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With this issue the GLEANER commences a new volume. How eventful its career hitherto has been we are not prepared to say, our connection with it not having been of a year's duration.

The influence wielded by journals is immense, almost incomprehensible. Those of small as well as those of large circulation have a proportionate amount of influence.

The GLEANER is only a county newspaper, but such has been its conduct heretofore that it has gained quite a circulation in other counties.

We are very sensible of our inexperience in the journalistic art, but we are not going to apologize. Our work has been before our readers for some months already, and they know whatever of charity or commendation it has been, and is worthy.

Our hope is in the hearty co-operation and support of those friendly to the dissemination of wholesome truths through the newspaper medium.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The attention of this body during the past week, has been directed mainly to railroad matters. Resolutions were passed in the Senate, calling on the Governor for information regarding the present ownership of the Western North Carolina Rail Road.

The attention of the Legislature has been called to a subject of prime importance to North Carolina by some of our leading journals, among them the Southern, News and Observer and Morning Star.

Granting that such a course would result in no pecuniary advantage to the State, should North Carolinians be wanting in that State pride which would allow their own State to be forever outstripped by her sister States?

Eight hundred business men of New York have signed a petition to Congress protesting against the confirmation of Stanley Matthews as associate justice of the Supreme Court.

The Cincinnati Commercial says, that Gen. Garfield complains of fatigue from over-work and from the ceaseless throng of visitors that increase as the time approaches to go to Washington.

Hon. Fernando Wood, member of Congress from New York, died at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the night of the 14th inst.

An unexpected delay has occurred in the issue of the revised New Testament. It was the purpose of the gentlemen who have charge of the revision to get it out this month.

THE NEW SCHOOL BILL.

The most important bill of the session was introduced by Senator Merritt, of Chatham, on Saturday. It was the new public school bill, as agreed on by the committees on education of the two houses and which was on yesterday printed and laid on the desks of members.

We propose to note a few of the new features of this school bill as compared with the law now in force.

1. It gives traveling expenses and clerical assistance to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. 2. It provides that the State Board of Education shall select and prescribe a series of text books which shall be used in our public schools.

3. It abolishes the office of county examiner, and substitutes therefor that of county superintendent of instruction. This officer is to be selected by the county board of education and board of county justices.

4. It requires that the school funds of the county shall be apportioned on the first Monday in January in each year, and shall be based on the actual amount of money in the hands of the county treasurer.

5. The county board of education may annually appropriate \$100 out of the public school moneys to defray the expenses of teachers' institutes.

6. The school year is changed so as to correspond with the county fiscal year, and will therefore end November 30, in each year.

7. Twenty cents is levied on each \$100 valuation of property for school purposes, and if this with the capitation tax, fees, &c., shall be insufficient to maintain one or more schools in each district of the county for four months in the year, then the county board of education is required to levy a special tax to meet the deficiency.

8. Pupils and teachers, during the school term, are exempted from public road duty and school committeemen are likewise exempted during their term of office.

bursement of school moneys, and school committeemen are required to take deeds for all school house sites purchased by them which must be regularly probated, recorded and deposited with the county treasurer for safe keeping.

10. School committeemen are authorized to pay full cost of school house sites, and also full cost of building, repairing and furnishing school houses.

11. The State Board of Education is required to apportion on the first Monday in August all the school moneys in the State Treasury.

12. Certificates from the county superintendent of instruction to teachers will be valid as follows: To first grade teachers for three years; to second grades for two years, and third grades for one year.

13. No teacher can be employed who does not produce a certificate from the county superintendent, and first grade teachers cannot receive more than \$3 per day; second grades more than \$2 per day; and third grades cannot receive more than \$1 per day.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 15, 1881.

The Senate has decided that American commerce is in a flourishing condition, that more ships are being built now than ever before, that it is the duty of the American Government to provide for the extension and increase of foreign commerce before American, and that our mails can be better and safer carried in foreign steamships than in American.

The death of Hon. Fernando Wood, of New York was announced at the capital yesterday. The intelligence cast a deep gloom over all and both houses after passing resolutions of respect adjourned.

The members of the Senate Finance Committee expect to begin the consideration of the funding bill to-day, and to press the passage at as early a day as possible, in order that any difficulties which may arise between the House and Senate may be settled by a Conference Committee.

The great flood which inundated fully one half of the city on Saturday and Sunday night, has receded, and no one anticipates a return of it. The damage amounts to several hundred thousand dollars.

The question of exempting from taxation, for a limited period, all the manufacturing enterprises that may be started in North Carolina, is to come up before the Legislature in a few days. The Texas House of Representatives has voted it down. The objection—and by no means an important one—is the injustice to manufacturers already in existence.

They are dreamers who proclaim the near approach of a new era of concord. As the close of the present congress draws near the passions of partisans, boil and bubble like a seething caldron.

The movement in favor of prohibition has proceeded in North Carolina until its proportions are beyond any reasonable anticipations. Similar exertions in behalf of temperance have been made elsewhere, but in no other State have we known such monstrous petitions to be presented to the Legislature as in North Carolina.

PANAMA, February 3.—News by the last mail from the South confirms the reports concerning the fall of Lima. The fight began January 18th at 4 a. m., when the Chilianians advanced on the Peruvian position under the cover of a dense fog.

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FORBIDDEN.

All persons are hereby forbidden to enter upon, at all, my lands on both sides of Haw River, near the railroad bridge.