



W. J. M. WRITES ANOTHER ARTICLE

He Replies To The Rev. R. C. Morrison's Piece.

HE DISCUSSES PRINCIPLE.

He Thinks The Minister Is Inconsistent, And Out Of His Sphere, When Entering Newspaper Controversies—His Only Object Is To Crush A, And Gloat Over It.

To the Editor of The Sun.

It seems as though the Rev. Mr. Morrison thinks that I wrote my piece in your paper without a principle to back my theory, and I wish to say to him, that I believe that there's more principle in my first article than there was in his. If I had thought there was no principle in such doctrine, I certainly would not have asked the space in a paper, which the people of the county wish to be true and loyal to every righteous cause. I, therefore, ask space again, to see if it is principle for a minister to deal with a newspaper controversy.

I wrote this article because I thought it honest and just in every particular, and, yet, I am of the same opinion, the Rev. Mr. Morrison to the contrary notwithstanding. In the first place, I wrote it from principle; in the second, because I believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and that this law is contradictory to principle and debars one of a right which it grants to another. It allows one who is incompetent to practice medicine and debars one who is competent.

It is true, that a certain case with some obstruction to the bowels, was treated by some physicians for several years for cramp colic without a cure or benefit; and that A was called to see this case, and as the records will show, advised the parents that there was no cramp colic, but that there were obstructions to the passage of the bowels and advised an operation, which was accepted, and to-day the man is a stout, healthy person. He has no further symptoms of cramp colic. Yet, the minister says I have no principle in defending A. Yes, old man, I am a friend to A and thank God that I am.

I also know of another case in this county, where a physician was giving to a child, less than three months old, about one grain of an opiate a day, and that A was called and stopped this opiate. The child, before A was called, was almost a skeleton, and after A had stopped the opiate and began to treat said child, it began to improve at once and is to-day doing as well as could any child. Yes, I am a friend to A and who would be ashamed of it? Who would like to be an avowed friend to a minister of the Gospel—who should be one of God's chosen people—who would come out openly in a newspaper and condemn principle and assert that principle was his only motive. Which is false. Now, if this one in question does not believe what I have to say, I can prove that he administered whiskey to a man in his own home, when it was absolutely unnecessary and contra-indicated. I would ask him if he can remember the night of the 24th of January?

I wonder if the minister's argument in upholding the present law is consistent with principle? The law which he so defends (by the influence of others) says that midwives shall be excepted in this law. His argument is that the board of examiners is the thing and what we have got to retain. He says that it is the citizen who want the law, and that it is the citizen who are benefitted thereby. Now let's see. If any physician or person should go before this board and make the required per cent on all branches, except obstetrics, the board would say that he is incompetent to practice medicine, and would refuse to grant a State license. Now what can this physician or person do? He can go back to his home, or any city or place in the State, and practice the branch upon which his failure was due. Oh! you minister, "who is so consistent with principle." Love the Lord old fellow and keep yourself so that you can serve Him, for you cannot serve God and mammon. A word as to how I see the exceptions to the law, or in the present law. Any old "granny" can, and is competent to attend any labor case that may exist. It strikes me that this is the most important part, branch, or condition that could exist in the profession, and certainly must be, if we have our future rule at heart, or if it should be our duty, to so live and act that our offspring might inherit principle. In this trying, of all trying times, we have the health and protection of mother and child, as well as the great responsibility and fate of two lives in our hands. And yet the great thing "principle" does not apply to them, they are not worthy of the respect, that is, if we consider that man who holds himself as a minister, is a competent judge. Gentlemen, what I believe to be principle, is to protect our offspring, and it is proven to us by instinct, even the

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(The Asheville Citizen, 17th.)

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They now have a thousand men working on that line of road in those States. They own and control the Southwestern Railroad from Bristol via Johnson City, Tenn., Spruce Pine, N. C., to Marion, N. C., for which they lately paid a bonus of \$2,500,000 spot cash. The railroad is built, equipped and is running from Johnson City to Spruce Pine, a distance of sixty-two miles. From Spruce Pine to Marion is thirty-nine miles; from Marion to Rutherfordton is twenty-six miles, a total of sixty-five miles. The line from Spruce Pine to Marion is a very heavy grade and a most difficult and costly one to build, there being an ascent of 1,400 feet in four miles to overcome, with eleven trestles, the longest being 2,700 feet, and with many long and high trestles in addition. It is estimated that the mountain portion alone will cost over \$1,000,000. The whole line of sixty-five miles to Rutherfordton will cost, engineer's estimation, in the neighborhood of three million dollars.

