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## CHAIRMAN YOUNG'S REPLY.

MR. EDITOR:—In reply to that elaborate "Statement of facts" published in the Daily Standard of April 28th by J M W Alexander "in behalf of and by request of the committee," I desire to say that the County Democratic Executive Committee is or was made up of Mr. W H Hudson, Mr. J V Pethel and myself. Both of those gentlemen were notified by Registered letter to attend a committee meeting on March 19th. Mr. Pethel did not come but publicly stated that he did not intend to act with the Democratic party and did not intend to be bound by any convention and that he did not intend to be present at the committee meeting. Mr. Hudson and I then constituted the committee. We met and agreed upon dates and he authorized me to write the call, not "according to the usual form" as he states. Nothing whatever was said about the "form," or language to be used. I wrote it and it was published on March 21st. The probability of the adherents of the St. Louis platform seeking admission to the Democratic primaries had been discussed for some time, but the honest and courageous stand taken by Mr. Pethel allayed my apprehension on this line and in this frame of mind I wrote the first call. Before the ink had dried upon the first copies of the paper which contained it, I heard men openly assert that they intended to vote in the Democratic primaries and that if the St. Louis platform was not adopted they would not be bound and would not support any candidate who did not stand upon this platform. It was then that I had a consultation with my personal friends and friends of the Democratic party (and not with the other members of the committee, as Esq. Alexander has labored so long and so hard to disprove, and which I have never stated) and I determined to write the second call which I did and had it published on the following day. Knowing it was customary to have the call properly signed I sought out Mr. Hudson when he next came to town and presented the paper to him for his endorsement. This was in Col. Means' office. The paper was read over carefully by Mr. Hudson and was also read over aloud by Col. Means in his presence. Mr. Hudson remarked "that is strong but it is right, and I'll sign it."

The statement that is being made throughout the county, and strongly hinted at in Esq. Alexander's article, that Mr. Hudson was drunk at the time he signed the call is utterly false. I had spoken to him previous to his going to Col. Means' office, as he states, and I talked with him for half an hour immediately after he signed the paper and I know that he was in perfect possession of his faculties. Respectfully,

ROBT. S. YOUNG,  
Chairman County Dem. Ex. Com.  
April 30th, 1892.

## COL. MEANS' REPLY.

MR. EDITOR:—In the Daily Standard of April the 28th 1892, in an article over the name of my friend, J M W Alexander, I notice that, on the authority of Mr. H B Parks, Mr. W H Hudson is reported to have stated the following:—

"That after the public speaking in Concord by President Butler, 'when he,'—Hudson—"was passing

"along the street, that he was called 'by the chairman of the committee' and immediately joined by Col. P B Means, who insisted that they 'should both go up to his office, and that he had something good up there, and after they had gone up into the office, he was requested to sign a paper with reference to the calling of the primaries, and that he objected to doing so; but that he was urged to do so, and told there was nothing wrong about it, and 'nothing but what the State committee at Raleigh had authorized, and that Mr. Means urged their former friendship as reason for his doing so, and he then signed it. Mr. Hudson further stated to Mr. Parks that he had no idea that the paper he signed excluded from the primaries any who did not intend to support the platform adopted and the nomination made by the Chicago convention."

This is what Mr. Parks said Mr. Hudson stated to him. Now, either Mr. Parks reported Mr. Hudson incorrectly or Mr. Hudson was mistaken in what he stated to Mr. Parks. And I make the following statement about the matter:—

About 5 o'clock on the afternoon of March 23rd, 1892, I was standing near the front of Mr. Fetzer's Drug store, engaged in conversation with Dr. R S Young, when we saw Mr. Hudson passing along the street in front of Dr. Gibson's Drug store. Dr. Young called Mr. Hudson across to us and we three joined in conversation. Not a word, though, was said there in conversation with Mr. Hudson about the call for primaries. Mr. Hudson presently remarked that he felt chilly or cold and I asked him to my office to take a drink of whiskey. I said NOTHING about having "something good up there." I asked him PLAINLY and OPENLY TO TAKE A DRINK OF WHISKEY. And I would have asked him without any remark from him about how he felt. This invitation he accepted and I then invited Dr. Young to join us, which he declined. Then Mr. Hudson and I left Dr. Young and went to my office. When Mr. Hudson and I entered the office we were talking earnestly about the political situation and I failed to offer the whiskey to Mr. Hudson until he called my attention to that fact and said that he must stay home. I then produced the whiskey, which I always keep for my friends and for myself too when I want it, and Mr. Hudson took only one single drink. In less than five minutes after Mr. Hudson had taken the drink, Dr. Young came into my office, with a paper in his hand, and, addressing Mr. Hudson, said to him: "Mr. Hudson, you have never signed the call for the primaries and convention. I have it here and wish that you would sign it." Mr. Hudson took it and read it over. I then asked to see it and read it ALOUD, laying EMPHASIS as I read it, on the TESTS it contained as to who were entitled to enter our primaries and county convention. And I then said, directly to Mr. Hudson, "the PRINCIPAL test in this paper is that no man should go 'into our primaries and convention 'who refuses to vote for the nominees and stand by the platform named and made by the Democratic Convention at Chicago in 'June next.'" Mr. Hudson took the paper out of my hand, and said: "That is pretty strong, but it is right

and I will sign it." He then sat down at my desk, picked up a pen and signed the paper. Mr. Hudson made NO objection to signing the paper. He was NOT in any way "urged to do so." He was NOT "told there was nothing wrong about it." He was NOT told that it "was nothing but what the State Committee at Raleigh had authorized." And I did NOT urge Mr. Hudson's "former friendship for me as reason for his doing so."

It will be remembered that "The State committee at Raleigh had authorized" NOTHING on this subject until April 7th 1892, when it endorsed the tests set forth in the letter of Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee. What was not "authorized" UNTIL THE 7TH OF APRIL 1892 could not well be stated as "authorized" on MARCH 23rd 1892.

I am sure that Mr. Hudson will, when he reads this, agree that I have stated the whole matter correctly. There was NOTHING done or said in my office, on March the 23rd 1892, that I was not willing for the entire world to SEE and KNOW.

Dr. Young's visit to my office that day with that paper was entirely unexpected to me and, as far as I know, he had NO INTENTION of coming to my office that afternoon, when we parted on the street.

PAUL B. MEANS.

The foregoing statement, by Col. Means, is entirely and absolutely correct as to all matters therein, alleged to have occurred in my presence; and I did not have any intention of going to his office that afternoon when we parted on the street. But not seeing Mr. Hudson on the street, as I expected, and knowing that he had gone to Col. Means' office I went there.

ROBT. S. YOUNG.

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Apr. 28th '92



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