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For Congress,
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Old Soldiers Reunion.
The members of "Camp Nimrod Triplett" Confederate Veterans held their annual reunion at the court house on last Thursday and Friday only 31 answered to roll call at this meeting. These old veterans gathered about in squads in and around the court house, enjoyed their own basket dinner and talked over again some of their struggles in those trying times from '61 to '65.

The first day was spent in organizing and electing new officers. Some short talks were made by Rev. B. F. Hargett, C. S. Farthing, Thos. Bingham and others, Capt. Johnson, of Lenoir was present and made a short but inspiring talk.

In these talks the old soldiers were reminded of their heroism and bravery, and how the world has come to look on them and wonder if such heroism could be surpassed.

The following officers were elected for another year E. J. Norris, Capt. R. H. Farthing 1st Lieut. H. A. Davis 2nd Lieut. W. D. Norris, 3rd Lieut. W. W. Presnell, Ajt. W. C. Coffey, Quarter-Master D. C. Dugger, Commissary, L. D. Cole, Chaplain.

The second day was taken up by short talks by the different members. At 1 o'clock p. m. a memorial service was held in the Methodist church in memory of those who have died since the camp has been organized. The following is a list of the dead: Capt. A. J. Critcher, Capt. B. F. Baird, Capt. T. J. Coffey, D. B. Dougherty, Esq. Col. Joe B. Todd, James Love, William Proffit and James Proffit.

The exercises were conducted by the chaplain. Several touching incidents were related by Capt. E. J. Norris and others as they spoke of the many excellent traits of true manhood in their dead comrades. Rev. B. F. Hargett read a poem which he had dedicated to the memory of the confederate soldiers. C. J. Cottrell Esq. offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Bro. Hargett for the beautiful poem which he has prepared and

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