

ADVERTISING SCHEDULE

1 Year	.....
6 Months	.....
3 Months	.....
1 Month	.....
1 Week	.....

**REPUBLICAN DESPERATION.**  
The Republican newspapers in their desperation are blindly assailing certain leading Democrats, hoping to parry the force of the warring and heavy blows their party is getting straight from the shoulders of the Democratic Congress. Mr. L. Q. Washington, who is the telegraph correspondent from Washington of the Richmond Enquirer, and a very intelligent gentleman, says in his last special:

"The statements of the New York Herald's special, assailing Hon. George H. Pendleton, were to day fully denied, so far as they affect Messrs. Glynn, Blackburn, and Hobbs, the committee on War Department Expenditures, and are equally untrue in respect to Mr. Pendleton. It is now the case of the Republicans, and their correspondents in their interest, to fabricate attacks on Democrats in order to offset the Balknap scandal."

**THE STATE CONVENTION.**  
The Executive Committee of the Democratic Conservative party will meet in Raleigh on next Wednesday, the 15th of March, to decide upon the place for holding the State Convention. Some of the more staid and conservative of our contemporaries, as the Wilson Advance and the Charlotte Democrat, are in favor of having a comparatively short campaign this year. In an article reprinted in the STAR yesterday the latter journal takes the ground that the middle of July is early enough for the Convention. Our own opinion is that, if the Committee shall deem it best to defer State organization until after the National Convention, it would be the soundest policy to call the State Convention to meet in the first week of July. That would give four months for the canvass, which is not too much. Indeed we think that less than three months and a half would be insufficient. We are sure that with matters standing as they are, a moderately long campaign is what is needed to bring out our vote.

**BEKNAP'S SUCCESSOR.**  
Alphous Taft, of Cincinnati, whom Grant has appointed and the Senate confirmed as Secretary of War, is a lawyer of ability who has mingled some in politics. He is a candidate last year for the position of Governor before the Ohio Republican Convention, but was beaten by Gen. Hayes. His name was also mentioned last fall, when Delano resigned the Secretaryship of the Interior, as his successor. He is nearly sixty years of age, and his appointment appears to give satisfaction.

The impeachment trial of Judge Montgomery Moses (oh, those Moses!) was commenced before the South Carolina Senate on Tuesday. It is feared that Mackey, another Judge of the loyal stripe, will likewise be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors. A look here, this thing is bound to be stopped, or the Republican party will fail to get any votes next November.

Senator Morrill is reported as saying that he did not know of any reason why he should become one of Grant's chief clerks. Yes, but the country knows of a reason better still for the Maine Senator's declension of the portfolio of War. It is that the chief clerks and their master are having a fearful line just at "these presents."

The Republican managers in the Senate would be better pulse feelers if they would go to the patient before the pulse goes altogether to beat. Stolid physicians!

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The Cape Hatteras Telegraph. Advice received last night at the Signal office in this city, indicate that the Wilmington and Hatteras Telegraph line will be in complete working order by this evening. The submarine cables across the Sound and Inlets were laid some days since, and Observer Seyboth has been inspecting the line and attending to the completion of the connection for the past day or two, with the result above stated.

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A message for the benefit of commerce will now be received by us or transmitted here without delay, this line gives to our port a new advantage for the expedition of commercial business, and one which should not be underestimated. Hatteras may now be considered our ocean outlet—lying 150 miles to the north and east of us, and in the track of all vessels in the coasting and European trade—and it is obvious that if the appearance of Hatteras of a vessel bound hither, can be signalled instantly to Wilmington and all arrangements made, in advance of her arrival, for discharge of cargo, reloading or recharter, etc., we shall have gained an important advantage over rival ports more distant from the Cape. We congratulate the business community upon this important event in the history of the port. The reading public are likely also to be gainers in the matter of prompt marine news.

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In Time of Peace Prepare for War. We hear that a gentleman from the country bought at one of our prominent dry goods stores, yesterday, all the necessary trimmings, etc., for a coffin; and upon being questioned about the matter, stated that the receptacle he was then preparing to adorn, would be for his own individual use. Upon being asked if he expected to take his departure from this mundane sphere any time soon, he replied that he had no premonition of the time when he should be summoned to "shuffle off this mortal coil," but, he could very conveniently spare the money to purchase the articles just at this time, whereas he could not foresee what might be the condition of his finances when the dread messenger should come; hence he thought it better to "take time by the forelock" in such an important matter.

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The County Injunction Case. We learn from a private dispatch, received in this city yesterday, that the County Injunction Case has been decided by the Supreme Court in favor of the County Commissioners. The case, brought up on appeal from Judge McKoy's decision dissolving the injunction granted by Judge Seymour to restrain the Commissioners from collecting the alleged excess over the established limit of taxation, resulted in the re-affirmation of Judge McKoy's decision, and consequent dissolution of the injunction. The case, on appeal from Judge Henry's decision increasing the bond of the appellants in the foregoing case on the ground of its insufficiency to protect the county, resulted in that decision being set aside and the bond continued only in the amount at first fixed. This, at least, is the construction put upon the dispatch referred to, which is not quite definite in its wording.

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