

Count Von Moltke, the chief marshal of the German Empire, died last Friday, aged 91 years.

Mrs. Eaton, a sister of President Harrison, was seriously injured by being thrown from a carriage at Clevel, Ohio, on Sunday. It was at first thought that her injuries were fatal, but late advices say that she is out of danger.

A bill in the interest of constables has been introduced in the House, for the payment of a fee to these officials for monthly visitations made under the Brooks license law. The bill provides that they shall receive 50 cents each visit, one dollar for each written return of violation of license law, and six cents mileage for each necessarily traveled. The present law makes no provision for their payment.

THE LEGISLATURE.

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The general Road bill has passed finally in the House. When it came upon third reading yesterday, Mr. Colton, of Allegheny, spoke in opposition to it. He said he would vote for it just to get rid of it, as, in his estimation, it would do neither good nor harm. Capt Skinner, of Fulton, in protesting against it said that the sum of \$1,000,000 is too small to repair the roads, and that the bill would be no improvement on the present system. Mr. Lytle, of Huntingdon, wanted to go into Committee of the whole for the purpose of inserting the county engineer feature, but his motion was voted down. After other speeches, pro and con, by several members, the bill passed by a vote of 103 yeas to 78 nays, a bare constitutional majority. It was a stubborn fight. On the first call of the roll it was defeated, but several members changed their votes, claiming they had voted under a misapprehension. Mr. Gillan, of Franklin, finally protested against the changing of votes, and that some members came to the clerk's desk to see how the matter stood before making the change. The bill has already passed the Senate, and goes to the governor.

THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION BILL.

The House passed finally yesterday the bill introduced by Mr. Far, of Lackawanna, the Compulsory Education bill. It requires the parents or guardians of children between eight and twelve years of age to send their children to the public, proverbial or private schools at least sixteen consecutive weeks in each year. The penalty for a violation of the act is a fine of \$2 for the first conviction, and \$5 for each subsequent conviction. The bill now goes to the Senate, and if it passes there what fate it will meet with at the hands of the Governor, your correspondent is not able to say.

THE MUNICIPAL LIEN BILL.

When the bill of Senator Flinn, of Allegheny, was called up yesterday creating and relating to municipal liens, for concurrence in the House amendments, Senator Ross, of Bucks, criticised the measure because of insufficient notice to non-resident property owners. As it affected boroughs, whose government was altogether different from that of cities of the second class, the suggested amendments required notice to be published in at least two newspapers in the proper county for three weeks. The bill involved a possible liability of jeopardizing titles to property. Senator Flinn asked that the matter go over, and said he would be only too glad to have it amended to meet the objections of the Senator from Bucks.

THE DOCKAGE BILL.

A war of words took place in the Senate on Monday night between Senators, Thompson, Republican, of Dauphin, and Hines, Democrat, of Luzerne. It grew out of the bill to prohibit the dockage of coal in the Anthracite coal fields. This bill had an easy passage through the House, its opponents reserving their strength for the battle that was sure to result in the Senate. It came, however, a little sooner than was expected, being precipitated by the Senator from Luzerne, who asked for the postponement of the bill on account of the meagre attendance of Senators. Thompson interposed an objection, which, of course was sufficient to defeat its consideration. Then Hines took the floor, and spoke warmly in favor of the bill. He intimated in unmistakable terms that the Senator from Dauphin county was simply violating the sentiments of the corporations, and said that during the past two weeks he had witnessed the most shameful proceeding to de-

feat the proposed legislature. He cited figures to show the injustice to which miners were subjected by the dockage of coal, which he denounced a robbery. Then Thompson had his say, in which he contended the bill was the most iniquitous he had ever seen presented to the Legislature. He insinuated that the speech of the Senator from Luzerne incited the miners to break contracts and commit other indiscretions, and had ridden into office by his demagoguery, while he should have been relegated to obscurity. The yeas and nays were called by Senator Hines on the first section, on which eight Democrats were recorded in favor and fifteen Republicans against. This showed no quorum, and a call of the Senate was had. Then the yeas were called on a second vote, and the yeas were eleven all Democrats except Bates, of Union, and sixteen nays, all Republicans. This kills the bill for this session. At least workingmen will, it is hoped, some of these days learn who their true friends are.

THE BALLOT REFORM BILL.

In the Senate yesterday Senator Rapsheer, Democrat, of Carbon, offered a resolution requesting the reporting of the Baker Ballot Reform bill to-day, as it had been before the Committee on Elections sufficiently long to justify such action. Senator Crouse Republican, of Philadelphia, explained that four members of the Committee on Elections were absent with the Committee on Appropriation, and that the bill would be reported after the hearing of it on Thursday. The resolution was then referred to the Committee on Elections. The truth remains, however, that the Republican bosses are opposed to ballot or any other reform in the interests of the people, and the passage of the bill is at least questionable.

THE SOLDIER'S ORPHANS' INVESTIGATION.

