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THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held a full meeting on the 18th instant, and decided to call a STATE CONVENTION on the first of August. The Governor will call an extra session of the Legislature about the first of July, so that the campaign will soon be opened. We hope the Legislature will transact its business thoroughly, and adjourn without allowing any outside issues to distract its deliberations.

In our opinion the selection of the CONVENTION for August is judicious. It will give time for thorough organization of the Democracy before the November elections. And as ten weeks will elapse before the convention, the people will have full opportunity for selecting their standard-bearers.

GENERAL CHALMERS has represented the Shoestring District of Mississippi several years. He was recently turned out to make way for his cañoyed competitor, Lynch. Chalmers is much hurt that the Democrats failed to filibuster in his behalf, and to obtain his revenge has offered himself to Arthur as a Mahone. He will figure as an Independent. General Chalmers is easily converted. The change from a Rampant Democrat to a Rampant Republican-Independent in so short a time is a severe strain on his nervous system. As the Democrats have for some time expressed a doubt as to the greatness and the patriotism of General Chalmers, it is to be hoped that they will not be charged with vindictiveness and disappointment in still criticizing the great Mississippian.

A CONCEITED little Radical fool, named Moore, represents the Memphis district in Congress. By his efforts Mrs. Wilcox, a grand-daughter of Andrew Jackson, was turned out of the treasury department. Moore says "she has been there long enough getting Republican pay." We are indebted to Moore for the definition that a government salary is "Republican pay." We shall expect Moore shortly to introduce a bill to prevent Hancock from "getting" any more "Republican pay." His patriotic gorg must rise to see Democratic Congressmen get "Republican pay." His calibre is evidently small enough to lead him to believe that the entire revenue is a perquisite of the Republican party. Why didn't the Memphis cholers take him off?

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The *News and Courier*'s Columbia correspondent pays a merited compliment to General Izlar for his successful management of the political trials. General Izlar has shown himself a capable and efficient chairman thus far, and we have every confidence in his wisdom and patriotism, so long as he is at the helm. Great credit is also due to General Bratton, the former chairman, for preliminary arrangements by which the Democrats were enabled to present a solid front in the face of administration attacks. A year ago, when the first arrests were made, and parties were notified to appear for trial, General Bratton, then

Chairman, issued circulars, privately, to all county chairmen for contributions to the general defence fund, and employed a general counsel for all the State, to act in concert with local counsel. At that time the defense was thoroughly organized; but the trials did not come off. This preliminary work was of great assistance to the Executive Committee subsequently.

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