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HIS REASONS FOR RESIGNING.

STRONG LANGUAGE.

(News & Observer, Aug. 25.)

NORTH CAROLINA INSANE ASYLUM,
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 23.

It is due to the people of the State, whose institution this is, to the friends of justice and fair dealing, and to myself, to state some facts which prompted my resignation as Superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum.

A long and patient investigation of many weeks was conducted to inquire into charges of unworthy conduct preferred against me by subordinate officers of the asylum, conceived in all the malice that characterizes men who conspire for evil ends and who permit no obstacles of truth or honesty to stand in the way of long cherished schemes of aggrandizement upon the ruin of others, aided by suborned testimony, in a prosecution bitter and violent, in proportion as it was impotent and futile. I was acquitted of the vile charges, by the board of directors who were intimately acquainted with my management of this asylum for many years.

In spite of cunningly devised and ingenious fabrications of stories of immorality; in spite of all that malice and envy and prejudice could do to distort the ordinary performance of duty in behalf of the insane, into cruelty to their persons; in spite of ridiculous charges of peculation which fell almost still-born, as if from accusers conscious of their absurdity, the eminent men, who in a long series of years have given their time and sympathies to the insane, rebuked the false witnesses and the malicious conspirators and their open and secret abettors with a vote that was a complete endorsement of my official course, and a vindication of the purity and uprightness of the administration of this great charity.

This decision has been ratified by the action of the great number throughout our borders who have been or are personally connected with nearly fifteen hundred patients who have been under my charge, not one of whom could be induced to testify aught against me. But on the contrary, daily, throughout the trial and to the present hour, I have received such testimonials of regard and sympathy, of indignant defence and hearty congratulation, that, coupled with the love of my patients now to be left, and the kind expressions from eminent and unprejudiced citizens everywhere, there is much to render retirement grateful. These things enable me to view with equanimity the efforts to injure me, of the wretched ingrates, and the venal corruptionists who would profit by their vindictiveness—to say nothing of the ignorant and misled, who will return in due time to the exercise of reason and fair judgment. Crushed for a moment by the judgment of the Board, upon the untruth and malice of their charges, the conspirators, with their semi political abettors, rallied for another onslaught.

Their family connections, those who profited by the large patronage of the Steward's office, those who saw something to gain in the general scramble for place upon a change of administration here, those whose excitable feelings could be stirred by tales of imaginary wrong, were gathered into so called indignation meetings, held under the immediate influence of the abettors of the conspirators discredited by the action of the Board. Not one meeting of that character has taken place except under their engineering, with the possible exception of those at the homes of two members of the Board, whose action is yet to be referred to.

These lawless proceedings were defended to the brink of anarchy, and to the point of surrendering law and justice into the hands of the mob, by a sheet which seeks notoriety by slanderous scurrility, sacrificing manhood truth and decency in the search for sensations. By insinuations and persistent misrepresentation, false and misleading summaries of evidence which suppressed material points of the defence, and the utterances of a long concealed hostility in villification of the management of the Asylum and myself; from a soul without conscience, a mind devoid of any conception of honor, and a pen without shame, the State Chronicle injected its venom into its fanatical followers, and even distorted the vision of journals of high character for truth and honesty, through the amazing assumption of its malicious assertions.

These preparations having been completed, a most extraordinary series of acts of executive usurpation, and petty official tyranny, heretofore unparalleled in North Carolina, have taken place, to arrange for the concluding scene of the drama. The political inspiration that accounts for the amazing audacity of these conspirators in attempting to mould a corrupt sentiment, or the over-leaping ambition that sought to involve my friends in future political odium, by exciting a wave of temporary public clamor, through an ignorant and prejudiced press, reveals itself in the daring assumption of his Excellency, the Governor, to combine all the powers of government in his hands, heretofore ascribed to three co ordinate branches of authority. He sets at defiance the Constitution, and usurps the power of the legislature to appoint a Board of Public Charities, under the frivolous pretence that the power to appoint to a temporary vacancy in an unexpired term, is a power to create a board which is expressly exempted from executive appointment, and for the good reason that it was contemplated that this board of legislative appointment was to supervise the general conduct of all the boards acting by executive authority.

