

MR. DOUGLASS' ATTACK

Letter to the Aspirant from Wake

Mr. Briggs Asks Questions and Inquire If It Lies Within Mr. Douglass' Province To Pass Upon Party Fealty of Others.

The Wake county Democratic candidates were at Fuquay Springs Saturday, and The News and Observer Sunday cites in a report as a feature: "The fiery denunciation of the report of the Garner meeting printed in The Raleigh Evening Times, of which Mr. Drewry as president, by the Republican city editor of that paper, who was held up as a Radical of Radicals who wrote the Republican platform in Wake, Mr. Douglass declaring it unjust for a paper saying it is Democratic to have Republicans reporting Democratic meetings seen through Radical glasses."

Letter to Mr. Douglass.

The following letter was today mailed to Mr. Douglass:
Raleigh, N. C., July 2, 1906.
Mr. W. C. Douglass, Raleigh, N. C.
Dear Sir:
From a newspaper account of your speech at Fuquay Springs last Saturday I notice that you objected to my report of your Garner speech and attacked The Raleigh Times for permitting me to serve in a reportorial capacity on that paper. In my eight years' experience on Democratic newspapers the only reputation I have made is for fairness and accuracy, and this standard was not violated in my report of your Garner effort. I challenge you to show a single instance wherein you were misrepresented in that report.
Perhaps you did not make yourself clear, Mr. Douglass, on one point in your Garner speech. In my report I said "Mr. Douglass is against whiskey, whether sold in a bar-room or a dispensary, and he is going to hit the monster going and coming." Mr. Chas. U. Harris, your opponent, in his reply said that unlike you he was in favor of letting the dispensary remain two years longer; hence if I was mistaken, in understanding that you intended to wipe the dispensary out now, Mr. Harris and others made the same mistake as to your position.
You object to a Republican holding a position on a Democratic newspaper. My political opinions have never been concealed. When I became of age a few days prior to the election in 1896, I was thoroughly imbued with the conviction that the triumph of Mr. Bryan and Fretilver would be an insufferable calamity to our country, hence I supported McKinley and aligned myself with the Republican party. My political creed has been known to the people of Raleigh. I have never aspired to office—in fact, three times I have declined appointments tendered me which, in each instance, would have paid me more than the amount I was then receiving as salary. When Hon. Thos. R. Purnell was elevated to the bench I was appointed United States Jury Commissioner—and held the position until honorably—and, hold the position until a Republican was appointed clerk of the circuit court, when I resigned; for the law provides that the jury commissioner and the clerk shall be of opposite political parties.
The above recital of facts simply shows that the character of my party allegiance has not suddenly been revealed. During all these years I have been continuously employed on Democratic daily newspapers here. Mr. Joseph Daniels, in fact, employed "this Republican" throughout two sessions of the legislature "to cover" the state senate and legislative committee meetings for The News and Observer in addition to his other newspaper work. For nearly three months Mr. Daniels was kind enough to engage my services on his paper in other capacities. At another time my friend, Mr. William Henry Bagley, brother-in-law of Mr. Daniels and now business manager of The News and Observer, and myself jointly owned and published an afternoon paper here. At various times I have served as correspondent at the state capital for the leading Democratic dailies in North Carolina.
Mr. Douglass is the first man to attack my newspaper work on account of my politics. I have never conceived that any man can do honest, fair reportorial work unless he eliminates the personal equation from every subject he handles. That is the criterion on every high-toned newspaper. I did not suppose that my service on The News and Observer and other papers was an impeachment of the Democracy of the editors and owners of those publications. I never imagined that my editor-in-chief would be held to account

