FLINN FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

Reform Element in Allegheny County Appeal to Republicans in the State.

"RIPPER" PASSED IN SENATE

New Charter Bill Designed to Overthrow the Pittsburg Ring Is Now Before the House at Harrisburg and a Hig Struggle is Waging.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Feb. 19.-Interest in state politics continues to be riveted upon the plans of the stalwart Repub-Hean leaders to aid the reform element in Pittsburg to overthrow the iniquitous Flinn machine.

The board of trade and the chamber of commerce of Pittsburg have been working for years to bring about reforms in the management of municipal affairs in that city, and they are now depending upon the regular Republicans at Harrisburg to help them pass what is known as the "ripper" or new charter bill. This measure, after a most desperate fight, was passed finally in the state senate last week. Flinn led his forces in person, and up to the very last minute hoped to be able to block the bill on third reading. He and his insurgent and Democratic followers resorted to the most desperate filibustering tactics, and with the as-sistance of the Guffey Democratic or-ganization the Finn combiners be-lieved they would be able to keep the bill from getting a constitutional ma-jority in the senate and thus dispose of the issue without having to run the gauntlet of the house.

PLINN SHOWS WHITE FEATHER. Fifun, in a speech made against the bill, showed the white feather. He referred to the recent contest on the Uni-ted States senutorship, in which he and his insurgent followers went outside the lines of the Republican party, and with the co-operation of the Democrats sought to defeat the nominee of the Republican caucus, the choice of a large majority of the Republicans of Pennsylvania, for senator, just as he did two years before, when, by a fuslon deal with the Bryanite Democra-cy, he prevented the election of a Re-

publican to the senate.

Now that the business men and manufacturers and in fact the entire re-form element of his home county are up in arms against him and demanding that he and his henchmen shall be driven from their positions of power, Flinn is pleading with the regular Re-publicans of the state to come to his rescue and block the plans of the taxpayers of Allegheny, who have been obliged to bear the burdens which the Flinn ring have put upon them in their extravagant and proffigate administration of public affairs in Pittsburg.

Flinn made several speeches in the fillibustering movements against passage of the bill, in one of which he referred to the senatorial contest and whimperingly declared that when the vote was taken on that issue he had supposed that the "book was closed that the fight was ended, and that there was to be harmony.

Almost everybody in the chamber smiled when Flinn said this, for they recalled the domineering and defiant attitude which Flinn assumed all through the last session of the legislature, when, with the insurgents and the Democrats under his whip, he controlled enough votes to prevent an election to the senatorship. They also had vividly brought to mind the damnable conspiracy by which the Flinn insurgents had Col. Quay arrested in this city under a trumped up charge, and how they had hoped to see him convicted, although there was not a scintilla of evidence that he had wronged a single individual or that in

wronged a single individual or that in any business transactions which he had with the People's bank, the bank or the state had lost a penny. Flinn, with his record of the past fresh in the minds of every stalwart Republican of Pennsylvania, is now upon his knees a supplicant for mercy, besseeting the Republicant beseeching the Republicans of the state to save him from the wrath of his neighbors.

BOSS RULE DENOUNCED.

A couple of Democrats and one or two insurgents made weak arguments in opposition to the passage of the "ripper" after Flinn had spoken.

He was confronted, however, by facts and figures from his fellow citizens which showed the need of a radizens which showed the need of a radi-cal change in the methods of municipal management in Pittsburg. A letter was read from R. L. Strawbridge, a well known attorney of Pittsburg, se-verely arraigining the Flinn regime and demanding relief from the legisla-ture.

Among other things Mr. Straw-

Among other things Mr. Straw-bridge said:
"If there is a pince this side of hell that needs reform it is Pittsburg. If there is a modern stable on earth that needs to be ripped open and dunged out by some herculean hand it is the Pitts-burg site hall said the most of the pittsburg city hall and the appurtenances thereto. The stable bosses, hostlers, sponge holders, rubbers, 'con,' men and lackers must go to the dump on the first load in order to allow the

work of cleaning to begin.
"It is the honest truth, there is a horde of harpies, vampires, buzzards and leeches that swarm around the city hall and court house, prey upon the vitals of the city, sap its life blood and gotte themselves out of its treasury and franchises that beggars por-trayal. However lurid the picture of it may be, you may rest assured that it yet wants coloring, and however pipe dreamy the story of their graft may seem, you can be sure that, like the stories King Solomon of old heard about the income of the queen of Sheba, the half has not been told, "Such men as Nero, Caligula and oth-

ers who ran things pretty much their own way in the old Rome were mild and agreeable potentates in compari-son to the Pittsburg bosses, and fellows like the rich Crosses and others who farmed and manipulated the taxes of that anciest city were simply not on to their jobs. The grang of Pittsburg manipulators comprising the so called city ring and pay roll crowd are fearless, unblushing and relentless, and operate in the open light of noonday as wal as at midnight. They wield a powalsolute as that of the exar of all the Russias. They pull the string on everything from the ward commit-teemen to the mayor's pen. They pull the string whenever a dollar is in sight. They say the decrists have a pull, but the tooth carpenters are not two-sleven beside the bunch that run this town, levy the taxos, issue the bonds and dishurse the proceeds thereof by due process of caneta-at and resolutions created the wealth of this city and effects of the terrible burns. The made it world famous, and the hard deserted the family a year and

working laboring men, go down in their pockets, face the city treasurer once more with a worried look, and pass out saying, 'Great God, when and where will it end?'
"Every day one who is accustomed.