This stretch of prerogative, done in the face of refusal by other Governors to appoint a board of public charities, although they recommended the legislature to exercise its powers, is performed on the face of it, to offer a courtesy to ward off the indignation of the friends of those members of the Board of Asylum Directors, whose retirement from the board he had resolved to secure at all hazards.

Knowing full well that Dr. T. Burke Haywood was the physician of the deaf and dumb, he yet reappointed him in March, 1889, a director of the Asylum; and it ought to have been known by him that Dr. Isaac Jackson was Superintendent of the Board of Health of Columbus county, when he also appointed him as a director of the Asylum in March last.

Has the Governor any legal authority to ask for the resignation of directors? Certainly not, any more than any sheriff, or constable, or any other executive officer. There is a proper official of the judicial department of the government—the Attorney General—whose province it is by a suit of quo warranto, upon suitable proceedings before the authorized courts, to secure decisions on such questions.

Were it otherwise, we should see, as we behold in this case, as barefaced usurpation of all the powers of government as the most absolute monarch dares to claim. In addition to this, all fair minded men must be shocked by the indecency of the appointment to a position on the board of Capt. Octavius Coke, the leader in the legislature of 1877, of a prolonged and bitter partisan effort to remove me from office, on account of political opinions cherished nine years previous, and before entering upon this position—and of one known to be hostile to the judgment which had acquitted me. To this must be added the still more outrageous appointment of Thomas B. Womack, Esq., who has sought notoriety at this juncture by publicly denouncing me in a meeting of the character referred to, writing resolutions of a denunciatory character, and publishing an article over his own signature, proposing a trick, by which some newly constituted body might hold me accountable upon charges of which I had already been tried and acquitted by such men as would have scorned to play the part of accusers and jury, of prosecutor and judge, alternately, in the same case. To them are to be added two of the members who voted against me to sustain the infamous charges, Dr. Foote, who has been said for many years to have been seeking the position of Superintendent for himself, the other, Mr. Richard H. Smith, who has, for months past, been the ready recipient of slanders poured into his ears by the original conspirators in this case, or their tools. Other gentlemen were appointed upon this Board whose qualifications consist largely in their readiness to register the Executive will, having been unknown in public life hitherto; and now the Jacobin journal which is either the organ and mouth-piece of the Governor, or is for the time being the power behind which he is contented to sail into the haven of imagined popularity, used the following language August 16th, 1889:

"With a diplomacy worthy of an experienced diplomat, the Governor conceived the idea of securing the resignations of enough of the friends of Dr. Grissom on the Board to secure a change in its complexion. * * It is indeed fortunate for the State that at this important juncture we have as Chief Magistrate a man who had the nerve to do all in his power to secure the removal of Dr. Grissom. * * The Chronicle desires to thank Gov. Fowle for his prompt and wise action. Its significance is seen when we state that the Board as now constituted instead of standing 5 to 3 in favor of Dr. Grissom's innocence, stands, as well as can be ascertained up to the hour of going to press, 5 to 3 in favor of his removal."

The candor of this declaration is only equaled by its imbecility. The paper, which is apparently the organ of the Executive, informs members appointed on this Board, that it is for the purpose of removing a man who has just been acquitted by as honorable men as North Carolina boasts; two of whom have just been complimented by the Governor as he asked them to get out of this way. Are honorable men to be insulted by asking them to go upon a jury packed and instructed to convict?