for my opinions and views. I have not heard that some other editors are required to stand sponsors for the morals of their reporters. I have not found that a belief in the principles of the Republican party interferes with giving a truthful story of the news events of the day. When the choice is to be made between relinquishing any newspaper position, on the one side, or surrendering my political convictions, on the other hand, the decision will be swiftly and easily made; my resignation will be tendered.
One word, Mr. Douglass, about your Garner speech. Perhaps I failed to beset your effort with "cheers," "prolonged applause," etc., which I failed to observe; but I was kind and charitable in omitting some of the things you did say. In that speech you covertly attacked the state institutions here. You told the people of Garner that you demanded a rigid investigation of every state institution, and wanted to know "who ate at the tables, who slept in the beds and who rode in the carriages." On top of this you informed the Garner voters that you had heard that an employee of an institution told the head of that institution that he could save \$500 in a certain matter. You said further that the head of that institution was reported to have replied, "Save \$500! no, spend it. If we save money the legislature will not increase our appropriation." You did not name the institution, Mr. Douglass, so you left all the state institutions under the ban of your insinuation of dishonesty. I was kind enough in my report of your speech to omit that portion of your remarks, as did The News and Observer reporter, because it was an attack on your own party, and your friends did not want it published.
I admire party fealty and loyalty in any man. But it hardly lies within your province to attack the Democracy of any newspaper or any individual does it? In "fusion" days did you not act as counsel and "coach" for the successful Populist-Republican candidate for solicitor (Mr. Seawell) until he was securely established in his office? While Governor Russell was in the executive office were you not among his frequent counselors, and do not the state auditor's books show that the Russell administration paid you fees? Were you a Democrat then? If you were a Democrat then and sold your legal services to a Republican governor, are you the man to denounce newspapers because forsooth the politics of some reporter on the paper happens to differ from your politics?
Since you have seen fit to bring me into your Fuquay speech when I was not present, I take this method of replying to your attack.
I am, with personal regards,
Yours very truly,
WILLIS G. BRIGGS.

TICKETS FOR THE BIG MUSICAL FESTIVAL.
Those who have subscribed for season tickets to the music festival should present their cards at Bobbit-Wynne's drug store tomorrow, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and secure their reserved seats for the three concerts.
At 10 o'clock any one can secure season tickets at the regular price of \$2.00.
Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the sale of season tickets will be placed on sale at \$1.00, 75c., and 50c. for night concerts and 50c. and 25c. for the afternoon concert.
The advance subscription has been large and the prospects for large audiences to the three concerts is assured. Mr. Baxter Durham will receive subscriptions for season tickets until tonight when the subscription list will be closed.

A Dangerous Runaway.
Mrs. Walter W. Fowler and three children, one the child of Mr. A. A. Phillips, had a narrow escape yesterday while out driving on the Fayetteville road. The horse became frightened, ran away and pitched the occupants of the vehicle out. Mrs. Fowler, with the baby in her arms, was thrown fifteen feet. Mrs. Fowler suffered some bruises but was not otherwise injured. Mrs. Emma Swindell was passing and she brought Mrs. Fowler and the children back to the city.

INCORPORATIONS.
The following companies were incorporated this morning in the secretary of state's office:
Durham-Parish Company of Hillsboro, general mercantile business, \$25,000 authorized capital and \$3,500 paid in by G. A. Durham, S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro and H. L. Parish of Mayodan.
Ryeola Bottling Company of Charlotte, \$10,000 authorized capital and \$1,500 paid in by T. H. Miller, Jas. M. Ross and F. A. McKnight of Charlotte.
Buckeye Water Company of West Asheville, \$25,000 total capital stock, and \$3,000 paid in by R. P. Hayes, L. P. Hayes and J. C. Martin of Asheville.

SETTLING OF JEWS IN PALESTINE.
(By the Associated Press.)
Toronto, Ont., July 2.—At the opening of the seventh annual convention of the federation of Zionist Societies in Canada here President De Sola of Montreal announced that the Sultan of Turkey had revoked the laws forbidding Jews to settle in Palestine. He did not wish it understood that they had received a charter, but it was no possible for Jews to inhabit the country and enjoy the protection of its laws. He predicted that the Sultan's action would give a great impetus to emigration from Russia.

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Notable Lectures by Dr. Mims, Prof. Graham, Dr. Redway and Pres. Moffitt, and Other Notable Events This Week.

