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For President: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. For Vice President: ADLAI E. STEVENSON. For Congress—Second District: CLAUDE KITCHIN. For Elector—Second District: T. C. WOOTEN.

SUGGESTIONS TO FARMERS.

We note that the English cotton mills have agreed to shut down for about fifteen days and are endeavoring to get the mills of this country to do the same. Evidently the object is to deplete the price of cotton.

Now, how would it do for the farmers of the South to hold their cotton and not sell any during that time?

MR. SIMMONS' ENDORSEMENTS.

THE COMMONWEALTH long before the August election took the ground that Hon. F. M. Simmons would be the Senator to fill the place vacated by the expiration of Butler's term. We stand by our first position, and give nearly all our editorial space this week to a few of the many and forceful endorsements which are every day appearing in the papers in his favor.

We ask that every voter into whose hands this paper may come will read carefully every line we print this week concerning Mr. Simmons.

While we would emphasize every word of it, we call special attention to Judge Womack's 9th reason why Mr. Simmons should be Senator. It seems to us that in that short paragraph is enough to grapple every Democrat in the State to Mr. Simmons in the party's interest, to say nothing of the man himself. It seems to us that from this standpoint every other aspirant ought to stand aside.

We call special attention also to what Mr. Cameron Morrison's letter to the News and Observer says about Mr. Simmons in connection with the Confederate soldiers.

ALL WOULD ANSWER "SIMMONS."

The following pointed communication appeared in Sunday's Charlotte Observer under the signature "Justice":

"If you had asked every Democrat in North Carolina in October, '98, whom they favored for United States Senator to succeed Butler, four out of five of them would have said: 'Simmons, if he succeed in carrying the State for the Democracy!'"

"If you had asked them all in July, 1900, the same question, about the same proportion would have answered: 'Simmons, if he defeats fusion and secures the adoption of the amendment.'"

"You may ask any Republican of prominence in North Carolina whom he dislikes most and dreads most in the political conflicts in North Carolina, and he will reply: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"You may ask any McKinley Populist in North Carolina, whom he dislikes most and dreads most in a political fight in North Carolina, and he will answer: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"You may ask any Republican or McKinley Populist in North Carolina, whom he would dislike most to see in the United States Senate in place of Marion Butler, and if he will speak the truth, he will say: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"You may any the astute Democrat in North Carolina if they had a hard uncertain political contest to fight in North Carolina, whom would he select to lead his forces, and almost without exception he would say: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"You may overhear a stranger ask of any well informed citizen of North Carolina 'Who is your most powerful and effective Democratic organizer and leader in North Carolina?' and almost without exception the answer would be: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"You may ask any thinking Democrat in North Carolina, 'Who among all the United States senatorial aspirants would make the State the wisest and most useful representative in the upper branch of the national Congress?' and if he will dive down into the lowest depths of his honest convictions he will reply: 'F. M. Simmons.'"

"Other states and countries honor such men; can North Carolina afford not to do so? Can the people of the State be driven from the support of such a man by the cry from a few inactive, dormant and inert individuals, who shout loudest when the 'meeting' is over? Can the silly cry of 'Politician' from a few of those who are never on the battlefield until the enemy has retired, deter the grand army of fighting North Carolina Democrats from doing merited justice to one of the best generals that ever commanded the white forces of the State? I think not, I hope not, I know not."

"No, sir, Mr. Editor, if gratitude and generosity were inheritances of money value, the citizenship of North Carolina would have long since been rich, and this just and grateful citizenship of this grand old State, redeemed now from negroism and fusionism forever has these characteristics: still, and in November next the white people of State will pay in part at least, the great debt they owe to F. M. Simmons by electing him to succeed the man whose political scalp he has taken."

SIMMONS STRONGLY ENDORSED

The following strong letter appeared in the News and Observer of last Sunday endorsing Hon. F. M. Simmons: Rockingham, N. C., Sept. 8, 1900.