to observe things can see these polit-ical gentlemen of the gum shoe tread and sinister expression walking about and sinister expression waising about the streets in the neighborhood of the court house and city hall, some with their hands out behind them, and oth-ers with little lamps protruding out of their pockets such as we used to call dark lanterns."

FOCHT LED THE FIGHT. After reading this letter Senator Benjamin K. Focht, of Union county, who led the fight for the bill, made a

corous speech,
"As I understand this question," declared Senator Focht, earnestly, "it is not proposed to take away the rights of any one, but to break through the lines of power, usurped and held by one tyrant boss. I feel that I am voting today to emancipate a people who have long been held under thralldom,

fearing and trembling lest they be ground under the pittless and merciless wheels of municipal corruption and bossism. All liberty costs; from the death stab of Julius Caesar to the basket which received the head of Marie Antoinette and the noose which Marie Antoinette and the noose which strangled Nathan Hale, the world has seen a price paid for every blessing. Therefore, if we are to break the fetters which bind and smart the people of Pittsburg we must not stop at the sentimental pleadings that a mayor will be put out of office when it is done for such a bigh paragraph. for such a high purpose, "European, economists stand amazed

at the glory of our great republic, but they say we know nothing about municipal government. From what we have heard and know to be true in re-gard to the abuses in Pittsburg, these charges are correct, and it resides with us to remedy this. Our duty is plain in a matter so grave; personal bias should not be permitted to actuate any one, neither should sentiment nor senatorial courtesy. Already shorn of much power and the sceptre more than half way descended, it is time indeed for meekness, for whimpering, but as the banditti of Italy frequently knelt before shrines of favorite saints and offered up prayers before going out to rob and to marder, this attitude is well inderstood and our acts of mercy will he when we vote away this municipal feudalism, this fatherland of an Amer-

When the vote was taken 28 senators voted in favor of the bill and 18 against

The bill was then sent to the house and referred to the committee on municipal corporations, where, with but two opposing votes, it was reported fa-

INTERESTING TIMES AHEAD.

There is promise of an interesting struggle when the bill comes up on second reading, probably tomorrow or next day. Flinn and the Guffey Demnext asy. Firm and the Guffey Dem-ocrats are hard at work canvassing against the measure, and all sorts of inducements are being held out to members to help out the Firan ring. Republicans of the state will look with suspicion upon all members of the house elected upon a reform plat.

the house elected upon a reform plat-form who will now vote to block re-form in Pittsburg and reward with continued favor men who have sought to wreck the Republican party.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 18,

Money on call, 2021/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 31560415 per

Sterling exchange: actual business in bankers' at \$4.87% for demand and \$4.84% for sixty days. Posted rates, \$4.841.074.881.

Commercial bills, 84,8314, Bar silver, 6114c. Mexican dollars, 47%c.

New York Provision Market. FLOUR-Winter patents, \$3.05@.4.00: vinter straights, \$3.45663.50; winter extras. \$2.566(2.85); winter low grades, \$2.456(2.60); Minnesota patents, \$4.10@ 4.30; Minnesota bakers', \$3.00603.25. RYE-No. 2 western, 61c f.o.b. affont; tate rye, 56957c c.i.f. New York, CORNMEAL—Yellow western, 90c;

ity, 92c; brandywine, \$2,354(2.45). WHEAT—No. 2 red, 80% c.f.o.b. affout; No. 1 northern, 87c f.o.b. affout. CORN-No. 2, 47% t.o.b. affoat. OATS-No. 2, 30%; No. 3, white, 32%; track mixed western, 30%30%; white, 316733c.

HAY—Shipping, 771/4@80c; good 14 holee, 850705c. BUTTER—Creamery extras, 10@23c; factory, 11@15c; imitation creamery, 141-@17!gc. CHEESE—Fascy large white, 1114@ 111gc; small white, 1154@12c.

EGGS-State and Pennsylvania, 17c;

ECOS—State and Pelmsylvania, 14c; western, 155-2016c. POTATOES — Jerseys, \$1.25@1.75; New York, \$1.50@1.75; Jersey sweets, \$1.75@2.50.

Buffalo Provision Market. BUFFALO, Feb. 18.

