

CAMERON MORRISON

THERE are at the present moment two portraits of Cameron Morrison in the minds of North Carolinians.

ONE of the portraits is a caricature—a political cartoon for campaign purposes only. It will disappear as soon as the primary is over, and just men and women will regret that it was ever permitted to become current. His opponents have for a year been painting him all out of perspective, all out of proportion—and his friends have been so sure that the true picture of him would prevail in the hearts and minds of men and women who know him as he is, that they have not troubled to correct this caricature. They have confidently smiled at the cartoon in a deep assurance that it could not last.

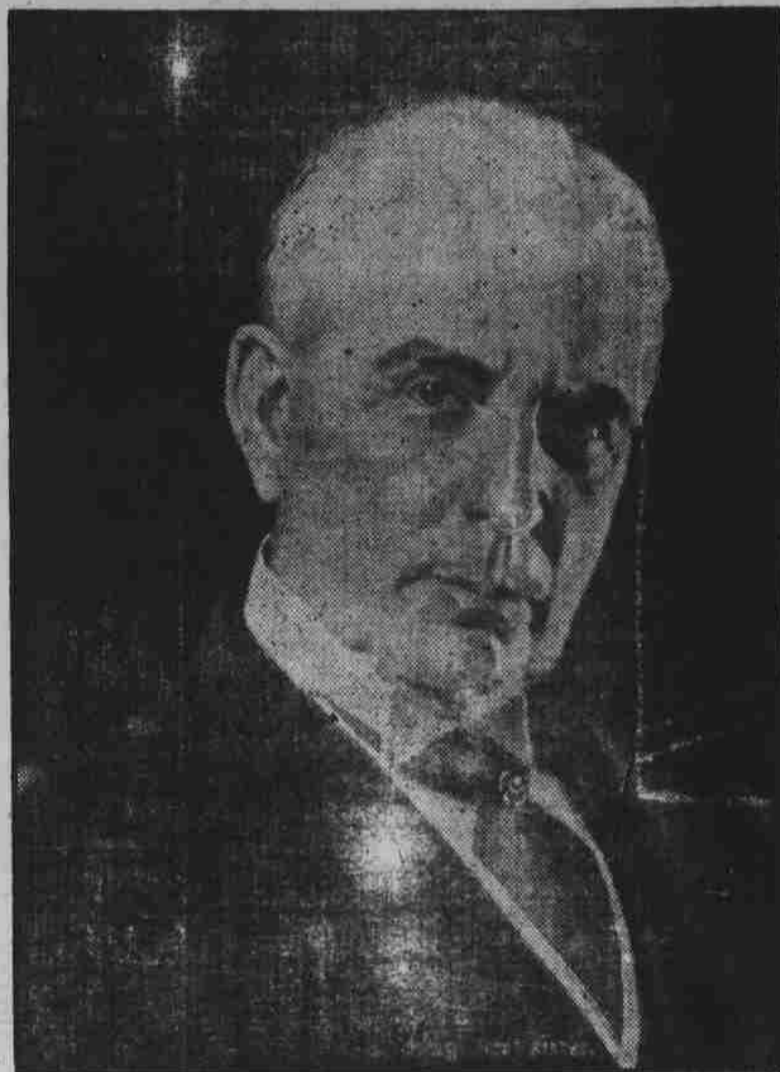
THEY begin now to realize that the passage of time has brought to the stage a new generation that does not know Cameron Morrison as he is. In the remaining days of this primary they realize an obligation to North Carolina to reveal the real Cameron Morrison to all who would make a choice between him and his opponent on July 2nd.

CAMERON Morrison is at the present time in the full maturity of his powers after nearly 40 years of service of the Democratic Party and the people. He stands on our political skyline with a great record for his background. He began so young that 40 years of public life have left him by no means old.

FROM the days when as a young man he came to the front and fought in the very vanguard for white supremacy—an issue more vital to North Carolinians than any other in its history—until the present hour, Cameron Morrison's activities have been incessant and devoted. He is one Democrat who has devoted his life to his Party and who has not counted the cost. In every campaign, always in the line of battle, for the space of a generation, moved by faith in his party and love for his people, he has proclaimed the great principles of Democracy with the zeal of a crusader and the power of an orator.

HOW has it happened that this perfectly true picture of Morrison, the Party servant and peoples' advocate, has not been painted in the present campaign? Is it not because the thousands who know him considered it quite unnecessary, so sure were they that it could not be forgotten and no cartoonist of the platform could erase it from the heart of North Carolina?

AFTER long years of service in the ranks, Cameron Morrison was elected Governor of North Carolina; and it is conceded that he interpreted public office in terms of public service in such a way as to justify the association of his name in our annals with that of Aycock.



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The abolition of property taxes for State purposes, the expansion of the public school system, the enlargement of the institutions for the afflicted, the insane, the blind, the orphans, the rebuilding of our institutions of higher education, the great system of roads, the great and beneficent extension of the public health service, all these are monuments of Cameron Morrison's passion for service of the people. Have boys and girls been better educated in North Carolina these 10 years, have the afflicted been more abundantly cared for these 10 years, have farmers had better facilities for moving their crops and supplies these 10 years, did the Commonwealth spring forward in such a way as to command the world's admiration—if so, is it not because Cameron Morrison as Governor gave each of these causes a leadership that could not be denied?

HOW is it that a sorry caricature of Morrison has been suffered to erase from many hearts in North Carolina this true picture of Morrison, the public servant? How is it that beneficiaries of his service have so far forgotten the benefits they owe to him? Is it not because many of us were sure that the true picture had been so indelibly written in the life of this Commonwealth that no exercise of political ambition, no amount of ribald jesting, no amount of secret slander could erase it?

CAMERON Morrison has served in two sessions of the Congress as a Senator of the State of North Carolina. Who has said that

his voice and his votes in the past have not been true to his record as Governor? Who has said true to Democratic principles? No one. And yet this truth has been obscured by a littleness, of little attacks on great people, all far below the level of leadership. Well did the convention write in its recent declaration of his record with from this State as "faithful

WHAT are the faults of Cameron Morrison? We are told that he is not a statesman. But his impulses are good and his aims are for righteousness, with the masses of men, for the betterment of the wealth. So he has. But good fortune has not spoiled the lot of the poor as one good fortune could not diminish his identification with the pathy for them. And we dare to suggest that he is not rigidly honest? And who is he not the speaking soul to fellow men and women of his party, to all who care for civilization?

SO HERE is the true picture of Cameron Morrison which was the heat of a campaign, a ribald jest, and light caricature painted a picture of the man, true, utterly unworthy.

IN THE sober second thought will come to the front—forth. And it is, we may say, of men and women who see that it shall. Every Democratic party and of the world demands no less of us.

THESE are troubled times of the hour demand proved fidelity, of tried and human welfare, in the States. This is no time to stand artists, no time for the Democratic Party in North Carolina needed Cameron Morrison. It needs him now no less than ever.

LET US then forget the past beyond it to the man, the advocate of the people, the demagogue, no dealer in private but one whose private life have proved him worth whose very name—Cameron Morrison—of honesty, of candor, and of zeal for the service

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