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SENATOR SIMMONS SPEAKS.

Makes a Decided Hit—His First Speech in the Senate Attracts Favorable Notice and Commands Attention.

T. J. Pence is Raleigh Post.

Washington, March 31.—Special.—Senator Simmons delivered his initial speech in the Senate to-day and for nearly two hours held the undivided attention of his colleagues. He discussed the oleomargarine bill, delivering an able and forceful argument in opposition to the measure. The North Carolina delegation is proud of the effort of the junior Senator, for it established for him a reputation that places him in the first rank among the able debaters in the Senate.

When he had concluded Senator Simmons was surrounded by his colleagues who heartily congratulated him. Among these were Senators Bate of Tennessee, Patterson of Colorado, Money of Mississippi, and Clay of Georgia. Republicans were no less hearty in their compliments and Senator Foraker, of Ohio, and Senator Proctor, of Vermont, were among the first to extend congratulations.

The compliment paid Senator Simmons by Senator Money, of Mississippi, should be a source of pride to every North Carolinian. I was with Senator Money when he congratulated Senator Simmons. "Your speech today," the Mississippian declared, "is the ablest that has been delivered in this debate and is one of the best that has been made at this session of Congress. You have established a status in the Senate, and I want to tell you that it ranks with the best. It was certainly a magnificent speech, and I heartily congratulate you."

Senator Money was enthusiastic, and later he referred to the fact that the Democrats in the Senate had developed more able speakers at this session of Congress than for years past. He put Senator Simmons in the class with Bailey, Carmack, and Patterson, and declared that the addition of these four Senators was a tower of strength to the Democratic minority in the Senate.

It was shortly before two o'clock when Senator Simmons began to speak, and he had announced his intention to no one. He spoke without a scrap of paper in sight. His voice filled the Senate chamber and he was free and easy in his manner. The empty seats on the Democratic side soon filled up after the North Carolinian began. Senator Proctor, who is in charge of the bill, came over from the Republican side and took a seat immediately in front of Senator Simmons. Senator Spooner was also one of his closest listeners. Congressman W. W. Kitchin was in the Senate and all the members of the State delegation came over from the House except Congressman Blackburn, who was absent at the time. Senator Pritchard moved up close to the speaker.

The feature of Senator Simmons' speech that made such a strong impression was his sharp criticism of the system of destroying a home product by tariff taxation, as contemplated in the oleomargarine bill. The principle was assailed in a powerful argument that made a profound impression. At the outset Senator Simmons said he was satisfied that oleomargarine was a healthful and nutritious article of food, and he believed that the manufacturers of oleomargarine had a legal right to color the coloring matter was not deleterious to the health of the consumer.

Senator Simmons scored a victory in his attack on the advocate of the bill for failure to place renovated butter on the same plane with oleomargarine and include it in the provisions of the bill. He said he intended to demand a roll call when the amendment of the senior senator from Kansas should be called. This provided for the same tax on renovated butter as on oleomargarine. "The interests that have fought oleomargarine are behind the efforts of those who seek to prevent the control and regulation of renovated butter. The people who protect the country against oleomargarine ought to protect the people of the country against renovated butter."

The injustice of this discrimination was so clearly presented that Senator Proctor said he would accept the amendment of the Senator from Kansas.

POU FLINGS DEFIANCE.

If Congress Wants to Investigate Alleged Disfranchisement of the Negro, Let It Also Investigate Corrupt Use of Money in Elections.

Raleigh Post.

Washington, March 31.—Special.—Congressman Pou made a ringing twenty minute speech in the House to-day in defense of himself and his state. His remarks were directed especially to his resolution for the investigation of the expenditure of money in political campaigns. He twitted the Republicans about fusing with the Populists and the expenditure of large sums in recent national campaigns. Not a Republican stirred himself to reply. Mr. Pou's speech was a magnificent defense of the Democracy of North Carolina. He said in substance:

"There has been so much misrepresentation of resolutions introduced by me for the purpose of investigating the corrupt use of money in elections that I feel it is my duty to submit a few remarks.

