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MR. SIMMONS MAKES REPLY.

Answers in Detail Charge Referred to in a Letter From J. D. Allen.

J. D. ALLEN, Esq., Falls, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your recent favor, in which you say it is being charged against me, as an aspirant for the Senate,

First, That Senator Vance opposed my confirmation as Collector upon grounds derogatory to my personal character.

Second, That I am charged with being a secret agent of the Southern Railway Company, and that it and other corporations have been, and are now, and are now paying me large sums of money to protect their interests as a lobbyist and otherwise, and you express the opinion, in which I concur, that as I am a candidate for their suffrage, the people are entitled to know the facts in reference to those charges.

In reply, I beg to say that Senator Vance's opposition to my confirmation was not based upon personal grounds and no charge against my personal character was made in connection with that matter. At the time of my appointment as Collector, Senator Vance, together with the other Senator and all the Democratic Congressmen from North Carolina, favored me. The subsequent opposition of Senator Vance to my confirmation arose out of the complications connected with the appointment of the Collector for the Western District of North Carolina. The records of the Senate and the delegation in Congress from this State at that time will bear out these statements.

With reference to the second charge to which you refer, I beg to say that it is not true that I am attorney or agent, either secret or otherwise, of the Southern Railroad. I have never appeared for that railroad in any capacity. It has never paid me a cent in my life, except a contribution made to me as Chairman of the Committee in 1898, which was spent for the benefit of the party. On the contrary, I have appeared and am appearing against it in many suits. During the last three years, since I commenced to practice law in Raleigh, I have been of counsel in recovering a number of judgments against it, one of them for as much as sixty-three hundred dollars, and I now appear of counsel in quite a number of cases against it, in which my clients claim damages for from thirty to forty thousand dollars. I am also of counsel against it in the tax assessment cases.

It is not true that I am, or have at any time been, a secret agent or attorney for any corporation or person, nor that I am a lobbyist, nor that I have at any time been in receipt of any personal income from any source whatever except such as comes legitimately to any North Carolina lawyer enjoying a moderate practice. I neither lobbied in the last Legislature, nor discussed with its members subjects connected with their duties not pertaining to general legislation, such as the Constitutional Amendment, the Election Law, etc. I am sure no member of the Legislature of 1899 will dispute this statement.

During the last three years, since I have been living in Raleigh, my whole income from all sources has been barely sufficient to support my family, although we live economically.

My entire estate including property belonging to my wife, would not probably sell for more than seven-teen or eighteen thousand dollars, and it is encumbered by unpaid mortgages of over three years standing for eleven thousand dollars. Even my home is mortgaged for about half its purchase money.

I do my banking business with the Citizens National Bank of this city, and its books will show I have not had to my personal credit at any one time during the last two years as much as one thousand dollars.

When the campaign of this year closed, the Committee was very much behind. There were a number of urgent bills to be met, for which I was responsible. I borrowed, upon the endorsement of a friend, from Commercial & Farmers Bank of this city, one thousand dollars and gave it to the Committee as my contribution to the campaign.

Painful as it is to do so, I deem it proper to make this statement about my private affairs that the people of the State may see how unjust and cruel are the charge with which it is being sought to injure and destroy my reputation.

During the last three years I have given to the Democratic Party a year of my time without any compensation, having actually borrowed money to pay, in part, my expenses while engaged in this work, and I have also given to it this year more than one-seventh of my net fortune.

I have done this ungrudgingly and if my State should ever again fall back into the horrible conditions from which it has been rescued, and again wish my services, I shall not answer not now, but at a more propitious season. I have not made, and do not intend to make any demands upon the party for these sacrifices. A party has a right to expect, in time and money, sacrifices from its adherents, but no party exigencies can require the sacrifice of a man's character. Neither can I believe that any man's candidacy for office will be promoted by the assassination of an opponent's character.

