

SENATOR SIMMONS SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED.

A Faithful Public Servant—Charge That He is Not a Democrat Absurd—Looked After the Best Interests of His Own People.

Mr. Editor: It is, I think, a fact that the people are beginning to more carefully consider the real qualifications of men who seek official place than they formerly did. If this opinion is correct it is a most hopeful symptom. In fact many men have seemed to think that offices were created more for individuals than for the public good, and there was never a more fallacious idea. Offices were established wholly for the benefit of the people and are intended to be agencies through which the greatest amount of good can be secured for all the people.

And yet how often have we heard good, intelligent men say that a man held an important office long enough and it's time B or someone else should be given a chance. My countrymen, when we are voting for a man to represent us in an important official position, we should bear in mind that it is the interest and welfare, not only of ourselves, but of our neighbors and country that are at stake and it is in that interest that we should elect a man who is seeking our welfare, not one who is seeking our ruin. We should elect a man who has an experienced, well-broken team, that knows how to take advantage of every bad place and hill, would, if he had a heavy, valuable load to haul to market, leave them in the stable and hitch up a team of horses or mules that had no experience or training, or had much less training in heavy hauling and work.

The voters of North Carolina will be called upon in November to select some agents or servants to represent and guard their interest in some most important official places and they should, it would seem, in making these selections be guided by sound business principles and methods.

One of the most important if not the most important official place to the people of North Carolina is the seat in the United States Senate, now held by Hon. F. M. Simmons, the issue being whether or not he shall succeed himself and the voters of North Carolina must decide this issue. Should he be re-elected? and if not, why not? This question is now being broadly considered and a good many statements are now being made and published with the intent and hope of making North Carolina Democracy believe that Mr. Simmons should not be re-elected. The broadest charge they make is that Mr. Simmons is not a Democrat. Now don't that sound funny and who discovered it? Not the men who were with him and who under his leadership in dark and trying times fought Democratic battles and achieved victory in the face of what seemed certain defeat.

Again, who made this wonderful discovery? Well, Brother Democrat, you and I perhaps can't answer this question, but it would be safe, I think, to wager a glass of soda water that it is someone who has grown very hungry for a seat in the Senate. Hunger has been defined, as "a great stimulus to imagination." But they say they have reasons for their positions. Now let us voters who are not affected by this political hunger examine some of these reasons and see how they impress us.

The main statement made by them to bolster their position is, it seems, the charge that Mr. Simmons voted for a duty on lumber. And he did. But why did he cast this vote? The test and the decision lie in that. These are the facts in regard to the matter. The Republicans decided to revise the tariff before the Democratic House came into power and the question of lumber came up. Now up to this time and for a long time, the duty on lumber had been retained and was much higher than it now is. And under this tariff the North and West had about exhausted its timber, while in the South there were some valuable timber lands uncut. In fact, a large per cent. of the timber in the South was uncut. Now remember that this was a Republican Congress making a tariff law and when they came along with a proposition to put timber on the free list Mr. Simmons, watchful in the interest of his people and patriotically anxious to secure for them something like a fair show while this Republican distribution was going on, called a halt and met the situation with this counter proposition. In effect he said to them: You people cut and sold nearly all your timber under a high protective duty and now you wish to make my people sell their lumber to you, or any other purchaser, in an open market. To this I will not consent unless you make a square deal and give them some compensation in another direction and he submitted this proposition: If you will consent to take the tariff off the machinery—which they have to buy from you in order to cut their timber and reduce the rate on things they have to buy—entering into the cost of production, I will agree to let you have the timber free. But so long as you force them to pay you this fancy profit for the protected machinery, and other necessities in the manufacture of machinery, I will never consent for you to have the timber free. But you force them to pay you

this fancy profit for their protected machinery, I will never consent for you to force them to sell you their lumber in an open market. The writer has been informed that the duty on machinery is about forty per cent.

