OHIO STATE NEWS.

Date for Arbor Day.

COLUMBUS, O., March 31—The governor this morning issued the following proclamation:

STATE OF OHIO,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

In compliance with the statutory provision enabling the executive to set apart a certain day as Arbor day, I, James E. Campbell, governor of Ohio, do hereby designate Friday, April 24, to to be so observed.

The attention of the people of this state is called to the subject of forestry, and it is recommended that there be a general observance of the day. It is suggested that trees and shrubbery be planted in all the towns and cities; upon the farms and along the streets and highways, every effort should be made to direct intelligent thoughts in this channel. Besides the practicable benefits to be gained through this annual planting, the study of trees and their culture is an ennobling pursuit. The celebration of the day by the public schools in appropriate exercises is especially commended.

[Seal] JAMES E. CAMPBELL,
By the Governor.
DANIEL J. RYAN, Secretary of State.

LA GRIPPE is spreading at Youngstown, the cases reported being of a much more virulent type than last year. The Lloyd-Booth Co. has ten men laid up, and in one store seven clerks are prostrated with it.

EWING BETTIS, of the Whitacre Basket factory, ten miles southeast of Alliance, a few days ago, made one thousand quart berry baskets in ten hours, and is now the champion berry basket-maker of the world. The difficulties of the feat can be imagined when it is known that to accomplish such a task it requires taking out of a pile and arranging in a proper position four thousand pieces of material, and picking up, setting and driving ten thousand stakes. Every basket was perfect in its make-up.

THE other morning at 5 o'clock Geo. Barnhart, a farmer of Lake township, near Loudonsville, was found hanging to the rafters of his barn. When discovered life had been extinct about ten hours. Despondency over financial matters as well as drink is the supposed cause. He leaves quite a large family.

MRS. ELIZABETH HERMAN has begun suit at Zanesville against W. A. Graham & Co., druggists, for $5,000 damages. She claims she purchased what purported to be a bottle of paregoric from the defendants, and administered some of it to her children. The paregoric turned out to be laudanum, and the children nearly died.

MRS. GEO. RHAMEY, of Blachleyville, the wife of a wealthy farmer, died the other night from burns received a few days ago while carrying out ashes.

JUDGE WHITE, of the probate court, Cleveland, had a peculiar case to decide the other day. Some time since Ah Sing, a Chinaman, asked for second naturalization papers. Ah Sing is a thorough American in dress, habits and everything but nationality. He was born in China, but he has reared a family and accumulated property in Cleveland. He pays taxes, and wants to vote. The judge took the case under advisement, and decided that the papers could not be issued, as under the law of 1882 it would be illegal to admit Ah Sing to citizenship. Judge White said he recognized Ah Sing's social standing and moral worth, and he regretted that he could not make him a citizen.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WATSON is preparing to enter suit against the eleven Pennsylvania railroad lines to collect the one dollar per mile tax and the penalties. The law provides a penalty for failure to pay ranging from $500 to $1,000. Some time since a test suit against the P. C. C. & St. L. Railroad Co. for the one dollar per mile was begun, which has been decided in favor of the state.

ROBERT GRIGSBY, of Newark, blew the top of his head off with an old-fashioned horse pistol borrowed of a neighbor for the purpose.

THE will of the late Rufus King, of Cincinnati, contains public and charitable bequests aggregating $100,000.

THE direct tax claim of Ohio, $1,332,025, has been paid.

A LODGE of the order of Good Templars has been organized at Millersburg.

MRS. D. H. ELLIOTT, of Spring Hills, perpetrated an April fool joke of three boy babies where only one was expected.

MAUD EVELYN, only daughter of ex-Lieut. Gov. Lyon, was wedded at Newark the other night to Dr. Wm. A. Galloway.

WM. BATES admits that he killed Marshal Harper, of Kenton, with a butcher-knife.

DAVID JAMES, aged 88, was consigned to earth at Youngstown and the heirs found a small mitigation of their grief in a bag containing $1,305, which they dug out of the cellar.

THE following fourth-class postmasters in Ohio were appointed the other day: H. B. Wilkinson, Armstrong's Mills, Belmont county; E. I. Cash, Compher, Belmont county; D. Richardson, Hagerman, Darke county; J. Y. Denham, Warnock, Belmont county.