The history of the English race has not known that since the days of Titus Oats. Are judges to be appointed for the rehearing of a cause after acquittal; and is the condemnation of the accused to be settled beforehand? We have no parallel in our records later than Jeffreys of immortal infamy. This is a proceeding worthy of Russian despotism, whose councils are ordered to condemn. But the free born Anglo Saxon blood of North Carolinians must be kindled at this spectacle of petty tyranny; this wresting of a sacred oath "to faithfully execute the laws" by a sinister determination both to interpret and execute them to destroy one man, already triumphantly vindicated by men who would scorn to doff the cap to any petty Gesler. "The wolf said to the lamb 'I will eat you, for you muddled the brook'. 'No, for I am below, and you are above.' 'But I must, for you muddled it last year.' 'Nay, I was not born then.' 'Yet again, I will destroy you, for your ancestors did.'"

"You must go, Dr. Grissom, for you have been guilty of immorality." "No" says the Board of Directors of the Insane Asylum, "it is not true." "You must go for you have been guilty of cruelty." "No" say all the friends of all the patients who have been under his charge. "Yet you must and shall go. For twenty years ago you professed a different political faith from the Executive, and you refuse to be his vassal today." So ends the tragic farce, for the present.

It would be folly indeed to ask for or expect anything but injury and embarrassment, to say nothing more at the hands of a Board sent here to perform the play of my humiliation at the dictation of an Executive so regardless of law, decency or justice. I have therefore tendered my resignation to a Board of Directors under whom I would not serve, and who come with denunciations, and the declared purpose to outrage me.

To the people of North Carolina who may always be trusted to judge with uprightness, when the sober second thought has time to assert itself, I solemly appeal against this high-handed tyranny of the State Executive, and, with patience, confidently await the verdict of popular vindication. EUGENE GRISSOM.

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THE MOUNTAINS.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

RAIL ROAD SCENERY.

"LAND OF THE SKY" &c.

Editor of THE DEMOCRAT:—For several reasons the undersigned seldom ever writes for a public journal, but the scenery through Western North Carolina is so grand and picturesque that I feel as if I want to give vent to my feelings through the medium of your paper, for the perusal of all my home friends who choose to read it and have never traveled through this section of the Old North State.

Ever since a mere soldier boy of only nineteen summers, wounded and suffering on crutches—about 26 years ago—when I was pulled through a part of the Piedmont section, making my way to a Virginia home where I hoped to be better cared for, have I desired to re-visit the mountains of N. C. or Va?

So on the 20th day of August, an opportunity of combining business with pleasure in the gratification of this long felt desire presented itself, and I boarded the cars at Raleigh on the "Piedmont Air Line"—thus commencing what I anticipated a pleasant tour to the mountains of Western N. C. Onward, and upward we rapidly sped over smooth steel rails at the rate of 45 miles per hour—passing through many beautiful towns and villages, whose appearance indicated much prosperity, touching the County seat of nearly every one of the eleven counties through which we passed. But in this short and hasty article we have time to mention only a few of the most noted places visible from the window of the tourist's seat.

Durham, a new and beautiful city noted for its rapid growth since the war, caused mainly by its far famed tobacco and other factories, is a beautiful town of considerable size, right on the road.

University Station, though a very small village and a mere stopping place for the trains, is unavoidably associated with Chapel Hill, only a short distance off, the renowned literary institution of the State, known as the "State University," of which so many are made proud at the very mention of its Historic name of "Chapel Hill." Greensboro, the county seat of Guilford county, is also a beautiful city, indicating great prosperity and rapid growth by reason of its active and enterprising business men. Next is Thomasville, a small village in Davidson county, of some notoriety by reason of its healthful location and literary institutions, which has lately added on new lustre, and become historic by being the location of the great Baptist Orphanage of the State. This orphanage, yet in its infancy, and though started and as yet supported mainly by the leading Baptist's of the State, of which they are proud, should be the pride of every North Carolina heart. Supported by all, and fostered by none, may it continue to grow in wealth and influence and by the great universal good accomplished, become one of the brightest stars in the future history of the State. Salisbury the county seat of Rowan county, at which place we leave the train bound for Charlotte and Augusta, and board the cars for the Mountains, is a very thrifty looking city of considerable size and the junction of several Rail Roads. Newton, the county seat of Catawba county, though small and not indicating much prosperity to a hasty traveler, is situated in a county noted for its fine fruit, whose quantity, quality and price, offered by the deafening cries of the numerous and confident little fruit boys at the depot, both astonished and attracted the attention of the fruit-hungry travelers, who quickly emptied many baskets and waiters of their luscious apples and peaches.

