. They stand on few charges and promises. And he showed how worthless Republican platform promises were. But they had overlooked the fact that the people of North Carolina have ceased to pay any attention to Republican promises. Some of their promises are things that the Democrats have already done, others are promises no party should do. Their position on the school question, first, are the people of the State able to go any faster than the present progress. I think all are going as fast as we are able. North Carolina in my opinion, before that body the demands of labor has done the best work in recent years of any State in the Union along school lines.

The second question is, what would the Republicans do if they were in power? We know what they did when they had the opportunity. They cut down the school term, reduced the enrollment; squandered the school fund; built no school houses and suffered part of those built by the Democrats to decay. Only one time in the history of the State our State University was closed and that was under Republican administration. Only one time was unclean hands laid on the school funds and that was by the Republicans.

Here the Senator paid a high tribute to State Superintendent of Public Instructions, P. Y. Joyner and pictured the unknown and unfit pigmy the Republicans have set up to replace him.

"The Republicans promise to be good if put back in power, to the benefit and unfortunate of the state."

He told of the infamy they had committed when in power in connection with these charitable institutions and the carving of a negroes name on the corner stone of the white institution for the blind.

He called attention to their promise to exempt \$200 property valuation. This he characterizes as a petty attempt at bribery. An attempt to buy voters.

"The Republican party has a record for buying votes by legislation. There are thousands of 'stand-patters'. They have something to sell. The Republican party allows them to sell at two prices."

He spoke of the effect of the trusts. Sometimes the old Republican party is not able to contract enough votes and then they descend to the hireling. They make a levy on the trusts for campaign contributions.

"When the Republicans in this State agree to \$1.33-1-3 for votes to be taken from the school fund, the pension fund and other funds, they are simply following in the footsteps of the National Organization. They are endeavoring to secure votes in return for special legislation of this \$200 exemption should become a law, not one negro in fifty would pay any tax. Their promise to double the Confederate pensions is the same as the exemption proposition to induce votes by legislation. Let us look at their record on pensions for the Confederate soldiers? They have never voted one single dollar to this cause. Whatever of honor or reward the Confederate soldier has received, he has received it at the hands of the Democratic party, as soon as possible after the war, we began to provide and increase the pensions for the old Confederate soldiers until now \$400,000 is appropriated for this purpose—about one sixth of all the taxes levied we give it not as a charity, but as partial payment of a debt so large we can never hope to pay. It is large in proportion to the revenue raised than that the Federal Government gives to the Union soldiers. The Republican proposition is not one made in honor, but in dishonor to the Confederate soldier. I for one resent it. He paid a high tribute to the Confederate soldiers. He said there was no mercenary taint connected with him.

He then referred to their see-saw position on the railroad rate legislation. On the most vital question—inter-state rates—however, they are as silent as the grave.

The inter-state rates now in operation are not only a great wrong but are a far reaching factor in the industrial activities of this State, and the Republican party is responsible for it. He said: "I do not charge Republican party and the Republican nominee for Governor—Cox—as belonging to the railroads, but we know their record. We know Mr. Cox's testimony before the inter-state commerce commission, when the rate question was up. He certainly was not on the side of the people.

The Democrats have been pioneers in the rate question. What the Republicans have done, they have been forced to do. Roosevelt never took hold of these policies until they had been made popular by the Democrats.

He discussed the immigration question. The Republicans say they are for rigid restriction of foreign immigration. Who is responsible for the undesirable hordes which are pouring in?

The Republicans. There is no power to stop them except the Republicans in Congress. He charged that the trusts were responsible for this condition. They are brought here to take the place of American laborers. What has the Republican party done for labor this year? Mr. Gompers, a Republican, the president of the labor organization, went before the Republican National Convention. He laid out. What did that convention do? They turned every single one of the demands down. Mr. Gompers went to Denver, came before the Democratic Convention. They heard his speech, they wrote his demands in the Democratic platform. That's why labor throughout the United States is going to elect William Jennings Bryan president. I do not wonder that the Republicans rejected the injunction plank, when their candidate for president is the father of injunctions. What labor has it helped? Has it helped the farmer, the railroad employee, the salaried man. He spoke of the depressed condition of trade and how it was due to Republican policies.