First, and above all other reasons, Mr. Simmons' moral character and private life are without stain. Elected to Congress when a very young man, he withstood all the Devil's glittering temptations there, and returned to his people sober and clean. From that early age until now he has been subjected to all the temptations which beset the pathway of a prominent and commanding public man. He has passed through it all without blemish on his character for sobriety and uprightness in all the relations of life. There has never been a charge affecting his character except that he acted as Chairman of the State Executive committee of our party in the last three campaigns in which we were successful. This is a very serious offence to negro organizers and to those who would have sold their votes to the negroes of North Carolina for small offices but for public sentiment which Simmons aroused against such treason to the white race. Every man who voted the Democratic ticket because he feared the indignation of the people if he voted otherwise hates Simmons for being chairman.

We challenge any Democrat to show any wrong he did during his three campaigns. We challenge any Democrat to show where he advised one lawless act. There is not a cleaner, manlier man in the race for the great honor of being our Senator.

We contend that Mr. Simmons should be chosen because of his great ability. He is the peer of any North Carolinian in intellect and mental powers. In my humble opinion, he is the peer of any man in the State in argumentative oratory, which is the only kind effective in the United States Senate. There are men in North Carolina who surpass Mr. Simmons in the style of speaking effectively upon the stump, but in clearness of statement, and power in debate he is without a superior in the State. He would so conduct himself in debate in the Senate that all North Carolinians would be proud of him. He has a legal mind, and his success at the bar attests his ability. We in the State who, while admitting Mr. Simmons' superior claim to the gratification of North Carolinians, favor the election of some other candidate who belongs to the legal profession because in their opinion he possesses greater ability than Mr. Simmons, to compare the career at the bar of their favorite with that of Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons has not only exhibited great ability in the practice of his noble profession, but in his public service he has shown himself to possess ability of a high order. He was a member of Congress when quite young, and did not hesitate to discuss the great questions which came up before Congress. He exhibited in the debates before that great body at that early age abilities that gratified the whole State.

He was materially useful to the State and the entire South in his skillful fight while in Congress, to place jute on the free list and cheap bagging to the farmers. His fight for cheap bagging won him the gratitude of the farmers of his district and hatred and fear of his term the farmers unanimously renominated him for Congress in the Black District. It was charged at the time, and believed to be true, that the bagging trust poured money into the district with which to organize the negroes and defeat him. He was defeated.

In 1898, when North Carolina was the most demagogically governed State in the whole Union; when there were more negroes in office in our State than in all the other States in the Union combined; when nearly all the white men in office were placed there by negroes, and in spite of overwhelming white majorities; when the white people were still torn and divided by class feeling and bitter disagreements until reason had well nigh been destroyed in North Carolina the democratic party selected Mr. Simmons as its official head by electing him chairman of the State Executive Committee. From then until now he has been the unquestioned leader of the white people of our State who are opposed to negro government AND OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS ENUNCIATED IN ITS NATIONAL PLATFORM. It required ability to lead the Democratic party through this crisis in our State's history. An unwise man as our leader would have intensified class feeling and put off the day of our coming together until our civilization would have been destroyed. Mr. Simmons led wisely. His fees have never charged him with a mistake. Immediately upon his assuming the duties of chairmanship he commenced to skillfully pursue policies which rapidly brought the white people together without regard to class, or condition in life; he was wise enough and strong enough to let every other question be in abeyance and to focus all the courage, intellect and character of the white race upon the paramount question of white supremacy.

He not only pointed out the way and perfected the most perfect political organization which has ever existed in a Southern State, but he directed the great political battle on every field of the campaign. He not only organized our forces, BUT BY COMMON CONSENT SHAPED AND GUIDED OUR POLICIES. He gathered the facts and figures for the arguments against fusion rule, and every speaker and editor in the State can testify to the lawyer-like, logical method and arrangement with which he and his assistants at headquarters furnished the testimony for the plaintiff in the great action in politics, which the Democratic party instituted against the fusionists for White Supremacy. The facts and proof furnished by him were never proven incorrect in any instance and the press and local speakers everywhere used them with perfect confidence. Knowing the great power of the press and printed matter, he distributed more newspapers, tracts, circulars,