At Morganton the county seat of Burke county, we come in full view of the South Mountains on the left, and soon at very rapid speed we heave in sight of the great Blue Ridge on the right. Now the eyes of all strangers to the mountains feast bountifully on the glories of nature, whose hill-tops seem to raise their heads to kiss the Sun good-bye as it seems to set. But onward we go, with mountains in full view on either side through narrow mountain gorges sometimes frees far above and sometimes far below us until the mountains, too high to climb or surround, and the young, but brave conductor orders in an audible voice every window to be lowered and every door shut, preparatory to entering the seven tunnels through which we must pass. Passing on Westward, one of the boldest strokes of engineering is encountered, when the track winds and twist's itself into countless trails, over great stone viaducts and through long tunnels until we reach Round Knob, at which place is situated a picturesque Hotel, where delightful breezes make the tired brain and broken constitution revive under its influences.

The train still moves on more slowly and cautiously, as if conscious of danger, coiling itself upward and around the mountains in semi-circular shape, while passing over the horse-shoe track.

Along here we can look out to the left and see several tracks of the rail, over which we have just passed far below us and apparently impassable, and presently we stop only a moment at Black Mountain station. This reminds us of Mt. Mitchel, supposed to be the highest peak east of the Rockies, which stands aloof from its companions at the enormous height of 6,711 feet.

But still onward we move feeling our way up, around and through the mountains, until suddenly all is dark and silent as midnight, we have just entered the last long Swannanoa tunnel, whose length is 1,800 feet, and for a minute, all is quiet as death, not a word spoken, not an object seen. But soon the monotony is broken, darkness removed, light again breaks upon us, and some traveler, (but not this scribe) unconsciously shouts as if over joyed.

"Over the mountains!" "the great Blue Ridge is behind us."

Yes, the Blue ridge is now penetrated, and that brave young Captain orders the cars to be again ventilated, the windows hoisted, welcoming the return of light and air, which shows upon every face a smile of joy at being on the west side of the mountains where the sun again shows himself just setting behind the western horizon and where all the rivers and streams reverse their course westward and seem to be hurrying to the great Pacific, when but a short while ago they were making their way eastward to the Atlantic.

Thirty minutes longer and we are at the Asheville depot, where we take a crowded electric street car and for only five cents, and at 7 o'clock on Aug. 21st we are safely put to our destination, in the "Land of the sky," estimated from the last survey to be 2,350 feet above sea-level to enjoy the refreshing mountain air and rest the tired brain and body so much needed by a mountain traveler.

I have now, Mr. Editor, very hastily and imperfectly described the rail road scenery along the western route, over which I have just traveled. The beauties of nature are too grand for anything like a perfect description, requiring something more than pen in the hands of the present writer. I love the mountains; but for fear of trying your patience and that of your readers, have omitted much that was of interest to me, thereby making this article short by condensing as much as possible.

Providence permitting, I shall thoroughly canvass and view the city of 10,000 inhabitants before leaving, and if you and your readers would like another short article from the same pen, describing the Immortality of Asheville, let me know at once before I leave here and if time allows, I will furnish it written fresh from the mountains of the Old North State.

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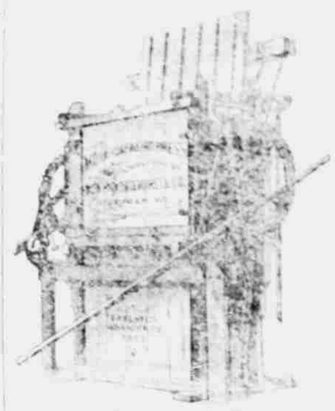

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