"Ridicule is the reply of the Republican press. The papers mention the fact that I am a new member and that my committee assignments are not very important. My reply to this is that I came here as soon as I could and that a Republican speaker of this House is responsible for my committee assignments, and not myself. In 1894 and 1896 Republicans and Populists united in our state at the sacrifice of principle and political honor. As a result, more than 900 negroes walked in and took positions of honor or profit. We adopted a constitutional amendment intending to eliminate the negro vote, which the gentleman from Indiana wishes to investigate, and I wish to say here and now that there is not a Democratic congressman from North Carolina who would not willingly surrender his seat in this body rather than endure the curse of negro rule.

"If you Republicans think it is right to punish our state for protecting its homes, then do your worst. We defy you. We never expect to submit to negro rule for one single day in our state, if there is any legal way to prevent it.

"But, Mr. Chairman, while we are investigating the suppression of the negro vote in the South, let us ascertain, if possible, how much money has been used to purchase the vote of white men in other sections. It is charged and not denied, that millions of dollars were raised by the Republican national committee in 1896 and 1900 for the purpose of purchasing votes in doubtful states. I believe the election in 1896 was carried by the use of money. If my party used money let the truth come out.

"The belief is expressed on all sides that the presidency of this great republic goes to the party which can raise the largest amount of money. I care nothing for your ridicule. It shall not seal my lips. My resolutions have been referred to the Committee on Rules. I challenge that committee to inaugurate this investigation. The solemn fact remains that there is one real danger to this republic. It overshadows us all, like a dark cloud. Neither party can defend itself by saying that the other party is guilty, nor can the individual shift responsibility upon his party organization. This danger, this threat, this ever-present menace to liberty is the corrupt use of money in elections."

Random News Notes.

Local Correspondent Gazette.

Mr. John McFalls, loom-fixer at Caroleen, is at home on a visit to his father, H. G. McGinn.

Mr. J. C. Ballard, Superintendent Vivan cotton mill, Cherryville, spent a short time here Saturday.

Miss Beattie McFalls came home from school, at Newton, to spend Easter.

Prof. Wray made a talk to the Sunday School at the Old Mill Chapel Sunday.

Mr. R. M. Gardner leaves for the Charleston Exposition next Monday.

Mrs. Martha Ballard is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. McGinn.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

Mr. C. G. Wright Hurried up the Messenger Boy.

Raleigh Post.

The manner in which Greensboro won the State convention is not known by all the members of the committee. It was in this wise:

When two ballots had been taken, both resulting in a tie between Greensboro and Raleigh a motion to adjourn was made by a man who favored Raleigh. While that motion was pending and being voted on by roll call the scene was enacted that saved the day for Greensboro.

A wire had been sent to J. S. Carr for his proxy and it was expected every moment to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford Biggs.

Mr. C. G. Wright, of Greensboro, who possesses physical ability equal to his zeal, stepped out of the Senate chamber and down the capital steps. He saw a telegraph messenger boy coming along the corridor taking his own good time.

Mr. Wright asked him if he had a message for Mr. Biggs.

The boy said yes.

"Well, come here," said Mr. Wright, at the same moment grabbing the boy by the back of his coat collar. Mr. Wright has been a foot ball player in his time, and he never bucked the line of an opposing team with more determination than he carried that boy up the capitol steps. The boy's feet fanned the air as he pawed at the steps, but not a step could he touch. He glared at his captor but was allowed no time to protest. It was all over in a moment, the message was delivered, and the boy turned loose.

This gave Greensboro the needed vote on the next ballot and she won.

That's the way Greensboro got the convention and that city owes Mr. Wright a vote of thanks for hurrying up the messenger boy.

Mr. Morgan's Kindness to the Unfortunate Railroad Men.

Asheville Citizen.