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pictures and other printed matter than ever before went out from the headquarters of a political committee in this State. He was the author of much of his literature. It was superbly written when he wrote it, and I especially desire to call attention to the force and clearness with which he writes. In both campaigns Mr. Simmons, though burdened with the great weight of the duties of the chairmanship, made many speeches in all parts of the State, and they were powerful appeals to the judgment and conscience of North Carolinians. He did possibly more than any other man to awaken that great courage exhibited by our people in both campaigns. When danger surrounded us we all wanted to hear what Mr. Simmons said; and when he defied the threats of Federal troops and Federal Courts, with the courage of our ancestors we marched on. In the two campaigns he furnished more courage and gathered more money, more facts, more literature, more hours of tedious work and thought than any of the splendid and patriotic works in the cause. Through the two campaigns he never wanted courage and he never erred in policy or organization. His advice was more influential than any other man's in drawing and perfecting the Constitutional Amendment, and he wrote the most powerful argument in favor of the constitutionality of the amendment we have ever read or heard spoken. His advice was valuable and influential in framing the excellent election law under which the last election was held. He has done much for our State, but I do not think the Senatorship ought to be given to any man as a pension. We ought not to bestow the Senatorship as a reward for party service, or for noble exhibition of generosity to worthy institutions and good causes or for service in the Civil War. A man who would ask to be elected to the Senate for such reasons alone is not great enough for the position. But we favor the election of Mr. Simmons because we believe, judging from the character, ability and patriotism he has already shown, he can be of greater service to North Carolina in the United States Senate than any man in our State. The fight over the negro question in the South has been removed from the State to National politics. The National Republican platform denounces our amended Constitution and the Constitutions of other States, where similar disposition has been made of the negro as a voter. Our amendment and our course in politics for the last four years will be assailed by the great leaders of the Republican party in the United States Senate. Who can defend us with more courage, logic and power than Mr. Simmons, the man who led us through it all? In our humble judgment Mr. Simmons will be invaluable to the whole South in the Senate upon the negro question. And this of itself would be a sufficient reason for sending him to the Senate. What a joy it would be to see Marion Butler out of the Senate with his slanders of our people, and Mr. Simmons there to defend us and himself! He would be great and useful upon the other great questions which will come before that great body. He is sound upon our national platform, and will stand for the Republic against an Empire; he will stand for the people against the rubber-trust; he will stand for bimetalism, and will help to tear down "the cross of gold" and lift "the crown of thorns from the brow of labor," he will stand for exact and equal justice between the rich and the poor; demagogues can never make him help to rob the rich in the name of the poor nor corruptors and power make him help the rich to oppress and rob the poor.

We should regard Mr. Simmons' previous public service as evidence of what he has the character, ability and patriotism to do for us in the Senate.

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ELLEN GOOD REASONS

WHY SIMMONS SHOULD BE SENATOR

News and Observer.

To the Editor.—Permit me to give, without elaboration, 11 reasons why Hon. F. M. Simmons should be nominated for United States Senator at the primaries.

1. He has had Congressional experience, and as Congressman he procured the passage of as many local bills for the benefit of his district as made as much reputation at home and in Congress, as any other one term Congressman we have had since the war.

2. He was defeated for his second term by the manipulations of the jute bagging trust, because of the introduction by him of a bill aimed specially against it; as were a number of other Congressmen who had been active against that trust.

3. When there was no opposition to his nomination for the third time, and with the assurance that if he signed them there would be none, he refused to sign the Alliance demands, insisting that he was only bound by the pledges contained in the platform of the Democratic party, and he was not renominating.

4. In 1894 and 1896 he boldly and publicly, in the State conventions and elsewhere, advocated policies opposed by the President, declaring he would surrender his office before he would sign the Fusionists' platform.

5. Because the Fusionists hate him more than they do any Democrat in the State, and are doing everything possible to secure his defeat in the Democratic primaries.

