### IT WAS NOT **ALL HARMONY**

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE COULDN'T AGREE.

It Considered the "Ripper" Bill on Saturday Night but the Members Differed on Many Points -- Discussion Arose Principally Over Methods of Electing Councilmen and of Removing Policemen and Firemen - Several Amendments Unanimously Decided Upon.

Senator Muchibronner's "ripper" bill for cities of the second class, now pending before the legislature at Harrisburg, was taken up by the councilmanic legislative committee at a meeting held on Saturday night. A great difference of opinion existed as to some of the changes which should be made. but several amendments were unantmously decided upon.

Present at the meeting were Couneilmen C.E. Chittenden, John E. Roche, Frank H. Ciemons, Luther Keller, M. 3. Norton, Colonel F. L. Hitchcock, representing the board of trade; Senator J. C. Vaughan and Representative John Scheuer, jr.

The first thing that was unanimously decided upon was that it would be the verlest folly to make any attempt to light the "ripper" feature of the bill, or that section which gives the governor power to appoint a mayor for the next two years. This was admitted to be the essental feature of the new measure and the feature which its supporters would refuse to give up, even if they had to sacrifice nearly everything for it.

It was decided, despite a vigorous opposition on the part of Mr. Roche, to have prepared an amendment cutting out that section of the new bill which prevents the mayor from holding any office in the city government for a period of two years after the end of his term as mayor. Mr. Chittenden championed this amendment, and stated that while he believed no mayor should be permitted to succeed bluseif, he nevertheless believed that it was not fair to cut him off from holding public office altogether for a period of two

### APPOINTING POWER.

The section of the bill giving the mayor power to appoint the director of public safety, director of public works. director of charities, receiver of taxes and city solicitor, came in for a great deal of discussion. Mr. Keiler suggested his idea, outlined in The Tribune of Friday last. He favored allowing the people to elect all these officials with the single exception of the direcfor of public safety, who is directly responsible for the maintenance of law and order in the municipality. The other members of the committee

didn't altogether agree with Mr. Keller on this point, and a compromise amendment was finally decided upon, providing for the election of both the receiver of taxes and city solicitor by

That feature of the new bill which tixes the number of common councilmen at one for every 1,000 taxables. and which provides that where a ward has not 1,000 taxables it shall be joined with another ward, came in for The committee agreed with Mr. Roche that this could be so arranged in this city as to practically shut out a minority representation in the common branch entirely.

An amendment offered by Mr. Chit-Tenden met gith general approval. This provides that every ten years the court of common pleas shall so divide the ward lines of the city as to include, as nearly as possible, 1,000 taxables to a ward, this clause to be substituted for the one above mentioned. Mr. Chittenden stated that this would equalize matters and prevent a ward having 2,000 or more taxables from having merely the same representation h council as a ward having only 700 or

When the committee came to the provision regarding the election of select councilmen there was a general argument, and no two members seemed to have the same views. The new bill provides that the entire select council shall be elected at large.

### NO MINORITY.

Mr. Roche opposed this on the ground that it would undoubtedly mean that that branch of councils would always he of the same political complexion. and that there would be no minority representation. To this some of the other members replied that the provision was wise, because it was better to have men who would represent the city at large than men who would only represent a certain ward.

Mr. Roche contended in reply that theoretically councilmen elected at large would represent the city at large. but that practically they would represent and work for the interests of the particular ward in which they lived, as to the members of the present select council.

Colonel Hitchcock believed that a healthy minerity representation in council was a good thing and he offered an amendment providing that no voter could vote for more than twethirds of the candidates for select council. This plan, he said, would always insure a minority representation. Mr. Roche wouldn't agree to this at all. He wanted the select council elected as at present from each ward and in this he was backed up by Norton. This question was according-

ly left open for future discussion. The clause of the new bill which provides that no policeman or fireman shall be dismissed except on a hearing of charges before a court of inquiry consisting of members of the depart ment of which he is a member and giving the director of public safety power to appoint the members of this court came in for a strong protest from

Mr. Roche. He contended that there could only be the semblance of justice in such a mode of procedure. The director, who would be the one who would dismiss the policeman or fireman, could easily pack the court, he said, and secure s verdict of guilty against the accused, no matter which way the evi-