PRESIDENTIAL postmasters were appointed, a few days ago, as follows: Albert B. Smith at Bellevue, vice G. Dangelison, removed; John T. Wolfley, at Delaware, vice Stephen Rotter, removed.

HENRY KINGERY, Dayton elevator boy, was playing April fool jokes and carelessly got his head caught between the floor and elevator. One ear was torn off, and he was otherwise badly hurt.

AT Washington C. H., the other day, two Italian tramps, claiming to be on their way to Cincinnati, said that in that city they would join an army of 50,000 Italians, who will march to New Orleans about May 1, and avenge the murder of their countrymen. According to the story of these men, all unemployed Italians in the United States are soon to assemble at Cincinnati, and proceed to New Orleans.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of the Sixty-Ninth General Assembly—Adjourned Session.

COLUMBUS, March 31.—*Senate*—The senate considered the resolution proposing an amendment to be voted on at the next fall election. It was amended so as to give the legislature power to tax all kinds of property whatever, and then ordered printed and placed on the calendar for next Thursday. Bills passed: To authorize the commissioners of Clermont county to build a free turnpike road; to authorize the board of education of Dresden, Muskingum county to levy a tax of one mill for school purposes; to authorize Prospect, Marion county, to issue $3,500 in bonds to build a town hall; to authorize the commissioners of Hardin county to refund Nicholas Miller certain taxes amounting to $450.

House—The bill amending the criminal statutes, by allowing motions for a new trial in capital cases, at any time before execution, upon the discovery of new evidence, and intended to grant Isaac Smith, the Pike county murderer, who has been reprieved eight times, was postponed until Thursday; amending section 6449 by giving common pleas courts concurrent jurisdiction in condemnation of right of way trials was passed. The Garber county officers salary bill, as reported from the committee of the whole was then taken up, and consumed the remainder of theday. At the night session the house passed the Garber salary bill by a vote of 82 to 2. The bill provides compensation for county officers as follows: Probate judges are to receive $1,500 and the sum of $100 additional thereto for each 5,000 population, or the larger portion thereof, of population of the county in excess of 15,000, as determined by the last federal census. In counties having more than 140,000 inhabitants, $10 for each additional thousand. In all counties having 20,000 inhabitants or more, a deputy may be appointed, whose compensation is to be fixed by the common pleas judge. The county auditors are started on an annual salary of $1,700, with $300 additional for each $5,000,000, or the larger fraction thereof, of the total valuation of property on the general tax duplicate of the county in excess of $5,000,000, but when the valuation reaches $30,000,000 the increase shall be at the rate of $100 for each additional $5,000,000. Deputies, whose salaries are fixed by the county commissioners, are allowed in all counties having over 20,000 inhabitants. County treasurers are graded on exactly the same basis as auditors, and receive the same compensation, but they are allowed one or more deputies in all counties having 20,000 or more inhabitants, the number and compensation to be fixed by the commissioners. The compensation of treasurers is made slightly in excess of that of auditors, the former being allowed 5 per cent. as under existing laws for the collection of delinquent taxes. Recorders receive $1,400 and the sum of $100 in additional for each 5,000 or larger fraction thereof of population in excess of 15,000 one or more deputies may be appointed, the number and compensation to be fixed by the commissioner, but the compensation paid the recorder and deputies shall not exceed the fees collected. For sheriffs, the compensation is $1,500 and $100 additional for each 5,000 population in excess of 15,000. The county commissioners are to determine the number and compensation to be allowed deputies in counties having more than 20,000 inhabitants, but the total compensation paid the sheriff and his deputies cannot exceed the amount of fees collected. The compensation provided for county clerks in all counties having 15,000 population is $1,000, and the sum of $200 in addition thereto for each 5,000 in excess of 15,000 and not exceeding 50,000, and above the latter the sum of $100 additional for every 5,000. The number and compensation to be allowed the deputies shall be determined by the common pleas judges. In addition to the fixed compensation the clerks receive 10 per cent. of the fees collected under section 1920. Section 3 of the bill provides that "all probate judges, auditors, treasurers, recorders, sheriffs and clerks of common pleas courts, who have entered upon their terms of office, or who have been elected thereto at the time of the passage of this act, shall continue to receive such fees and compensation as are now provided by law, until the expiration of their said terms respectively." The above was substantially the bill as received from the committee, but considerable opposition developed, particularly from the smaller counties, and numerous amendments were offered. One of the most important amendments offered, and which was adopted, was by Mr. Belville, adding after the section relating to auditor: "The auditor shall actively and in person discharge the duties of his office, and his failure or neglect so to do shall be ground for his removal from office in accordance with the provisions of section 1951 of the Revised Statues." Other amendments agreed to give the auditor of Lucas and Franklin counties about $200 more than allowed in the above; providing that neglect on the part of the sheriff to personally and actively discharge his duties shall be cause for removal; also the same with reference to clerk and recorder.

