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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Threatened suits for libel in a political campaign do not cut much ice when based on hot air.

Many Democratic speakers would try to convince you that the world is as flat as their own platform.

This has been an exceedingly warm campaign, but it will be a cold day when the Republican get left.

Sykes rhymes with hikes—and that is what the esteemed professor will be doing after next Tuesday.

"There'll be a hot time in the old town next Tuesday night," but the Democrats will have a severe case of cold feet.

Add nothing to nothing and the result is naught. This is the sum total of the Democratic platform and its candidates.

A dyed-in-the-wool Democrat is not so very bad, if honest, but what is to become of one who died in poke-berry juice?

Vote early, but not often. Frequent voting on the one day is said to be a right of the Democrats and to be often exercised.

A fair vote with an honest count, and it is dollars to doughnuts that the entire Republican ticket in Wake County is elected.

The silent vote counts to a greater extent than is commonly thought for. It will cast many Republican ballots in Wake County this year.

The young man in politics is a great quantity this year. He has departed from the sins of the fathers and will cast his ballot with intelligence.

It would be a good and saving idea for Republican neighbors to go to the polls together, so that they may have full evidence that their votes were cast if not counted.

Marion Butler speaks in Raleigh to-morrow, Friday. Daniels has received an invitation from Morganton for the same day and Simmons is still two hundred miles absent.

Raleigh is to have a "bird man" flight under the management of Joe Daniels. This is appropriate enough, since the manager is surely a bird that quacks.

Vote according to your honest convictions but do not allow passion and prejudice to control your decision in a matter that affects many others than yourself.

President Taft goes from Washington to Cincinnati in order to vote the Republican ticket at home. It is only a step from home for you Republican voters of North Carolina.

"A conduit for emptying all the filth the Democrats can generate." In this way is the Raleigh organ of the disavowed party described by one who knows whereof he speaks.

Senator Overman says that rather than accept a fee against his State he would take one to shoot his own mother. Is it less honest to endeavor to collect a debt than to commit murder?

The seed from a bale of cotton brings more money to the farmer now than did the entire bale under the Cleveland administration. Consider this fact, Mr. Farmer, before you vote.

A continuous vaudeville entitled "Broken Democratic Promises" has been on the State political stage ever since W. W. Kitchin began his campaign for the Governorship. The critics pronounce it a dismal failure.

A proper administration of the school funds is one of the vital issues in the local contest to be decided on next Tuesday. Do you wish money for your children to be spent on high salaries and vacations? If so, vote the Democratic ticket and pay the penalty afterward.

DOCTOR J. J. MOTT TO MR. J. DANIELS

Addresses Open and Forceful Letter to Editor News and Observer.

"WHAT HAS BUTLER DONE?"

Shows That Former Senator Is Hated by Democrats Because He Put Them Out of Political Business—Tells Daniels That Latter's Sheet Has Been Made the Conduit for Emptying All of the Filth the Democrats Can Generate—Strong Praise for One "Issue" the Democrats Have Dared to Raise.

Dr. J. J. Mott has addressed and mailed to Josephus Daniels the following open letter with reference to a recent editorial in the News and Observer, of which Mr. Daniels is editor:

"Statesville, N. C., October 20, 1910.
"Mr. Josephus Daniels, Editor News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—I am pleased to find in a late issue of your paper an editorial paragraph reciting and accepting the terms of a letter I had written you denying the charge that I had any talk or understanding whatever with my friend, Hon. Marion Butler, in getting money from the 'liquor interest' for the North Carolina Republican campaign.

"You go on, however, in a different editorial paragraph in the same issue of the paper which reads as follows:

"Dr. Mott proves an alibi. The Greensboro News predicted that Butler and Booze and Bonds and Boodle would be the 'big four' in the Republican campaign. It is right, but the Iron Duke is not helping the Big Four."

"The inference in this paragraph goes to the public that I am careless as to your adopted slogan: 'The Big Four.' That I am in any wise shy of it, or that I would avoid connection with Mr. Butler in anything affecting it, would be very far from the truth. There is no man in North Carolina who feels greater interest in this State campaign than I do. I recognize the fact that the strongest collective force in accomplishing any Republican success is Mr. Butler and the following he had when they overthrew the Democratic party in the heyday of its power. This body of men constitutes the old guard in any opposition to the Democratic party in the State, and can be counted to fight it to the death.

"The hatred on the part of the government wing of the Democratic party towards this old guard is intense and seemingly endless.

"Whether by accident, as the owner of a leading Democratic paper, or by choice, I know not, but you, Mr. Daniels, are the concomitant of this hatred, and you have constituted the News and Observer office the estuary, and your newspaper the conduit, for emptying all the filthiness that the Democratic party can generate upon the leader of these people.

"While your barbed reproaches doubtless make no impression on him, I shall, under your opportunity afforded, try to offset as far as I can its effect upon the public.