### dence went. COUNCILS TO INVESTIGATE.

He favored an amendment which would give councils the power to appoint the investigating committee. The other members didn't favor this idea and said it was merely a military should be governed as nearly as possible according to military regulations. The committee will meet again to-

morrow night to decide finally upon the amendments. . City Solicitor Vosburg stated yes-

terday to a Tribune man that amendments should be prepared prescribing and limiting the corporate powers of the city. The new bill repeals every second class city law now in existence and makes no attempt whatever to define the city's powers. They are, of course, implied, but Mr. Vosburg believes that it would be wiser to have them expressly stipulated.

### PITTSBURG OPINIONS.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of Saturday

"State Senator William Films said last night that he believed councils of this city would follow the example of Allegheny and appoint a committee to go to Harrisburg and be heard on whatever charter legislation affecting the city might be considered. Senator Flinn said that he had heard of no movement for the holding of a publie meeting to protest against the 'ripper' legislation, and had no opinion to express upon the advisability of a meeting of the kind.

"The senator returned home in the norning and during the day was at Republican headquarters on Sixth avenue, where conferences were held between him and his Heutenants regarding the organization and legislative matters. At this conference the programme to have councils appoint a Harrisburg committee was determined on. The committee will be appointed it next Monday's meeting of the councils, at which resolutions will be presented authorizing their appointment.

"Sentiment against the

lause of the proposed Muchibronner act seems to be growing. There is a feeling among office-holders and ring collitetans that this unpopularity is extending to an extent that its defeat is certain. Attorney William J. Brennen, the Democratic leader, who stunds loser to National Committeeman Guffey than any one else, perhaps, yesterday came out with an interview in which he strongly condemned the feature of the Muchibronner bill which entralizes power in the mayor. He said that if charter reform was necessary nothing worse could be chosen than this bid. The thing that is needed, he said, was more popularization of government rather than more contralization."

The Times of the same city, the organ of Chris Magee, had the following, Saturday

SOME DECIDED VIEWS

"Attorney William J. Brennen exressed some decided views yesterday about the new charter legislation in-troduced in the state senate by Senaor Charles A. Muchibronner, of Allegheny. Mr. Brennen does not approve of the 'ripper' clause, but that is not nearly his whole objection to the bill. He thinks it undemocratic, and objects to it on general political and goverumental principles. I am not in favor of the present system, said Mr. Brennen, because I think it does not allow the people enough participation in the selection of municipal officers. With charter reform in view nothing could be worse for that purpose than this Muchibronner bill. Its ideas of entralizing power in the mayor are bad, for the mayor's extra term of office is not long enough to allow a man to become accustomed to the duties of his office, and at the beginning of a term we would expect a new man, utterly unversed, to step in and take full control.

"Centralization of power is a bad thing in any government. In this case it would make the mayor seem too much above the every-day man, and is nothing in sight to prevent the imwould elevate him so that he would not be conversant with the workings of the offices under his own control. Who knows now whether the policeman covers his beat or not? Don't the people on the beat know better whether lity and wealth is opening for the ne is attending to duty than any of the officer's superiors? I think it would so better instead of centralizing such power in the mayor to have more officials elected, heads of departments, and so oh, even to policemen. I am in favor of a new charter, but the Muchibronner bill is not the one, and not a single clause in it appeals to me."

"The supporters of the 'ripper' meas ure are making a systematic campaign in order to be assured that their measure will pass. Circular letters are being sent out to as many voters as names can be secured. Several of the Pittsburg anti-Quay people have been very much amused at the receipt of such letters. One came into the possession of Mayor W. J. Diehl yesterday, though not sent directly to him. The letters urge voters to impress upon their representatives in the legislature the necessity of voting for the Muchibronner measure. The letters have no signature save 'By order of the com-