COLUMBUS, O., April 1.—*Senate*—The many lobbyists who have thronged the lobbies this session were called down to-day by Messrs. Gaumer and Sutton who demanded that the sergeant-at-arms enforce the rules and keep them off from the floor of the senate. Bills passed: To create a special school district in Montgomery and Perry townships, Wood county, and Scott township, Sandusky county; providing that Toledo may extend natural gas mains and assess fifty per cent. of the cost on abutting property and pay the same in natural gas; authorizing Montpelier, Williams county, to issue $10,000 in bonds to build a memorial hall; to permit the auditor of Lucas county to settle claims existing between that county and lessees of school lands; to authorize Fort Jennings, Putnam county, to transfer $600 from the police fund to the street improvement fund; authorizing fire insurance companies to insure against loss by explosion and also to insure companies against accidents to their employes, to authorize Cedarville, Green county, to issue $1,500 in bonds to meet current expenses; to detach lands from the corporation of Lancaster, Fairfield county, and to attach it to the adjoining townships; to create a depository commission for the city of Galion to care for the city funds; to authorize Marion, Marion county, to issue $10,000 in bonds to build a school house; to authorize trustees of Canton township, Stark county, to transfer $1,000 from the poor fund to the road fund; to authorize the council of Canal Fulton to transfer $400 from the corporation and $100 from the marshal funds to the street funds; Bills introduced: Appropriating $100,000 of the direct tax to purchase 1,000 acres of land for the imbecile asylum; amending section 6178 of the statutes so as to prevent parties against whom judgment has been obtained from holding both the property and money when the case is appealed to a higher court. The senate adopted a senate resolution urging Congress to pass legislation to compel railroads to use automatic couplers and safety brakes. The Senate laid Mr. Benfer's bill prohibiting the importation in Ohio of armed men or associations of men to do police duty. This kills the bill. The Senate defeated Mr. Alexander's bill, to-day, prohibing any state, county or municipal office, agent or employe from receiving railroad passes, and imposing a fine and imprisonment for so doing. Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

House—The Schulte bill, supplementing section 2505, so as to provide for the leasing, purchasing and consolidation of street railroads and providing that "any two or more of such corporations or companies may enter into any arrangement for their common benefit consistent with and calculated to promote the objects for which they were created, lost yesterday, and reconsidered, was again defeated to-day, but afterwards reconsidered for the second time and ordered on the calendar. Mr. Robeson said that the bill had suspicions of a trust, and he was supported in this declaration by Messrs. Baird, Taylor of Guernsey, and Taylor of Champaign. The bill was championed by Messrs. Geyer, Hodge, Griffin, Mallow, Reiter. An unsuccessful attempt was made by Mr. McKelvy, to have the finance committee relieved of further consideration of his bill to create a commission to locate an insane asylum in Eastern Ohio. Bills passed: Authorizing the commissioners of Hamilton and Clermont counties to levy a tax of one-tenth mill to build a bridge over the Miami river at Milford; authorizing the commissioners of Columbiana county to locate and construct a county road from the east end of Cook street, in East Liverpool to intersect the state road; authorizing the city of Sandusky to lease wharves and docks; creating boards of revision for the cities of Fostoria and Tiffin, to be appointed by the mayor; authorizing commissioners to issue bonds to build an addition to Longview asylum; amending Section 3137 so as to enable a man to adopt a child of his wife by a former husband, and to change the name if so desired. The house has adopted the senate joint resolution authorizing the governor to appoint six trustees for the State Archaeological Society. Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

