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GOVERNOR W. W. KITCHIN The People's Candidate for the U. S. Senate.



He hates deception and spurns sophistry; he is frank and straightforward in his dealings with individual and the public. He is a statesman rather than a politician, and calls to his aid no political "machine." He has made right and not expediency the rule of his life. In a speech in Congress he expressed this splendid creed:

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He has lived the simple life of a democratic citizen, the useful life of a faithful public servant, the clean life of a Christian gentleman. Even his enemies deny him no title to greatness except a failure to usurp functions denied him by the Constitution.—Gary J. Hunter in the Carolina Democrat.

The Whole Point.

"If the Democratic party does not keep its promises now, it will never have another opportunity to do so."—Woodrow Wilson, speaking at Sea Girt on Sept. 8.

Is Senator Simmons a man who is depended on to keep Democratic promises?

Saves Leg of Boy.

"It seemed that my 14-year old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote D. F. Howard, Aquone, N. C. "All remedies and doctors treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and cured him with one box." Cures burns, boils, skin eruptions, piles. 25c at E. T. Whitehead Co.

With interrogations and reproaches that stung like a birchen rod, Senators Reed, Kern and Williams cited the Denver platform of free lumber and forced an admission from Senator Simmons that he repudiated that plank. The Senate leader in putting Mr. Simmons on the grill in the midst of a desperate fight he is making for re-election in North Carolina, simply protected the party from the effects of his Protectionist votes and his present attitude on reciprocity in defiance of the great bulk of Democrats.—Baltimore Sun.

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Will Kitchin----Loyal Democrat and "Friend to Man" for Senator.

Ere another issue of The Commonwealth is published the result of the Senatorial primary will be known and read of all men. The probabilities are that the certainty of the election of one of the candidates will be assured, and that no second primary will be necessary. The hour has passed when citizens can longer delay the choice of a candidate for whom they shall vote. As citizens and Democrats it is their duty to vote for that man who in their opinion stands in perfect harmony with Democratic plans and principles, whose heart is with "the masses and for the common weal," and not with "the friends of its abuses, its extortions, and its discriminations." In other words, it is every citizen's duty to vote for that man who in their opinion will best assure the progress and success of the Democratic party, and keep alive those time-honored principles of "human equality as proclaimed by Jefferson," those principles of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

Party should always be bigger than person. The duty rests upon every man to vote his convictions, and not his prejudices, in the coming election. Hatred, bias, malice—every other such consideration—should be sacrificed upon the altar of party pride. A personal grudge should be as naught when considered in the light of public weal. No man is public spirited in the true sense who votes contrary to his convictions. May every citizen have "Public Spirit" and Party Pride" for his slogans in the coming Senatorial primary.

Will Kitchin was born in Scotland Neck. Here his days were spent until the years had passed and the year had come that found him a man. He left us, but he carried with him a part of Scotland Neck that is as much a part of him to-day as on the day he left—those experiences and all the varied influences that went to mould his character and make him what he is. Even if all things were equal in this Senatorial race, what a pleasure and a privilege it should be to the folks at home to cast their vote for him. What is patriotism but the love of ones own? We love our own country, and that is patriotism. To love another country more would be ignoble.

Will Kitchin's life has been spent in the interest of the people; it has been lived within the ranks of the Democratic party. His party's principles are dear to his heart, shoulder to shoulder with his fellow Democrats has he fought for them, and unceasingly has he endeavored to carry on his party's policies. He is eloquent, he is able, he is strong. In the halls of Congress his voice would always be raised in the cause of his countrymen, and his efforts would be expended in his party's behalf.

The pendulum has swung back, the tide has turned, that which once was is not. The people the country over have aroused themselves and are demanding their rights. They are willing to suffer no longer under the yoke of injustice they have carried. They have read, they have studied, they have found the remedy. They realize that their salvation must come from men chosen to represent their interests. The history of our country for the past several years has been the rich growing richer and the poor growing poorer. Always the Democratic party's policy has been equality, and not inequality as suffered under the republican administration. The cry of the masses has been heard. They are coming into the enjoyment of their rights.

In this crucial time we need loyal Democrats to represent us. Will Kitchin has ever been loyal to Democratic principles; the one aim of his life has been to be a "friend to man." May the united vote of Scotland Neck be his.

ASHBY DUNN.

Letter of Congressman H. L. Godwin Endorsing Senator F. M. Simmons.

(Political Advertising.)

"Dunn, N. C., Oct. 16th, 1912.
"Mr. George C. Fisher, Maxton, N. C.
"My Dear Mr. Fisher:—Your very kind favor of the 15th inst. has been received and noted. I note that you say the senatorial contest between Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons is agitating the minds of the people in Robeson county. I further note your statement to the effect that the farmers of that county are almost solid for me and have exhibited confidence in me as their Representative in Congress.

"I want to say that I feel under profound obligations to you and my numerous friends in Robeson county for your confidence and loyal support. You have been very kind to me in every campaign since I have been a candidate in the district, and on account of these facts, I feel that I cannot refuse to answer your letter. I have made it a practice since I have been in Congress to answer frankly every letter received from my constituents, and I do not feel now that I would be warranted in refusing to answer your letter in reference to what you have asked me relating to the charges now being made against Senator Simmons. However, I want to say that I do not feel that I would be justified in taking part in the senatorial contest. I made a statement early in the campaign to the effect, that under no circumstances would I have anything to do, one way or the other, with the fight.

