

Governor HOBBS, of Iowa, has announced that he will not be a candidate for a third term as Governor of the State.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS, it is said, support two thirds of the country hotels in America, to say nothing of instructing the proprietors how to manage them.

REPRESENTATIVE FARR'S bill to amend the 1885 school law so as to require school directors or controllers to furnish school supplies free of cost has been passed finally by the House.

SECRETARY GRESHAM has a short leg. Secretary Herbert a short arm. Mr. Gresham calls his wound a memento of the battle of Atlanta. Mr. Herbert was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness.

THE Agnew local option bill was defeated in the House at Harrisburg on Tuesday by a vote of 68 for to 102 against. Representative Thomas voted against the measure and Representative Stinebaugh voted for it.

THE total vote for Governor of Rhode Island at Tuesday week's election gives Baker, Democrat, a plurality of 185. But a majority of the whole vote being required to elect in that state, the result is no one is elected.

SECRETARY ELDER of the State Board of Agriculture has received crop reports from correspondents through the state which indicate favorable conditions with respect to all the crops this year. It is estimated that 1,500,000 acres are in wheat and 1,250,000 in oats.

APRIL 15th and 19th have been designated as Arbor Days; but every person can plant as many trees on any day he chooses on his own premises. Those in authority should make it their business to see that trees be planted in school grounds and other public grounds.

A PETITION has been issued by the American Federation of Labor, addressed to the National Federation of Labor, requesting that a law be passed establishing a government telegraph telephone system. Copies of the petition have been sent for signatures to all trade and labor organizations in the larger cities, and the petition is to be presented early in December.

ONLY a comparatively few years ago all the vessels in our navy were of wood. Or the fleet of forty in the United States service twenty years ago, there are now but nine in service. Some are lying idle, others are used as receiving ships, a few have been sold. The names of them in service are Lancaster, Marion, Mohican, Kearsarge, Adams, Alliance, Thetis and Yaatic.

It is understood that Postmaster General Russell has ordered that no more fourth class postmasters shall be removed except for cause, until they shall have served all or nearly all of a four years term. This is a new rule, as these officials have never been considered to have a fixed term, but were removable at the pleasure of the department. The change is understood to have been made by direction of the President.

A. A. MULLER, President of the Reading Combine, has resigned his office, giving as his reason his belief that need of financial assistance will not be accorded the company as long as he shall continue to occupy the positions of president and receiver. What the next move remains to be seen. The Combine wanted to monopolize coal roads, coal mines, and everything it coveted, but it had not money enough to carry out its schemes, and its grasp is broken.

Without the least show of nervousness Dennis Cloonan, the wife murderer of Pittsburg, walked to the scaffold on Thursday morning of last week and paid the extreme penalty of the law for his crime. It was just 10:57 when the trap fell, and 11:07 the physicians pronounced him dead. Perhaps there has never been a quicker execution. One minute after Cloonan left his cell he was dangling at the end of the rope and 55 minutes from that time his body was on the way to Calvary Cemetery.

FIFTEEN journalists arrived at New York on Wednesday from Liverpool on the steamer Majestic. They are the advance guard of a large delegation of English editors and proprietors who are coming here for the Columbian exposition. The entire party will visit the principal newspaper offices of New York city on a tour of inspection. A large number of distinguished passengers came on the Majestic, chief among them were James Dredge, the British royal commissioner to the World's exposition, and Walter H. Harris, who is assisting him in the transportation of an immense shipment of English exhibits for the fair.

THE President, on Tuesday appointed Daniel N. Morgan of Connecticut, one of the solid men of New England, treasurer of the United States in place of E. H. Nebecker of Indiana, resigned. This is an important office. The treasurer is charged with the receipt and disbursement of all public moneys in the treasury at Washington and the various sub-treasuries throughout the country, and in the national bank depositories. He is also the trustee for bonds held to secure national bank circulation, and custodian of trust funds and agent for paying interest on the national debt. C. N. Jordan, who held this office under Mr. Cleveland's first administration, is appointed assistant treasurer at New York. Daniel M. Browning of Illinois gets the responsible place of commissioner of Indian affairs, to succeed Thomas J. Morgan.