COLUMBUS, O., April 2.—*Senate*—The senate considered the Taylor resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment, and it was again postponed till next Wednesday. Bills passed: To give tombstone and monument dealers a lien on monuments and tombstones, for purchase money, provided that they can not remove such, if the rules of any cemetery association forfeit removal; providing who shall be the successor, and preform the duties of mayor in Cleveland, in absence of the mayor; increasing the bailiff's salary of the probate court of Cuyahoga county from $600 to $800 per annum; authorizing Newark township, Licking county, to issue $5,000 in bonds to erect a soldiers memorial building, if approved by a vote of the people; amending sections 309 and 310 of the statutes by giving the labor commissioner power to require persons to furnish him statistical information; requiring telephone companies to make annual reports to the commissioner of railroad and telegraphs and taxing them fifteen cents per mile on the wire or cable used; authorizing townships having graded schools to levy taxes to support them; Bills introduced: Amending the law providing for the appointment of assessor in Cuyahoga county, by increasing their number from twenty to forty and giving the auditor the appointing power. Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

House—Under the leadership of Messrs. Clapp, Benfer, Carroll and Braman, succeeded in passing, with amendments, Mr. Alexander's senate bill, intended to exterminate sheep killing dogs, against the opposition of Mr. Geyer. Mr. Forbes, of Coshocton, joined the farmers in their demand and the bill was passed by a vote of 69 yeas to 3 nays, those voting in the negative being Messrs. Belville, Heffner and Parker. The bill amends Section 7068 of the Revised Statutes, provides a fine of $5 on the owner of a dog who allows it to leave the premises unaccompanied, and any person may kill such animal; and makes a failure to return and pay taxes on a dog punishable by a fine of $5. Upon complaint prosecutors must file with the probate judge any complaint of violation of the act and the judge shall direct some one to take possession of a dog upon the arrest of the owner, and if the tax is not paid within ten days after conviction the dog must be killed. Bills passed: Amending Section 3242 so as to provide that a majority of the incorporators of a joint stock company shall order the opening of books for stock subscriptions; to provide for the reissue of lost or destroyed certificates of stock in corporations; amending Section 4077 making two years qualification only necessary for city boards of examiners; providing that ten days notice prior to date of trial shall be given when prisoners are to be returned to a county from which they are sent for safe keeping; providing that when parties disagree as to payment of the cost of constructing joint levees, county commissioners shall fix the amount to be paid by each; to provide for the mayoralty succession in Cleveland in case of death or disability; to increase pay of teachers at blind asylum who live outside the institution $6 per week; authorizing the unloading of imported cattle for immediate shipment under the supervision of the state live stock commission; prohibiting railroad companies and stockholders from operating coal mines and stone quarries along their lines; reorganizing the board of education of Cleveland; Australian system of voting.

COLUMBUS, April 3.—*Senate*—Mr. Massie offered a joint resolution, which went over under the rules, asking congress to call a convention to amend the United States constitution so the senators in congress shall be elected by a direct vote of the people. It calls on other states to adopt similar resolutions, so that on application of two-thirds of them such convention shall be called, as provided by the constitution. Bills passed: Amending Section 7016 of the statutes by making it a criminal offense for any employes to pay for property injured or destroyed by employes without their consent; requiring banks to make the statements under the same rules as individuals in returning property for taxation; defining the rights of fathers and mothers living separate and apart as to the care and custody of their children. Bills introduced: To prevent insurance companies doing business in Ohio from discriminating between persons insured by them in the way of rebates or otherwise; congratulating the legislature of Michigan on the passage of the bill providing for the selection of presidential electors by congressional districts. It went over under the rules. Mr. Oren presented the petition of several Y. M. C. A. organizations of the state asking for the passage of the Phillips bill prohibiting persons under eighteen years of age from entering saloons.

House—Bills introduced: Providing "that whosoever steals an animal of the sheep kind is guilty of larceny without regard to the value of such animal, and shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for the period of one year; or whosoever unlawfully and feloniously kills any animal of the sheep kind, the property of another, for the purpose of stealing or carrying away either the carcass or pelt of any such sheep, is guilty of larceny without regard to the value of such sheep or pelt, and shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than eighteen months nor less than one year." The deficiency appropriation bill making provision for payment of $111,507, was introduced by Mr. McDermott. The heaviest deficiencies are $18,000, at the Central Insane Asylum; $29,752 for the penitentiary and $10,186.66 in the prosecution and transportation of convicts. Another bill introduced was by Mr. Reeve, extending the veteran volunteer bounty to those who reinlisted at any point as well as those re-entering the service in the field provided they were in the service nine months. Bills passed: Making it the duty of superintendents of county children's homes, when children are indentured to any person, to at once notify the clerk of the township in which such person resides. The clerk is to make record of the name of such child, to whom indentured, and expiration of time and such other matter in relation thereto as may be deemed proper. The information is conveyed to the township trustee, and it is made obligatory upon them to visit all indentured children in their township at least once in a year, at the home where they reside, looking after care, treatment and moral welfare, and they shall also visit the school in the district in which such child or children reside once a year, making inquiry concerning its attendance, progress, and upon complaint being made to the clerk, the latter is to at once notify the superintendent, when trustees of the home shall immediately terminate such indenture; granting right of way through state university grounds to Sandusky, Columbus, Lake Erie & Southern Short Line road; reducing the number of reports of departments to be published; allowing children's aid societies to take children from orphan asylums and provide them places in private families.