6. Because the opposition fear him more than they do any other Democrat.

7. The proposed constitutional amendments in Virginia and Alabama, following our lead, together with the Republican taunts at antagonistic Federal legislation, will make our amendment a live question in the United States Senate. Mr. Simmons inaugurated the White Supremacy campaign of 1898, and followed it up with the wonderfully successful campaign just closed. He prepared the circular literature, which marked the lines upon which the battle was to be fought, and discussed the amendment in every phase; its constitutionality, its desirability and its effects. He is in the best position to defend it, and the cause which led up to it, in the United States Senate, of any living man, and secure its permanence to North Carolina and the South.

8. While a poor man, he has always contributed liberally to the campaigns, both in money and personal services, and in the campaign just closed he contributed to the State campaign fund twice as much in money as any other person, and gave his entire time, without compensation, for seven months.

9. His defeat by the Democrats, after the terrific abuse and vilification heaped upon him by the Fusionists, would mean a reputation and political death—an end most devoutly desired by his and our political opponents.

10. While, theoretically, it may be true that no man deserves an office, and that he who works for the party is presumed to have done so from patriotic motives, yet the country always feels grateful to a leader who secures great public benefits. Mr. Simmons deserves the gratitude in every lover of good government in North Carolina. Party workers are entitled to be rewarded rather than punished.

11. He has been faithful to every trust, always unwilling to advocate anything his judgment did not approve. He is the most magnificent organizer the State has ever known. His ability as a lawyer is recognized from one end of the State to the other, while as an advocate he has few equals and no superiors. His first canvass for Congress is yet spoken of in his old district as one of the most brilliant ever known. He is a man of the highest personal character, whose word can always be depended upon, and will render faithful and efficient service to the State as one of her Senators.

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SIMMONS' PARTY SERVICE.

The Greensboro Telegram of last Saturday, giving arguments in favor of the different candidates for the Senate, said the following of Mr. F. M. Simmons:

"First and foremost is the argument of party service. It is said that Mr. Simmons is the greatest political organizer in North Carolina (some say in the world) and has accomplished more for the Democratic party than any other man in the State. His friends have not forgotten that when the State convention of 1898 met, after the State had suffered defeat in the two preceding elections, and when everything was in a state of chaotic uncertainty, with no man apparently willing to assume the responsibility of the State chairmanship, it was Mr. Simmons who came to the rescue and undertook the work of unravelling the tangled skein of North Carolina politics and set Democracy on its feet. The brilliant victory achieved under his leadership that year, and again this year, restored the party in the State and gave us the constitutional amendment. The sagacious chairman's friends say he has earned the right to anything he may want. He wants the Senatorship, therefore give it to him."

"Mr. Simmons is not without legislative experience. He has served in Congress, representing the Second District, and has held other offices. In addition to this, he is a man of considerable ability and of extraordinary perception. He is a student of economic questions and is well versed in the science of government."

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SIMMONS FOR SENATOR

News and Observer.

To the Editor:—A large majority of the Democrats of my section of the State elected to the United States Senate for reasons even more numerous than the eleven given by Judge Womack. Nobody, but nobody, would refute the claim that Mr. Simmons is a private character is unimpaired. Nobody will refute the claim that his friends that his party serves him well in recognition. Nobody will say that he is present fitted for coping with the forces that vocates of the Republican party can say, and say truthfully, he is not in thorough acquaintance with the principles of Democracy as expounded at Chicago, and re-echoed at St. Louis. Nobody can say he stands in the front ranks of the advocates of Bryan and of the wholesome teachings of the old Jackson and his company. Nobody but what will say that Simmons' political battles in North Carolina, and '98 and '99 are among the brilliant and successful in the history of political campaigning.

Not a man in the State that I know of that F. M. Simmons is not a capable, energetic, brainy and a heroic man with any problem of State or nation. While he is poor, so far as money and dimes go, yet he is rich in the attributes of leadership that characterize a representative of the United States Senate.

It does seem to me, that the man who so richly deserves the praise and who is so capable of filling the place to have it, and I have but too good reason to believe that he will get it.

EDWARD F. YAMON

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