During the last three years the fusionists have heaped upon me a degree of slander and vituperation which never before fell to the lot of any man in the State. I have borne these assaults with patience, counting myself fortunate that I was considered worthy to suffer in the name of the cause for which I was struggling. The abuse has been directed against me, not only as an individual but I have been denounced by the enemies of Democracy for everything done by the Democratic Party which has not pleased them.

It now seems that these charges made by the fusionists have been revamped and are being circulated to my detriment by men in my own party, because, forsooth, I am in the way of the ambition of their favorite. So be it I am not the only victim. Others, yea thousands of others, have felt the mailed hand of a power which brooks no opposition to the accomplishment of its purpose, and which, though it was not always so, has recently become in this country a power mightier than "the man" himself.

There is no skeleton in my closet. For three years the enemies of Democracy, with evil and vicious eyes, have turned the searchlight of inspection upon my life and character. In the midst of it all I have stood

defiant, asking no quarters and giving none. I ask none now, but there is a difference between injustice from foes and injustice from friends. The former may be regarded with indifference; the latter is sharper than a serpent's tooth.

My Democracy is without qualifications. I stand straight, square and flatfooted for every principle and declaration in our platforms, State and National, and for Mr. Bryan, the great leader of our hosts.

There is a well defined and largely successful movement in certain parts of the State to organize, against me and in favor of one of my opponents certain interests and influences which, though usually acting with the Democratic Party, are out of sympathy with and actually hostile to some of its principles and policies and more or less unfriendly to our candidate for the Presidency. I have no apologies to make to anyone for my advocacy of the principles of the Democratic National platform nor for my earnest admiration and support of Mr. Bryan. I stand for these principles separately and collectively not for a part of them, but for each and everyone of them. I am glad that my position in these regards is fully understood in North Carolina, because I do not want to secure any man's vote upon false pretences.

Very truly yours,
F. M. SIMMONS.

Denies That Bryan's Illinois Date Have Been Cancelled.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of the national Democratic committee, today denied the story that dates for speeches in Illinois and other Western States by Wm. J. Bryan had been cancelled, and that the Democratic candidate will hurry to New York.

Senator Jones declares that Mr. Bryan will speak in New York on October 16th, as originally announced and that the plans have no wise been changed.

Killed the Negro for Assault.

ALBANY, Ga., Sept. 22.—Mose Ingram, a negro servant in the household of in Dougherty county, was killed by Mr. Tarver for criminal assault on his 13-year-old daughter.

Have you a sense of fullness in the region of your stomach after eating? If so you will be benefited by using Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They also cure belching and sour stomachs. They regulate the bowels too. Price, 25 cents. Sold by W. R. Hambrick.

GO TO WASHINGTON.

Wait for the grand excursion to Washington over the N. & W., via Lynchburg, and the Southern Ry., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th. Solid train from ROXBORO to WASHINGTON. No change of cars. The train will leave Roxboro on Tuesday Oct. 16th 8:30 a. m., and will return leaving Washington Thursday, the 18th. The fare for the round trip is the cheapest ever known—\$4.25. This is the best opportunity ever offered our people to visit the national capital. Train stops at all stations from Roxboro to Rustburg. The manager has secured for the benefit of those who go on his excursion a rate of \$2.00 a day at the Metropolitan and \$1.50 at the Howard in Washington. Go and have a good time. This will be the last opportunity you will have to visit Washington this season at such a low price. Remember the date—October 16th. For further information address the manager.

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"Magic Chillerine," the positive absolute cure and permanent cure for chills and fever, at Morris drug store. No cure, no pay.

"Lest We Forget, Lest We Forget." MESSRS. EDITORS:—For the past six years, Democracy in the State of North Carolina, has been struggling to recover its lost supremacy.

Since 1894, when Butler and Pritchard succeeded Ransom and Jarvis in the U. S. Senate, the Democratic party has aroused every faculty, stretched every nerve and energy, and called together all of its latent forces to redeem the State from the hands of the Populists and Republicans, and not only do this but make it possible, when the time should come, to send Democrats to represent the Old North State in the Senate of the United States.

