

twenty-two years of age, admitted into the leading law-firm in Portland, it is almost unnecessary to state that, with his acknowledged ability, and the patient study which he devoted to all his cases, Mr Simon's professional career has been a most successful one.

In 1877 Mr Simon was elected to the city council of Portland, and during his three years' term, during the frequent absence of the mayor, Mr Simon was invariably selected to serve as president of the council, and acting mayor of the city. Though always interested in politics, for which he has not only the talent, but the tact, which counts for more than talent, it was not until 1878 that he appeared as a prominent figure in the political arena. In that year he was chosen secretary of the republican state central committee, and to him, though its youngest member, the entire management of the campaign was entrusted. In 1880, 1884, and 1886, he was selected as chairman of the same committee, and was placed in charge both of the national and state elections in Oregon. The year 1880 was the first one in which a republican legislature was elected in Oregon for many years, and to Mr Simon's efforts the success of the ticket was largely due. In the years 1880, 1884, and 1888, he was also elected to the state senate from Multnomah county, making for him a continuous service of twelve years in that body. During his service in the state senate, he displayed his good feeling toward the members of the firm with whom he studied law, by voting for and assisting in the election of both senators, Dolph and Mitchell. As a legislator he has always rendered most faithful service, and during his long service in the state senate he has had much to do with shaping the legislation of the state; all measures that were beneficial to the state always found in him a ready and zealous supporter. In the legislature of 1882 he drew up and secured the passage of a bill creating a paid fire department for the