"The most remarkable charge they make that the Democrats brought on the panic! If the Democrats are responsible in this State who is responsible in the other 46 States. The unemployed are everywhere. This condition is due to Federal and not State legislation.

"There have been four panics in 40 years and every one began while the Republicans were in power. We are now in midst of the worse panic of all.

"This condition is due to the policy of the Republican party—they have formed out two of the most important functions of government—the financial end and the power to levy taxes. The Democrats are seeking to reclaim this power. The Republican party offers as a remedy the increase of the powers of the banks over the people's money, while the Democrats are striving to decrease it and offer greater security to the people. Panics are bad things but they are not half as bad as a trust. Trusts are the outcome of a corporationship between the Republican party and predatory wealth. The Republican party boldly asserts that it levies two taxes—one for government expense and one for private interests. He showed how the tariff allowed these trusts to rob the people.

"The most dangerous feature however," he said, was the Republican policy of the centralization of power in the executive of the government. Formerly during the days of Washington and Jefferson, the president's home was known as the executive mansion. Under Roosevelt it has ceased to be the executive mansion and has become the "White House"—the seat of power. Grievances were formerly taken to the White House with Roosevelt, it is my army, my navy, my police. It is no more the people's army, the people's police. What right has any president any policies, except the people's policies? Now comes his kingly policy of nominating his successor. This will be resented by the people. He pictured the growth of imperialism under the Republican administration and its dangerous tendencies.

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"In the recent contest for the Governmental nomination I was not for Kitchin, but for another Democrat. This was a private right. When the Democratic convention decided the matter I became an ardent supporter of Mr. Kitchin's election. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Kitchin. He said he was able, honest, brilliant, and conscientious. He said his sense of justice was so strong that every voter was safe in his hands. When elected as he undoubtedly will be, he will be a worthy successor to Charles Brantley Aycock and Robert Broadnax Glenn. I could not say more of any man.

"Now what shall I say about Bryan?"

He paid a glowing tribute to the man from Nebraska. He stated his inability to picture this great man and what he stands for. He pronounced him the foremost citizen of the world, the greatest orator who has appeared since Demosthenes. His name is on every man's lips.

"I do not know whether he will be elected, but he will be unless they buy victory against him as they did in 1896. Nothing stands between Bryan and the White House except bribery, coercion and intimidation. However, those of us who love the immortal principles of Democracy, I know we will in North Carolina, discharge our duty with an abiding faith of the faith of our fathers of the capacity of the people to rule themselves shall not pass from the earth."

WOMEN'S SHOES.

Mismatched Pairs May Now Be Bought to Get a Fit for Both Feet.

"Of course," she said, "we all know that our left foot is bigger than our right foot unless we happen to be left-handed, in which case our right foot is bigger. And that, of course, makes trouble in getting fitted to shoes.

"If we get a shoe that fits our right foot nicely, the left shoe of that pair is likely to be too small, and if we try on a pair the left one of which is a good fit, why, the right shoe of that pair may be so big that it almost falls off that foot. But did you know that you can now buy mismatched shoes, one of a pair of one size and the other of a pair of another size? Why, certainly.

"There is quite a little difference in the size of my feet, and I have all sorts of trouble getting fitted, but when I went into this store the sales-mismatched shoes of different sizes, that I ought to fit each foot perfectly. He said that I should wear on my left foot a 5-1-2 double A and on my right foot a 5 A.

"And do you break up pairs of shoes in that way?" I asked him, and the salesman said:

We do, and breaking them up in that way does not, as you might imagine, it would, leave odd shoes on our hands. For mismatched shoes we charge a dollar more than the regular price, which covers the expense of sending the single shoes left from the two broken pairs back to the factory, where each is mated with a shoe of its own size, and then the two complete pairs of shoes come back into stock."—New York Sun.

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