Notwithstanding all these difficulties this company will adopt this route unless a better and cheaper one can be shown them. Now it is up to the people of Asheville whether they will let the opportunity of a generation pass without getting another railroad through our city. That we can induce the Southwestern to come by the way of Asheville on through Hickory Nut Gap or Reedy Patch Gap to Rutherfordton there is little doubt. We only have to show them the feasibility of the route; convince them that it is cheaper and nearer by the way of Asheville than by Marion and you will get them.

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From Hunt Dale to Asheville (forty miles) it would cost, say \$1,200,000. From Asheville to Rutherfordton it is about the same distance, forty miles, which would cost not over \$40,000 per mile, or \$1,600,000, making in all \$2,800,000.

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THAT WESS LYNCH AFFAIR.

Very Unfortunate From Any Standpoint One May View It.

(Correspondence of The Gaffney Ledger.)

GROVER March 16.—It seems that there is quite a diversity of opinion as to the truth of the matter in regard to the Wess Lynch hold-up. It appears that there's but one thing connected with the incident that is absolutely certain, and that is the fact that it was, and is yet, a very unfortunate affair from any standpoint one may choose to view it. Prof. Lynch is a highly respected citizen of Forest City, and county surveyor of Rutherford county. Considering this fact, it seems that it was very unwise, as well as unjust, to make a public statement that the affair was all a fake unless there was absolutely no doubt as to the authority of said statement, because it throws a reflection upon Mr. Lynch himself, and while it is in an indirect way, it is none the less severe. And there's no question as to whether or not Mr. Lynch believed the report to be true, because had he not believed it he would never have raised the alarm and immediately began the search for the supposed miscreants.

This writer was at Rutherfordton the day of the occurrence and upon our return (by private conveyance) in the afternoon, we met Mr. Lynch and heard his statement of the incident. Knowing that he would not have been parading the country with a posse of men unless he considered it necessary, and never dreaming that the boy had played a bluff game, we immediately reported the incident to this paper. It was also reported to The Rutherfordton Sun, and we know not how many other papers.

By and by the people around Forest City began to whisper that there might not be any reality in the report. Some advanced the fact that the boy was far from being a piece of perfection, and enumerated previous pranks that he had been engaged in. Then it was that the Forest City correspondent of The Rutherfordton Sun came forward with the statement that the whole affair was more than likely a fake, which communication was copied in this paper and The Ledger readers doubtless remember its contents. However, the heated controversy that followed and which, perhaps, is not yet ended, is not so widely known outside the circle of The Sun readers. A few weeks ago Mr. Lynch appeared in The Sun with a spirited article and furnished affidavits from several prominent men who saw the boy just after the occurrence, and was of a very strong opinion that the boy was sincere in his manifestations of grief and fright.

This writer had a conversation with the sheriff of the county not long since, during which he stated that his first impressions were that the report was perfectly true, but as he found it impossible to get any clue to work on he could make no headway in the search. There were some hunters seen in the vicinity, near Coxe's crossing, but none of them answered the description. As stated elsewhere, the affair was reported by this writer in good faith and when the whisper was raised that there might be no truth in the report we did not apprise The Ledger of the fact simply because it wasn't our business to do so unless there was absolutely no doubt that the boy did sure enough invent and carry into execution the scheme for the purpose of securing those "much desired low-water-cut pair of pants." Should we have impersonated the supposed miscreants along we would have been under strict obligations to have reported all doubts in their favor, but as such was not the case and as crimes of a far blacker hue are constantly being perpetrated by the vicious and inhuman low class of negroes we did not feel called upon to make the correction. And had we done so we feel that we would not only have been doing the boy a gross injustice, but would have added to the grief of his fond mother and father and brothers and sisters as well.

H. M.

Will Move To Rutherfordton.

