

HIGH TRIBUTE TO SIMMONS.

One of the Ablest Men We've Ever Had in the Senate" Declares Senator Ollie James—Has Well Earned the Reputation of Being Progressive.

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By Parker R. Anderson. Those Democrats and others who opposed Senator Simmons during the late Senatorial campaign, as well as the 20,000 majority who fought for the re-election of Senator Simmons will be pleased and more than pleased the extent of the pleasure being measured by the enthusiasm which was manifested either for or against Mr. Simmons, to know that North Carolina's Senator is making a record as a tariff reformer.

There was much rumbling among those who did not know Mr. Simmons when it was found that he would be elected head of the all powerful finance committee. Some of them said he was a protectionist; that he would not revise the tariff in accordance with the Democratic platform and that he would follow in the foot steps of the late Senator Gorman, of Maryland.

None of these predictions have come true. Senator Simmons today sits at the head of the table in Democratic tariff making. His Democratic members who had been told that he would not stand "hitched" now realize that they were mistaken. They one and all, declare that his efforts in bringing about the tariff bill in accordance with Democratic doctrine is really one of the great accomplishments of the Democratic Congress.

"You ask me what I think of Senator Simmons as a progressive Democrat?" said Ollie M. James, Democratic Senator from Kentucky and a progressive with a big "P." "I think Senator Simmons is one of the ablest men we have ever had on the Democratic side of the Senate. All this talk I hear about Simmons being a re-actionary has been manufactured. Simmons today stands at the head of the list as a tariff reformer. His work in connection with the framing of the Democratic tariff bill will go down in history as one of the greatest pieces of legislation ever enacted, and your North Carolina senior Senator is due the credit for most of the work.

"More than that President Wilson knows and appreciates the worth of Senator Simmons. The President, I venture to say, today thinks as much of the ability and true progressive Democracy of Senator Simmons as any other man in the Democratic party."

The views of Senator James are

similar to those heard from all sides in regard to Senator Simmons. His handling of the tariff bill is simply a remarkable piece of work; work that North Carolinians cannot help but feel proud.

The Independent, a weekly magazine published in Boston, in an article published May 22, and under the caption of "Men We Are Watching," has the following to say of Senator Simmons:

"We have learned to stand in awe of the powerful finance committee of the Senate. Aldrich was chairman of it and a line of politicians who made the wheels go round right merrily. And now Simmons of North Carolina is chairman, and it is within conservative truth to say that since his appointment—hardly two months ago—he has been making wheels go round in a way to startle even some of the hardened engineers of the past. He has the new tariff on his hands—more of a task, this time, than has often fallen to the lot of the seasoned engineers. Not a few are watching him and wondering if he can accomplish it. So much, one may say, at least; that he has a commanding grip on the majority of the finance committee and that he calmly proposes to "expedite" matters in a way tempting one to confidence that he will do it. He is a strong advocate of the secret caucus as the place to thrash out party differences with the final conclusion of the majority binding upon the party. He has won more than one victory along this line already.

"Senator Simmons is a small man but powerfully built, with the accumulated dignity of carriage and demeanor of 12 years in the Senate and two in the House. He has dark hair and moustache, just touched a bit with gray; for according to the calendar he is 58 though he does not look an hour past 50, or even that. He is quiet and deliberate to the limit, except when on his feet on the floor of the Senate. He is as pleasant a man to meet as one finds anywhere. He is a Southern gentleman, completely. All of which tempted some to be surprised, when those who knew him best made him chairman of the great finance committee. But more and more it will become evident that they knew what they were about. The man who can manage the still hunt well is the man who manipulates committee and caucus—and eventually the Senate.

"North Carolina swears by Senator Simmons and she knows him well. He is a serious thoughtful man; not quick in coming to conclusions or expressing them, but with the courage to stand by them when they are reached. In the course of his career in the

Senate he has several times taken positions well in advance of the more cautious and timid and defended them to victory. He has well earned the reputation of being progressive and has stood on the firing line in several progressive movements when the man at the front took serious chances if he was not far-seeing and self-reliant as well as fearless. It begins to appear to those interested that it is a case of the right man in the right place when Simmons appears as chairman of the Senate finance committee."

STATE NEWS.

It is said that the fruit crop in the western part of the State will be very short this year, largely on account of the early March freeze. The crop will be the shortest in 40 years, it is estimated.

The North Carolina Supreme Court adjourned for the term Wednesday and will reconvene the last week in August in the court's new quarters in the million dollar fire-proof State building now being furnished.

The 60th annual meeting of the Medical Society of North Carolina will be held at Morehead City, June 17th-19th, and the State Board of Health and the North Carolina Health Officers' Association will also be in session. The board of Medical Examiners will meet at Morehead City June 10th, when applicants for license to practice medicine will stand the examinations.

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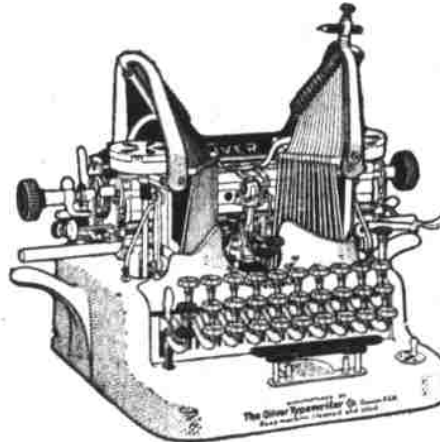
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