

IRONTON, MO., THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 1883.

The total vote of Ohio at the late election was nearly as great as that cast in 1880 at the Presidential election.

Why not attach the law appointing Police Commissioners to the Downing law? The Governor would then be able to see and understand it.

Judge Taaffe may be a very fine gentleman and may make an excellent Chief of Police for St. Louis, but he is certainly found in very bad company.

Of course, Iowa went Republican on the 9th inst.; but not by as big a majority as usual. In 1880 the Republican majority in the State was 80,000; this year it has fallen down to about 25,000.

The Democratic candidate for Governor in Ohio was elected on Tuesday of last week by from 10,000 to 15,000 majority, and the next Legislature of that State will have a Democratic majority of about fifteen.

If the Governor is really unable to find four competent, honest men in St. Louis out of which to make Police Commissioners, and will send us four blank appointments or commissions (no blank resignations), we agree to furnish the right kind of men, even if we have to use our name as one of them.

The first and second sections of the civil-rights act passed by Congress in 1875, relating to rights of colored persons to equal privileges in hotels, theatres, etc., have been declared unconstitutional, by the United States Supreme Court, in States and valid in Territories and the District of Columbia. The court holds that Congress had no authority to pass these sections as applied to States.

Fish Culture.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the subject of fish-culture in Southern Missouri. Judge Emerson's successful experiment and the study of the subject have made him good authority on fish and fish ponds, and for these reasons we take the liberty of publishing the following extract from a private letter recently written by him in answer to one of the many inquiries he is constantly receiving. He says: "No; brook trout are not profitable here. Our climate is not their natural home. But there are thousands of farms in Southern Missouri where, at a trifle of cost, fine fish ponds can be made, suitable for carp, or for cropple and perch; and by a little care, an ample supply of fresh fish can be had the year round. "If your pond is small, don't put in bass; they are too destructive. Don't put in catfish; they are scavengers, and are eternally prawling around seeking what nest of eggs they can devour, or young fry they can destroy. "If you have a good supply of fresh water, and you desire fish that take the hook readily and furnish you sport, stock your water with cropple, goggle-eye, and black and rock perch. They breed rapidly, and grow, like any other animal, according to the supply of food. "If you desire a good fish, one that will produce the greatest number of pounds of food-fish, but a fish that readily take the hook, then try German carp. In habit they are supposed to more nearly approach our American "buffaloes" than any other, but are doubtless a superior quality of fish. "The carp will thrive in any kind of water, whether running or stagnant. The warmer the water, the more rapidly they will grow. A carp at two years old will weigh five to ten pounds, and if well fed will nearly double that when three years old. They are a very inoffensive fish, and to do well the pond should not contain any other fish. Their pond should be free from rock or stumps, so that a seine can be drawn. "You ask how to construct your pond? The process is simple. Select the depression where you want to make it. Never mind how irregular its shape. Go to it with plough, scraper, pick and shovel, and it will be accomplished in a few days. Interest your boys in it and give them charge of the fish. If your material is ample, make the dam twenty or thirty feet deep or wide—this thicker the better to avoid trouble with crawfish. If your pond is wholly excavated, and you need no dam, all danger from the latter will be avoided. "Your pond must be free from overflow from adjacent waters. It must be free from large volume of water flowing through it and over your dam. Your fish would be sure to escape. In short, to be successful, you must have the water under your control, and then by wire screens you can prevent your fish escaping. You will probably find an odd one mysteriously disappearing, anyhow, now and then! "Do they need feeding? Yes, if you want them to thrive well, grow rapidly, feed them; but if your pond is of considerable size, you may get a fair supply without much attention to them. There are plenty of ordinary 'stock ponds' where carp would do well. They should be from three to ten feet deep, so as to be perfectly safe from winter freezing. "Hereafter our State Fish Commissioner will be able to furnish young carp to stock all the ponds our people can make. In November and December will be the time to get them. I shall be very glad to have a supply sent to you. "A supply of fish-food is a very important item in the health and economy of every family, equally as much so as our beef. And where it can be had, after the pond is once made and stocked, with little or no care,

surely it is worthy the attention of every one, even though he ignores the great pleasure such a possession would give him. "Sincerely yours, EMERSON."

Southeasterings.

Eighteen young Spaniards are attending the Rolla School of Mines.

There is a "bright prospect" of the old pottery at Fredricktown being reopened.

The work of constructing the Jackson Branch railroad was commenced last week.

Judge John L. Thomas has been elected a Director of the Jefferson County Fair Association.

Wm. Pierce, assignee of Schulte, Hill & Nail, of Fredricktown, has given a bond of \$150,000.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will commence at Poplar Bluff on the 27th inst.

About 165 tracts of Ripley county land will be sold for taxes at Doniphan next week by the Sheriff.

Doniphan is shipping from one to four car-loads of rock and piling every day to Columbus, Kentucky.

The News thinks the man who first goes into the livery stable business at Doniphan "will reap a good harvest."

At Fredricktown last week S. J. Swindell and Jennie Old were granted license to marry. Now get off your puns.

M. P. Hillyer, of Topeka, Kas., has started a sheep ranch eighteen miles south of West Plains, and stocked it with Merinos.

A movement is on foot to organize a company for the purpose of reopening the La Grave lead mines, a few miles west of Bismarck.

Judge Woodside has adjourned the October term of the Howell County Circuit Court to the first Wednesday in January, 1884.

The Dexter Enterprise-Messenger says: "The School Board disposed of the bonds issued to build the school house, at par, to Mr. Stevens, of Iron county."

The sorghum crop in Madison county this season has been unusually fine. Twenty-five-acre patches of cane are said to have yielded seventy-five gallons of molasses.

Alfred Buckner and Alderman Smith shot at each other in Fredricktown last Monday, Buckner using a rifle and Smith a shot-gun. Both men missed their mark and no one was injured. Before they could fire a second time bystanders rushed up and had them arrested.

The Alton South Missourian says: "This office is in the most prosperous condition of any we know of in the State. A few weeks ago ye editor was made happy by the appearance of an 8-pound bouncing boy, now the publisher is smiling broad on account of his 9-pound boy, and the devil—well, we do not know just when he expects it, but presume it is in the near future."

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