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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Table with 2 columns: Rate description (One square, one time; two times; three times) and Price (\$1 00; 1 50; 2 00).

*Contract advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.

Correspondence.

The following communications are taken from the columns of the Tri-Weekly Constitution: To the Editor of the Constitution: I am glad to see you have started the Tri-Weekly Constitution...

WESTERN CAROLINA. April 10th, 1876.

To the Editor of The Constitution:

While your columns are occasionally filled with correspondence as to the success of our party in the coming political contest, and several favorable notices of a few have been issued for certain positions or places upon the State ticket...

He has fought many a hard fought battle against all odds, but has won in every contest; he has never known defeat. His reputation as a stump speaker—is well established in the East, and if he could but launch out among the people of other sections of our State...

While the Republicans of the 1st district have faithfully stood by the party in every contest and nobly done their duty, we have never had a place on the State ticket, and I think it time that some of our noble sons should be placed upon it.

VOX POPULI. Woodville, N. C., April 10, 1876.

The Cincinnati Convention.

To the Editor of The Constitution: The time appointed for the Cincinnati National Convention comes on apace, and the question of selecting a suitable man as candidate for the Presidency—one that will deserve and secure the hearty suffrages of the nation—increases daily in gravity of importance.

work of a chosen body of men have been so decisive of the party's future as will be that of the 754 gentlemen who assemble in Cincinnati two brief months hence.

The Chicago Convention of '68 might have nominated almost any Republican of good party standing and of fair reputation, and his election would have been a moral certainty. Likewise the Philadelphia Convention of '72 could have defeated the Greeley coalition with a ticket headed by any one man picked from the dozens of the more prominent and respectable party leaders.

Up to 1874 it had maintained the ascendancy in the government uninterruptedly and with a strength undiminished for the long period of fourteen years. Seemingly impregnable in the affections of the loyal and patriot on account of its distinguished service and glorious achievements, the bitterest denunciations and most powerful assaults of its great opponent, and even the misdeeds of some of its trusted leaders failed to stir it from its place of strong security.

What with Credit Mobiliers, Sanborn Claims, a case of bribery to-day and of fraud to-morrow, together with other causes of dissatisfaction, the people aroused at length from their State of lethargic confidence, are righteously indignant with their party for its usurpations and vices, they determined to administer it a severe and telling rebuke.

True Messrs. Blaine, Conkling and Morton have strong and peculiar claims upon the party for a long and meritorious course of service, but we submit it to the clear, dispassionate judgment of Republicans, and especially of the delegates to Cincinnati, if these gentlemen have not been too intimately connected with the Administration...

Pat had been engaged to kill a turtle for a neighbor, and proffered immediately to cut off its head. Pat's attention was called to the fact that the turtle still crawled about, though it had been decapitated, and he explained: "Sure the baste is entirely dead, only he is not yet conscious of it."

The new court house, at Concord, will be completed by July.

momentous questions that involve the country's welfare. That the people are thus far satisfied as to the manner and spirit in which their demand has been heeded, and that they have no inclination to vest the Democracy with national supremacy, the election returns from Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and the northern municipalities abundantly prove.

The present school year will expire on the 30th of June. When it closes and I am called to account with Dr. Sears, I will settle with him fully, promptly and to his satisfaction. S. D. POOL.

Democratic Profession and Practice. How earnest and sincere this Democratic party is, to be sure, in its horror of bad appointments, and its desire to purify and elevate the public service.

They've been trying it. And what a mess they have made of it. Reform! Heaven help us! Imagine the reform the locusts brought to Egypt after the frogs, or the lice after the locusts.

an army of office-hunters as ever sacked a treasury entered Washington, and began discounting their chances wherever they could bilk a landlord or bamboozle a barkeeper.

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A Card from S. D. Pool.

To the People of North Carolina: Charges have been made against me which call for a reply.

It is charged that as superintendent of public instruction, I have squandered the school money. And it is also charged that I have squandered the Peabody fund, and thereby robbed the poor children of the state of an education.

In reply to the first allegation, I have to say that the law does not put the disbursement of the public school money in my hands. I have never disbursed one cent of it.

As to the second charge. It is no part of my official duty to have anything to do with the Peabody fund. That fund is not public money belonging to the state.

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Proof of Extravagance. The employees of the Government must be overpaid, for the entire force (except two who died in the effort) of one of the bureaus of the Treasury Department were able to live without incomes at least thirty days before the contribution box was passed around to keep them from actual starvation.

Beautiful Tribute to Woman. We have seen many beautiful tributes to lovely woman, but the following is one of the finest we ever read: "Place her among the flowers, foster her as a tender plant, and she is a thing of fancy, waywardness and folly."

Mr. Ransom Winecoff, of Cabarrus county, was recently killed by a log rolling on him.

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The appropriations for water and fuel must have been equally reckless and extravagant when it is known that by using more whisky and less water the water funds would have held out for a year, and by the economic internal heat thus generated less fuel would have been required.

With such clear proof of the necessity of economic reform it is any wonder that a Democratic House feels justified in expending \$90,000 for witness fees alone, when out of the mouths of these witnesses it may be able to gather sufficient data on which to base a saving of \$25,000.

Elephant Executing a Criminal. Among the modes of punishment in vogue in the East there are few that are not characterized by barbarity in a greater or less degree.

Danger from the Cat. Stories of danger to infants from cats attempting to suck their breath have been frequently narrated, but similar attempts of the animal in regard to grown persons are not so common.

"Pull Down your Vest." "You keep vests, my friend?" said a Dutchman entering a Fulton clothing store, the other day.