BUSINESS LIKE LEGISLATURE

Work in the Senate and House at Harrisburg Expeditiously Transacted.

THE REGULARS IN CONTROL

Many Subjects and Diverse Interests Are Affected by Hills Now Under Consideration in Committee or on Passage in Both Rouses.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Feb. 12.—The last week has been one of unsual interest in leg-islative matters. Many new bills have been introduced in the senate and the house covering a variety of subjects, and some of them, after being referred to committee, will never again see the light of day. But there are many measures under consideration that are of general interest and which it is important to keep track of, that legislators may know the sentiment of their constituents. This is a business like legislature and with the regulars in control of both houses there is little opportunity for the insurgents to fili-

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM. There will come up this week for fi-nal passage in the house bills establish-ing a department of forestry: providing for the study of physical culture in the public schools in first, second and third class cities, if they so that, thorizing borough councils to pay a portion of the cost and expense grading, curbing and paving side-walks; regulating the manufacture of flour and meal products; establishing a division of horticulture and pomology in the department of agriculture, and giving cities and boroughs power and authority to consent to the construction of water works and the entry upon the streets and highways within their

CONGRESSIONAL APPORTION-MENT.

The congressional apportionment bill has been introduced and referred to a committee in the senate, which gives Philadelphia two additional congress-men, one additional to Allegheny and forms a fourth district from counties taken from two of the western dis-There will be changes in the districts before the bill is passed finally, as the whole matter will probably be referred to a committee on confer-

ACHESON'S END HAS COME. There is one reasonable certainty and that is that Congressman Acheson, who has been working with the insurgents and Republican party wreckers, will be bowled out of a district, The present plan is to take away from district that portion of Allegheny which gave him support from the Flinn insurgents and to form a new district to be made up of Washington, which is Acheson's home county, and Beaver and Lawrence, both strong stalwart Republican counties. A fight has al-ready been started against Acheson's control of the Republican organization in Allegheny,
Among the bills passed finally in the

house last week were the following: Validating all elections to vote upon the question of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities; ratifying and confirming legal documents acknowledged before George R. Bothwell, of Allesheny; repealing the act of April 8, 1862, for the protection of sheep in Westmoreland and Armstrong countles, and extending to these countles the general laws for the taxation of dogs and the protection of sheep; providing that pupils may remain at the soldiers' orphans' schools after attain-ing the age of 16 until the close of the school year; repealing the act of July 3, 1895, regulating the affairs of school districts and sub-school districts second class cities and to repeal local and special laws inconsistent therewith; to protect children and making it a misdemeanor to place free or trial samples of medicines, ink, dyes, color-ing or polishing compounds in any

form where children can secure them.

The house committee on counties and townships, by a vote of 19 to 1, Mr. Haworth, of Luzerne, voting in the af-firmative, decided to report negatively the bill to create a separate county out of portions of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties, with Hazleton as the county

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL An employers' liability bill which greatly widens the scope of the present act has been introduced in the house act has been introduced in the house by Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia. It is modeled after the Massachusetts law on the same subject. It provides that any employe who may be injured while he is himself in the exercise of due care and diligence at the time, by reason of any defect of ways, works or machin-ery of his employer, which arose from or had not been discovered or reme-died owing to the negligence of the employer or any person in his service, who had the duty of saying that the ways, works or machinery were in proper condition, or by reason of the negligence of any superintendent or any person in charge, or control of any sign, switch, locomotive, engine or train, the employe or his representa-tive, in case of death, shall have the right of compensation and remedy against the employer as if the employe had not been employed or in the ser-

vice of the employer.

Much attention is being given the bill taxing foreign corporations. Few defend it, and those in a position to know say it would cripple some of the largest corporations in Pittsburg. This, together with several other corporation measures introduced, has been favorably reported by the committee on ways and means. The foreign cor-porations tax bill, it is said, will either recommitted or killed on second

Representative Smyth, of Philadelphia, desires the law providing for compulsory vaccination in the public school repealed.

