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#### NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad came off in Greensboro on Thursday last.

About 10 o'clock, and before the train containing several hundred, including stockholders and their families, arrived, Major Smith, Gen. Rufus Barringer, and a few conspirators who had put their heads together to defeat a meeting, assembled in the courthouse and organized, by calling Mr. Wm. R. Myers, of Charlotte, to the chair. The committee to verify proxies reported that there was no quorum present. The meeting took a recess to give the committee further time to receive proxies.

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At two o'clock the stockholders reassembled, Mr. Myers in the chair. Gov. Graham made a few remarks, regretting that stockholders who represented only one-fourth of the stock of the corporation should resort to such means to prevent a legal meeting. No good, he said, could come of it, either to the stockholders or the corporation. There was no injunction, he said, to prevent a meeting of stockholders. Judge Bond's, he was told, was not on injunction, but an order or motion for one, which would be determined on the 13th of September.

Major Smith strode to reply. The chairman called the Major out of order. The Major insisted he would be heard. He did attempt, this was the third time, he said, to speak and had been silenced. He would not submit to it.

Mr. Webb raised a point of order. The chair decided against Mr. Webb, from which he appealed.

Major Smith still held the floor against all comers.

Mr. Webb several times requested the chair to put his motion appealing from the chair.

The chair as often refused to put his motion appealing. In the meantime Maj. Smith began one of his harangues about big men, governors and aristocrats. This meeting was not to be dictated to by Gov. Graham, if he was a great man and had been governor.

The chair called the Major to order, but he would have his say, concluding with a prayer to Gov. Graham to let poor Bill alone, and exhorting himself for his success in running the road.

Gov. Graham replied in a few mild words which blustered the horn-blower. He could not understand how the few suggestions made by him could be tortured into words of censure. Three years ago when it was proposed by his friends to prevent a meeting in this very way by refusing to report the stock, he protested against it as impudent and unlawful. He then attempted to do the same thing. At this meeting he was to be dictated to by Maj. Smith's plea of non-responsibility, he was not before the discussion of such a question, as it was foreign to the business of the meeting.

Mr. Webb again insisted that his appeal from the decision of the chair was the question before the meeting, and he defied the chair or any gentleman to name, in instance, in any meeting, where the chair had failed, when appealed from, to put the question to the house.

The chairman refused to allow Mr. Webb to appeal from his decision.

Gov. Graham agreed to adjourn until noon, at 12 o'clock.

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At the expiration of the time the meeting was again called to order. No question again.

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Mr. Myers should read Jefferson's usual letter to attempt to provide at another public meeting. The proceedings shall appear when the secretary sends them to us.

It is thought the conspirators had agreed to a house in the agents of the Pennsylvania Central, and having enjoined that we were determined to have no meeting, and thus continue the raid in the hands of the railroads. We will tell about the injunction in our local.

#### WHITE MEN OF THE WEST.

Our causavers in the west should not fail to dwell on the negro-ridden condition of the white men of the east. The governor, judges and all the state officials are elected by the votes of 60,000 negroes, who are not allowed to vote for a white man unless he belongs to the radical party.

The negro race has been controlled for five years with a view of controlling the white race. The low white men whom they elect keep their heads hot with base falsehoods about the white men, their former masters, attempting again to enslave them.

The white men of the West should sever their connection with the leagues and the 60,000 negro voters of the east. The teachings of such men as Laffin, John T. Dewey, etc., could lead only to house burning, robbery and murder. The white men of the east understand this well, for they have felt and seen it for five years or more.

The negro leagues of Robeson county have been in a state of insurrection for three years or more. On Monday last three white men of Robeson were shot dead by the negroes, and several wounded. Gov. Smith, Gen. Rufus Barringer, and a few conspirators who had put their heads together to defeat a meeting, assembled in the courthouse and organized, by calling Mr. Wm. R. Myers, of Charlotte, to the chair. The committee to verify proxies reported that there was no quorum present. The meeting took a recess to give the committee further time to receive proxies.

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Wake county, last winter, and for twelve months previous thereto, was in a condition worse, if possible, than Robeson. The whites voting the republican ticket, some idea of the state of things, we re-published the letter of Mr. D. B. Holland, which appeared in the *Sentinel* of the 23d of December last.

Mr. Holland is a well-known, hard-working, upresembling farmer of Wake county. The negroes of his neighborhood were arrested, tried in Wake and acquitted. After the acquittal in Wake, nineteen were removed to Franklin, where they were tried and convicted, and sentenced by Judge Watt to six months imprisonment, instead of the penitentiary for life.

We publish these things for the benefit of the white men of the west. We want no war of races, but the carpet-bag and negro tendency is to make it.

*New York, Wake Co., Dec. 20, 1870.*

MR. EDITOR:—There is great excitement in this portion of Wake. Our trustworthy constable, W. H. Morris, has the names of, and warrants for the arrest of, more than forty members of the union league. Over twenty have been arrested. Many have turned state's evidence, and disclose a most disloyal plot on the part of this secret political society to burn, indiscriminately, the property within their reach. My neighbors, young and old, are all out, gun in hand, to aid the constable, and support the civil authorities.

Joe Dennis, Hardy Sturt, Norman Haines, and others, all negroes, have turned state's evidence. The source of all our troubles and misfortunes can now be traced by the evidence of these disloyal black men to the city of Raleigh.

Wilson Dewey says that in the fall of 1869 a meeting was called, by order of Gov. Holden, at the house of James Howell, colored. Harry Stewart, Joe Dennis and Alfred Jones all testify that at this meeting a plan for barn-burning was resolved upon. It was resolved at this meeting that the barn of R. C. Branch should be burned, and Bentz Clemons and others were detailed to do the deed. Mr. Branch's barn, you remember, was fired last fall, and men in ambush fired at him while he was extinguishing the flames. At this same meeting the gun-house of Rev. J. W. Collins was ordered to be burned, but no man was detailed to carry out the order. After this meeting nothing was stuck up on the trees threatening to burn every house and barn in the neighborhood.

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#### BEWARE OF RADICAL FALSE HOODS.

As we stated yesterday, to blind the people to the disastrous consequences of the enormous taxation which the present legislature said cause next session, unless they begin themselves, or unless relieved of the obligation by the action of a convention—taxation more than six times as heavy as that of this or last year, and which will bring to the sheriff's block more than half the homesteads of the state, and reduce the owners of property to utter bankruptcy and ruin—say, we say, to blind the people to this terrible condition of affairs, the radical rascals and their agents are telling them that the present constitution not only does not require this enormous and ruinous tax to be laid, but actually prevents it!

Yesterday we gave the opinion of Chief Justice Pearson and Judge Beale, delivered in the supreme court, June term, 1869, in the case of the *University Railroad Company vs. W. W. Holden and D. Jenkins, Treasurer of North Carolina*, LXIII Phillips' R.P. We now give below the opinions of the other members of the court—for the importance of the matter induced each judge to give a separate opinion)—Judges Rodman, Dick and Settle.

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