"What has Butler done? This was the answer made to a business friend of mine, a Democrat in this town, by one of Iredell county's most sterling citizens and enterprising, wealthy men—an insurgent Democrat. This business friend told me of the circumstances himself.

"He had inquired of the insurgent, in talking about the 'movement,' what he thought of this inevitable association with it. The answer was enough.

"In the absence of explicit explanation of the abuse of the man, this question has been asked thousands of times since the campaign opened. 'What has Butler done?' He whipped the Democrats some years ago.

"That is the sum total of his offense. You are afraid he might do it again, since the Republican party has been taken out of Democratic hands. You lack an issue. The tariff no longer serves for a Democratic issue. A tariff for revenue only, as the Washington Post says, is an impossible thing—the Post is a near-Democratic paper.

"While this old free trade doctrine—tariff for revenue only—is stuffed into the Democratic platform for ballast and bulk, it amounts to nothing with the farmers, who have become satisfied that a protective tariff does not hurt them. The farmer vote is the vote that takes North Carolina one way or the other as it chooses.

"Cheap cotton and cheap products

SENATOR VANCE REPUDIATED SIMMONS

Thought Him Totally Unfit to Even Be a "Red Legged Grass-Hopper in North Carolina"—Senator Vance Defeated Simmons' Confirmation for Collector Because He Thought Him Unscrupulous—Said Simmons was Unworthy of the Confidence of the People of North Carolina.

"MY FATHER (SENATOR VANCE) SAID ABOUT YOU NOT LONG BEFORE HIS DEATH THAT YOU WERE NOT FIT FOR ANY OFFICE OR TRUST, OR WORTHY OF THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN ANY RESPECT."



Washington, Oct. 22, 1900.
Dr. I. W. Faison,
Charlotte, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of the 20th instant in which you asked me to state what were the objections of my father to the confirmation of F. M. Simmons as collector.

Under ordinary circumstances, I would not be inclined to revive recollections of political controversies with which my father was concerned, but when impressions, as I understand, are being made in the State that at the time of his death he and Mr. Simmons were on friendly terms, I desire to state that this is not the fact, but on the contrary, a short time before my father's death he stated that in his opinion Mr. Simmons was not fit for this office, or worthy of the confidence of the people of North Carolina. I know as a fact that my father regarded Mr. Simmons as an unscrupulous politician, and for that and other reasons, he opposed his confirmation for collector.

I know of my knowledge personally that there were enough Senators at that time with Senator Vance to have defeated Simmons' confirmation.

My father stated to me that if Simmons gained control of the politics of North Carolina it would be conducted as a machine, regardless of the rights and privileges of the people, and if there was anything that my father abhorred in politics, it was a machine or bossism. Whatever honesty he got came from the people and he trusted them implicitly.

As expressed in a card, which he wrote to the Asheville Citizen, in February, 1894, he opposed the confirmation of Mr. Simmons "on personal, as well as public grounds—grounds connected with his unfitness to hold the position for which he had been appointed."

Mr. Simmons stated in a recent card that Senator Vance did not oppose him on account of any charges against his personal character. There

was some charge of this kind and some serious objections to him which were filed at the time with the Finance Committee of the Senate. I have made a diligent search for these papers, but failed to find them in the records; they have been abstracted by some one, I do not know by whom or when.

Another reason for Senator Vance's opposition to Mr. Simmons: That gentleman came to Washington early on 1894, and in his capacity as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolina told Mr. Cleveland in an interview with him that Senator Vance, who was then fighting the nomination of a certain party as Collector in the Western District, did not represent the Democratic party of North Carolina, or the sentiment of the people in that State at that time. Mr. Simmons denied making this statement, and, of course, will deny it again, but my father told me he made it, and I believe him in preference to Mr. Simmons. Of course, Mr. Simmons will deny this; he denies everything; he can give St. Peter "cards and spades" and beat him denying any day in the week.

Although Mr. Simmons is now posing, as being all along the champion of silver, he joined in 1893-'94 with the enemies of Senator Vance, who were trying to encompass his downfall. Simmons was at that time holding up the hands of Mr. Cleveland, who lost no opportunity to injure Senator Vance, politically, because the Senator refused to support the unconstitutional repeal of the Sherman Act, but stood up squarely for silver then, as he did until his dying day.

In my opinion, Mr. Simmons did not become a friend of silver until he found that the sentiment of the people of North Carolina was overwhelmingly in that direction. When Senator Vance was fighting this battle for silver, Mr. Simmons was doing all in his power to uphold the administration, which, as is well-known by every one, was in favor of the single gold standard, and was using his

patronage in North Carolina to that end.

