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The 'third term' prospects of Grant, which were bright some months ago, have gone glimmering since the Babeek and Belknap exposures. The nation bows its head in humiliation and shame at the disgrace.

One of the novelties of a new hotel in Jacksonville, Fla., is a crystal chandelier in the bridal chamber. By touching a button it is lighted; at the same moment out springs a little Cupid, who strikes with a hammer a chime of bells, which peal out in the sweetest melody. 'Rest in this bosom.' 'Let me kiss him for his mother.' &c.

It is said, according to the Washington City Republican, 'that nearly all of the so-called Republican Senators who oppose the seating of Mr. Pinchback owe their election to the improper use of money.' Ish dat so! If so, is it not about time for the Radical Senate to emulate the example of the Democratic House, and go into the investigation business?

The New York Herald thinks the reason why General Sherman removed his headquarters last year from Washington to St. Louis was because, from his close observation of the too intimate relations and conduct of President Grant and Belknap, he feared all was not right, and that an explosion would soon come. The shrewd commander of the army determined to 'stand from under.'

The Election of a democratic House of Representatives in 1874 now proves to be a national blessing. Not that the democratic party is the custodian of the honor of the country, but that the existence of a powerful opposition in Congress is necessary to honest administration. Would a republican House have War Department? Never. Party pride prohibited the admission that inquiry was needed.

Judge Krum, one of Gen. Babeek's counsel, states the trial cost the defendant about \$25,000. It is reported that Porter got \$5,000, and Stors, who has been engaged in preparing the case since December, and has given all his time to it, \$7,500. A very large number of detectives and other assistants were engaged. Williams served without a fee. The cost of the prosecution to the government will amount to about \$5,000.

Should the Cabinet resign? The New York Herald says: It is a question whether the whole Cabinet should not resign. The administration is rotten, and millions of people who did not believe so yesterday are convinced of it to-day. The confession of the guilty Secretary of War is a revelation. He could not have been guilty of the crimes he has confessed and remained undiscovered in a Cabinet that was pure. It is a day of judgment. The political heavens are rolled together like a scroll and are consumed with fire; vainly the wicked call on the mountains to overwhelm them and hide them from the wrath to come.

A Few Choice Sentences. The New York Herald says: 'The downfall of Secretary Belknap means the ruin of the Republic as party.' 'If the President is not responsible for the crimes of Belknap, he is responsible for his escape from justice.' 'Belknap has not committed suicide, as was absurdly reported, but he has murdered the Republic as party.'

The bold attempt to shield a guilty officer from the legal consequences of his crimes makes the President a moral accomplice in the guilt of Belknap. The purpose of the President was to bar an impeachment and assist a confessed criminal to flee from justice. This is not the first degree, but the culmination of a long series of infamies that are a part of the history of the present corrupt administration. The administration is rotten, and millions of people who did not believe so last week are convinced of it to-day.'

The Value of Silver and Greenbacks. Judge Kelley, in the House of Representatives on Monday, was prevented from presenting the following resolution: 'Resolved, That as the constantly increasing production of silver and the discontinuance of its use as money in sums greater than the equivalent of the American dollar in any one payment by most of the commercial nations has so far reduced its value that United States legal-tender notes and fractional currency will purchase several per cent. more gold than will silver coin of like denomination, it is the sense of this House that the issue of interest-bearing bonds for the purchase of silver and its manufacture into coin is unwise and wasteful expenditure of the public revenue, and should be discontinued.'

Mr. Kelley had prepared a statement based upon an calculation made by a Congressman from the Pacific coast, which is these words: 'With gold at 144 the greenback dollar is worth eighty-seven and eight-tenths cents. With silver 110 per ounce of fine in gold coin the silver dollars containing 347 and twenty-two one-hundredths grains of fine silver, is worth in gold coin eighty-four and three-tenths cents. Consequently the greenback dollar is worth three and four-tenths cents more than the silver dollar, consisting of two-half dollars, four quarters, five twenty-cent pieces or ten dimes.'

The Taxation of Mortgages Illegal and Unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court of California has recently decided by an almost unanimous bench, only out of five dissenting, and he giving as yet no reasons for his dissent, that the taxation of mortgages or other evidences of debt as property is illegal and unconstitutional. The decision meets the whole subject, rejecting all more technicalities and side issues, asserting squarely and positively that the taxation of mortgages is illegal, because, to use the language of Chief Justice Wallace, 'More credits are a false quantity in ascertaining the sum of wealth which is subject to taxation as property, and in so far as that sum is attempted to be increased by the addition of those credits, property taxation based thereon is not only merely fanciful, but necessarily the unconstitutional imposition of an arbitrary tax upon the property.'

