

The eicien-hoir law.
The House of Representatives of State yesterday passed what is krown
-as the eiththour bill, and that briliant
enactment now only awaits the favorable antion of the Senate, and the signatare
of the Governor, to become a law. The final passage in the Hounse, and some of
the amendments look as though they had been proposed in a spirit of wag
gishness, or for the purpose of making
the measure appear ridiculous, as it the measure appear ridiculous, as it
reall is. The bill, as originally ree labor in all eotton, woolen, silk, paper,
bagging, flax and other factories and workshops.
Farmers and farm laborers wore ex-
cluded from the operation of the bill,
while lumbermen were inelud while lumbermen were ineluded in ints
provisions. The conclusion, therefore is that farmers and farm laborerse either
have no need of recreation or time for mental culture, or that the securing of riops at harvest time and the feeding of
stock when the cattle are hungry, are of more importance than mental culture
and healthful reereation are to the
farmer. We do not see why the tame rule should not apply in somee branches
of industry that are not excluded from the action of the bill, and if it is right to
allow farmers to work as many hours as they please, why not grant the weaner
or the foundryman the same privilege? But perhaps than the sameste privilege?
the many absurdity of
tities of the bill was the including of lumbermen among the
clabses who were to be restricted to eight hours labor a day. Thessicted tardy eight men spend the winter months among the
forests of the State, where they fell timber, make it up into rafts when oppor
tunity offers, and await the coming of
the spring freshets to the spring freshets to float them to a
market. When the floods come every market. When the floods come, every
minute of time is precious to them, and
they must seize every favorable oppor
 property. A large portion of the year
they are unemployed and they have
more time for recreation then they de sire. We can fancy the laugh of deris-
jon with which the hard lumberman
would hear of that would tie up his raft when the day
was eight hours spent, and leare him high and dry with his logs, before h h had Got them ball-way to market. To add
to the absurdity of the lumberman feat-
ure of the bill ure of the bill, these men generally form
an association for the prosecution of
their business. They divide the toils nad proftits of their interr rige, toill
nay interference with egiflative action as the them of yesterday is A mot:on to include house servants in se bill failed, for the simple reason, we
suppose, that Bridget has no vote. This
is doing great injustice to the Autocrat of the Kitchen. Biddy is' now pretty
nearly the complete elictataro of the hounse-
hold, enjoying as part of her the right to sunb the lady of the house derange the domestic economy and
squander the means of the family at been the ultimate feather in Bidddy's cap,
She would have been relieved from duty mansion could have tried her hand a practising housewifery by cooking din bell, while the kitchen cabinet was We have no patience gravely to dis-
cuss this absurd bill. It means nothin because it cannot be puti into pracaing peration, and all who voted for it must
know that it is impracticable. It has carried, through the Hounse asa atid or
votees among the working-classes.' The community pays large sums of money annually for the purpose of educating
all classes and thus fitting them to be


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