When J. Pierpont Morgan, the great railroad financier, who had been on a Southern trip with President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, passed over the Asheville and Knoxville divisions recently, en route East, the story was told him by Superintendent Ewing of a section hand on this division of the Southern living near White Pine, who had been employed by the road 32 years, who lost everything he had owned, a little home, which was once destroyed by fire, but had in ten years saved about \$300 from his small earnings with which to rebuild his little place when the flood came and destroyed the house he was living in and washed away his savings. The story greatly impressed Mr. Morgan and reaching in his pocket he took out three crisp \$100 bills, which he turned over with instructions that they be given the old section hand. The money was presented the old employee, who was overcome with emotion. Mr. Morgan requested Superintendent Ewing not to mention the incident, which he has not done. The story leaked out however, through the old section hand.

What Early Will Say.

New York World.

General Fitzhugh Lee, who distinguished himself in the Confederate service and is now on the regular army retired list as a brigadier general, recently went on a visit to West Virginia. While there he met an old comrade-in-arms whose reception was somewhat frigid.

"Well, what's the matter?" said General Lee.

"Oh, nothing much," was the noncommittal reply.

"There is something wrong," persisted the general. "Out with it! What do you want?"

"After being strenuously urged the old comrade said:

"Well, I want to die at least half an hour before you do. I want to be in the other world when you arrive there, just to hear what Gen. Jubal Early says when he sees you in a blue uniform."

Going to Marry a Man who Never Saw.

Greensboro Record.

Mrs. Sallie Brown, of Mt. Airy, a rather handsome young widow, passed through Greensboro today en route to Warwick, Mass., to marry a man whom she had never seen face to face, though she carried with her his photograph. The courting has all been done by correspondence. It is a good thing the Lord takes care of us and it is earnestly hoped he will not forget the Real Widow Brown.

PROLIC OF THE PAGES.

An Imitation Session of the House of Representatives.

The last concerted frolic of the pages of the House of Representatives took place yesterday morning between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, says the Washington Star.

"The house will be in order," Page J. H. Hollingsworth, of New York, uttered these words with gravity and precision, at the same time bringing into play on Speaker Henderson's desk an improvised gavel. Some 15 pages respectfully rose from the seats of the members of that body whom they desired to impersonate while Cyrus Kelly, of Wyoming, as chaplain, went through the form of prayer.

Clerk Dannie McCleave, of the District of Columbia, read the minutes of the session of the preceding day, which were heartily approved.

Silas C. Herring, of Pittsburg, who was occupying the seat of Representative Dalzell of that state, was recognized in accordance with a prearranged schedule on the speaker's desk to offer a privileged resolution from the committee on rules. The resolution, first, that the pages of the house should be put on the annual roll instead of being merely session employees and that incidentally they should hereafter receive \$350 a month instead of \$75, and be allowed two month's extra pay each year. The resolution was received with hearty applause and was about to be passed by acclamation when Jacob Beder, of Ohio, demanded a vote by "tellers." Speaker Hollingsworth gazed at the obstructionist a second and then ruled in stentorian tones that the motion was "dilatatory" and declared the resolution adopted at once.

A. L. Woodcock, of Massachusetts, as sergeant-at-arms, and March Fisher, of Ohio, as major, presented themselves in the middle aisle and after a profuse bow Woodcock announced: "Mr. Speaker, a message from the president." Then Fisher, in imitation of Major Pruden, ran his hand down the black cord of his eyeglasses and, after solemnly pretending to place them on his nose, he said with gravity: "I am directed by the president of the United States to deliver to the house a message in writing." This clever bit of information was hugely enjoyed by a large party of schoolmistresses who had been interested spectators in the gallery and a general handclapping broke forth. The gavel of the speaker thumped noisily.

"The speaker is compelled to announce," he declared, "that any further demonstration in the galleries will result in an order to clear them."

Just at this instant Jerry Constantine, the house telegraph operator, pushed open the lobby door at the speaker's left and flourishing a one-dollar bill in his hand he asked leave "to introduce this bill."

"I move that the bill be received and laid on the table," was the quick response of Herring of Pennsylvania. Constantine begged leave to reconsider this offer, but at the sight of the greenback the pages made a football rush for it and the session of the house was over.