As to the practical effect of this kind of taxation, Chief Justice Wallace, in his concurring opinion, shows that it is the debtor after who pays the double tax. The contrary is so often asserted by those who advocate this species of taxation as bearing upon the money lenders that the chief justice felt called upon to say: 'The taxation thus imposed nominally upon credits having resulted in the double taxation of the money, the additional tax must of course be paid by some one. And here all human experience, as well as the settled theories of finance, concur that it is not the lender who pays, but the borrower. The borrower is the consumer. The interest which he pays to the lender in the prime cost of the delay for which he has contracted. If the government, by the imposition of additional taxes, increase the cost, the borrower, being the consumer, must pay it. Alluding to this declaration of Chief Justice Wallace an exchequer says: 'This is, of course, undeniable, and yet the strongest advocacy of this tax upon mortgages comes from men who are paying from eight to twelve per cent. for money which they could readily get for six or seven if the lenders were not compelled to protect themselves by usury against unjust taxation.'

The Olive Branch. The following brave, noble words are from the *Sentinel* of Saturday: They are from the pen of Colonel Bonan: 'Democrats of North Carolina! Our ten electoral votes will, in all probability, be sufficient to decide the Presidential election. The destinies of our own grand old Commonwealth for four years to come hang on the struggle of next November. If we triumph, and get John H. Wheeler and our own share of the national will which may be ahead. Can we jeopard everything that true men hold dear for the sake of a few political personal ambitions and predilections? Can we afford to risk the ruin of our State—its return to ruthless Radical domination—to gratify the ambition of any one man or any hundred men? No, no, a thousand times no! If they right hand of them cut it off and cast it from them? The life of a noble province, an empire in extent and resources, is in our hands. Mighty foes are mustering against us. Powerful influences are already being brought to bear to overwhelm us. Is this a

time to falter and bicker and turn our arms against each other? Let our State Democratic Committee meet at once, and summon all the wisdom and true patriotism of the State to its aid. Let a definite plan of campaign be marked out, and every available man be resigned to the post where he can render the most service. Let assessments be levied, *pro rata*, on every candidate to secure 'the sinews of war.' Let every slicker and murmurer be drummed out of camp, and every deserter shot without mercy. Wisdom, vigilance and unity which stand shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, alone can win us victory. The time for mere words is past. By his deeds shall every man now be known. Forward.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6th, 1876.

Editor *Southerner*: Had a thunderbolt been launched from a clearer sky or an unambiguous sign, gazed in the pathway of Grant, his Cabinet, and his party, no more constant and dismy could have been produced among them than was occasioned by the revolutions in regard to the late Secretary of War, Belknap, which came out on Wednesday last. The committee had after a great deal of delay and trouble, procured the attendance of March, whose testimony when given was so direct and positive as to leave no room for any doubt of the Secretary's guilt. When sent for he entered the committee room smiling, considering it simply as a mere matter of form. But no sooner was he confronted with March's statement than his countenance fell, the color came and went upon his cheek. His courage forsok him, and without farther speech he makes a confession of his guilt, and offered then and there to hand in his resignation as soon as he could reach the President. His wife was then called upon, like a true woman, she sought by every means in her power to shield her husband, yet the facts were so patent and her efforts were so availed. This of course occurred in a secret session of the committee, yet it has been indicated that never in the history of the country was there a more solemn and impressive scene. The members of the committee sat stern, silent, and disinterested, while the three actors in the great and glorious political drama enacted their parts before them. It was truly a tragedy, and around it was thrown a deeper interest from the bitter reality of its incidents.

The Republican papers of this city with that entire want of courage and justice which so uniformly marks the conduct of the press in such cases, very hard to take advantage of the confession of Belknap's wife and fasten upon her the stigma which belongs to him, and her name. One can scarcely imagine anything more utterly contemptible and cowardly than this, and it really gives a right thinking man a positive contempt for human nature when he sees particularly resort to such shifts as these to sustain itself in power.

There is one phase of the affair which suggests a much of danger and difficulty for the American people in the future. In the first place, Gen. Grant accepted Belknap's resignation without a moment's previous notice, and with the evident intention of shielding him behind a technicality from impeachment by the House. The Secretary rushed into the White House in an excited manner, thrust a paper in the President's hand and withdrew without explanation. It was but a few minutes before the acceptance was in his possession. The instant haste of the whole matter was in itself suspicious, yet the President has followed up this criminal indulgence by another far greater magnitude, and which gives the most powerful spirit of corruption yet exhibited by the present incumbent. He immediately gave instructions to Attorney General Pierpont, which so far from assuring the prosecution of justice, will drive out of the country every witness who dares to know anything derogatory to the character of officials under his Administration. A more high handed outrage upon the privileges of a free people was never attempted and Grant will yet find, notwithstanding his assumption of indifference, that he has taken a step too far and that the people in this Centennial year are not disposed to allow any man to assume the air and manner of a Cromwell.

March has already fled to Canada and many others will probably follow his example, since they must expect the utmost vengeance of the Administration if they appear in evidence against it.