NEW BANKING MEASURE. A bill creating in the banking department a bureau of building and los a associations has been introduced in ass house of representatives by Mr. Cal-der, of Harrisburg. The hill crasses the office of superintendent of building and loan associations, who shall be appointed by the superintendent of banking and receive a salary of \$3,000 annually. If any association shall within 30 days after having been given notice of any reduction or impairment in its assets, neglect to make good the deficiency, the commissioner shall call a meeting of the sharehold-ers at its home office to either determine or scale the values of shares to such an extent as to fully provide for the deficiency and continue to carry on its business or go into voluntary

Mr. Calder introduced a companion bill which authorizezs mutual saving fund and building and loan associations to issue full paid and prepaid to WERTHROW fore issued.

Mr. Jones introduced a bill supply ing a proceeding in replevin and applying the affidavit of defense law to it. A bill creating a department of mines was presented by Mr. Philbin, of Lackawanna. It provides for a chief, whose salary shall be \$4,000 a year,

and two assistants, one of whom shall

be a mining engineer A BATCH OF NEW BILLS. Among other bills introduced in the house are the following:
To prohibit the sale of adulterated

milk in second-class cities; appropri-ating \$20,000 to St. Francis' hospital, Pittsburg. Extending the provision of the act

of June 8, 1893, so as to limit the dura-tion of the lien upon real estate of the debts of decedents. Appropriating \$35,000 to the Key

stone state commission of the Pan-American exposition.

Validating private sales of real estate of decedents. Amending the act of April 28, 1899, to provide that whenever the prison board named in the act deems it expedient they may have work performed on the streets of boroughs where a prisoner has been imprisoned on con-dition that there be paid into the county treasury 35 cents a day for each and every prisoner's work.

Exempting churches and places of re-ligious worship from taxation for Amending the act regulating bor-

oughs, to levy and collect annually for general borough purposes any tax not exceeding one per cent. on the dollar on the valuation assessed for county purposes as now is or will be provided

Amending the act of June 26, 1895, authorizing second class cities to appropriate moneys for Memorial day and celebration of Independence day, so as to provide that the entire sum so appropriated for the expenses of Memorial day services be paid to a me-morial committee appointed by the various posts of the G. A. R. in such

Requiring clubs to take out liquor li-

Providing that screens and all obstructions shall be removed from all hotels, restaurants and other places where liquors are licensed to be sold.

REVIEW OF PA E.

Bradstreet's Report on Cauditions of

Business Throughout the Country. NEW YORK, Feb. 9 .- Bradstreet's today says: Trade developments this week, aside from those connected with ramored combinations in great industries, of which it seems as yet too early to speak authoritatively, have been in to speak authoritatively have seen in the main favorable. Several lines of trade and many staple prices show fr-regularity, but this is probably no more pronounced than usual at this season of the year. The feature of the week in distributive jobbing lines has been the growth of spring demand in the South and Southwest, reflected in cularged sales of drygoods, boots and shoes, cloth-ing and millinery at leading centers.

there and in the Central West. Better advices as to the outlook for trade come from the Northwest and Palific coast reports are no less encouraging. Retall distribution of winter goods reflects the stimulus afforded by winter weather, but earlier quietness and per-haps large stocks still carried are probably responsible for the slowness of col-lections to improve. Prices are still irregular, though not much lower as a whole. Clearings undoubtedly reflect speculation in the enormous totals reported, but the gains outside the metropolis, in the country-at-large, indorse the reports from a number of cities of a toal trade larger than a year ago.

Railway carnings likewise point to a substantial gain over January a year ago, which marked the highest point ago, which marked the highest point reached up to that time in this branch

The cereals are dull, irregular and rather lower on large Argentine ship-ments and liberal Northwest movements, supporting feature being the good exsort inquiry developed at concessions.

The strength of sole leather is a feature noted at many markets. Buyers reported more willing to meet man ufacturers' views as to prices. Lumber has lagged among building material, but is stiffening in price as the season of ac-

ve operations approaches. Demand for wool is only to cover manufacturers' sales, and some soft spots are reported. Plain dress woolens are in chief demand, and men's wear goods are

Iron and steel have been rather quiet, ut steady and even strong as to price with finished products, particularly struc-tural material in active inquiry. Imme-diate delivery of steel billets can only be obtained at advances of 50 cents to \$1.00 over the pool price. Bessemer pig iron s strong and 25 to 50 cents higher on

Wheat, including flour, shipments for Wheat, helitaing hour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,997,813 bushels, against 3,776,100 bushels last week, 2,-902,357 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, 5,780,500 bushels in 1899 and 3,419,504 bushels in 1898, Corn exports for the week aggregate

4,171,440 bushels against 3,007,707 bushels (corrected) Inst week, 3,450,909 bushels in this week a year ago, 3.865,622 bushels in 1800 and 4,508,012 bushels in

Business failures for the week number 245, against 238 last week, 231 in this week a year ago, 193 in 1800, 278 in 1898 and 301 in 1897.