COLUMBUS, April 6.—*Senate*—Less than half a dozen senators were present at 4 p. m. when the senate convened, the others having been detained at home by the municipal elections, and no business was transacted. The governor sent the following nominations to the senate for confirmation: John C. Tuthill, of Lancaster, state librarian for two years from April 18; S. H. Ellis, of Warren county, member of board of Ohio agricultural experiment station for three years from July 7; W. D. Deval, of Washington county, trustee of Athens asylum for insane for five years from April 6; R. H. Warder, of Hamilton county, member of board of Ohio agricultural station for three years from May 2; M. Stanton, of Scioto county, member of the penitentiary board of managers for five years from March 31; Edward Squires, of Defiance, trustee of the imbecile asylum for five years from Apr 16.

House—There was less than a quorum of members present on account of the attractions incident to the spring elections and but little business beyond the reading of the journal of last week was transacted. Speaker Hysell presented a remonstrance from one thousand members of the United Mine Workers of America against a division of the congressional fund between Wilberforce and Ohio State university. Bills introduced: Amending the law relative to the good time of convicts in the Ohio penitentiary so that for good conduct they shall gain five days per month for the first year, seven days for the second year, nine days for the third year, ten days for the fourth year, eleven days the fifth year and twelve days a month for the sixth year; providing that where a sheriff is disqualified from serving process or otherwise discharging his official duties the court may appoint a person to act.

OHIO ELECTIONS.

Scattering Reports From Several Municipalities—Cincinnati, Cleveland and Zanesville Elect Republican Mayors.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—The municipal election resulted in the re-election of Mayor Mosby (Republican) by a majority of about 400, and the entire republican ticket. Theodore Horstman, republican, candidate for corporation counsel ran ahead of his ticket, his majority will probably reach 9,000 when the returns are all counted. For board of legislation 21 republicans and 9 democrats were elected.

COLUMBUS, O., April 7.—The democrats carry this city over the republicans and citizens' league by majorities ranging from 500 to 1,000, electing all the city officers except member of board of public works. The city council and board of education remain in the control of the republicans and the board of public works in the hands of the democrats.

ZANESVILLE, O., April 7.—Bell, republican, was elected mayor yesterday by 700 majority over Conrad, democrat, the present incumbent. The city council is democratic. Balance of the ticket went democratic with one or two exceptions.

DAYTON, O., April 7.—The republicans elected Peters for city commissioner by 830 majority. The democrats elected all the other officers by majorities ranging from 200 to 3,000. Council and board of education both remain in control of the democrats.

CLEVELAND, O., April 7.—At the municipal election held here yesterday W. G. Rose (Rep.) was elected mayor, and W. W. Armstrong (Dem.) Treasurer.

STRIKERS SHOT.

Terrible Riot in the Coke Regions of Pennsylvania.

Deputy Sheriffs Ordered to Fire Upon a Mob Bent Upon the Destruction of Property—Ten Rioters Killed and Forty-seven Wounded.

PITTSBURGH, April 3.—The following telegram was received at the Frick company's office in this city yesterday:

"The strikers marched on Morewood, early Thursday morning, and Clawson's deputy sheriffs met them." Result, seven dead strikers and several wounded.

One of the clerks in the office at Morewood reports that they got information they were to be attacked from three points, and the deputies were divide into three squads, one stationed at the barn under Capt. Loar. The crowd passed the store and threw stones into the windows, but they were allowed to pass on unmolested.

They then went to the gate leading into the barn and were breaking it down when Capt. Loar commanded them to halt.

Their response to his command was to fire. Loar then ordered his men to fire, with the result above stated. It is said that they fired twice before the rioters dispersed.