The writer has always thought he was a Democrat and has always worked for Democracy, but if in order to be regular he must advocate depriving his people of even the little advantage in the sale of their products, while they are forced to pay unjust prices to the manufacturer of the machinery they are compelled to use in the prosecution of their business, then he can no longer claim a place in the rigidly regular class. As a matter of fact he prefers a class that takes a practical, common sense view of things and does not insist in letting Republican tariff tinkers take all they want for themselves and their people and at the same time take away from us and our people the little that we have been able to get from Republican law makers.

DEMOCRAT.

Floyd Allen Now Says He is Sorry for What Happened.

Roanoke, Va., March 19.—Declaring that he is sorry for what happened at Hillsville last Thursday; urging his brother and relatives to give themselves up and stand trial; pleading for counsel and advice and the spiritual comfort of the church, and definitely stating that he could have escaped but remained behind willingly to be captured, in order to protect his fleeing relatives, Floyd Allen for the first time told his trouble tonight in the Roanoke jail.

In the Floyd Allen I saw, repentant, full of remorse, prayerful, old and tremulous, one would scarcely recognize the dashing devil-may-care mountaineer, the fearless leader of the band of fighting Allens, whose very name has for years struck terror to the people of Hillsville, and whose work has been very like law in Carroll county. Just five days ago this same man, with his band of kinsmen and followers, practically wiped out the officials of Carroll county, brazenly declaring, when about to be sentenced in court: "Boys I will not go to jail," and following this assertion by killing the judge, the sheriff, the Commonwealth's attorney, a juror and a young girl in the court room.

Tonight this same so-called Fighting Allen lies in a prison cell, a small steel cage five by seven feet, as pitiable an object as one may find within the borders of Virginia. Without friends, without a word from his family, with no lawyer to defend or advise him, the old man nurses his wounded leg, and begs insistently for a minister to come to comfort him.

Mr. J. P. Cook Spoken of For Senate.

Since Senator L. T. Hartsell announced several weeks ago that under no circumstances would he again be a candidate for the Senate no formal announcements have been made by anyone as a candidate to succeed him. The friends of Mr. J. P. Cook have been making an urgent effort to induce him to make the race. Mr. Cook is well qualified to fill the position with credit both to himself and his constituents. He has had considerable experience in politics and should be able to make the race his friends believe he could be easily nominated. Mr. Cook is now in Raleigh attending the meeting of the Democratic State executive committee.

Candidates in Eighth District.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—The woods are going to be full of Republican candidates for Congress from the eighth district, according to rumors that reach Washington from day to day. Two newly reported candidates for the honor of biting the dust at Representative Doughton's hands are S. G. Parsons and H. M. Wellborn. Both men hail from Ashe county. Parsons is cashier of the National Bank of Jefferson, and Wellborn is a former State senator. Dr. Campbell was endorsed recently by the Stany Republican Committee.

Bounds Out Century of Notable Work.

Philadelphia, March 19.—Three days of celebration began today at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences in honor of the completion of its first century of existence. It was founded in 1812 by a small group of young men, principally chemists and others engaged in the drug trade, and from a humble beginning has developed into an institution of world-wide reputation and has proved of the highest value to the advancement of science in America. The centenary exercises will be participated in by scores of eminent scientists and educators from all parts of the country.

Mr. Odell for State Treasurer.

It is now practically certain that ex-Senator W. R. Odell will be a candidate for State Treasurer. Mr. Odell has been considering the matter for some time but has not yet made a formal announcement of his candidacy. It was announced several weeks ago that he would probably be a candidate and since that time he has received letters from various parts of the State lauding him of support.

THE HOG IS BOSS IN CONCORD.

The Statesville Landmark has the following in its last issue: The Concord aldermen are as afraid of the hogs as the average legislator is of dogs. A year or so ago the Concord aldermen passed an ordinance banishing hogs from the municipality, but when the hog owners had time to take a fresh breath they raised such a howl that the aldermen promptly rescinded the ordinance. A week or so ago the aldermen passed another hog ordinance and bravely declared that this time it should stand. At their next meeting the friends of the hog came down in force and some of the aldermen reneged. The vote to repeal the ordinance was a tie. The mayor said he was against the hog but in deference to the wishes of the people he voted to rescind. Now doesn't that jar? And in a "city" at that.

