

The Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed the bill repealing the cumulative voting system.

The Public Debt statement for the month of March shows a decrease of the debt during the month of \$4,644,068.97.

It is singular how surprisingly unanimous the Republican press of the State is, in its admiration and approval of the Governor's veto.

As under the amendment to the State constitution at the last election, a State Treasurer will be elected this fall, the Senate has passed a bill, in which we presume the House will concur.

This visit of Secretary BELKNAP to that portion of the country bordering on Mexico, has given rise to the surmise, that it has its origin in a design to promote the annexation of five of the Mexican States to this country.

SECRETARY OF WAR BELKNAP and General PHIL SHERIDAN are on their way to the West on a thorough tour of inspection of all the military posts as far south as the Rio Grande.

At the beginning of February a farmer named Lewis, of Sonoma, in Illinois, dispatched 775 bushels of wheat to Boston, where it was sold for 75 cents a bushel.

The new postage law which goes into effect on the first day of July next, requires the prepayment of postage on all regularly issued publications sent through the mail.

The bill appropriating a million of dollars for the centennial celebration, provides that three fourths of that sum shall be raised from a tax on the street railroads of Philadelphia.

According to a clause in the 7th section of the supplement to the "Local option law" which passed the Legislature and became a law, last month, strict liquor prohibition will soon exist in this county.

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THE OTHER DAY GOVERNOR HART

The other day Governor HART sent to the House a message inviting a bill "to extend the time for the payment of the enrollment tax."

Under existing law all private acts are subject to an enrollment tax, which must be paid one year from the date of their approval.

The enormous discrimination made by western railroads against local freight, has thoroughly aroused the people in that section of the country.

On Thursday the House was occupied in the consideration of the public calendar. The bill for the better security of life and property from the dangers of coal and petroleum oils was taken up.

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The terrible disaster and loss of seven hundred lives by the wreck of the Steamer Atlantic, one of the White Star line of European steamers, is the general topic of discourse among all classes here.

Further, we are told that the difference in the rates from Chicago to Chicago and from Chicago to the smaller stations in the interior are enormous.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1914. THE BACK PAY. It is reported that Senator Schurz was to be added to the list of Members of Congress who positively refused to receive the back pay.

Concerning the vessel and the nature of the disaster, the "New York Times" contains the following pertinent remarks: "This type of vessel has never been considered by American engineers as one likely to stand the slightest rough usage after grounding."

One of the principal causes for the loss of the shiping to be due to the lack of coal to reach this port. It is a well known fact that the price of coal in England is very high, and that the transatlantic lines buy largely on this side.

The following is the captain's statement: We sailed from Liverpool on March 20, and during the first part of the passage had favorable weather and easterly winds.

The scene of the wreck was Mars Head, the extreme point of Prospect Cape. According to the official charts the Heads is laid down as lying in 26 miles, 10 seconds.

Mr. Geo. William Curtis has resigned from the office of Chief Clerk of the President and member of the Supervisory Board of the Civil Service Commission.

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THE WRECKED ATLANTIC

730 LIVES LOST. THE ATLANTIC DISASTER. The Atlantic liner departed from New York on the 29th of March with over 1,038 souls on board.

The Atlantic was 420 feet in length, 40 feet 9 inches breadth of beam, and 23 feet 4 inches depth of hold proper, and 31 feet to top of spar deck.

On reaching the shore I dispatched Mr. Brady to New York the first opportunity in charge of the first and fourth officers.

On the deck, numbering several hundred, were many who were washed overboard when the ship fell.

Some of the passengers arrived in this city to day and give harrowing details of the calamity. The names of the officers and passengers saved are not known as yet.

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THE NOTED HORSE YOUNG PLOUGHBOY will stand for the entire season of 1914 at the farm of Mr. J. H. Perkins.

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