"Answering your questions in reference to Senator Simmons, I will say that I am convinced that Senator Simmons has made a faithful Senator during his service in the Senate. I feel that he has voted on all measures coming before the Senate, in the interest of the laborers, farmers, producers and consumers of his State, and at the same time having at heart the best interest of the general industrial and commercial development of North Carolina. I have been closely in touch with the Senator in reference to many matters of legislation, in which our district has been much interested, and I have always found him conscientious, and anxious to do what he could to help build up our district and State. I have no patience whatever with the charge that he is not a Democrat. While he voted, when the tariff bills were being considered, for a revenue duty on many articles which in every instance was consistent with the true principles of the Democratic party, I have no idea that he ever gave a vote which could be construed to amount to a protective or Republican duty on any article. There is no free trade party in the United States. The Democratic party believes in a tariff for revenue only, and a Senator or Member of the House is sworn before he takes his seat to support the Constitution of the United States. This Constitution provides for raising revenue by a tariff on imported articles, and the Democratic party has always stood for a tariff high enough to raise money to run the government, and it is the sacred duty of a Democrat to vote for a revenue producing tariff, and as long as he stays within the bounds of a Democratic tariff he should not be criticized by members of his own party. He should be criticized only when he exceeds the revenue-producing basis and votes for a protective duty which is advocated by the Republican party.

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Yours very truly,
(Signed) H. L. Godwin."

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Is Slander of Senator Simmons to Prevail?

(Political Advertising.)

A fortnight or more ago Archibald Johnson said this of the speech which Governor Kitchin delivered in Thomasville: "With the exception of the first ten minutes, in which the speaker eulogized Woodrow Wilson and Locke Craig, the whole speech was a bitter and relentless tirade against the man who for twenty-seven years has been a recognized leader in the public life of North Carolina, and a fulsome and disgusting tribute to the fidelity, ability and honesty of William W. Kitchin."

In a later edition of *Charity and Children* Mr. Johnson said: "We are bordering dangerously near South Carolina in our political methods, and we cannot imagine anything more unfortunate than to have here in North Carolina a political situation like that in our sister state."

The gravamen of the charge against Senator Simmons is not that he voted for a revenue tariff on lumber, with some incidental protection, while a Republican tariff bill was being framed. Other members of the North Carolina delegation, all possessing a good measure of human intelligence, did that. What Governor Kitchin and his supporters are trying to do, and what they are spending a great deal of money to do, is to create in the popular mind the impression that Senator Simmons, unlike other Democrats who voted as he did, was influenced in his vote by ulterior or corrupt motives. That was exactly and precisely the kind of fight that was made against Locke Craig. No Democrat who believed the things said about Craig four years ago by the Kitchin faction and under Kitchin auspices can vote for the Democratic candidate for governor this year without committing a nauseous and contemptible act of self-stultification. They sought to create the impression that Craig was a trust creature, a man who would yield to corrupt influences, a man who had been untrue to the Democracy. In the last analysis every Democratic vote cast for Craig this year must be looked upon as a rebuke to Kitchin—all the Kitchins, as witness what Mr. Craig said while that contest was in progress: "I have been further informed that W. W. Kitchin intimated in some of his speeches that I voted the Republican ticket in Bertie county. If these statements be denied I can prove my authority. I denounce each and all such statements as vile falsehoods. I defy either of the Kitchins or any of their supporters to produce any proof of these slanders."

In fine, Craig, the greatly honored standard bearer of a united Democracy, declared in a formal statement that he could furnish the proof of the accusation that Kitchin had set in motion "vile falsehoods." Yet today Mr. Kitchin, while running for another office, and while somebody else happens to be in his way, seldom makes a speech without pronouncing an appreciation of Craig. The wonder is that Mr. Kitchin's tongue did not then, or that it does not now, refuse to perform its strange office. Said Mr. Craig, outraged as he was, "I defy either of the Kitchins or their supporters to produce any proof of these slanders."

We believe the word was used advisedly. No doubt it was slander, and if the element of slander could somehow be removed from the campaign against Senator Simmons

there would be no campaign against Simmons. Mr. Overman voted as did his colleague on the lumber schedule. If Mr. Overman, and not Mr. Simmons had been running against Mr. Kitchin this year the junior senator would inevitably, under the jaundiced Kitchin mental processes, be looked upon as a lumber crook. How could Overman, in other words, have escaped the inescapable slander that must be met, the price that every one who gets in the way of a Kitchin for an office must pay, according to the highest Democratic authority.

The triumph of Kitchin would mean the triumph of recrimination and backbiting. Craig says that four years ago he was defeated by slander. The methods employed against Simmons are exactly and precisely the same. The fight against the senator is being bottomed primarily and essentially upon slander. Every Democrat who feels that Mr. Craig is worthy of his suffrage this year should do himself, if not Mr. Simmons, the justice to read what the Democratic candidate for governor said of the methods and what he said about the men who led the fight against him four years ago.

The people of North Carolina, especially the public men of North Carolina, should think upon these things. The ordinary asperities of political warfare soon passes away; slander and "vile falsehoods" never. We venture to say that Mr. Craig is as deeply sensible today as he was four years ago over the accusations made against him, when his integrity was assailed. Four years ago, while engaged in active politics—Kitchin politics—Mr. Kitchin spoke evil of Mr. Craig. Today, while still engaged in politics—Kitchin politics—Mr. Kitchin speaks well of Mr. Craig.

But "vile falsehoods," when once uttered, live much longer than a period of four years. Kitchin, as we have said, speaks well of Craig today, but we beg leave to recall that "The moving finger writes, and, having writ, Moves on; nor all your pity nor wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

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The Courage of Simmons.

(Political Advertising.)

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