

THE WIDE AWAKE.

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Governor Vance's Inauguration.

As many of our citizens will probably attend upon the inauguration of Governor Vance, we have busied ourselves to elicit the following particulars concerning the arrangements which have been made for that event:

The ceremony will take place at 12 o'clock on Monday, the first day of January. Mr. Troy, in behalf of the Inaugural Committee, before he left Raleigh, contracted for the building of a stage 60x80 feet on the South side of the Capitol, around the statue of Washington—on which the inauguration will take place. The stage will be raised in the centre where the Supreme Court and State officers will be seated; around them will be the General Assembly in session, the invited guests from a distance, and the members of the attending Silver Cornet Bands—supposed to be one hundred and twenty men, or 10 full bands. The military will be deployed off on either side of the stage, and the sea of people will occupy Fayetteville street in front. Govs. Hampton, of S. C., Kemper, of Va., Tilden, of N. Y., and Hendricks, of Indiana have been invited.

The procession at night will be the grandest thing ever witnessed in this State. One firm has sold 1200 Chinese lanterns for the occasion, besides, many other dealers have sold large numbers.

We are glad to see that our Legislature refused to make any appropriation for the occasion, and that the large stage is built by the private contributions of the democratic members of the General Assembly.

We know that many of our citizens visited the Grand Centennial and beheld many of the most wonderful scenes visible among men, yet this grand inauguration will afford glory enough to those who may attend sufficient to eclipse the pleasures of all the exhibitions of Philadelphia or Vienna. Therefore, let's all be there on that memorable occasion with our transparencies and bon fires and with our sentiments tuned in harmony with those of the noble Statesmen whom we expect to see high-seated on the stage!

Hons. W. C. Troy and Geo. M. Rose, after a short stay at home since the adjournment of the Legislature, left yesterday morning for Morganton and Asheville, where they go as members of a special Committee from the Legislature, to investigate the management of the Western N. C. Railroad, now a State road, and to inquire into the management of the building of a State Insane Asylum at Morganton.

In addition to this important duty devolving upon our representatives, we are glad to see that they are placed upon various other committees: Senator Troy is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Penal institutions; also Chairman of joint standing committee on the same. He is also on the Senate Finance committee, and on Education and special committee on State debt; and is, too, on committee to provide for the inauguration of Governor Vance. Mr. Troy will go to Charlotte from the mountains on the 29th to join the committee in escorting the Governor to Raleigh on the 30th. Mr. Rose is Chairman of the Committee on Cities, towns and counties; also on County

governments—besides being on the judiciary committee of the House.

The most of Legislation is done in Committee Rooms, and members who are disposed to do their duty have a great deal more to do than the public generally is willing to credit them with.

The Great Republican Conspiracy.

NEW AND MORE STARTLING DETAILS—EDMUNDS OF VERMONT THE LEADER—THEY MEAN TO DISFRANCHISE TEN OR TWELVE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Constructing a Special House of Representatives Expressly to Support Hayes.

The readers of the SUN will remember that the text of Senator Edmunds' resolution, under which the sub-committees of the Committee on Elections are now acting, directed the examination to be so conducted to ascertain whether, in those elections the Constitution of the United States had been violated. The theory of Mr. Edmunds and his followers, who embrace, with one or two exceptions, the entire force in the Senate, is that the self-preservative powers of the Federal Constitution involve the right of either branch of Congress to act concurrently with the Executive in the event of the other branch violating or sustaining violations of that instrument. They hold that the House of Representatives is now engaged in sustaining or abetting certain States which, or citizens of which, have violated the Constitution at the late election. These violations, as understood by Senator Edmunds and his followers, consist in denying to certain citizens in the United States the right to vote for Representatives in Congress, and abridging the right by intimidation, &c. They hold that a certain Congressional Districts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina were carried by the Democrats in a manner and by methods which constitute violation of the Federal Constitution and the amendment thereto. And lastly they hold—and this is the practical end and aim of their whole scheme—that the Senate and the Executive are bound by their oaths to support the Constitution, to refuse to recognize as legally constituted a House of Representatives in which the Democratic members returned from those districts may be allowed seats.

