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A DEMOCRAT INDEED.

Senator Simmons, in whom there is no treachery or shadow of turning from true Democratic doctrine—Mr. N. J. Rouse of Kinston Upholds the Record of the Senior Senator as One of Which the State Should be Proud.

Mr. N. J. Rouse of Kinston spoke at the court house Monday evening in the interest of the candidacy of F. M. Simmons for the United States Senate. He made a strong, convincing argument in favor of the return of Mr. Simmons to the Senate, declaring that he was right in every one of the votes for which he has been criticised, that by ability and hard work he has won a commanding position in the Senate and that he will be returned by a large majority. He spoke for a few minutes more than an hour and was heard by a fair-sized audience. He was introduced by Mr. Frank Gough, president of the local Simmons club.

"It is more important that a man should vote right," declared Mr. Rouse, "than that he should vote with a majority of his party, and Senator Simmons voted right in every one of the votes for which he has been criticised for voting against a majority of his party. Senator Gore, the great progressive blind Senator from Oklahoma, declared that Simmons voted right and that the majority of the Democratic Senators voted wrong in the 19 votes for which he has been criticised in a speech in Raleigh that it would be a fatal mistake to nominate Champ Clark for President because he had favored the reciprocity bill.

"Senator Simmons has declared that if you put the things the agricultural classes buy on the free list he would vote to put the things they sell on the free list. That is Democratic doctrine, just doctrine. Simmons is not the first man who has been twitted with being a protectionist because he fought for justice for the people of his State. Vance was twitted in the same way, and he said: 'No man can charge me with being a protectionist, but you must not protect the things you sell my people and buy free the things my people sell.' Aycock, in the speech he had prepared to deliver in opening his campaign for the Senate, said the same thing when he said he was in favor of a tariff for revenue only but was not in favor of protection for New England and free trade for North Carolina. Simmons stands for the same thing, for equal justice to all, for treating all sections alike.

Mr. Rouse paid high tribute to the character and ability of Senator Simmons, whom he has known practically all his life. He said that he has practiced law with and against the greatest lawyers in the State and that he has never practiced with or against any lawyer who impressed him more with his ability than Simmons. Hence he declared that while some people seem to take with some degree of surprise the statement that Simmons is a leader in the United States Senate, he is not surprised at it at all, for he believes we have as able men in North Carolina as there are in the country; and it is no wonder that Simmons is the peer of any man in the Senate and that he was called to lead the great tariff fight last summer.

"Gov. Kitchin, while he was a Congressman drawing a salary of \$7,500 to look after the interests of the people in Washington, left his duties there and came to North Carolina and made a fight for the office of Governor, which pays \$4,000, branding Locke Craig as a traitor, just as he is now saying Simmons is a traitor; and he made that fight in order to fight for Simmons' seat in the Senate this year.

"If Senator Simmons is republicanizing North Carolina, as Kitchin charges, isn't it strange that it is conceded that Craig will be elected by such a large majority, with practically no opposition?

Simmons' vote against free lumber was right. The same section of the platform that called

A LAST APPEAL.

For Contributions to the Wilson-Marshall Campaign Fund.

As chairman of the finance committee for North Carolina for the Wilson-Marshall campaign fund, I received on the 28th inst. the following telegram:

New York, Oct. 28, 1912.
"A. W. McLean, Lumberton, N. C.

"You have done splendid work in raising funds for the National committee and we desire to congratulate and thank you. With but a week remaining, we are still in need of funds with which to meet the urgent necessities of the situation. Demands upon us come thick and fast each day this week and we hope you will continue your work until the last in order that we may meet all our obligations and not be confronted with a deficit when the election is over.

Wm. F. McCombs.
Henry Mergenthau."

We are making a positive effort now to get the balance of \$25,000 for North Carolina. Up to date we have about \$22,000 and want to make the amount \$25,000 by the end of this week. We earnestly urge all who have been canvassing in Robeson county to make a final effort in their various communities to secure further subscriptions and forward them not later than Saturday. Acknowledgement will be made in The Robesonian and The News and Observer and the contributions will be sent to the National chairman at New York.