ALDERMEN'S WAGES.

Legislature Recommended to Fix Pay Ac-

cording to City's Rating. ALBANY, Feb. 12.-Representatives of the bourds of aldermen of Rochester, Syracuse, Troy and Albany met in this city yesterday and recommended to the State legislature several amendments to the uniform charter for cities of the second class. The principal amendment pro vides that the members of the board of aldermen in each city of the second class shall be salaried. In cities of 150,000 or re inhabitants the salaries shall not be less than \$750 or more than \$1,000 per year, and in cities of less than 150. 000 inhabitants, not less than \$600 or more than \$750 per year; the exact amount to be fixed by the board of esti-

mate and apportionment in each city. Another important amendment provider that a two-thirds instead of a three fourths vote shall be necessary in the adoption by the council of the annua tax budget or resolutions appropriating public money. Soveral miner amendments are proposed including one raising from \$50 to \$250 the maximum amount the head of a city department may ex-pend for supplies without a contract. The aidermen held a banquet last night and will meet again today.

Destroyed the Supply. Mrs. Goodsoul-I think it's a perfect shame that the early settlers killed off the Indians the way they did,

Business Men of Pittsburg Demand Help From the Legislature.

THE REFORM SHAM EXPOSED

Leading Citizens Tell of the Burdens That Have Fallen Upon Them as the Result of Machine Domination and Ask Passage of the "Ripper"

(Special Correspondence.)
Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Led by the chamber of commerce and the board of trade of the East Side, citizens of Pittsburg are now engaged in a deter-mined struggle to relieve the government of that city of control by the political machine of which Senator William Flinn is the acknowledged boss. Senator Flinn, as leader of the insurgent movement in state politics, recently suffered defeat in the bitter struggle to prevent the re-election of Col. M. S. Quay to the United States senate. In his campaign against the leaders of the Republican organization Flinn made loud and frequent profes-sions of reform, and he and his agents went about the state posing as representatives of all that was good and pure in politics.

CITIZENS ARE AROUSED. Now that Flinn's neighbors have undertaken to deprive him of the political power which has been his main source of revenue for years Film is seen in a new light by the people of

the state. There has been introduced at Harrisburg a bill granting new charters to Pittsburg, Allegheny city and Scran-ton, To satisfy the demands of citi-zens of Pittsburg, who wish an opportunity to elect a mayor without inter-ference or dictation from the 6,000 officeholders and employes of contractors in the Flinn combine, a provision has been introduced in this new charter

bili which is known as the "ripper."

This bill provides that the governor shall appoint the first mayor under the new charter, who shall hold office for about a year, before the mayor to be about a year, before the mayor to be elected by the people shall be chosen. This arrangement will prevent the present Pittaburg ring from having absolute control of the nomination and election of the first charter mayor or for the full term

QUAY FOR REFORM. Advocates of reform in Pittsburg have appealed to Col. M. S. Quay and other Republican leaders in the to help them secure the desired per" legislation. Last week Col. Quay sent a telegram from Florida to Attor-ney General Elkin, in which he said: "I am much improved in health and will go north within the next ten days. "I want my friends to stand by me and pass the charter bill, because the people interested in good government demand it. M. S. QUAY."

FLINN RULE EXPOSED. There was an interesting session be-fore the senate committee on municipal affairs at Harrisburg when business men manufacturers and other from Pittsburg were heard in suppo of the "ripper" bill. The only oppnents of the measure were officehold ers or other beneficiaries under the Flinn regime. One of the most notable speeches before this committee was made by Charles S. Crawford, a well known citizen of Pittsburg and mem-ber of the East Side board of trade, who reviewed the delegation present to protest against the "ripper

