

N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, held in Charlotte last week, was a complete success.

The Association convened at 12 o'clock M. Tuesday. The President Dr. H. E. T. Manning, of the Maryland Medical Journal, and the Secretary, R. T. Fulghum, of Raleigh, were present.

On behalf of the city Press and citizens of Charlotte, F. Brevard McDowell, Esq., of the Charlotte Observer, delivered a beautiful and appropriate address of welcome.

In the afternoon, by invitation of Major Yates, the able editor of that popular journal, the Charlotte Democrat, we were one of a party privileged to enjoy the pleasure of accompanying him on a tour through and around the city.

The Association re-assembled on Wednesday morning, and among other important business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Col. Wm. L. Saunders, of Raleigh.

Vice-Presidents—Col. Charles R. Jones, of Charlotte; Dossey Battle, of Tarboro, and J. S. Tomlinson, of Hickory.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary—W. A. Davis, of Oxford.

Treasurer—P. F. Duffy, of Greensboro.

Executive Committee—W. J. Yates, of Charlotte; R. M. Furness, of Asheville; R. T. Fulghum, of Raleigh; T. K. Bruner, of Salisbury, and J. P. Caldwell, of Raleigh.

In the afternoon it was the pleasure of the Association to visit, by invitation, the handsome and hospitable residence of Colonel Wm. Johnson, the popular Mayor of Charlotte, where we met with a kind, hearty reception.

Later in the afternoon we availed ourselves of an invitation from Col. Thomas to visit Carolina Military Institute—an institution which but only Charlotte, but the whole State should be proud of.

On our return we were once more invited to the hospitable home of Major Yates, where we were regaled in that pleasant manner characteristic of our genial host.

At eight o'clock we repaired to the Opera House, where was assembled an audience representing the elite, beauty and intelligence of the city.

Colonel E. S. Gregory, the orator, was introduced by the President, and for an hour and ten minutes he highly entertained his hearers, in an elegant address, abounding with useful and practical advice, and well interspersed with wit and humor.

After the address of Colonel Gregory we returned to the Central Hotel to partake of a magnificent banquet tendered by the Press and several leading citizens of Charlotte.

In response to toasts speeches were made by Col. Wm. Johnston, E. S. Gregory, Esq., Col. J. P. Thomas, Dr. H. E. T. Manning, P. F. Duffy, Esq., Col. Ham. C. Jones, F. B. McDowell, Esq., Dossey Battle, Esq., Sam'l P. Smith, Esq., Maj. J. A. Englehard, Dr. J. T. Moore and Col. L. L. Polk.

SOUTHERN STATE CREDIT.

From the Philadelphia Times we take the following cutting, showing the northern sentiment in regard to the fraudulent debts of the Southern States: Now that the protracted political turbulence of the reconstructed States seem about to end its career, and government, law and thrift may revive throughout the South, the question of an honorable adjustment of the practically repudiated indebtedness of commonwealths which have been the prey of the political adventure should command prompt attention.

No State can afford to justify the charge of repudiation, and yet there is law, justice or sound public policy to require the payment of pretended indebtedness that was created by fraud, of which the world had reasonable notice. In some few instances it would be actually impossible for Southern States to pay the millions of debt piled upon them by plunderers without even the shadow of compensation, and in other cases the equities are such that a compromise on a percentage of the outstanding bonds would leave no stain upon the good name of the Commonwealth.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana need a reconstruction of their credit, and to effect it should now be the first care of every good citizen of those States. Each of them could readily provide for the interest and gradual payment of such amount of debt as they have received any just consideration for; but they cannot take a stand, in all classes, on the ground that their bonds were squandered by thieves officials, and therefore they must not be paid.

the whole fraudulent issues and loss which give to the holder more or less equity against the State.

No State can stain its reputation with repudiation and command the respect of either the world or of its own people. Any commonwealth may safely stand upon what the considerate judgment of mankind could approve as honest between man and man; but the employment of the trickery of the demagogue to escape State obligations will rank second only in public reprobatation with the frauds which created such debts.

(Raleigh News.)

We print elsewhere this morning the history of one of the bloodiest of the revenue outrages committed in the western part of the State. It was the killing of Johnson Snider and his son, by Revenue officers, in Ashe county. The statement was prepared for the News by a Republican who lives in the adjoining county of Johnson, Tennessee, and who is fully acquainted with all the details of the case.

THE HISTORY OF A REVENUÉ OUTRAGE.

THE KILLING OF JOHNSON SNIDER AND HIS SON HAMILTON BY REVENUE OFFICERS IN ASHE COUNTY—DETAILS OF THE FATAL ASSAULT.

In Ashe county last week true bills were found against Ed. Ray, R. O. Patterson, — Wilson, and others, revenue officers, who killed Johnson Snider, a respectable citizen of Ashe county and his son Hamilton, on the 10th day of last month, and capias issued for the accused. The following is the bloody story of the murder, as made up for the News by a gentleman who lives in the adjoining county of Johnson, Tenn., and whose son was so unfortunate as to be a witness to the horrible tragedy.

THE HISTORY OF THE CASE.

About the 10th of April, 1877, in the county of Ashe, Ed. Ray, R. O. Patterson, — Wilson, and others, whose names I do not know, to the number of ten, apparently considerably intoxicated came to Johnson Snider's house on the head waters of the North Fork and New river, in Ashe county, near the Tennessee line, and asked if Johnson Snider lived there, and a man by the name of Ammon, who was there, and he (Ammon) went to the gate with a small pocket knife in his hand cutting a stick or whittling. Ray spoke to him and demanded his surrender and that he give up his knife.

garden beyond the house to the porch. Next thing seen he was again brought to the porch in custody of the same party.

Then loud swearing and bolshavus laughing was used at the house, when old man Snider ordered them to get out of his house. About that time he took hold of a chair which was in the porch and raised it a foot or so from the floor, when the revenue party commenced firing. One ball took effect in his head, one in his neck and one in his side, causing almost instant death, as he reeled and fell as soon as struck.

At this time a portion of the party was operating in the house. Soon after the old man fell rapid firing was heard in the house, as was stated by the witnesses who were outside. Ray, having gone in there as soon as Snider fell, commanded young Ham Snider, aged 22, to come down from the loft, and Snider came down. Some of the revenue officers demanded a surrender and Snider said: "I have surrendered." One of the party said: "You are a damned liar; you haint," at the same time he (said to be Wilson) fired a pistol at him. Snider knocked the pistol up and the ball took effect in the left of the house. Hamilton had no weapon of defence; then he was seized by some of the party by the arms and legs and one of the party carrying him called for a man by the name of Wilson and said: "G—d—n him, shoot him." A pistol was placed against his side by one of them, near the hip, and fired, and set his clothes on fire. They then let him down and left, taking with them Ammon and Alex. Snider as prisoners.

The whole transaction lasted some ten or fifteen minutes from the time Ray came till they all left. Hamilton Snider lived three days and died.

These facts were elicited from the witnesses with whom I have conversed freely and fully about the matter. I do not make any feeling in this matter but make this statement at the request of friends.

DAVENPORT COLLEGE.

We appeal to our friends throughout the county who intend to help us in the work of rebuilding Davenport College, but have not yet subscribed or contributed, to come forward and lend a helping hand. Some of our most prominent citizens have not been approached personally on the subject, for the reason that we believed in due time they would do their duty. This is our time of need, and we beg every man that can contribute anything to come forward promptly and let us have the benefit of all that he can do. The day will come when every man that has put a dollar into this College, will be glad that he did it.

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