A. W. McLean.

for free lumber called for placing trust controlled products on the free list, and it would not have been fair to put lumber on the free list, and the platform never so intended, while trust-controlled products were on the protected list. Kitchin does not tell you that while Simmons voted against free lumber in the Payne-Aldrich bill he voted three times for free lumber in bills which provided for taking the tax off of trust-controlled products. And the platform adopted at Baltimore does not call for free lumber but does call for free trust controlled products. In voting as he did on lumber Simmons voted to protect the interest of every man who owns a foot of timbered land.

Senator Simmons' vote on Lorimer, declared the speaker, was a lasting monument to his courage and he ought to be honored for it. He was in the position of a sworn juror and he would have been guilty of perjury if he had voted against Lorimer on the first trial when he did not believe that the evidence was sufficient to convict him of fraud. In the second trial it was entirely different, for in that trial there were 8,000 pages of evidence, which disclosed much more than the first trial, when there were only 700 pages of evidence.

In the 19 votes on reciprocity for which the Senator has been so much criticised for voting against a majority of his party, Gov. Kitchin does not tell you that he also voted against a majority of the Republicans, not Progressive Republicans, but against Root, Lodge, Smoot, Lorimer, the very high-priests of the Republican party in the temple of protection. President Taft was trying to force through a bill to put on the free list the things we raise and protect the things we buy. For instance, wheat was to be free, but flour was to be protected. It was unfair to the agricultural interests.

In those 19 votes Simmons voted for free flour, free bagging and ties, etc. He was right in every single one of those votes. Senator Simmons was endorsed by the people at the State Democratic convention and Governor Kitchin is attacking the party organization and is himself now off the platform and is attacking the party, but the spirit of the party is behind Senator Simmons and he will be nominated by a large majority.

Mr. Rouse paid a splendid tribute to Gov. Wilson and Locke Craig, than whom, he said, no better men had ever been offered as candidates of any party.

Mr. Rouse spoke at Fairmont Monday and left here Monday night for Hope Mills.

VICE PRESIDENT DEAD

James Schoolcraft Sherman Passes—Question of Succession.

Utica, N. Y., Dispatch, 30th.

After a long illness, Vice President James Schoolcraft Sherman died at his home in this city at 9:42 o'clock tonight of uræmic poison, caused by Bright's disease.

New York, Oct. 30.—The death of Vice President Sherman gives point to the serious discussion of the question of the succession. There is no provision of law for filling a vacancy caused by the death or retirement of a Vice President. The fact that Mr. Sherman was a candidate for reelection at the time of his death is giving much concern.

It will not be necessary to make any change in the ballots already printed for November as cast directly for the Vice President. Electors are chosen to cast the ballots of their constituents for candidates for President and Vice President and while there is a moral obligation resting on those electors to support the nominees of the party, the instructions are merely directory and not mandatory.

The death of Mr. Sherman will relieve them if elected from the moral obligation to vote for him. As it is a party matter and the governing body in the party is the Republican National committee, it will be the proper function of that committee to recommend to them a candidate for Vice President to be voted for by them. It will be essential to have concerted action in either of two contingencies—first if the Republican ticket is successful, and second, if the election is to be thrown into the House of Representatives.

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers.

The attention of the registrar and judges of election in each township in the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5th, is hereby called to that part of the election law (Sections 4348-4349) requiring them to appoint one of their members to attend the meeting of the board of county canvassers, which is to meet at the court house in Lumberton, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Thursday, November 7th, for the purpose of canvassing and tabulating the vote of the county. The member from each township attending the meeting of the county board of canvassers will carry with him to Lumberton the original returns of the general election in each township.

The chairman requests that as soon as the election is over and votes counted, that the registrar or the Democratic pollholder in each township will inform him by phone (at the expense of the chairman) as to the results of his township.

S. B. McLean,
Chairman.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Economy and savings—Farmers & Merchants Bank.
Prevent diseases—Sanitary Steam Laundry.
Farm for rent.
Walter Clark to the people of North Carolina.
W. W. Early announces candidacy for road commissioner and C. K. Morgan retires.
Popular, standard and classic sheet music—Crump & Floyd.
Fitting eyes with proper glasses—Dr. W. W. Parker.
Mule for sale and combination horse wanted.
Notice to Lumberton taxpayers.
"The store that always makes good"—R. D. Caldwell & Son.
Overcoat lost.

The conviction of William E. Brees and Joseph E. Dickerson on an indictment charging conspiracy to embezzle from the First National Bank of Asheville was Monday approved by the Supreme Court. The indictment was brought in 1897 and has been fought ever since.