The crowd numbered about 500 and left Standard at 2:50 o'clock a. m., and before leaving broke down the telephones so that Morewood could not be communicated with, but the Standard men fixed up the line and notified Morewood of the movements of the mob.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 3.—Thursday morning, about 3 o'clock, about 300 rioters at Morewood approached the company's stables intent upon making a raid upon the deputies stationed there. None of the rioters would heed the deputies' entreaties and at once made a rush for them, when the deputies opened fire, killing seven and wounding twenty-one of the Hungarian strikers. At 9 o'clock another riot was precipitated in which three more Hungarians were killed and about twenty-five wounded, some of whom will, it is thought, die. The sheriff and two deputies arrived home on the 9 o'clock train, having two of the rioters in custody, one of whom was wounded in the leg. Both were lodged in jail.

Sheriff Clawson telegraphed Gov. Pattison for the militia as he feared the Hungarians and other rioters, who number thousands, would arm themselves, overpower the deputies and kill them all before they could realize the situation. The officials here are greatly alarmed over the situation, which is hourly growing more serious. A report has reached here that the Huns have the deputies surrounded and their friends are almost frantic lest they are all killed.

Gov. Pattison has ordered the Tenth regiment, of Washington, Pa., and Eighteenth regiment, of Pittsburgh, to assemble and proceed at once to the coke region.

The latest report places the number of persons injured in yesterday morning's riot at 50, three of whom (names unknown) have since died, making a total of ten dead. None of the dead were naturalized.

MT. PLEASANT, Pa., April 3.—At midnight Morewood was under military control, the entire Tenth regiment, including staffs being on the ground. Two companies of the Eighteenth arrived at 1:30 this morning.

NOTED MAN DEAD.

Gen. Albert Pike Dies at His Home in Washington, Aged 81.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Gen. Albert Pike, prominent as a mason and poet died at his home here at 8 o'clock last night. Gen. Pike was 81 years old last December. He was a man of remarkable vitality, splendid physique, being six feet four inches in height and until last fall when he was prostrated was never known to have been sick in bed for even a day. Gen. Albert Pike was born in Boston in 1809. In March, 1831, he went on an exploring expedition to the far west. In 1833 he became editor of the Arkansas Advocate at Fort Smith. During the Mexican war he commanded a squadron of Arkansas mounted volunteers. At the beginning of the civil war he became confederate commissioner to negotiate treaties with the several Indian tribes and was commissioned a brigadier general in the confederate army. At the close of the war he practiced law at Memphis and became editor of the Memphis Appeal. In 1868 he removed to Washington where he has resided ever since.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Livery Man Arrested for Setting Fire to His Stable.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Michael Carroll, a livery stable keeper of 169 Jerome avenue, was arrested yesterday on a bench warrant charging him with arson in having set fire to his livery stable on the night of Nov. 4. Thirty-six horses and as many carriages were reduced to ashes in the flames. Carroll held insurance policies aggregating $25,000. The insurance companies endeavored to effect a settlement by paying $18,000. Carroll refused and instituted a suit against the company. Since the fire, Marshal Mitchell has been investigating the case and from evidence he placed before the grand jury Carroll was indicted. He was arraigned in the general session yesterday and gave $5,000 bail to answer.

A GRAIN of fine sand would cover one hundred of the minute scales of the human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from three hundred to five hundred pores.

EXPERIMENT tends to show that the edges of the flame of the petroleum lamp give from thirty-seven to thirty-eight per cent. less light than the flat surface.

NINETEEN children have blessed the matrimonial life of Mr. and Mrs. Beeler, of Brooklyn, Ky., and they are all alive but one. The parents are under fifty-five years of age.

WAGE CONFERENCE

Of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators in Session at Pittsburgh—Demands of the Miners.

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—The sixth annual wage conference of Ohio and western Pennsylvania coal operators and miners began yesterday. There were 78 operators present and 75 delegates from the mines. Over 35,000 miners are directly represented, while the result of the conference will affect a total number of 75,000 miners. Alexander Dempster, operator, of Pittsburgh, was unanimously re-elected president of the conference. Patrick McBryde, miner; J. Morton Hall, operator, and F. S. Brooks, operator, were elected secretaries.

