

REPORTS from Harrisburg indicate that the new Senatorial Apportionment bill is intended to last just long enough to legislate Senators Cooper and Gobin out of office.

ONE YEAR CLOCKS.—An important improvement in clocks has been shown by the British Association for the Advancement of Science by Mr. W. H. Douglass.

THE Electors chosen by the people of the United States on the 6th of last November, met at the capitol of their several States on Monday of this week and announced their choice for President and Vice President of the U. S.

THE legislators of New York have not pleased some at least of the scientists by the substitution of the electric current for the rope in the execution of criminals.

THE Harrisburg Telegraph very sensibly remarks: And now we are to have a Board of State Medical Examiners, are we? It is not enough that we have a Board of Charities, a Board of Health and a Lunacy Commission, but we must extend these humbugs by creating another medical pct.

The Legislature Ready for Work.

Speaker Boyer deserves much credit for the promptness with which he has announced the House Committees.

It was no easy task to divide the 204 members of the House into the proper committees. Nearly three-fourths of the number are new to the Legislature and in general quite unknown to the Speaker.

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.

very few new men to place. President Grady has made as few changes as he could, and in doing so has assured committees well equipped for their work by previous experience.

The model Legislature may now be regarded as entirely ready to go ahead with its work. The Senate, however, began its part by adjourning until next Tuesday, and the House is certain to do the same to day.

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 undispensed of.

For this reason it is thought Gen. Harrison will convene Congress in March, and at the earliest day practicable in that month, so that his party in the House can firmly and resolutely set about the work of revising the revenue laws.

The friends of Gen. Swain are more hopeful of securing his pardon by the President.

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.

Maj. McKinley's chances for a place in the Cabinet have been frequently canvassed among his fellow members on account of his conspicuous connection with the main issue of the recent campaign.

The storm of last Wednesday created terrible havoc in Pittsburgh and Reading, this State.

A large seven story building in process of completion, at the corner of Diamond and Wood streets, Pittsburgh, was blown down, wrecking nearly a dozen buildings.

under the ruins. At last accounts the killed numbered twenty-three. Scores of others were badly injured. The scenes around the places of disaster were simply indescribable.

The citizens of Harrisburg, Carlisle and Williamsport suffered more or less in the destruction of buildings of all kinds, and in one or two cases death has resulted from injuries by falling timbers, &c.

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