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THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1876. Republican State Executive Committee.

There will be a meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee, on Wednesday, the 22d of March, 1876, at the capital, to determine the time and place of holding the State Convention.

By order of the Chairman, T. B. KEOGH, F. M. SOBRELL, Secretary.

Wake County Executive Committee. HEADQUARTERS WAKE COUNTY REP. EX. COMMITTEE.

There will be a meeting of the Wake County Republican Executive Committee on Saturday, the 25th day of March, 1876, at the office of A. Magnin, J. P., in Raleigh.

We surrender most of our space in this issue to comments of the Republican Press in relation to the Belknap affair.

What is more disgusting than to see Robbins who sold his vote to Stephens in the North Carolina Senate a few years ago, and who whined and cried when caught, passing himself off at Washington as a man of par excellence morals?

The committee appointed to arraign Belknap at the Bar of the Senate should be men above suspicion. No man who has ever been guilty of receiving a bribe should be allowed a place upon it.

Are Vance, Leach, Waddell, Joe Davis, Joe Turner, Cox, Robbins or either of them, as honest as old man Toombs of Georgia? Will either of these worthies come out like men and unload their heavy consciences?

Belknap sold a post traders position for twenty thousand dollars, and the entire Republican press of the country and members of the party, loudly denounce the outrage and call for his punishment.

Boss Tweed stole from the city of New York millions of dollars, and a Democratic sheriff run him off so that he has escaped the penalty due his crime.

John B. Floyd stole from the government millions of dollars worth of arms and caused them to be used in attempting to destroy the Union.

Jacob Thompson stole or abetted in stealing a large number of bonds held by him in trust for the Indians.

The Democratic party not only failed to punish these men, but promoted them. All parties are liable to have bad men in office.

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Tweedledum vs. Tweedledee.

Marsh testifies that he paid Belknap twenty thousand dollars in consideration of receiving a post trader's position. A few years ago Robbins, who now figures so conspicuously as one of the investigating committee, and who is one of the committee to arraign Belknap at the bar of the Senate, was convicted of receiving a bribe of twenty dollars for voting to allow Stephens, of Caswell, his per diem in the North Carolina Senate.

Nothing exposes religion more to the reproach of its enemies than the worldliness and hardheartedness of the professors of it.

The Fallen Secretary.

Our readers have doubtless before this, been made aware of the discovery of flagrant corruption and malfeasance on the part of William W. Belknap, Secretary of War.

The evidence bearing upon the case may be summed up briefly as follows:

Mr. Caleb P. Marsh, of New York City, having been summoned before the Committee of Investigation, testified, that in consideration of his appointment as Post Trader at Fort Sill, in the Indian Territory, he paid to Secretary Belknap, at sundry times, amounts aggregating twenty thousand dollars.

As Mr. Marsh received his money, he regularly divided with the Secretary. It seems, that the appointment was received by Marsh in 1871 and was obtained by the influence of Belknap's wife. When Marsh received a subpoena to appear before the committee, he went to Washington where he had an interview with Belknap and his wife.

In view of the disclosures made, articles of impeachment were drawn and passed the House of Representatives without a dissenting voice, and the committee having appeared at the bar of the Senate, that body will arraign the criminal for trial.

Prior to the action of the House in relation to the impeachment of Belknap, he tendered his resignation as Secretary of War and it was promptly accepted. The action of the President in this case, has been somewhat severely commented upon even by Republican journals, but we are loath to believe that President Grant was actuated by any other than the purest motives in the prompt acceptance of the resignation.

The effort to make this affair the means of party promotion will, as it should, prove utterly abortive. There are none more earnest and willing than the Republicans of the country to fathom and root out all species of corruption in government circles.

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Appeals for mercy must have caused reminiscences of a painful character in the mind of at least one member of that committee.

He must have gone back and pictured a scene in the State Senate of North Carolina, a few years ago, when a striking coincidence connected with the figure "20," made him shed tears of remorse.

The Political Situation--Mr. Belknap.

We invite especial attention to the following from the Washington Republican: "The croakers, the weak-kneed, the doubters and the traitors who are counted among the numberless hangers-on of the Republican party, are crying aloud just now that political doomsday is impending."

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The Proposed Constitutional Amendments. Among the Constitutional amendments proposed, is one limiting the sessions of the Legislature and fixing the pay of the members.

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attention by the proper law officers of the government, and very soon the question involved in it will become the subject of thorough judicial investigation.

Let justice be done, and the people will be satisfied, their eyes opened once more to the true condition of affairs, and their antipathy to the Democracy revived.

Correspondence.

It must not be understood that the Editor of this paper has any personal animosity against the friends of the party, and their communications will be given the place containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

To the Editor of the Era.

As the time will soon come for the Republican party to cast about for men to fill the respective county offices of Wake county, I ask the privilege through your columns to make a suggestion.

I know he will be as much surprised to see this as any one, but I am only speaking my sentiments as one of THE PEOPLE. Raleigh, March, 1876.

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retary of the Treasury Cobb deliberately did what he could to ruin the public credit, and that, in short, all of the Democratic leaders then in highest power conspired in the interest of the "Democracy" to make a happy and united country an eternal impossibility.

In the light of this colossal conspiracy, preceded as it was by the boldest thefts of millions of money from the Treasury, the insignificant peccadillo of Belknap shrink into comparative nothingness.

Bishop Atkinson's Appointments.

March 22 Holy Innocents, Lenoir co., " 24 Newbern, " 26 Beaufort, " 28 St. Paul's, Swift Ck bridge, " 31 Trinity, Beaufort co., " 2 Blount's Creek, Beaufort co., " 3 St. John's, Durham's Ck., " 4 South Creek, Beaufort co., " 6 Greenville, " 9 St. John's, Pitt co., " 11 Snowhill, " 13 Marlboro, Pitt co., G'd Frid'y, " 14 Wilmington, Easter Sunday, " 16

There is no future pang can deal that justice on the self-condemned he deals on his own soul.

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Schedules.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 25th, 1875. CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. To take effect Sunday, November 26th: GOING SOUTH.

Leave Petersburg, 6:30 a. m. and 3:27 p. m. Arrive at Weldon at 9:25 a. m. and 6:50 p. m.

CONDENSED TIME-TABLE. In effect on and after Sunday, December 19, 1875. GOING NORTH.

Stations. Leave Charlotte, 5:45 a. m. Air Line Junction, 6:25 " Salisbury, 8:20 " Greensboro, 10:58 " Danville, 1:34 p. m. Dundee, 1:49 " Burke, 6:51 " Ar. at Richmond, 9:35 p. m.

GOING SOUTH. Stations. Leave Richmond, 5:50 a. m. Danville, 9:30 " Dundee, 1:30 p. m. Danville, 4:28 " Greensboro, 6:54 " Salisbury, 8:52 " Ar. at Charlotte, 9:35 " GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

Stations. Leave Greensboro, 4:45 p. m. Arrive at Salem, 8:15 a. m. Leave Salem, 10:35 " Passenger trains leaving Raleigh at 11:05 A. M. connect at Greensboro with the Southern bound train; making the quickest time to all Southern cities.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. RALEIGH & GASTON R. R. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. Raleigh, Aug. 16, 1875. On and after Monday, Aug. 16, 1875, trains on the R. & G. R. R. will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows: GOING SOUTH.

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