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COLONEL NICHOLS

Col. John Nichols, probably the oldest Mason in the state and a former representative in congress from the Raleigh district, committed suicide in his office in the federal building at Raleigh Friday evening by sending a pistol ball through his head.

Colonel Nichols was United States commissioner in Raleigh for many years before his death and he was regarded as one of the best historians in the state. Although 82 years old, his mind was unusually active and he had at his tongue's end a store of facts that any man in the state would have envied.

Colonel Nichols was a political warrior in his middle life. He held the stage at a time when it was custom to carry a point with one's fist or cane if necessary and when the flash of a knife was not unknown in a Republican convention in this state.

During the last few years of his life, which were spent in sadness, for the most part—tragedy and death separating the members of his household—he did some of his noblest writing for the Orphan's Friend, in which he conducted the Masonic Department, and his friends could read between the lines and know how this man of sorrows was nobly bearing up under a burden of grief that would have caused many strong, younger men to stagger.

MEANS AND HIS LAWYERS

Judge Webb may have the technical right to fix it so that the papers secured by the federal authorities in New York cannot be used in the prosecution of Gaston B. Means there, but the North Carolina jurist will hardly go that far.

The Greensboro News reports that Means' lawyers re-fought the civil war in their arguments before the magistrate, and we are glad the News let it be known that North Carolinians do not share the sentiments voiced by Means' counsel.

And yet we hope the state cannot be judged after the Means case is disposed of by what occurred recently. North Carolinians want means to have a fair and honest trial and to stand or fall by the evidence. They don't want any red flag waving in theirs.

There are two good roads leading to Lenoir and it is hoped that Hickory people will avail themselves of the opportunity to take in the Caldwell County Fair. If some friend of ours with an automobile calls here some p. m. about 3:30, we will see the Caldwell fair sure.

STUDYING THE REFORMATION

The churches are taking a renewed interest in the study of the Reformation of the 16th century. This is especially true of the Lutheran church, including the various bodies bearing that name and the Reformed church, including under that name the large Presbyterian family.

It is pleasing to note that these celebrations are taking a more sane and philosophical turn than ever before. Men no longer take this as an occasion to laud a man, but a time to study the great facts leading up to the breaking away from the superstitions and corruptions of the existing church at that day.

Men are beginning to learn that the church was not born when Luther nailed his Theses at Wittenburg, or when Zwingli thundered away at the selling of indulgences at Einsiedlen. John Huss, and John Wycliff had shed their blood on the altar of their faith nearly one hundred years before Zwingli and Luther preached.

Various causes led up to the Protest of the Reformers and numerous agencies were active. Much has been said regarding who was the first Reformer, Luther, or Zwingli, but recent investigation has brought to light the fact that Prof. James Lefevre of France was born in 1355, and was preaching and teaching the very principles for which Zwingli died and Luther contended.

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Let's make fire prevention day on Tuesday, October 9, a time for real prevention, and let's strive to reduce the fire hazards so that this great tax, two-thirds of which is "wholly unnecessary," will not bear so hard on the people of the state.

Dr. Simon Peter Long, in his address at Holy Trinity Lutheran church, expressed the opinion that the war was the result of rationalism, which flourished in Germany and was transplanted in England and the United States.



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