### POSTOFFICES HIS SPECIALTY. Strange Man Who Has a Scheme All His Own.

Some time ago a strange man visited Duryea postoffice and said he was the revenue stamp inspector and demanded to be allowed to examine the different things in the postoffice, but the postmistress, Mrs. C. W. Housey, deto that effect. As he could not do so, she would not allow alm to investigate any of the matters pertaining to the postoffice. The nan said he had been sent by the authorities at Washington to investigate some forgery business about the postoffice, and said he would telegraph and see if he had made a mistake, and would return in few moments. He never returned. The authorities were notified and they made a search for the man, but it was of no avail. A few days ago word was received from the Avoca postmistress asking for a description of the man. There had appeared at that officea very rough looking man, who asked the postmistress to buy some stamps, which she refused to do. The Durgea postmistress described the man, but they did not seem to be the same. Last week a man that was thought to be the same person visited Lawrenceville, and was successful in obtaining a considerable amount of money by his

### AN INQUEST AT DALTON.

Inquired Into the Death of Mrs. Reider and Infant.

Coroner Roberts yesterday morning conducted an inquest at Dalton in the case of Mrs. Melchire Reider and her infant baby. The jury brought in a verdict that Mrs. Reider had died of pneumonia after giving birth to a child. The jury also found that she had had no medical attendance until a half an hour previous to her death and censured the husband for not pro-

It was found that the baby died of innotition. The jurors were: Charles A. Zeiler, M. D., Harry Hetzel, Oscar Rozelle, W. H. Von Storch, W. E. Smith and F. S. Francis,

### **NEWS OF THE** LABOR WORLD

DEMAND FOR ANTHRACITE IS IS STILL STRONG.

Colleries Are Still Working Full Time and Are Disposing of Their Product Readily-South to Take an Important Place in the Manufacture of Steel - The D., L. & W. Board for Today-Officers of Cross Axle Company-Notes About the

The hard coal trade is still active. though it begins to show the effects of a mild winter. The collieries are running full time, barring shutdowns from labor troubles or accidents, and are disposing of all the coal mined. recent cold wave proved very short-lived along the scaboard, though it brought the lowest temperatures of winter. In the interior the cold was particularly severe and it is at interior ports that coal is most wanted. Another month of mild weather will probably see stocks accumulating, but in view of the possibilities of labor troubles the miners will probably get out coal in excess of immediate needs. There continue to be scattered strikes at the collieries, some of which start from trivial causes, and are discouraged by officials of the United Mine Workers. The miners, however, are not likely to forget their victory of last fall for some time.

The old and much-discussed topic of a central selling agency has the floor again. There is more excuse for discussing it than before and more to be said of its prospects. Everything indicates that the independent operators still mining are to come more directly under the control of the dominating interests in the trade. With control in the hands of but one or two interests there is no need of the present complex machinery of distribution and undoubtedly much of this will be discarded. It is not improbable that a territorial system of distribution will be adopted as far as possible, as has been done in the seaboard soft coal trade. Certain roads will ship to certain consuming territories, thus doing away with several sets of sales agents. in the same field. It is also possible that the whole trade will be so controlled that one authority will have power of distribution and of adjusting supplies to market needs,-Engineering and Mining Journal.

### Competition in Steel Rails.

Chreat expectations are based upon e prospect that the manufacture of steel in various forms in the south will soon give consumers the benefit competition which they do not now enjoy. On the subject the New York 'ommercial says: "The steel rail pool should make up its mind that it is going to have competition from the south, and at an early date, too,"

The manufacture of steel calls in

the south has not only passed the experimental stage, but it has been demonstrated that steel can be made in the Birmingham region cheaper anywhere else in the world. Another great steel mill is in process of construction near Birmingham, and there mense expansion of the iron and steet will have a practically unlimited market, both at home and abroad, and this means that another source of prospersouth .- Financial Review.

### This and That

The citizens of El Paso have shown spirit of enterprise and progressivess by offering a bonus of \$50,000 to the Arizona and Southeastern, which extending eastward. If that road vill touch at El Paso.

Contractor McDonnell, engaged on he Canadlan Northern, says that by fall this new trans-continental fine will have 1,600 miles of completed road connecting Fort Arthur with the Sashatchewau river. There are rich mineral deposits on the line of this oad, the development of which will made possible when railroad facilities are available.