The sub-committees of the Senate Committee on Elections have begun their work, and the full committee will probably not be ready to make its report until very near the 4th of March. That report will recite that in ten, and perhaps twelve Congressional Districts in the State I have named, Representatives were chosen in violation of the Federal Constitution; that those Representatives are not entitled to seats in Congress, and that any House which may admit them to seats is not entitled to recognition by the Senate and the Executive as the legal House of Representatives of the Federal Congress. The effect of this scheme is at once apparent. Counting these ten or twelve members whom the Senate has selected for slaughter in this manner, the Democrats cannot have more than seven or eight majority in the next House. If upon the organization of that body, all the Republican member withdraw, leaving only the Democrats, and if of the number of Democrats ten or twelve are declared to have been elected in violation of the Constitution, and hence not entitled to seats, the remainder, whose right to seats is not questioned will not constitute a quorum. Therefore, according to the programme of Edmunds and his followers, the Democrats in the House of the Forty-fifth Congress will be unable to organize that body so as to secure the recognition of the Senate and the Executive. But the Republicans will refuse to join the Democrats in organizing the House. They will organize a House of their own and seat enough members from these districts to give them a quorum, whether they have certificates of election or not. And this House is to be recognized by the Senate and by the new Executive, who, having been counted in by fraud, shall have been inaugurated by force.—N. Y. Sun.

THE DANGER.—The great anxiety of all is the just fear that a President now seated by force prolongs the power of the party of force which will perpetuate itself by force, and possibly put an end to the civil character of our republican system as it was handed down by our fathers. We suspect that the American people are not fully aware of the danger that hovers over them. An insatiate and ruthless usurper is treading under his feet every obstacle in Constitution, law, and custom which may stand in the way of the accomplishment of his purpose to stifle the national voice and seat himself or Hayes by force of arms.

In October, 1877, electors of Colorado will vote upon the question of conferring the right of suffrage upon women, and small men have already boldly promised the head of the family which way they will vote.

The Courier Journal says Grant can retire from the Presidential chair with the proud consciousness of having done his full duty—to his own family.

The Springfield Republican (Independent) thinks Tilden is more entitled to the electoral vote he has got in Oregon than Hayes is to those given him in Louisiana. Correct.

Mrs. Walker, of Luderdale county, Tennessee, heard a man under her bed and taking a revolver from under her pillow, she jumped out and opened fire as only a woman can. Four buck negroes crawled out and escaped through a window.

John P. Briscoe, a prominent Democrat, and Chancery Clerk of Claiborne county, Miss., was assassinated last Saturday. He was the only witness against some negroes who fired on a sheriff's posse in October last.

Henry Ward Beecher and others, trustees of the Christian Union Publishing Company, are being used by the Victory Webb Type and Press Manufacturing Company, of London for loss in ordering a press, ruining it and then returning it as unsuitable.

The oldest living Mason in the United States is Captain Hiram Ferris, of Fond du Lac. He was initiated at Whitehall, Washington county, New York, in 1815 and has therefore been a Mason sixty-one years. He is now eighty-six years old, and voted this year for Tilden.

The skeleton of the large whale which was washed ashore near Beaufort a year or two ago, and which has had greatness and fame thrust upon it by the newspapers, arrived in this city yesterday, for Prof. Kerr, who had it put in the State Museum. The skeleton weighs 4,600 lbs.—Raleigh News.

CENTENNIAL QUESTION.

WHEN THE OLD CENTURY ENDS AND THE NEW BEGINS.

There are some questions that never seems to get settled, and here is one of them, propounded to us for the hundredth time:

"Please have the kindness to inform me whether the next century begins with the first of January, 1900, or the first of January, 1901. When did the present century begin? Or, to make it plainer, when did the first year or the first day begin? At the birth of Christ, of course, and the second year commenced the very moment the first year was completed, and not before. Thus the next century begins with the first of January 1901, since it takes the whole of the year 1900 to make up the nineteenth century.

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Nov. 7, 1876.

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