A resolution last night to grant an extension of powers to the committee to investigate the conduct of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools elicited considerable debate in the House. The resolution however finally passed.

WANT THE BENEFIT OF THE SCHOOL FUND.

The bill introduced by Senator Hall of Elk, to turn parochial schools over to the care of the Department of Public Instruction, whereby these schools can come in for a share of the public school fund, is meeting with bitter opposition, especially from the order of the Sons of America, and Senators are besieged with letters and remonstrances against its passage. The impression is it will not become a law.

A REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN.

A pretty fight is going on in Republican camp just now over the election of a chairman of the Republican State Committee. The contest is between Representative Baker, of Delaware county, and Senator Woods, of the Juniata district. Baker is an avowed anti-Quay man, and it is not thought the silent junior U. S. Senator will permit him to have control of the affairs of the Republican organization. But "it is none of our funeral," and let the fight go on. The people of the State will be the gainers in the complete discomfiture of both factions of the Republican party.

COLUMBIA.

A Horrible Imitation of the Awful Whitechapel Crimes.

A DEPRAVED WOMAN SLASHED TO PIECES IN A NEW YORK HOTEL—HER MURDERER STEALS AWAY UNDETECTED—A DULL TABLE KNIFE USED—THE POLICE AFTER THE MURDERER.

New York, April 24.—A murder as horrible in its details as those recently committed in the Whitechapel district of London was perpetrated in a hotel in the most populous part of our city somewhere between the hours of 11 o'clock last night and 4 o'clock this morning by Edward Fitzgerald, the clerk of the Fourth Ward Hotel, where the crime was committed, was lying naked on the bed in room 31, on the top floor, where she and her escort were shown at 11 o'clock last night. The sheet and her underclothing, which were of poor quality and dirty, were tied tightly about the throat and head, and the abdomen was cut and slashed in a horrible manner by a dull, broken table knife, which lay on the floor not far from the bed. The viscera had been cut and from appearances a part was missing. The man had disappeared, although no one had seen him leave the hotel.

The victim was a woman of the streets, and was cut in precisely the same manner as those unfortunate who fell victims to "Jack the Ripper." The man who accompanied the woman to the hotel is described as similar to the famous Whitechapel butcher. The woman, when discovered at 9:45 o'clock this morning by Edward Fitzgerald, the clerk of the Fourth Ward Hotel, where the crime was committed, was lying naked on the bed in room 31, on the top floor, where she and her escort were shown at 11 o'clock last night. The sheet and her underclothing, which were of poor quality and dirty, were tied tightly about the throat and head, and the abdomen was cut and slashed in a horrible manner by a dull, broken table knife, which lay on the floor not far from the bed. The viscera had been cut and from appearances a part was missing. The man had disappeared, although no one had seen him leave the hotel.

The body of the woman had not been touched since Fitzgerald discovered her, and the Coroner, making a hasty examination, found that she had been dead quite a number of hours. He removed the cloths from her face and neck and revealed a ghastly visage. The tongue was out of the mouth and swollen, the eyes bulged from their sockets, the nose was flattened to the

face, and about the neck was a circle of congealed blood.

The appearance of the face convinced the Coroner that the woman had first been strangled and then cut. On turning over the body it was found that the murderer had left his mark. The broken end of the knife had been used to make a large cross on the base of the spine. Everything about the room was in a state of disorder, although it might have been in this condition before the couple entered it. The rooms on the top floor of the lodging-house are nothing more than spaces divided off by thin board partitions. All the adjoining rooms were occupied last night, but their tenants had left the hotel when the body was discovered. If the man had been noisy in his work the people in the other rooms must certainly heard him, but if they did they said nothing about it to the clerk.

An examination of the register showed that Room 28 was occupied by John Walsh and wife; Room 29, by J. Buckley; Room 30 by O'Connor and wife; and Room 32, by a man named Riley. Proprietor Jennings and the assistant housekeeper, Mary Munitor, went up to the Oak Street Police Station and then told Coroner Schultz and Police Captain O'Connor all they knew about the case.

The housekeeper said that the murdered woman's companion wore a white, turned down collar and a dark brown cutaway coat. He was decidedly German in appearance, but she could not tell from his appearance how long he had been in this country. She said he resembled a sea-faring man. Mary said that the woman was a well known character around the neighborhood, but no one seemed to know her or where she lived. The police are scouring the city and the vessels at the docks for the murderer.

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S. Vastine Boone died at his home near Rupert on Wednesday at one o'clock. He had been sick for some time. His age was 62 years. His widow and four sons survive him. The funeral will take place next Monday at half past one. Two sons, Joseph and John were in Texas, and the funeral was postponed so that they could get here. Samuel, of Idaho, came last Tuesday. Mr. Boone was a thrifty farmer and a good citizen. He was born on the place where he died, and always lived there.

Edward J. Moyer started Thursday for Michigan, to visit friends. He may locate there.

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