For earache, toothache, pains, burns, scalds, sore throat, try Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil, a splendid remedy for emergencies.

LUMBER RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Major of Corps of Engineers of War Department Wants to Meet Citizens Interested in Government Improvement of Lumber River.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the Lumberton Industrial and Commercial Club, has received the following letter from Major G. P. Howell, of the War Department, located at Charleston, S. C., and in charge of a corps of engineers:

"The rivers and harbors bill passed by Congress July 25, 1912, directed examination of Lumber river from its mouth to the Turnpike bridge in Hoke and Scotland counties. I intend at an early date to send a party over the river to make examination of it and would like to meet citizens interested in it at Lumberton and find out from them the nature and volume of the commerce over it if it were improved and other facts that would aid me in arriving at an opinion as to whether it would pay the government to improve the stream. Will you inform me whether you can arrange for such a meeting and the approximate date thereof?"

This letter was brought to the attention of the club at a business meeting Tuesday evening and Mr. Caldwell will appoint a committee to take up the matter with Major Howell and arrange for the proposed meeting.

It will be recalled that the appropriation for this work was secured by Senator Simmons. The improvement of Lumber river will mean a great deal to this entire section and there will hardly be any difficulty in convincing Major Howell that it will pay for the government to undertake the work.

WILSON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

A. W. McLean	100 00
(in addition to \$100 previously given)	
J. P. Russell	\$2 50
T. A. McNeill, Jr.	1 00
Jno. A. McCormick,	
Pembroke	1 00
J. T. Rapp	1 00
D. A. Reel	1 00
J. S. Thompson	1 00
T. A. McNeill, Sr.,	5 00
John French	1 00
T. N. Higley	2 00
J. A. Brown, Chadbourne	1 00
Previously acknowledged	185 50
Total	\$302 00

Most of the new contributions acknowledged above were secured by Mr. W. S. Wishart of Lumberton.

It is not too late to help if you will contribute at once. This State is expected to raise \$25,000 and contributions to date amount to about \$22,000. Send in your contribution at once if you want to contribute to the fund to help elect the next President of the United States.

Your contributions will be acknowledged through The Robesonian and The News and Observer.

Get a \$ Button.
Some Wilson-Marshall \$ buttons are waiting at The Robesonian office for all who contribute as much as \$1. Don't fail to get one of them.

Superior Court Convenes Next Thursday, November 7.

A 2-weeks' term of Robeson superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Thursday of next week, November 7, instead of Monday, on account of election. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown will preside, an exchange of courts having been made with Judge S. C. Bragaw of Washington in order to place the judges as near their homes as possible on election day. Up to date there are 124 cases on the docket. There is only one capital case, and in that the defendant has not been caught.

—Mr. A. J. Tinkham has a sore nose. Yesterday he was trying to crank an automobile when the handle of the crank flew off and struck him on the nose. The lick broke Mr. Tinkham's nose, but it didn't feaze him much. He had a physician to straighten it up a little and went on about his business.

I. & C. CLUB MEETING.

Local Matters of Importance Considered at Meeting of the Club Tuesday Night.

At a business meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Club Tuesday night several matters of local importance were considered.

Mr. W. Lennon, chairman of the committee recently appointed to look into the matter of securing free mail delivery for the town, reported that he had been in correspondence with the Post-office Department and that a man had been detailed to come to Lumberton as soon as possible to ascertain local conditions. This man is expected here within the next few days. Lumberton is entitled to free mail delivery, having passed the mark of \$10,000 a year receipts, and it is confidently expected that the work of the committee looking after this matter will result in securing it for the town at an early date. Some sidewalks may have to be improved and houses will have to be numbered, but in other respects it is thought that the town will meet now all the requirements.

The committee appointed some time ago to take up the matter of a new hotel reported that nothing definite has been done and it was instructed to correspond with some good hotel men with a view to getting some one interested in a hotel here as soon as possible.

The matter of improvement of Lumber river was brought to the attention of the club, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper, and there was brief discussion of the Yadkin River Power Co. and what it might mean for it to enter the town for the purpose of furnishing power to any industries that might use it. A committee will be appointed to investigate this matter.