The present mileage of the Sante Fe system is 7.820 miles. The company ontrols the Pecos Valley and Northwestern, 270 miles, and the Gulf. Beaumont and Kansas City, 61 miles which, added, shows \$,251 miles owned mittee.' They were mailed at West and controlled. This will be increased in a few months by some mileage under construction. Sante Fe has now moved from eighth to sixth place in the list of systems with the greatest mileage, but the procession is constantly changing.

The Cross Axle company, of Wilkes-Barre, has elected the following offi-James M. Boland, president; F. M. Nichols, vice-president: Colonel George N. Reichard, treasurer; W. L. Raeder, secretary; R. R. Cross, mana ger. The directors have been increased manded that he show proper articles from seven to nine. The above named officers have also been elected as direciors, also M. O. Parsons, C. D. Foster, J. M. Burdick and D. L. O'Neill. The capitalization has been increased \$100. 000, which now makes the full capital stock \$300,000.

### WAS STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Joseph Beluch Instantly Killed at Carbon Street Crossing.

Joseph Beluch, of 156 Seventh street, as struck and instantly killed by Delaware and Hudson passenger train it the Carbon street crossing at 2.15 p. yesterday. The body was badly manufed, both legs being cut off, one above the knee and the other above the ankle, and the back of his head was smashed in.

Reinch and another man were crossing the tracks when the accident occurred. At this time, one train backs up while the other goes in the opposite direction. Beluch and his companion were standing between the two track, and the former in getting out of the way of one, stepped in front of the other train, while his companion escaped unharmed.

The remains were taken in charge by Undertaken Cusick and removed to his undertaking establishment on Washavenue. \*Coroner viewed the body and decided an inquest was necessary.

### BANQUET OF KNIGHTS.

To Be Held at Club Rooms Next Wednesday Night.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their third annual banquet and third anniversary entertainment in the club rooms on Washington avenue Wednesday night next.

There will be many

### THE ROST OF THE MATTER.

He Oured Himself of Serious Stomach Trouble Down to First Principles

A man of large affairs in one of our prominent eastern cities by too close attention to business, too little exercise and too many club dinners, finally began to pay nature's tax, levied in the form of chronic stomach trouble; the fatture of his digestion brought about a nervous irritability making it impossible to apply himself to his daily business and finally deranging

the kidneys and heart. In his own words he says: "I con suited one physician after another and each one seemed to understand my case, but all the same they each failed to bring about the return of my former digestion, appetite and vigor. For two years I went from pillar to post, from one santtarium to another, gave up smoking, I quit coffee and even renounced my daily glass or two of beer, but without any marked im-

"Friends had often advised me to try well known proprietary medicine. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and I had often perused the newspaper advertisements of the remedy, but never took any stock in advertised medicines nor could believe a fifty-cent patent medicine would touch my case. "To make a long story short I finally cought a couple of packages at the nearest drug store and took two or three tablets after each meal and occasionally a tablet between meals, when I felt any feeling of nausen or discomfort.

"I was surprised at the end of the first week to note a marked improvement in my appetite and general bealth and before the two packages were gone I was certain that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets was going to cure completely and they did not disappoint ne. I can eat and sleep and enjoy my coffee and eigar and no one would suppose I had ever known the horrors of dyspepsin.

"Out of friendly curlosity I wrote to the proprietors of the remedy asking for information as to what the tablets contained and they replied that the principal ingredients were aseptic pepsin (government test) matt diastase and other natural digestives, which digest food regardless of the condition of the stomach."

The root of the matter is this, the iigestive elements contained Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest the food, give the overworked stomach chance to recuperate and the nerves and whole system receive the nourishment which can only come from food; stimulants and nerve tonics never give real strength, they give a fictitious strength, invariably followed by reaction. Every drop of blood, every nerve and tissue is manufactured from our daily food, and if you can insure its prompt action and complete digestion the regular use of so good and cholesome a remedy of Stuart's Dysopsta Tablets, you will have no nee neeve tonics and sanitariums.

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speakers. After the banquet there will also be dancing. Bauer's orchestra will render an especially prepared musical programme. This will be the first time in the history of the Scranton | 13. 1900. that ladies were adm the anniversary exercises. The affair will be made as informal as possible Retreshments will be served by Han-

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