MUST STARVE ALLENS OUT.

Poses Spread Out in All Directions and By This Means Hope to Cut Off Supplies.

Hillsville, Va., March 19.—Messengers from the poses guarding the roads in the mountains have reported the court house assassins at a point about five miles from Floyd Allen's home. Every available man in Hillsville has hurried up into the hills in the hope of surrounding them before they get away.

Just after dusk fell, a man riding a gray horse covered with foam, rode into town and had a hurried talk with detective Felts, head of the posse. Not even the men who had been in the saddle all day were spared from the call, and the party galloped off on what will be an all-night ride. At best they cannot reach the point the messenger indicated before dawn.

The chase of the Allen outlaws who shot at the Carroll county court house last Thursday and now have five deaths to their score for that score, has settled down to a siege.

All the posses know is that the gang probably is in the Chestnut ridge. Travelers coming down from Fancy Gap said the Allens had deserted their stand at Squirrel Spur and plunged into the still thicker thicker country over toward the Patrick county line. That is more of a wilderness than their previous stand. At some places the boundary lines have never been located.

It now looks like an attempt to starve out the assassins. The posses have been spread over the roads, and the cross roads and by ways have been well covered. By this method they hope to cut off food supplies and probably medical attention.

Jack Allan, one of the brothers who did not take part in the court house assassination, came into town today to consult a lawyer about the attachments which the authorities are making on Sides and Floyd Allen's properties. Allen galloped up to the court house and created a furore. The townsfolk thought he was heading another raid.

He ventured that his brothers probably had shot in self defense and would fight to the last ditch. Sides's wife came to town in a rickety barouche in pitiful contrast to her former visits. She wanted the prosecutor to exempt her husband's store from the attachments but he refused. About \$25,000 of his property has been tied up by the heirs of his victims.

Contrary to the reports that the Allens had cut the telephone wires, the fact is they have not been cut. Ella Wilcox and her sister, the operators, refused to take fright at the Allens and have been sticking to the switchboard night and day.

A day or two before the shooting one of the Allens called for a number and not getting it quickly said to the operator:

"I guess you don't know who I am, I'm one of the fighting Allens."

"Yes," returned the country girl, "and I'm one of the fighting Wilcoxs, and when you come I'll be prepared."

There was talk today of calling for federal troops. Those in authority however, did not consider it seriously.

The Allens, it is openly stated on the streets here, have friends in Hillsville who are keeping them posted of the movements of the posse. Old residents who are acquainted with the fugitives and the lay of the land say should the Allens still be hiding in the mountains here that they can successfully dodge pursuers indefinitely. The mountainside is covered with dense laurel brush and there are deep gullies in the hills. A man can hide under the laurel bush or in the mountain crevices and have pursuers pass within twenty feet of him. It is said also by people here today that the purpose of the Allens is to tire out the posse with the hope that the Baldwin men will give up the chase. The Allens have no fear of the local authorities and do not believe the Carroll county officials, knowing how desperate the gang is, will ever dare to interfere with them.

There is no truth in the report that the Allens are hiding in a cave known as "Devil's Den." They know they would be caught like rats in a trap if they attempted to hide in the cavern, which has only one exit. The hole in the ground goes almost straight down, and one man could stand at the entrance and shoot men as fast as they emerged. The cave could be closed with little trouble, and if the Allens hide inside they would be forced to surrender sooner or later.

Commonwealth's Attorney Foster carried \$38,000 life insurance. Five thousand of this was taken out recently. On the day he was killed, he told his stenographer it was probably the last day he would live.

Mr. Foster was said to have been the only man in the county whom the Allens feared and they knew that he could not be intimidated and was not afraid of the Allen clan. This is why he was among the first the Allens fired upon.