President Dempster in his opening address said the occasion was the most critical in the history of the business, and the utmost candor and wisdom would be needful to effect a settlement. It is believed that both sides will act conservatively. The rules of the last convention will govern the proceedings. Delegates outside of Pennsylvania and Ohio will be given a voice but not a vote. The outside delegates of Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and Kansas who are attending the convention will confer with the operators in their respective states on a scale based on whatever agreement may be reached by the conference. These outside states will each have their separate scale. They are competitive districts to Ohio and Pennsylvania and the scales will therefore be modified only by local conditions.

The following scale committee was chosen: Ohio miners—J. P. Jones, W. H. Crawford. Pennsylvania miners—Abram Winders, C. E. Wallis. Ohio operators—H. S. Willard, C. Morris. Pennsylvania operators—George W. Schleuderberg, J. C. Dysart. The Monongahela miners are not represented in the convention, as they have made a successful independent fight for their wages this year. After the convention the scale committee met. The miners presented their demands for an increase of 10 per cent. and the eight-hour day. The operators presented their demand for a reduction of about 10 per cent. These two demands will be presented to the conference to-day. They will be promptly rejected by the opposing sides, who will then begin their consideration for a settlement.

The joint scale committee held a special meeting last night. The miners presented the following demands:

1—A general adjustment of the scale for machine work for an advance of 10 per cent.

2—Eight hours.

3—An advance of 10 per cent. for all hand digging.

4—That all coal at the railroad mines be weighed on the cars.

The operators demanded a reduction of 10 per cent. No agreement was reached. Committeeman Jones of the miners said after the meeting that the situation was desperate.

A DOUBLE SUICIDE.

Two Handsome Young Women Shoot Themselves and Die in Each Others' Arms.

SANTA FE., N. M., April 8.—Details of an Easter Sunday tragedy at White Oaks, N. M., reached here yesterday, the affair being a double suicide in which two handsome young women, formerly of Liberty, Mo., were the principals. The names of the women are Mrs. Howard Doyle and Miss Jessie Ridgley. Mrs. Doyle had been separated from her husband for some time and had made a confidant of Miss Ridgley. It is thought that Mrs. Doyle was despondent and had prevailed upon Miss Ridgley to commit suicide at the same time.

The bodies of the women were found in a lonely part of the town. Over the heart of each was a bullet hole. They were clasped in each other's arms and between them was a revolver, which usually had a place on the mantel in Miss Ridgley's bedroom. Their hats hung on a post near at hand; their cloaks had been neatly folded and served as head rests and to each cloak was pinned notes to various friends. One letter expressed the desire that they be buried in the same grave. None of the letters gave the reason for the rash act, only "Death is sweet and we prefer it to life."

COMPETITION ENDED.

An Agreement Reached Between Claus Spreckles and the Sugar Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—After a fight of over three years Claus Spreckles and the sugar trust have come to an understanding by which there will be no further competition between them. The negotiations, which have been going on for some time, now at New York and again at San Francisco, were virtually concluded in this city on Sunday. Theodore Havemeyer, of New York, president of the sugar trust, went through the big refinery of Spreckles' on that day and made a careful examination of it. Mr. Searles, of New York, secretary of the trust, and other gentlemen interested in it, were also in the city, and it is understood that the agreement reached at San Francisco last week between Claus Spreckles and J. Craig Havemeyer were indorsed. By this agreement Spreckles is not to sell his sugar in that part of the country east of the Missouri river and the Havemeyers are not to invade the territory west of the Missouri. The trust's refinery in San Francisco and that belonging to Spreckles are to alternate monthly in closing, and in this way it is expected that the production on the Pacific coast can be so regulated that there will be no difficulty in maintaining prices.

Ohio Man in Trouble.

JAMESTOWN, O., April 8.—Considerable interest has been excited in this place over an affair which may eventually call for international correspondence. Last March John A. Anderson, a resident of this city, went to Odesshog, Sweden, to visit his parents. He was immediately seized and drafted into the Swedish army, notwithstanding he vehemently protested that he was an American citizen. He did not have the papers to prove his assertions and has written to friends in Jamestown to see what can be done about it. He has been a resident of this country some twelve years.

FRIGHTFUL CALAMITY.

Nine Lives Lost in a Burning Tenement House

At Rochester, Pa.—All Chances Cut Off For the Escape of the Inmates, and They Perish in the Flames—Particulars of the Fire.

