WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1889.

REPORTS from Harrisburg indicate that the new Senatorial Apportionment bill is intended to last just long enough to legislate Senstors Cooper and Gobin out of office. They did the Senate Clerkship. So the political all .- Pitteburgh Chronicle.

improvement in clocks has been shown but we may fairly assume that when the British Association for the Ad- the committees have prepared some vancement of Science by Mr. W. H. Douglass. The new feature is the torsion pendulum, which, with lever and Legislature is to be a model one .escapement, may be applied to ordi. Phila Press. nary works, and by its slow rate of vibration makes practicable the conversion of an eight day clock into one requiring winding only once a year.

THE Electors chosen by the people of the United States on the 6th of last November, met at the capitols of their several States on Monday of this week and announced their choice for President and Vice President of the U. S., the result of which was a large majority for the Republican candidates. The thing was only partly done in November, but now, in the Mesers. Harrison and Morton "are

the death penalty for murder.

have a board of State Medical Exam- the shortest possible time. The Reiners, are we? It is not enough that publican party will hardly await the we have a Board of Charities, a Board regular session of December for the of Health and a Lunacy Commission, consideration of this character of but we must extend these humbugs by legislation. creating another medical pct. Is it For this reason it is thought Gen. the State get along before they ment of the people. were created? Let us have no more of The friends of Gen. Swaim are more them.

#### The Legislature Ready for Work.

Speaker Boyer deserves much credit for the promptness with which he has announced the House Committees. To have the Legislature fully organized, as it now is in both branches-President Grady having given out his committees on Wednesday-so soon after its meeting is unusual, and is unprecedented in the recent history of ate conferees will recede from the Senthat body.

It was no easy task to divide the 204 members of the House into the proper committees. Nearly threefourths of the number are new to the Legislature ard in general quite unknown to the Speaker. He has, however, performed his duty with decided ekill, aided in considerable degree by the experience which he acquired in the chair last session. The important chairmanships have been given as far as possible to experienced members, those at the head of appropriations and ways and means being the same as in the last House. In several in. stances those who had previously served second on the list are very properly raised to the chairmanship in yesterday, Mr. McKinley remarked

In the general composition of the committees there has been an evident disposition to keep members to such work as they have become familiar with. Thus very nearly one half of terrible havee in Pittsburgh and the Ways and Means Committee were Reading, this State. on the same committee in the last

very few new men to place. President under the ruins. At last accounts the Grady has made as few changes as he killed numbered twenty-three. Scores could, and in doing so has assured of others were badly injured. The committees well equipped for their scenes around the places of disaster work by previous experience, whose were simply indescribable. members are themselves generally The citizens of Harrisburg, Carlisle the last Senate.

next Tuesday, and the House is cer- ever visited this state. tain to do the same to day. This is ONE YEAR CLOCKS. - An important not what makes a model Legislature, work there will be no such intervals between the working days-not if this

#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular Correspondent.)

Washington, January 12, 1889. It is now manifest that the present Congress, which expires on the 4th of March next, will end its deliberations with the most important legislation undisposed of. The disposition of the House seems to be to do nothing during the remaining weeks of the session. This is strikingly apparent since the week just past has been spent in idle and senseless filibustering, while the language of the facetious Sunset Cox, calendars of the House are crowded with public bills important to the thoroughly elected in every respect." whole people, and meritorious private bills important to claimants who have THE legislators of New York have just claims against the Government. not pleased some at least of the scien- If the present policy continues an extists by the substitution of the electric tra session appears inevitable. There current for the rope in the execution is no longer any expectation on the of criminals. The Electrical Review part of the thoughtful men of either says that electricity is not suited for House that there will be any revenue such work. The Scientific American legislation at this session, and all the says that the law has been passed but work expended by the Senate and no provision has been made to carry House upon revenue legislation will it out. Apparatus is not provided, no be lost unless the new Administration competent specialists have been ap shall promptly convene the two pointed to superintend its administra. Houses in extraordinary session. This tion, and in the present state of affairs would seem to be demanded by the the law appears to amount to little condition of the Treasury and the more than an indefinite suspension of general sentiment of the country. Everybody concedes that there should be revision and amendment of our THE Harrisburg Telegraph very revenue laws, and that such revision sensibly remarks: And now we are to and amendment should occur within

not time to stop? For all the good Harrison will convene Congress in either of the other boards have done March, and at the earliest day practithey might just as well never have cable in that month, so that his party been created. It is true they supply in the House can firmly and resolutefat places for a few, and also give in- ly set about the work of revising the quisitive people an opportunity to nose revenue laws, and accomplish some about; at the expense of the State, thing in that direction before any reinto things that do not concern them. cess or adjournment shall take place. There isn't one of them that can point This would mean business; this would to a single practical good that it has satisfy the country; this would inspire accomplished. They all began mod- public confidence in the new Adminestly enough, but they grew, and rap- istration and the new Congress, and idly, too, until now to hear them and insure the conviction that both meant to see the reports they issue, the ques- to carry out their promises of their ion often arises: How the dickens party platform, and register the judg-

> hopeful of securing his pardon by the President. His friends generally contend that his conviction by courtmartial was not warranted.

The bill to make the Department of Agriculture an Executive department of the Government with a Cabinet officer at its head, which passed the House and Senate last session, still hangs in conference. It is said to be very probable, however, that the Senate amendment striking out the provision transferring the Weather Bureau of the Signal Service to the proposed new Department. It is also understood that the House conferees will offer an amendment to the bill, while in conference, putting the Geological Survey also under the proposed new Department.

Maj. McKinley's chances for a place in the Cabinet have been frequently canvassed among his fellow members on account of his conspicuous connec tion with the main issue of the recent campaign, and the belief that Senator Sherman, not earing to leave the Senate himself, would recommend McKinley. In reply to questions the absence of those who had served that he would not accept a place in the Cabinet under any circumstances, R.

#### Frightful Calamity.

The storm of last Wednesday created

A large seven story building in House; and this is nearly true also process of completion, at the corner with the Committees on Appropria- of Diamond and Wood streets, Pittstions, Judiciary General, and Rail- burgh, was blown down, wrecking roads. Every committee of any im- nearly a dezen buildings. The killed portance has a good working number number sixteen as far as ascertained, of experienced members upon it-a with six missing, and forty or fifty fact certain to greatly facilitate work. more or less seriously injured, some of In the Senate the arrangement of whom will die. At Reading the large the committees is not so difficult, there silk mill, employing upward of two

well pleased with their assignments, and Williamsport suffered more or More than a third of the Senate com- loss in the destruction of buildings of mittees have the same chairmen as in all kinds, and in one or two cases death has resulted from injuries by The model Legislature may now be falling timbers, &c. At Niagara not vote as they were told to do on regarded as entirely ready to go ahead Falls the suspension bridge-the one with its work. The Senate, however, nearest the falls-was blown down. millennium has not yet arrived after began its part by adjourning until It was by far the worst storm that

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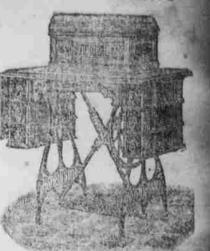
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