Failed to Impress Him.

Chicago Tribune.

"What kind of ducks are these?" asked the visitor in the ornithological department at the museum.

"Labrador," said the attendant. "We paid \$1,000 for those two specimens."

"Gosh!" exclaimed the visitor turning to his wife. "He says they paid a thousand dollars for 'em. I've bought finer ducks for half a dollar many a time. What have you got 'em in that glass case for?" he inquired, addressing the guide again.

"Because they are about the most notable exhibit we have. Those birds were shot in 1856. Labrador ducks are now extinct."

"He says," explained the visitor, turning to his wife once more "they put 'em in the glass case because they haven't a pleasant odor. And I don't wonder at it. They were shot in 1856."

Preacher Turned The Joke.

Wilmington Star.

The sheriff of Portland, Maine, is a preacher, whom the saloon men nominated as a joke. He turned the joke on them when he was elected and now offers \$100 to any one who can find an open saloon in that town or county.

York County Items.

Yorkville Register, April 2.

The flowers in the cemetery would soon make a beautiful appearance if they were protected from trespassers.

Mr. John D. Lindsay, formerly of Yorkville, but now a valued citizen of Gastonia, came down on Saturday and remained over until yesterday morning.

Superintendent Rawls of the waterworks has been reading meters during the past few days and turned the records over to Chief of Police Love on yesterday.

The last day for the payment of taxes without penalty brought quite a number of people from different parts of the county. Treasurer Neely was pretty busy throughout Monday.

The fact that there is no water to be had at the cemetery is a great inconvenience to many people. The water was turned off to prevent freezing of the pipes and has not been turned on again.

Although it hardly seems probable that the sales of fertilizers will be as large this year as last, still they are climbing up, and indicate that farming operations will be but little less extensive than heretofore.

Captain W. B. Smith, of Clover, has accepted an invitation from the central committee in Columbia to represent Camp Micah Jenkins at the presentation of the Micah Jenkins sword by the president in Charleston next Wednesday.

The Old Man Was Outwitted.

Burlington News.

Quite a romantic marriage took place at Altamahaw one night last week. The contracting parties were Mr. Charles Gillespie and a Miss Evans. There were parental objections to the union and the couple went to the home of a Mrs. Moore to have the knot tied. The "squire" was on hand and quite a little crowd had formed. Soon the irate father of the young lady appeared on the scene. The young lady was upstairs preparing her toilet and the father was waiting at the foot of the stairs for her to come down, when he should take her back home. But the groom-to-be, saw "the old man" at the foot of the steps and knowing that if the bride came down those steps there would be no ceremony, he slipped around and secured a ladder and put it up at the back window of the room, where his sweetheart was, and climbing up helped her descend to the ground. By the time the father had gotten tired of waiting at the stairs for the girl the couple had been pronounced man and wife by another "squire" whom they found nearby. Love laughs at all things, when there is a ladder and back window handy.

The Business World's Fight on Drinking.

Charlotte Observer.

"It is apparent," said a Charlotte man a few days ago, "that a man can't drink liquor and keep up with the procession. Temperance is preached from pulpits and pulpits, but the ruthless, merciless fight on drinking and the drinking man is being made by the business world. In this warfare there is no cant or sentiment. The drinking man gradually lags behind, and then he is shelved. Ten years ago it might have been said that all the young men in Charlotte drank and the business world forgave occasional intoxication. Now the heads of commercial houses in this city, in their reckonings, divide the sober men from those who drink, and no man in the latter class escapes silent criticism or a judgment that will hurt him if it be put to the touch. Everybody in Charlotte has seen the noiseless working of the system. The man who drinks simply steps down and out, and a sober man takes his place. The first might not have been a constant drinker, but the latter surely finds the highest premium placed on teetotalism. And you must notice that among business men here drinking is decreasing all the time, and drinking men are becoming more and more marked and hurt in reputation. The creed of the business world demands the survival of the fittest, and no drinking man is fit for the fight. He simply can't keep up with the procession."

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