

# The Semi-Weekly Sentinel.

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WEEKLY, \$25 PER YEAR.

## THE SENTINEL.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

This body convened on the third Monday of November, 1871, and adjourned the morning the second Monday of February, 1872, having in the meantime taken a recess for Christmas.

No Legislature of North Carolina ever contained so many young men out of one hundred and seventy. Seventy are said to be under thirty years of age. This was owing to the fact that the federal government has undertaken to tell the States who shall, and who shall not represent the people in the Legislature. The effect of the part of the federal government has been to exclude all who represented the people and made laws for them anterior to the war from any participation in the affairs of government, unless by a special pardon and permit from several rulers at Washington.

This may be said of the present Legislature, that it contains more educated men than any Legislature that ever preceded it and no legislation by which it is of any importance calling for its deliberation and action.

They had, so far as the ordinary questions concerned every legislature, and in addition, they had a legislative 19, a state whose credit was prostrate, whose taxes had been rapidly increased, and whose people had been hardly improved by war and then by public robbery.

They had, so far as the additional information to consider and act upon. A constitution based upon us by the sword and Wall-street money. The work before them was enough to weary the ablest and wisest heads in the land. Our young legislators have met and grappled with all the questions which were before them, and that too in less time than was accorded to legislative bodies for former days; when they had a solvent people and State to deal with, and a constitution against which no man was raised to contend.

It would be unprecedented if there were not to be found fanatics ready to cast aside and condemn the work of the Legislature, in whole and in part.

We might mention by name those who have distinguished themselves in the work of legislation, but it would make this article longer than was contemplated when we began it. The good people of the capital will long remember the Legislature of 1871-72 for the courtesy and courtesy bearing of its members. Wide history will chronicle their legislative acts. We wish them one and all a return to their constituents, families and friends.

UPON THIS FIELD OF GOLD.—Our tributaries of the Amour of Eastern Siberia, the Okhotsk, and the Sea, a new gold field has been found, which is pronounced the richest in the world, and almost in inexhaustable quantities. Geologists who have but recently surveyed the Taimyr range of mountains, from which the river Segn sprang, have discovered quantities of gold and silver, and great masses of good iron, mica, and gold, in silver per day. Some of the diggers have obtained eight to ten pounds per day, and in some instances so much as one hundred pounds. These two tributaries are the richest, but are other branches of the Amour which contain rich deposit. A steam boat under an English company are now navigating the main river, and a profitable trade in provisions, &c., is already being made with Chinese and Japan ports, and Mr. Francisco has commenced sending men and other provisions to that remoter.

PARTY GOALS.—In the best features of the party, that of the best, are sprung out the card bidders. Here is what a South Carolinian named Delaney has to say to the Scott. It is short, pointed, forcible and suggestive:

To His Excellency K. Scott, Governor of South Carolina:

St. I have thought herewith to sign my position. Aide de Camp with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on your staff. Facts tell me that you are well informed herewith to such an extent that I cannot, with respect to myself, and just cause to the cause of my men and the people in general, ought continue the rebellion without compromise of principles. You have the right, sir, your most obedient servant,

M. R. DELANEY.

It is thought that Hance will invite Delaney and Scott of Long's party staff.

HEAVY SNOW.—The sleep from Orange, West, is rested very heavy. The steady, silent drifts of snow covered every weight of the ice. This Alpines can bear the snow is providential, but Martini's cuttings down for fire wood to cook his beans, was the "in-kindness of all." The Alpines will neither live nor forget it.

SECRET REPRESENTATION.—A New York paper figures out the proportionate representation in Congress of the various sections of the country, as at present, and under new apportionment bill, respectively follows:

43d Cong.

New England	11	9.2
Mid. States	24.7	22.8
South States	31.2	31.4
West States	33	36.4

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