Deputy Sheriff Samuel, who resigned and went to North Carolina to live for fear of the Allens, yesterday telephoned to Hillsville to know if the gang had been captured. He left the county when Judge Staples refused to allow him to carry a Winchester rifle into the court room in December. He was a witness against the Allens in a case and declined to appear unless he could carry his gun into court. On the day before the trial he handed in his resignation as deputy and moved from the county.

Annual Debate at Wineoff School.

The debate between Wineoff and Rocky River high schools, which was postponed last week on account of the weather, will be held at the Wineoff school next Saturday night, March 23. The following will be the programme:

Prayer—Rev. W. T. Albright.
Declaration, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"—Ralph Black.
Recitation, "Polley's Surprise Patrick"—Evelyn Wineoff.
Music.

Debate, "Resolved, That North Carolina is the best State in the Union in which to live." Affirmative, Claude Stroud and Robert Litaker. Negative, Harry Bost and Drayton Horton.
Music.
Rejoinders—Claude Stroud and Drayton Horton.
Music.
Recitation, "Feeding the Children"—Zula Bost.
Declaration, "Character of Napoleon"—John Barnhardt.
Announcement of decisions by judges.

First Sign of Spring.

New York, March 20.—Flaring circus posters adorning billboards and dead walls from the Battery to the Bronx remind the Gothamites these days that the coldest winter in years has become a matter of history and that spring is surely here at last. No more infallible sign of the change in the seasons could be had than the announcement that the circus has come to town. Fresh from the winter quarters at Bridgeport, the Barnum & Bailey aggregation of animals and acrobats, riders and clowns, has taken possession of Madison Square Garden and has everything in readiness for the opening of the two weeks season in the metropolis before taking to the road. The great feature of the show this year will be a pageant-hippodrome number entitled "Cleopatra." It will enlist a ballet of 300 girls, and more than 350 horses will take part in the chariot and other races in the piece. The initial performance will be given tomorrow night.

Junior Order Speaking.

Cannonville Council No. 25 and Forest Hill Council No. 48 of the J. O. U. A. M. will have a public speaking at the court house here next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. C. Fink will be chairman of the meeting, and the following will be the programme:

Music, followed by prayer by Rev. S. N. Watson.
Introduction by I. T. Hartsell.
Address, "Principles of the Junior Order," Judge N. L. Eare, of Greensboro.
Music.
Introduction by J. M. Burrage.
Address, "The Junior Order and Education," Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest College.
The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Sides Allen Talks of Affair.

Hillsville, Va., March 19.—Mrs. Sides Allen, seen at Steven Williams' house, half a mile from her residence, said she had no idea where her husband was.

"I have no idea where Sides went when he left me Thursday. I left our home the night this awful thing happened. My husband was still there. As I kissed him good-bye he told me to do everything. I could for our two little children. Regardless of what he did in county court Thursday, I want to say there never was a kinder, more loving husband and father. He has an awful temper. That was responsible for whatever he did."

Sides Allen has two pretty children, girls, Marjorie, 10, and Pauline, aged 5.

DRAIN THE SWAMPS.

If This Is Not Done Much Sickness in Concord This Summer Will Be the Result.

The water has not yet entirely receded in the swamps opposite the depot. "See that area of slush and water over there," remarked an observing citizen yesterday afternoon as he was waiting for a train. "That is what is going to make so much sickness in Concord this summer."

No one can deny that he is exactly right. There is only one remedy—drain the swamps. There may be a difference among our citizens on the question of whether hog pens are breeders of disease but surely there can be no difference as to whether the swamps are breeders of disease, certainly not enough to cause those entrusted with our city government to put on the reverse lever and do a back peddling stunt as some of them did on the hog pen question.

Swamps, bull frogs, mosquitoes and bull rushes can't vote and for that reason there can be no unfavorable results from doing this work when reckoning day comes.

The board of aldermen have the matter under consideration and since the great rain the necessity for action is greater than ever. It is to be hoped that they will give the matter special attention at this time as the work can be accomplished only during the summer and spring months.

The drainage of the swamps is a matter of vital importance to every citizen of Concord, be he white or black, Democrat or Republican, and it is the public duty of every citizen to agitate and stand behind the movement until the swamps are drained.

