

Pat Ford and John Murphy, the slayers of A. H. Murphy at New Orleans, are praying for a commutation of the death sentence.

Mr. Edgar DuFour, of the New Orleans Bee died Wednesday night last. He was a brilliant journalist, though young, being only 34 years of age.

Mr. A. E. Wilson, of Claiborne parish, has left at the Guardian office a specimen of corn, sixty ears of which he claims will make a full bushel of shelled corn.

The Postmaster General has decided that postal cards bearing the immediate delivery stamp are subject to the same regulations as letters thus stamped, and must be delivered in the same manner as letters.

On the opening day of the New Orleans Exposition, the following steamboat will form in line and proceed in procession from Canal street to the Exposition, landing: J. M. White, Pargood, E. J. Gay, John W. Cannon, Clinton, Haans Blanks, Corona, John Howard, St. John, Jesse K. Bell and Laura Lee.

The vote on local option in Bienville parish resulted in a victory for the whiskey men by over 300 majority. This will not deter the fanatical prohibitionist, however, in his wild crusade, but will only tend toward making their howl heard in more dismal walls than ever.

Mrs. McGee, of Homer, an invalid for years, living in a small house belonging to Mr. Torbert, where she had been watched and cared for by himself and family for five or six years past, was burned to death last Friday night. On the night mentioned she seemed to be in her usual good spirits and nothing unusual was suspected. As usual, just before night, a fire was built in her house and water brought to her and she was left sitting by the fire. The next morning when one of the family went to look after her wants a ghastly spectacle was presented, she having fallen from her chair into the fire.

No signs of a struggle were visible. Nearly all of her clothing was burned off, and the front of her body was burned almost to a crisp. Her pipe and knife were found lying near her and appeared as though she had cleaned it previous to having a smoke. She was between 80 and 90 years of age.

**STATE ELECTIONS OF 1885.**

The State elections for the current year are not many, but some of them are important. Following is the list:

Arkansas will elect, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 10, an associate justice of the Supreme Court to fill the un-expired term of the Hon. J. R. Eakin, deceased.

Colorado will elect on Tuesday, November 3, a judge of the Supreme Court.

Connecticut will elect on Tuesday, November 3, one-half its State Senate for one year only, and the members of its House of Representatives.

Florida elected on Tuesday, May 5, the members of a constitutional convention, which met in Tallahassee on Tuesday, June 9, and framed a new constitution for the State, and provided that it should be submitted to the vote of the people on Tuesday, November 2, 1885.

Iowa will elect on Tuesday, November 3, governor and other State officials and Legislature.

Kentucky elected on Monday, August 3, the Democratic candidate for State treasurer and rejected a proposition to hold a convention to revise the constitution of the State.

Maryland will elect on Tuesday, November 3, controller and clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Massachusetts will elect on Tuesday, November 3, governor and other State

officers and Legislature, and vote upon a proposed amendment to the constitution of the State, providing for precinct voting in towns.

Michigan elected on Monday, April 6, the fusion candidates for supreme judge and regents of the State university.

Mississippi elects on Tuesday, November 3, governor and other, State officers and Legislature.

Nebraska will elect on Tuesday, November 3, supreme judge and regents of the State university.

New Jersey will elect on Tuesday, November 3, part of its Senate and the Assembly.

New York will elect on Tuesday, November 3 governor and the other State officers, five justices of the Supreme Court and both branches of the Legislature.

Pennsylvania will elect on Tuesday, November 3, State treasurer.

Rhode Island elected on Wednesday, April 1, the Republican candidate for governor and other State officers and Legislature.

Virginia will elect on Tuesday, November 3, governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, and Legislature.

Wisconsin re-elected on Tuesday, April 7, without opposition, the Republican candidate for associate judge of the Supreme Court.—*New York Times*:

**NAILS GOING UP**

A statement contained in a dispatch published in the Tribune yesterday regarding the existence of a nail famine at Pittsburg is corroborated by Chicago merchants. A member of the firm of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. said that nails were becoming scarcer and scarcer, and in consequence, orders harder and harder to fill every week. Steel nails that were selling in Chicago last May, before the strike had assumed its present mammoth dimension, at \$2 to \$2.25 now bring \$3 and \$3-10 per keg of 100 pounds. "Dealers," said the hardwareman, "cannot begin to supply the demand in the West, and all the stock that is being disposed of here is being procured from Virginia, Delaware, and Massachusetts, instead of, as formerly, from the great manufacturing centers of Pennsylvania. On an order for twenty kegs a customer may get possibly two or three, with a prospect of several weeks of waiting for the remainder. He considers himself lucky, however, if he gets any, and unless the producers accomplish an adjustment of their difficulties with their employes right speedily what nails can be got are very soon going to cost more money yet."

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