In view of the many and dangerous innovations made by Mr. Grant upon the customs of his predecessors and the rights of citizens, it behooves us, at times, to rub our eyes and wonder if this can indeed be the 'free America' of which we have been accustomed to boast. Let me say, right here, that the enemies which advised the investigation of the result and by a judicious use of some of the authority funds rendered all their efforts nugatory and thus give further encouragement to other officials robbers.

The wisdom of the Democrats in deciding upon this method of proceeding is every day becoming more and more manifest and it is a matter of congratulation that they have not allowed themselves to be affected by newspaper clamor about 'sten chamber' proceedings, &c., but kept the 'even tenor of their way.'

The Democrats here are of course pleased with the result inasmuch as it operates as a most powerful proof of their zeal in the cause of reform and a practical demonstration of the truth of their charge of fraud and peculation in high places, yet there are no vulgar demonstrations of satisfaction, and many have been heard to express the view that it may well be looked upon as a national calamity. The Republicans are downcast and sorrowful, as well they may be. The wrong came so unexpectedly that even their leaders, so accomplished in the art of dissimulation, could not forget surprise and such was their overwhelming confusion that they had no recourse but to lay the blame upon the extravagance of his wife and weep bitter tears of lamentation as they thought of the approaching elections in New Hampshire and Connecticut.

Success is now assured, and it needs but a few more such exposures to produce a revolution in favor of the democracy, to which that of 1873 was a small affair. The fall of Belknap is the first gun of the Centennial Campaign, and sounds in the ears of the radical party like the knell of doom. It fixes the policy of our party until a convention makes its platform and sends a delegate to the National Convention in 1877, in a way as unexpected to himself as it was unexpected to the country at large.

Articles of impeachment have been prepared in the House and on Friday were submitted to the Senate. They will be taken up to-day, and as public excitement still runs very high, it is expected that every available space in the Senate galleries will be occupied by Blackbarn and Keot of Ky., Tucker of Va., Robbins of North Carolina, in addition to the impeachment proceedings, there is a warrant out for his arrest on a criminal charge returnable before the courts of the district. Belknap and Belknap's fortune have already my whole letter, you I assure you not because they are not about public interest and attention in Washington. Dear Sir,

Always Edw. of Ohio, has been appointed by President Grant Secretary of War in place of late Secretary Belknap, who knows Taft, and what does Taft know about war?

The state election in New Hampshire takes place on Tuesday next. We look for a Democratic victory. A Radical triumph would be an endorsement of Grantism and Republicanism—Belknap's stealing and all.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
NOTICE.
OFFICE BOARD OF CO. COMMISSIONERS, Edgecombe County, Tarboro', N. C., Mar. 6th, 1876.
ORDERED by the Board, that pursuant to Sec. 4, Chap. 52, Battle's Revised, the polling place of Walnut Creek Township No. 11, be and the same is hereby discontinued at North's Mill and removed to the Township House on the County Lands near the Post Office. Further ordered that publication hereof be made in the Tarboro' Southerner for thirty days.
Test: A. McCABE, Clerk. Im
March 10, 1876.

NOTICE.
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ORDERED by the Board, that pursuant to Sec. 4, Chap. 52, Battle's Revised, the polling place of Otter's Creek Township No. 10, be and the same is hereby discontinued at William Webb's House, removed to Hartwell & Webb's Store, and it is further ordered that publication hereof be made in the Tarboro' Southerner for thirty days.
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I am prepared to furnish those desiring DRUGS, CHEMICALS, OILS, PAINTS, WINDOW GLASS AND DRUGGISTS' Sundries, &c., with such goods, at all which I warrant upon a manufacturer's price.

Country Physicians
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W. G. LEWIS & CO., Agents.
Tarboro', Jan. 21, 1876.

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We are now prepared to furnish Farmers with their annual supplies of **HEAVY MESS PORK, BACON SHOULDERS, BULK, FAMILY FLOUR, EXTRA FLOUR, SUPER FLOUR, SUGARS, all grades, MOLASSES, &c., &c.,** and think we can offer special inducements to parties desiring advances. If you call on our customers we offer our prices equal to those of any other dealer who would respectfully ask to give us a trial.

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Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.
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I have just received a fresh stock of Seed for 1876, such as **POTATOE SEEDLINGS, Picked EARLY AND LATE PEAS of all varieties, Cabbages, Collard AND ALL OTHER KINDS FOR THE GARDEN.**

Also GRASS AND HERB SEEDS, As to A. H. MACNAIR'S Drug and Prescription Store. Tarboro', Jan. 23, 1876.

Beautiful Flowering PLANTS.
Attention is invited to my very large and well grown stock of **Roses, Verbenas, Ives, Geraniums, Pelargoniums, Carnations, &c.; VARIEGATED AND FANCY FLOWER PLANTS; PLANTS FOR BASKETS, FOR FERRISIES, FOR THE WINDOW, AND CONSERVATORY PLANTS FOR HILTON BEDS AND BORDERS.**

One Hundred plants assorted different—\$6.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.
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Feb. 11-1m.

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