A charter was adopted for the club and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. Lennon, was instructed to advise all delinquent members that unless all dues up to October 1 are paid by November 15 their names will be dropped from the club membership.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Will be Received at the Court House in Lumberton Election Night.

Arrangements are being made to receive complete election returns at the court house here on the night of election, November 5. An effort is being made to arrange to flash the returns on canvass and this will probably be done. Any who want to get the returns as they come in will find warmth and light and plenty of company at the court house.

—Seaboard freight train No. 14 was wrecked yesterday afternoon at Councils and on account of the wreck passenger train No. 39, due here in the afternoon at 5:47, didn't arrive until 1:30 o'clock this morning. Several cars of the freight were derailed.

—Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod returned Tuesday morning from Baltimore, Md., where he had been for something over two weeks with his brother, Mr. Sandy McLeod, who is undergoing treatment in the Presbyterian hospital. Mr. McLeod had to have two operations and has had a serious time, but his condition has improved considerably and it is expected that he will soon be able to come home.

—Saturday afternoon a young negro giving his name as John Leslie, claiming to be an employed of the drainage force now located near Back Swamp, hired from Mr. H. M. Beasley's livery stable a horse and buggy to drive out to the camps of the drainage force—or at least that was the spiel he put up to the liveryman. He was to have returned in about 2 hours, but as yet Mr. Beasley has heard nothing from the negro or his horse and buggy.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Colonel Roosevelt was 54 years old on the 27th inst.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland has announced her engagement to T. J. Preston, a professor of Wells College.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lela Regan and Robert Young.

—The city's water tank, standing near the county jail, is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

—The Barnesville band will furnish music for the Halloween party at Bloomingdale tomorrow evening.

—Niagra Falls as seen in winter will be the feature film at the Pastime theatre tonight. It is said to be a beauty.

—Mr. E. M. Britt is carrying his right arm in a sling as the result of a fall in which his wrist was severely sprained.

—Canada Scott of Elrod has a live rattlesnake in a barrel at his home. The snake is about three and a half feet long and has 8 rattles and a button. He caught it in Back Swamp last Thursday.

—The condition of County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, who has been very sick for something over two weeks, continues to improve and it is expected that he will be able to be out again soon.

—Mr. J. A. Brown of Chadbourne, presidential elector for the sixth district, passed through Lumberton yesterday on his way to Pembroke, where he spoke last night, and again this morning on his way to St. Paul's, where he speaks this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—Mr. C. M. Barker returned Saturday from Andalusia, Ala., where he spent a few days on business. Mr. Barker says that that section of the country offers some fine opportunities for young men, but he thinks the indications of easy life are better in the "Old North State."

—The price of cotton has been climbing up a little for the last two or three days. Quite a number of bales has been marketed here today and prices paid have been ranging around 11-18 cents, some of the best grades bringing a little more and some poor grades some less.

—Two advance agents are in town today making arrangements for the coming of that famous attraction "Mutt and Jeff", which will be presented at the opera house next Thursday night, November 7th. Thirty-four people are with the show, sixteen of the number being chorus girls.

—Mr. Peter Wallace, Greek, proprietor of the Dixie cafe, sent Tuesday to New York \$50 to be forwarded to Greece to aid the Greeks in their war against the Turks. Peter raised the money here in town among his friends and the contribution ranged in amounts from 25 cents to \$10.

—Mr. R. L. Gregory, of Raft Swamp, returned yesterday morning from Charlotte, where for several days he had been undergoing treatment for a throat and head trouble that had been bothering him for several years. The trouble was caused from catarrh and a slight operation was necessary, but it is thought that he will be well soon and entirely well.

—Miss Ida Sessoms has accepted a position in the Lumberton postoffice and will begin work tomorrow. She came home Monday evening from Elon College, where since the first of September she had been a student. Miss Sessoms stood a civil service examination here some months ago and, making the highest grade, was eligible and entitled to the first opening, so she went away to school expecting to return if tendered this position.

—The killing in White House township Saturday afternoon, mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, wherein Harlan Strickland shot and killed Sam Britt, was not at Mr. H. L. Curtis' store, as stated, but was about 1 1/2 miles from there at the home of John Horn. Mr. S. M. Britt, who lives in White House, was in town Tuesday and asked that this correction be made, and he also said it might be well to say that before the shooting there were three Sam Britts in the township. His name is Sam and he has a son named Sam, therefore the other one is the one that was killed.