Today at the noon hour Dr. Hamilton lectured in the auditorium on "Reconstruction in North Carolina," at the A. and M. College. He has made a thorough study from original sources of this interesting period of the state's history. His thesis for his doctor's degree at Columbia University was on this subject. All who have heard his scholarly lectures at the summer school on American history have been profited. Every student of North Carolina history should have heard his lecture today.

Tonight at 9 p. m. the Third Regiment Band will give a concert. An admission will be charged for this concert. The proceeds will be for the benefit and improvement of the band. This is the finest military band in North Carolina. No lover of stirring music can afford to miss this concert.
Tuesday, July 3, at the noon hour, Dr. Edward Mims of Trinity College will lecture. Raleigh people know Dr. Mims as an accomplished, scholarly and entertaining speaker and a gentleman of rare literary gifts. At 9 p. m. of the same day Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, will lecture. He, too, is well known to the teachers and to the Raleigh people as a scholar, a thinker and an orator that ranks with the foremost of the State.

Wednesday, July 4, at the noon hour, Prof. Alexander Graham will join with the teachers in celebrating the 4th of July appropriately by talking to them in his inimitable way on "New Light on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." Professor Graham probably knows more about this subject and knows how to talk about it more entertainingly than any other man in North Carolina. The Colonial Dames ought to be especially interested in Professor Graham's lecture, and will be invited to attend in a body.
On the night of the 4th, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Redway will lecture. Dr. Redway has a national reputation as a scholar and an author. He has been delivering a series of most interesting, entertaining and thoughtful lectures to the students of the summer school on geography. Those who have heard his lectures will expect a rare treat on Wednesday night, and those who have not heard him will miss a rare treat if they do not hear him at that time. In style, he is unique and original.

Thursday, July 5, at the noon hour, President Moffitt of Elon College will address the teachers. President Moffitt is probably the youngest college president of the state. The ability that he has displayed during his first year's administration and his merited reputation as a bright man and a thoughtful student give assurance that he will bring to the teachers and all others who honor him with their presence an inspiring message.
The remaining evenings of the week will be filled by the concerts of the department of music, under the direction of Prof. Wade R. Brown, a full announcement of which appears elsewhere.
The indications are that the summer school will reach its climax in interest, profit, power and entertainment the last week.
Notwithstanding the excessive heat during the past week, there has been no abatement of interest in the work of the summer school, and no falling off in attendance on the various classes. The desire for improvement, the determination to utilize every opportunity offered for improvement, the application and the devotion to duty manifested by the teachers attending the North Carolina Summer School this year has been unusual, inspiring and beautiful.
The members of the faculty, without an exception, have manifested the true spirit of the teacher by putting into their work knowledge, enthusiasm, earnestness, sympathy and energy. They have not spared themselves in mind, heart or body. Many of them have gladly given extra hours to teachers desiring special work.

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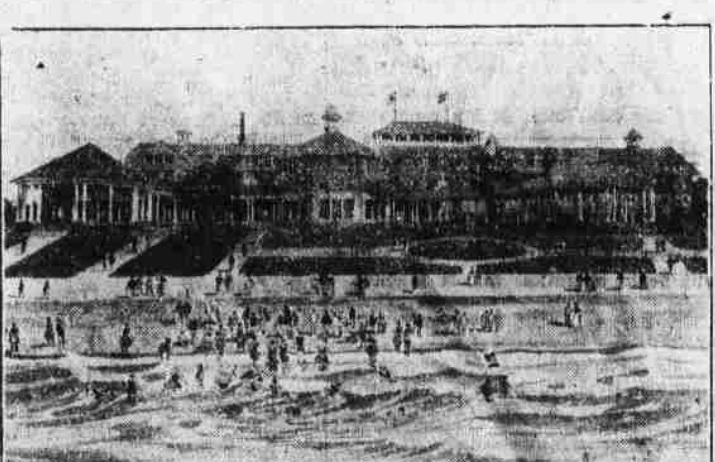
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