The Legislative committee having in charge the proposed amendments to the Baker ballot law suggest no less than 11 important changes. The first amendment is to strike out of the ballots the residence of the candidates, which is considered wholly unnecessary. It is in the nomination papers and only increases the size of the ballot by printing it on them. Second, to reduce the number of ballots. Third, fix one day to deliver the ballots to the judge of elections instead of two, the ballots to be delivered on the Monday before the election. Fourth to extend the time for the Sheriff to issue his proclamation. As the law reads now it is impossible for him to comply with it. Fifth, to require the Common Pleas Court of the district where nominations are made, except those made in State conventions, which shall be tried in Dauphin county courts, to decide upon the validity of all certificates of nomination. Sixth, that in marking the ballot candidate's name be marked with an X, and that group marking be done away with. Seventh, all groups to have a party appellation when they party for ten years has been making nominations in a state convention. Eighth, to repeal that portion of the law which requires the Sheriff to issue a proclamation for city elections. Ninth, that no candidate shall be allowed to act as a watcher or be permitted in a booth after he has voted. Tenth; that election officers shall not be permitted to prepare a ballot for a person who claims to be disabled, and, eleventh, to require all persons who claim to be disabled to make affidavit to the same.

The April report of the Statistician of the department of Agriculture at Washington, makes the average condition of winter wheat on April 17.74, against 81.2 last year, and that of rye 85.7. The averages of the principal wheat States are: Ohio 87; Michigan, 74; Indiana, 82; Illinois, 72; Missouri, 76; and Kansas, 62. The average of these six states is 74.2, against 77 in April, 1892. It is 78 in New York, 87 in Pennsylvania, 89 in Maryland and 87 in Virginia. The Southern States range from 83 in Tennessee to 100 in Texas. The Pacific States show now a favorable condition, with the exception of California, where too much rain is reported. Seeding was late in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys because of widely prevalent drought, causing poor condition of soil and retarding germination and in some cases wholly preventing same, as in Kansas, where the reports show a total failure over considerable areas. In the Atlantic Middle, Southern and Pacific States seeding conditions were favorable.

The action of Secretary Carlisle in refusing to purchase the Bowling Green site, New York city, for the custom house, and in declining to accept the Walnut street site in Philadelphia for the United States mint, is taken as indicating the policy in regard to the erection of public buildings, which is understood to be to defer the entering upon any costly public works in the present condition of the Treasury. No less a sum than \$5,000,000 would have been withdrawn for the payment of these two sites had the Treasury authorities authorized the acceptance of the sites. It is generally believed that Colonel Lamont, Secretary of war, who has charge of river and harbor expenditures, will follow on this same line of action. Between the two departments the payment of sums aggregating between \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year, can easily be deferred without hampering the public service until the Treasury surplus begins to grow again.

GOVERNOR TELLMAN of South Carolina was in Pittsburg, on Monday, looking around the glass manufacturers to get bottles for the liquor business in his state. After the first of May the entire liquor business in that state will be controlled by state officials. The Governor gives the following details concerning the future regulation of the liquor traffic in his state: The State commissioner will purchase all the beer and whisky drunk in the state. At Columbia he will have this put up in sealed packages. The smallest will contain half a pint, the largest five gallons. All liquor must pass muster before the State chemist. These packages are to be distributed to county dispensers overlooked by a local board appointed by the State board of control, which consists of the Governor, comptroller general and the Attorney General. A county dispensary cannot be established unless a majority of the freehold votes petition for it.

THE nomination of Judge Lochren for pension commissioner meets with general approval. Judge Lochren's reputation as a jurist is of the first order, and his military record is brilliant. He is 57 years of age and was born in Vermont, where he was educated in the public schools and admitted to the bar. He went to Minnesota in 1852 and practiced his profession, but when the war broke out he was one of the first men in the state to abandon his civil pursuits and enlist in the First Minnesota regiment. His service during the war was severe, culminating at Gettysburg, where his regiment made the famous charge that checked Fickett's onslaught. Of the 300 men that made that charge only 40 came out whole, and Young Lochren, who started on the rush as a first lieutenant of Company E, came out in command of the regiment, every officer above his grade having been killed or wounded.

THERE were 1,149 deaths in New York City last week, a record which has been exceeded only sixteen times in twenty years. This, too, without there being any epidemic, making the death rate about thirty-two to every one thousand of the population. The principal disease seems to be pneumonia, which carried off 273 persons. This record runs New York's death rate as high, we believe, as that of any city in the country.

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A Mining Horror. LONDON, April 11.—A frightful mining accident occurred this morning at Ponty-Pridd, Wales. A spark from an engine ignited the gas in the coal pit near Ponty-Pridd and caused the gas to explode. A large number of miners were at work at the time and the explosion caused terrible havoc. The exact number of lives lost is not known, but it is reported that twenty persons were killed and many others were more or less seriously injured.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS. The population of London, it is reported, increases at the rate of 300 persons per day. There is a Wind and Storm Insurance company doing business in Pennsylvania counties. The number of buffaloes running wild at the beginning of the year 1891 is estimated at 10,000.

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