By means of a great and wise leader a man of the HIGHEST COURAGE AND ABILITY, our hopes have become realities, and all these things have been made possible, and that leader was Hon. F. M. Simmons.

Yes, the Senatorial fight is now on, a fight no longer between the Democratic party on one side and the Populists and Republicans on the other, but a fight in the Democratic party alone. After having passed through such a political crisis and a return to power by the Democrats, there should be no fight in our party; it is not only unwise but more—it is not just and right. Democracy from the seashore to the mountains should rise up with one patriotic voice and send F. M. Simmons to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Butler.

F. M. Simmons is pre-eminently fitted for the position, and if party services are to be considered then he is most entitled to the honor. His strongest opposition seems to come from General Carr and his friends. I am willing and do ascribe all honor to Gen. Carr for his services to the Democratic party and his generosity, but he has no right or domain that for one moment can be weighed against that of Mr. Simmons in this fight.

Four years ago, after Democracy had been subdued and its banner was trailing in the dust of defeat, at the call of his party, like an armed warrior, Mr. Simmons, opposing fusion with Butler, rushed to the aid of his party, picked up the trailing flag, and hero-like, bore it aloft in the thickest of the fight, until today it waves triumphantly in every county in the State.

None of us can ever forget the fight, and the victory won. Shall we forget the gallant leader, F. M. Simmons. Let us make our recent victory complete and permanent and recognize, honor and reward such services and not let the fire of gratitude die out, lest we drift back to defeat. For internal factions are more to be dreaded than all the combined forces of our enemies, and this is not the time for dissension and factions in the Democratic party. The enemy may be sleeping, but it is not dead, and the day may come when the services of Mr. Simmons may be needed. Don't let us ignore him now.

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

R. H. DOWDY.

Roxboro, N. C., Sep. 25.

Fine Cow For Sale.

I have a fine young jersey cow, 3 years old, second calf, fresh to the pail, giving 2 gallons of milk which I will sell at a reasonable price. Apply

J. G. READE,
Mt. Tirzah.

Wants Cleveland back in the Party.

The Iroquois Club has asked Grover Cleveland and Richard Olney to speak here soon under its auspices against McKinley and for Bryan.

Mr. Olney has promised to do so. There is doubt as to Mr. Cleveland but the club has, it is intimated, encouragement to believe that it will "hear from him."

It has been represented to Mr. Cleveland that he can put himself and his followers back in to the party most fitting through the Iroquois Club, which fought for him in the West before he was nominated the last time, stood with him during his second term and went down with what he represented in 1896.

Especial interest will attach to a special article in the Campaign Number of McClure's Magazine, entitled "The Strategy of National Campaigns." This article in the October issue will describe some of the most striking strategic measures adopted by Presidential campaign leaders during the past twenty five years, concerning which almost nothing has hitherto been divulged to the public at large. The author, doubtless because of the prominent part he has played in the struggles describes, prefers to write anonymously. Mr. Hambridge's portraits illustrating the articles are of unusual originality and merit.

THE following good advice is clipped from an observant exchange: "My son, follow not in the footsteps of the loafer, and make no example of him who is born tired, for verily I say unto thee, their business is overstocked and the seats on the corners are all taken and whittling places are all occupied. It is better to saw wood at two bits a cord than to whittle in a loafing match and curse the government. My son, while thou has left in thy skull the sense of a jaybird, break away from the cigarette habit, for lo, thy breath stinketh like unto a glue factory, and thy whole appearance is less in intelligence than a stone dummy. Yes, thou art a cipher with the rim knocked off.

Mt. Tirzah Paragraphs.

J. G. Reade lost a tobacco barn and contents Saturday evening. Mr. Reade had the same misfortune last year.

Dr. A. C. Boyles is having lumber put on the ground for a handsome two story residence on the hill above the Academy.

Mr. William Speed and Miss Mollie Speed, of Durham, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends here.

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