I regret that Senator Vance's name has been brought in this matter, but inasmuch as it has, in justice to his memory, and in fidelity to his friends and as an affectionate son, I deny any and all statements made, and by whomsoever, that he ever relented in his opposition to Mr. Simmons' appointment or confirmation as Collector, or that he ever entertained opinion that from any standpoint, for a moment any other than the Mr. Simmons was unfit for an office of trust.

Of course, if the majority of the people of North Carolina desire to send Mr. Simmons to the Senate, I cannot but acquiesce, but I am determined he shall never get to the Senate upon the false pretense of being the friend of Senator Vance, and I wish to say to those in North Carolina, who loved him in life, and who still love and revere his memory, and I believe there are many, that Mr. Simmons was his enemy to his dying day, personally and politically, and was one of the chief of those who tried to humiliate him and wound him to his death.

I have written more at length than I had intended, but I wish the people of North Carolina to understand that if my father were living he would not for a moment favor or even countenance the pretensions of Mr. Simmons to Senatorial honors, for I know the fact that if he did not regard him fit to be a revenue collector, he could not have thought him fit to represent the great State in the highest legislative chamber on earth.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) CHAS. N. VANCE.

In 1894 at the Central Hotel in Charlotte, Senator Vance stated substantially the above facts to me. He alluded to the great humiliation Mr. Simmons had insisted in bringing upon him, stating: "My hands are so completely tied that I can not appoint even a postmaster in the western part of my State."
(Signed) I. W. FAISON.

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Ex-Senator Butler Has Challenged Them to Face Him With Their False and Slanderous Charges.

TO SPEAK IN RALEIGH FRIDAY

Mr. Butler Will Show Up Senator Simmons and His Record—Will Also Show That He Has Never Been Attorney for Any Fraudulent Carpet-Bag Bonds, Nor Has He Even Advertised to Pool or Collect Such Bonds.

To The Public:—On October 17th, I wrote a letter to Senator F. M. Simmons reciting certain false and slanderous words which he had been reported to have uttered concerning myself, and challenged him to meet me in joint discussion in Raleigh and repeat the same statements, if he was correctly reported.

He has not replied to my letter, but is reported by certain Democratic papers as having repeated the same or similar false and slanderous charges against me, concluding with the statement that he refuses to meet me in joint discussion because he is too respectable to do so.

I take this occasion to announce that I will speak in the Academy of Music in Raleigh on Friday, November 4th, at 1:30 p. m., at which time I will not only discuss the issues before the people in this campaign, but will take occasion to discuss specifically Senator Simmons and his record, and what I shall say on that occasion will show conclusively his real reason for refusing to meet me in joint debate. I shall at the same time reply to the false and slanderous charges published in the Raleigh News and Observer against me and especially reply specifically to the publication contained in that paper on Thursday, October 27th, headed "Butler Caught in the Carpet Bag Bond Scheme," and shall not only denounce that charge as false, but I will be able to prove it so.

If Mr. Daniels and Senator Simmons have the proof of any wrong doings on my part with reference to the carpet bag bonds or anything else which the News and Observer claims to have, in the issue referred to, then these two, unless they are arrant cowards, should be able to pluck up courage to go to the joint discussion and furnish their proof to my face, and in the presence of the voters there.

I take this occasion to say that they know their charges are false and this is why they refuse to meet me. If there was any truth in them they would not fail to meet me and prove their charges to my face.

The News and Observer in its issue referred to, says in heavy black type that that paper and the Democratic party has had for some time proof of my infamy as attorney for the carpet bag bonds, but that they have withheld the evidence to give me rope with which to hang myself.

The following is one extract, "And all the time the proof of his infamy was available, but he was given rope." I take this occasion to say that if they had such alleged proof, this statement is a confession of their unfairness and cowardice in withholding their proof until near the close of the campaign in order to deprive me of an opportunity to answer them and give to the people the facts each day on the stump and through other means. By this admission they convict themselves of contemptible cowardice.

Again, I challenge these two leaders of Democracy and would-be defamers of my character, to meet me on the date above-named.

MARION BUTLER.
BUTLER DENOUNCES SIMMONS AND DANIELS.

Butler is Not Now Nor Has Ever Been Attorney for Any Fraudulent Carpet-Bag Bonds, Neither Has He Ever Advertised to Pool or Collect Such Bonds.—He Will Furnish the Proof Conclusive Next Friday.

P. S.—Since publishing the above card to the public, my attention has been called to an editorial in the Raleigh News and Observer of the 22nd inst., in which is copied what purports to be a statement from F. M. Simmons, in which he is reported to have said at Shelby, "A few years ago I denounced Butler in the papers of the State as a liar and a scoundrel." If such a statement was made by him several years ago I did not see nor hear of it. If he is correctly reported I believe he is lying; because, if he had used such language it could
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worse than hell.
For cause and effect in the same case, we must judge the future by the past. The farmer knows what 4-cent cotton means. Even if there was any truth in your 'Big Four' jargon, the last one of the farmers in
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