Among other things he said: The individual testimony of the Pittsburg councilmanie committee, although relevant, should be given no weight. A glance at the personnel of that committee will be sufficient to show to you the probable blasness of H. McCleary has for a long time been closely connected with the political leader and is an ex-sheriff. John Upperman presented to councils last June the resolution which ousted the director of public works. John Benz has been closely connected with all legislation proposed and instigated by the insurgent boss. George S. Fleming is widely known as a close adherent to any principles advanced by the insur-gent leader. W. A. Magee is a brother of the Hon. C. A. Magee. And I might here add that it has been the feeling of a great many people in Pittsburg that, had it not been for the unfortunate and severe bodily illness of Hon. C. A. Magee for the past three years, the causes and complaints that

have given rise to the 'ripper' bill would not have had this culmination. "Kirk Q. Bingham is the member of common council who a few years ago attempted to saddle upon the city a hillside in the Thirty-second ward for park purposes, having been turned down through the intervention of Hen. John J. Sweeney and others. Mr. Bingham within the past year has endeav-ored, after laying out a part of the property in lots and cutting a tier of lots from the whole, to saddle on the city the remaining portion of the property at the enormous price of \$32,000, when in reality the property would

hardly sell for \$15,000. Of Mr. Semmelrock and Mr. Splain but little can be said, except that they are known to be closely allied with in-

PITTSBURG'S BAD GOVERNMENT. "I have no delicacy in telling you that the government of Pittsburg is needlessly expensive and generally condemned. It is inefficient and its methods bring the worst voters to the polls and largely repel the most worthy. Our city government for the past ten years has been so administered as to be generally regarded as discreditable to an American citizen and a scandal to our republican system. Our municipal affairs have been so largely controlled by one man for his personal aggrandizement that unselfish devotion to public interests is discouraged, and

very few men have the heart or courage to oppose the selfish ruler. "Under our present form of government official malfeasance is a common offense, and our people are familiar with official connivance in the matter of the purchase of real estate for public improvements. The present administration and the controlling power back of it have made and developed a demoralization and corruption in pol-itics which the persistent efforts of the most unselfish particle citizens have not been able to hold in check; It has made the management of municipal politics and elections a degrad-ing business by which a class of useless and vicious politicians prosper, and last, but not least, it has developed

to an alarming degree a degrading and corrupt system of boss rule. WHAT THE "RIPPER" WILL DO. "The primary object of this "ripper" bill is that of making it possible for Miss De Pretty—Indeed it is. Just think what lovely furs they used to sell fillated with local politics, men not for a few glass heads!—New York Week-1 connected with city contract work to

be advanced to our municipal offices. From our past and present experience we know that our future experience will only be a repetition of the past and present if this charter is not pass-

ed with the 'ripper' appendage.
"I have always been enthusiastically opposed to any kind of harsh treat-ment; I have always advocated a fair trial and fair play. I say to you, with-out fear of contradiction, that the pres-ent administration and the gigantic boss behind it have had more than ample time and resources to establish in our city a 'people's government, made for the people, made by the peo-ple and answerable to the people.' And what has been the result of their pro-longed trial? To what purposes have the time and resources been applied? We have worse than a ring ridden city. The name of Pittsburg, so dear to the hearts of its citizens, is all but taken from us. Politically speaking, our city is the capital of the insurgents and boxers, and may be appropriately called Ringtown. The government is the boss' government, made by the boss, made for the boss and answer able only to the boss. The people have not been given the alightest consideration. The wants and needs of the people have been totally disregarded, except in instances of personal gain for the boss. Every effort of the people for fairness in legislation is promptly met by the boss with the expression. 'I am in this for business, you from principle.' And business always pre-

"We not only want the fundamental law changed," said former Postmaster J. B. Larkin, "but we appeal to you to change the people who execute the law. The taxable valuation of real estate in Pittsburg has increased from \$87,000,-000 in 1880 to \$300,000 000 in 1901. The 'organization' was only in its infanc-in 1830, and for eight years increases the valuations gradually, but under the charter now in force it has inflated real estate values \$152,000,000, the increase in 12 years being 211 per cent, although the increase in population was only about 180 per cent. The to-tal warrants issued in the 12 years was \$79,359,192. From 1894 to 1897 warrants were ordered drawn to the amount of \$32,348,000. The bonded debt has been increased \$2,321,675.
"The people want an oaster to restore

the government to them. This would not be revolutionary. The organiza-tion names every official a month before vacancies occur. The kind of gov-ernment it gives is a farce, that you cannot too quickly relieve the people of, hearing in wind the fact that when the organization desires to remove or get rid of any feature or member of the government it acts instantly and without bearing, trial or sentiment."

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