ROCHESTER, Pa., April 7.—The most frightful calamity that has ever befallen this place occurred early yesterday morning and as a result nine lives were lost. Between the Rose building, corner Brighton and New York streets, and the railroad crossing, were a row of cheap frame tenement houses, the first floors of which were occupied as business houses. Shortly after midnight fire was discovered in the lower building and an alarm was given. The fire gradually spread to the second and third houses and in a very few minutes all were in flames. But few of the citizens were on the scene until the fire was well under headway and efforts were made to save property, but with poor effect as the buildings being of highly inflamable material, burned rapidly. In the midst of the hottest part of the fire an Italian girl, about 16 years of age, appeared at the window of one of the burning buildings and leaped toward the ground, two of the firemen catching her before she struck the ground. Between her sobs she stated that all her father's family were yet in the burning house but as the flames now had full control of the building it was impossible to save them and seven persons perished in the Italian family.

The rooms occupied by the Italians were in the center of the building and when it was found that lives had been lost a careful inquiry was made regarding the occupants of the first building to take fire. It was inhabited by a shoemaker named Edward J. Keene, with a family consisting of a wife and three children. None of the family could be found for a time, but during the height of the excitement Mrs. Keene with two of her children arrived from Pittsburgh on train No. 2. It was then feared that Mr. Keene and the eldest son, Walter, a boy 8 years of age, was lost. Brave men at once went to work among the burning timbers and soon discovered the charred remains of father and son close together, but burned to an unrecognizable mass. The corpses, with those of the Italians that have been recovered, are lying in a stall at Hayes' livery stable.

It is thought that the Italians became so confused that they could not find the stairway, which was a narrow one and to reach it required the opening of two doors in the rear of the building, and they were burned to death. The Italians were very intelligent and worked in the Rochester tumbler works.

The fire originated in Keene's kitchen. All the household goods, together with Edwards' tea store, Hall's millinery and Keene's shoe shop, are destroyed. There is insurance on all the stores. The buildings belonged to John F. Smith and were not insured.

The names of the victims are: Edward J. Keene, 50 years old; his son Walter, 9 years; Buttito Ceapio 45 years; wife Anna, 35 years; son John, 11 years; daughter Riasa, 8 years; Victoria Ceapio, a brother, and Joe Romio, ages unknown.

The nine bodies are so badly burned that they are unrecognizable. There has also been $500 in gold found among the ruins which belonged to the Italians. The Italian girl, the only one saved, says $500 is still in the ashes.

QUIET REIGNS.

No Trouble of any Kind Reported in the Coke Regions.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., April 7.—Col. Smith, of the Tenth regiment N. G. P., reported the strikers quiet and orderly throughout the coke region yesterday. Labor leaders state that the excitement among the strikers has subsided and that they have not the remotest idea of any additional trouble. The large and small producing companies made formidable efforts to resume work at their plants throughout the region yesterday. General Manager Lynch of the H. C. Frick Company, reports a satisfactory start at Leising No. 2 at Jimtown, Sterling, Adelaide and Morewood. The new Chester plant of Humphrey & Co., Nellie plant of Cochrane & Co., also resumed, but not to their full capacity. The above reported resumptions are denied at labor headquarters here, but the Frick officials say they will ship fifty cars of coke to-day.

General Manager Lynch, of Frick & Co., stated yesterday with reference to ex-Secretary Watchorn's statement concerning Mr. Frick: "It is all bosh; Mr. Frick is abundantly able to cope with the ex-secretary in controversy and will prove an adversary to him equally to the wily W. T. Lewis."

Capt. Loar and eight deputies gave themselves up last night and gave bail in the sum of $300 each on the charge of felonious shooting.

Sheriff Clawson arrested three of Thursday's rioters yesterday and they were held in $1,000 bail each. He has warrants for twenty-five others. The strikers and their friends say they are being discriminated against, inasmuch as Capt. Loar and his deputies who are charged with felonious shooting are only held in $300 each, while the strikers are held in $1,000 bail on a charge of rioting.

The coke operators say the backbone of the strike is broken, while the strikers claim they are more determined than ever to win it.

Robbed and Murdered.

PITTSBURGH, April 7.—What is believed to have been an assassination and robbery occurred at West Liberty, a hamlet two miles south of Pittsburgh, at a late hour Sunday night. Yesterday morning the body of John W. Gonsawlis was found on the road leading from West Liberty to Pittsburgh. There was a pistol wound in his head and his pockets had been rifled of their contents. In the hand of the victim was found a revolver with three empty chambers. There is no clue to the cause of his death but police officials are satisfied that Gonsawlis was murdered then robbed.