

THE AIR FULL OF RIPPER

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The claim of the "ripper" that the bill will affect a great good, or the counter-claim of the anti that it will work a great injustice. What we want is the Muehlbrunner bill. To get it we must accede to the "ripper" clause. If the "ripper" clause is not right, it can be disposed of entirely.

Already Mayor Moir and Assistant Solicitor Davis have accomplished what half a dozen others have failed to do in the conversion of two Quakers, who had privately declared against the "ripper" and who were expected every minute to come out in an open declaration that they would not vote for the Muehlbrunner bill.

Philadelphia Arrive. County Commissioner Ryan and Democratic City Chairman Donnelly, of Philadelphia, arrived here on a very morning train and took a suite of rooms at the Bolton. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Donnelly delivered to the Quakers the Philadelphia court bill. In consideration of this they were allowed to remain in the city for the night.

GRAB BILLS TO BE KILLED. Result of Representative Cooper's Action—Mr. Scheuer's Bake Shop Bill Passes Third Reading.

Harrisburg, Feb. 26.—It was reported this morning that as a result of Representative Cooper's action last night in serving notice on the organization managers that he and a number of his colleagues would come out in open revolt if the alleged "grab" bills were insisted upon, that orders went forth that these bills should be killed.

Mr. Scheuer's bake shop bill passed this morning in the house. It regulates the manufacture of flour and meal products, the employment of adult females and minors and provides penalties for violation of its penalties.

It is substantially the same bill that passed the legislature in 1897 and which was declared unconstitutional because its first section attempted to restrict trade. The new law is made to conform in this respect with the general factory law.

Representative Reynolds has declared against the Stroh bill increasing the compensation of poor directors. Mr. Reynolds believes that it is poor business to increase the compensation of the Stroh directors from \$200 to \$500 when they are doing their work so well for \$200 and so anxious to do it at this figure that the office is one of the most eagerly sought of all that obtain in Lackawanna county.

Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Hunt have served notice on the street railway committee that unless their bills are reported this week efforts will be made next week to have them taken from the committee and placed before the house. Mr. Reynolds' bill limits the hours of labor of street railway employees to ten hours a day.

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A new receiver of taxes bill for third class cities is given to the house by Mr. McConnell, of Lawrence county. It will be in line with the city treasurers of Carbondale, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre and other good sized third class cities.

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county affected, to inquire into and make report concerning the same. The commissioners are to prepare a map of the proposed new county and other necessary information regarding the same, and if their report shows that the proposed new district can be erected without conflicting with the constitutional provisions as to territory, population and the nearest distances of the boundary lines from the county seat, the governor shall call a special election, of the electors of the county to be divided, to decide for or against the division.

In case the majority of the voters vote in favor of the new county, the governor shall forthwith issue a proclamation declaring the same, and, thereupon, the new county shall be established.

If the new county has a population of more than 40,000 it shall be a separate judicial district. Certified copies of the records of matters pertaining to the new county shall be recorded in the new county and the original force and effect of the original entries.

At the next general election after the creation of the new county, the electors shall fill the offices and designate the county seat. In the interim, the duties of the offices shall be performed by the county seat shall be designated by the commissioners, and the expenses shall be provided for by a bond issue not exceeding in amount \$50,000.

The payment of the new county's share of the debt of the old county shall be adjusted by the commissioners of the two counties. A Butter Bill. The bill introduced by Senator Muehlbrunner this afternoon, defining butter, and regulating its manufacture and preventing fraud and deception in its making, is claimed to be a retaliation against the most generally criticized of the bills, that establishing a division of horticulture and pomology, in the department of agriculture, was defeated by a vote of 14 to 25.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY. Nominations Confirmed—Bills Passed Finally—New Measures Introduced.

Harrisburg, Feb. 26.—The senate met this morning at 10 o'clock. Among the nominations confirmed was that of J. T. Rothrock, of West Chester, to be commissioner of forestry. The report of the committee on rules, which provides a set of rules for the senate with few changes, was adopted. These bills were passed finally.

These bills making it unlawful for district attorneys to stand aside in suspending any jury in the trial of any indictment charging a felony or misdemeanor in any court, and the challenging jurors by the countenances and the defendant in such cases. This bill is somewhat similar to the McCarroll bill of the last session.

Providing for the establishment of night schools for the manual training of children above the age of 12 years. Providing for the alteration of the boundaries of townships and boroughs in certain cases, and the adjustment of the individual shares of the assessment of the property therein.

Making an appropriation for the erection of a monument to the memory of John Burns, a citizen of Gettysburg, who served in the Iron Brigade. Appropriating \$500 to county historical societies in order to encourage the establishment of the same.

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The calendar was cleared of bills on first and second readings. Bills Introduced. By Mr. Vaughan, Lackawanna—Amending section 11 of an act relating to proceedings when goods of absent owners have been sold or seized by the sheriff and claimed to belong to others than the defendant in the execution or process, so as to provide that the plaintiff in the execution shall file a bond to cover costs and expenses and providing that if such bond is not filed the proceedings shall be null and void; also a bill appropriating \$100,000 to the House of Good Will.

By Mr. McClintock, Allegheny—Authorizing any borough on the written request of the board of health to condemn and pave, or completely reconstruct, any street or natural water way, other than navigable streams, and for the purpose to enter upon, condemn and take property and material necessary for that purpose, and providing for the ascertainment and assessment of lands and premises, as well as the levy and collection of bonds against them and constituting such benefits a lien upon the properties upon which they are respectively assessed; also a bill defining better and to regulate the making and selling of better and to prevent fraud and deception in the making and selling of better, any violation thereof, and providing punishment for violation of the act.

By Mr. Cummings, Warren—Providing for the creation or purchase of armor for the National Guard, and providing that it shall constitute the duty of the soldiers general to employ and train to prepare plans for suitable armor of three classes, the average cost of which, estimated as follows: First class, \$10,000; second class, \$5,000; third class, \$2,500; also a bill supplementing and amending the act providing for the organization of the National Guard, and providing a fund for each regiment, provided for by more than three hundred members to each regiment, and not more than twelve dollars each be assigned to the usual equipment of each regiment.

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COUNTY STATEMENT. Report of County Treasurer M. J. Kelly for the Year 1900. DR. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1900, \$3,947 37

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY 1900. Statement Showing Receipts, Disbursements, Condition of the Finances and Accounts of State and County Taxes for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1900.

NOTE.—DELINQUENT TAXES FOR YEARS 1896, 1897 AND 1898 are already in the hands of the County Solicitor and stringent measures will be taken for immediate settlement. Tax collectors for the year 1899 are also urged to make a settlement.

Condition of Finances of Lackawanna County. ASSETS. Cash in county treasury, \$25,000 00