

Gov. Joseph Ritner died at Carlisle, on the 16th, in the 80th year of his age.

THE ELECTIONS.

Republicans Victorious.

On last Tuesday one week ago, State elections were held in Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In Ohio Governor Hays (Rep.) is elected by a majority of over 10,000. Both branches of the Legislature are said to be Republican.

In Pennsylvania we have elected Geary and Williams, the former by 4,843, and the latter by about double that majority.

In our issue of last week, we stated that the election would result in our favor, Arthur Shields was defeated for Sheriff by about 3,000 votes.

The official ballot published elsewhere in this paper defeats him and elects Mr. Graebing by one hundred and ninety five majority.

In several ways, the most of which, are decidedly surprising to those who are not natives in politics to know.

One class of persons assert that the "whiskey men" of the county voted against Shields because of his supposed temperance proclivities.

Another class of persons allege that he was defeated because he was a United Presbyterian, and "it was thought necessary to teach that Church a lesson which would not soon be forgotten."

A third class, with a great deal of confidence assure us that the "defeated candidates for the nomination for Sheriff" last May, met in this place during the recent Fair, and entered into a combination to defeat their successful competitor on the second Tuesday of October.

It was thought "necessary to teach the United Presbyterian Church a lesson" why was our candidate for Sheriff made the instrument and at the same time the victim?

There were other members of that domination on the ticket beside Mr. Shields and being the case, it is likely that those who wished to "teach the U. P. Church a lesson" would single out a man against whom nothing evil could be said, and whose gaping wounds, as it were, he bravely and had served his country in her day of peril?

The Soldiers ticket in Lawrence County was elected on last Tuesday, one week ago. The contest turned mainly on the candidates for Treasurer and Prothonotary.

It is well known that Gen. Sherman accepted the office of Secretary of War only temporarily, or until the President could make a permanent appointment.

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