Mr. Causey Declines Call to Faith.

A committee of Faith Reformed church has been here to see Rev. W. H. Causey with a view to calling him as pastor of that church. They recently requested Mr. Causey to accept the call when tendered and made him a very attractive offer, financially. He has been considering the matter for several days and on yesterday he decided that he would remain in Concord. Mr. Causey has been doing a good work here and under his ministry the church has enjoyed a splendid growth. He still has larger and greater plans mapped out for it and he decided to remain here in order that he might be instrumental in their execution. Mr. Causey is a valuable asset to both the spiritual and civic life of Concord, and his numerous friends will learn with pleasure that he has decided to remain here.

The Death of a Good Woman.

Mrs. Mattie Morgan, wife of Mr. D. W. Morgan, died last Thursday at her home in No. 10 township, after an illness of short duration. She was a daughter of Mr. G. H. Garmon, who died two years ago. She was 25 years old. She leaves several young children, a kind husband, two sisters and two brothers, viz: Miss Lundy Garmon, Mrs. Elta Dorson, Mr. D. W. Garmon, all of whom live in No. 10 township, and Mr. William Garmon, who lives in Texas, and Mr. John Garmon, who lives in California. She was a good wife, a kind mother, and was loved by all who knew her. The body was laid to rest in Howell's cemetery. She was a devoted member of Howell's church.

Fisher's Millinery Opening.

The big spring millinery opening at Fisher's will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and you are cordially invited. Miss Kelly, who has charge of this department, will be pleased to receive you. See the big half page ad on third page on today's Tribune.

Holy the orphans by visiting the tea room at Marshall Hotel every afternoon this week.

ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF FAMINE MONEY.

Mr. Hamilton Thanks the Methodist Churches of This City for the Handsome Contribution.

We have received the following letter from Mr. J. D. Hamilton, treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nashville, Tenn.:

Nashville, Tenn., March 15, 1912. The Concord Tribune, Concord, N. C.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your favor of 13th inst. enclosing New York exchange for \$70.02, contributions for the China Famine Relief Fund from the following churches in the Salisbury District, of the Western North Carolina Conference:

Central church	\$38.26
Epworth church	3.20
Westford church	6.50
Forest Hill church	8.86
Concord Circuit	13.20
Total	\$70.02

We thank you for these liberal and timely contributions to a destitute and suffering people, who are especially appreciative of the kindly sympathy of the people of the great American Republic.

Very truly yours,
J. D. HAMILTON,
Treasurer Board of Missions M. E.

LaFollette Carries Dakota.

Fargo, N. D., March 19.—According to early figures from all parts of the State, United States Senator Robert H. LaFollette of Wisconsin today ran ahead of Theodore Roosevelt in the North Dakota presidential preference primary. Total figures on and at the State Roosevelt headquarters at this time give LaFollette 1265 and Roosevelt 2938 votes.

Dies at Breakfast Table.

Salisbury, March 19.—Mrs. Emma English, aged 53, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Langlin, in this city, this morning. The two were at the breakfast table when Mrs. English suddenly quit talking and Mrs. Langlin, upon going up to her, found that she was dead.

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"Fisher Brown" will be here April 9. Millions have seen the stage representation of Outcault's tiny hero, but the crowds flock just the same.

We still have a supply of our splendid 8-inch spring tension shears that we are giving to all subscribers who pay a year in advance and all arrears. We have given away over 2,000 pairs of these shears, and they have given universal satisfaction. If

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Friday Morning and All Next Week

1c Inch

100 Pieces of White and Colored Wash Belting, all new patterns and worth up to 50c Belt, 1c inch, and with every belt we will give a 35c Belt Pin Free.

On sale in Notion Department.

New shipment Kayser Gloves, in white, black and chamois—

2-Button, price, 25c and 50c.

16-Button Silk Gloves, double tip fingers, every pair guaranteed; colors, black, white, tan, pink and light blue, priced at 98c and \$1.50 Pair.

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Children's 50c Silk Sox—white, Safe price, 25c.

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