Dr. John C. Twitty, of Gastonia, who was here last week, purchased the Erwin house and lot on the west side of town, and will move here soon, where he will engage in the practice of his profession. We extend a cordial welcome to the doctor and his interesting family.

—Mr. W. A. Kizer, who has been in Virginia for some months, has returned here and is thinking of locating. Mr. Kizer has many friends in this county who will be glad to know that he has returned to stay.

—Attorney J. P. Morris and wife spent several days in Rutherfordton this week. The former is attending Superior court which is now being held there.—Polk County News, the 16th.

for timber of all kinds, minerals and agricultural products, which would find a profitable market to the south of us. And last, but not least, this road would come to the city of the "Land of the Sky," which is destined to be the Rome of America in point of progress in civilization, and shall in no distant day vie with Fall River and South Bend in manufactures.

Now, then, let every true patriot and friend of Asheville go to work in good earnest for this road. Now is the accepted time. H. B. WEAVER.

THE INTERURBAN RAILWAY PROJECT.

Not A Visionary Scheme, But A Practicable One.

JUDGE EWART GOES NORTH.

Will Confer With Cincinnati Persons Interested—The People A Unit On The Proposition—Meeting Called At Hendersonville On 24 Of April—Everybody Invited.

To the Editor of The Sun.

HENDERSONVILLE, March 13.—We are much surprised at the apparent indifference of the people of Rutherfordton to the scheme of building an electric line from Asheville via your place and through your county to Gaffney. Surely they do not realize how much this means to your town and county.

Our people are a unit on the proposition. I leave for Cincinnati, O., this p. m., to confer with parties interested in the enterprise. A meeting has been called for the 24th of April at this place, to which invitations will be sent your citizens, and those of Gaffney, Asheville, Chimney Rock and other points. Cannot The Sun lend us its powerful aid? We have noted with surprise that you have never referred to it in any way. This is not a visionary, wild scheme, but a definite and practicable one. If the people along the route will do only one-half their duty cars will be running between Asheville and Gaffney in twelve months.

Come now, stir up, shake yourself and get "busy." Yours truly, H. G. EWART.

(Asheville Gazette-News, the 13.)

Judge H. G. Ewart, of Hendersonville, is here, en route to Cincinnati, where he is to confer with certain parties interested in the construction of the contemplated Appalachian Interurban railway.

"If any doubt existed as to the interest of our people in this project," said he to-day, "it was removed by the mass meeting of our citizens last Saturday at Hendersonville. We had a most representative and enthusiastic meeting. Our people are thoroughly alive to the importance of this route. We were glad to note the interest that our Buncombe county friends, especially from the Avery's Creek section, manifested in the enterprise. Your representative, Mr. J. P. Glenn, made a capital speech, and promised us that Buncombe would when the time came render us practical aid and support. Another meeting has been called for April 24th at Hendersonville, to which invitations will be sent to representatives of the boards of trade from Asheville, Gaffney, S. C., and Rutherfordton, and to the citizens generally along the contemplated route. At this meeting definite plans will be submitted looking to the immediate prosecution of the work. In the meantime subscriptions are steadily coming in, and I am confident that we will soon have a competent corps of engineers on the line with a view of locating the same, preparatory to work.

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largest town on the route invariably derives the greatest advantage, and Asheville will prove no exception to the rule. We built the Transylvania railroad with only \$8,000 in sight, in spite of the opposition developed, and the many predictions of failure. Mark the prediction: We shall build the Appalachian despite the croakings of a few dyspeptic individuals. If the people along the route will do only one-half their duty, cars will be running from Asheville via Mills River, or Fletchers, to Hendersonville, Hendersonville via the beautiful Chimney Rock country, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Caroleen, and Henrietta to Gaffney, S. C."

Dr. W. H. Wakefield Coming.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, will be in Rutherfordton at the Hotel on Friday, May the 6th, for the purpose of treating diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and Fitting Glasses.

The Doctor can be seen in his office in Charlotte every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Sunday by emergency cases.

Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, the woman Brodie L. Duke, of Durham, married in New York some months ago, has brought suit for divorce from Duke on the ground of abandonment and non-support.

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