WHEAT-No. 1 northern, old, 831/2c, winter wheat, No. 2 red, 77c. CORN-No. 2 corn, 431ge; No. 3 corn,

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Dc; state and Pennsylvania creamery, He; dairy, fair to good, 16@18c; western CHEESE-Pancy full cream, 12c; goo

choice, 101-62111-e; common to fair. 7 EGGS-Western and state fancy, 19c POTATOES-Fancy, white, state, 50% 52c; state, fair to good, 40%48c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market. CATTLE-Extra export steers, \$5.40 25.50; good to choice shipping steers, c5.00045.25; course, rough, but fat steers, \$1.25034.75; western branded steers; carnfol, \$4,40504.05; choice to smooth fat helfers, \$4,7562.5.00; common, old to

tair cows. \$3,00023.50; good butcher bulls, \$3,75004.00. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Extra choice lancy selected, \$4.056(4.85); culls and common, \$4.006(4.25); wether sheep, \$4.50 ii4.75; good to extra. \$4.25654.50; common to fair, \$3.60663.90.

HOGS-Mixed packers' grades, \$5.60; eavy hogs, \$5,00; choice heavy and upwards, \$5.00.

Buffalo Hay Market. HAY-No. 1 timethy base, \$16,00@ 17.00; No. 2, \$15,00@10.00 inded hay prime, \$15,00@16.00; No. 3, \$12,00@ 13.00; No. 1 per ton, light, \$15,00@15.50.

Bodies Recovered From Sinias of Fire. CORNING, N. Y., Feb. 15.-The bodies of Mrs. Corn Pisk and her 4-year-old daughter, who were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Free-man, N. Y., Wednesday night, were reduring the proceeds thereof by sine man, N. Y., Westresday night, were reserved without pay, will constitute the course of constructed and resolutions councils sciencely assembled, while Fisk's 2-year-old son Ralph, who was The bill authorizes the commission to the man whose 'mins and energy have rescued from the flames, died from the buy lands for forestry purposes at a created the wealth of this city and effects of the terrible burns. The father price not exceeding \$5 an acre to make

ELKIN PREDICTS BALLOT REFORM

Republican Members of the Legislature Will Fulfill Party Pledges.

FIGHTING THE OLEO TRUST.

A More Drastic Measure Introduced In the State Senate at the Instance of Governor Stone's Administra-

Harrisburg, Feb. 19 .- "Every promse of the Republican state convention regard to ballot reform will be faithfully carried out," was the positive declaration made today by Attorney General John P. Elkin, who is regarded as one of the most influential Republican state leaders. "The matter of ballot reform has been given careful considerbe relied upon to advocate and pass such measures as will meet every reoutrement of the situation and fulfill the expectations of the people. Bills are now in course of preparation which it is believed will be satisfactory to those who regard a change in the ballot laws as necessary to Insure a secret ballot, a correct count of every vote cast and a true and proper return of the ballots as cast.

Attorney General Elkin is believed to speak by the card when he predicts that the demands for ballot reform will be fully met.

The elections committee of the senate, of which Benjamin K. Focht, of Union, is chairman, has had several informal discussions of the subject of ballot reform, and the measures of development will it is deput into effect every reform

After the revelations of the ring methods of the Flinn machine of Pitts-burg, as shown in the discussion of the reform charter bill in the state senate, people are likely to look with suspicion upon the so-called reform bills of Senator Filnn, which the insurgents have been advertising and playing up at a great rate. Flinn, in the role of a re-former, with the real reformers of his home county branding him as an arro-gant boss, will not be apt to impress the voters of the state as a desirable

the voters of the state as a desirative champion of ballot reform.

Members of the elections committee authorized to speak last week astun-ished the Democrats by telling them that a primary election law would be introduced as well as a general ballot reform law, that the bills would be good measures and so enacted as to be satisfactory to the Democrats If they really desired honest election inws.
In accordance with this promi

Representative William S. Van Dyke, of Westmoreland, at the proper time, introduced in the house the Guthrie primary bill, which is "an act to regulate the nomination of public officers, primary elections and the payment of certain expenses incident thereto and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof or the com-mission of certain prohibited acts." Who is to prepare or who will intro-duce the general hallot reform bill the stalwart managers will not state.

In regard to primary election laws, many members of the legislature say they are not sure that a satisfactory bill can be passed, one that would be acceptable to all the notice. They think the bringing together of all political parties to hold primaries at the same place would have a tendency to disorganize political lines, and therefore be conducive of harm in the

There has been considerable discussion of the matter of reform in libel laws, no doubt due to the introduc-tion in Philadelphia of yellow journalism of the yellowest type, in which the reputations of citizens stand for nothing when the politicians back of the yellow sheet neek to rain or destroy an opponent. There have been several bills introduced in the legislature on this subject, and it is believed that a satisfactory bill will be drafted which will be acceptable to publishers and of newspapers and those who wish to meet the introduction of yellow journalism, with due regard for the interests of the legitimate newspaper pub

RADICAL OLEO LEGISLATION.

The senate committee on health and sanitation has had under consideration oleomargarine legislation, which resulted in the committee deciding to substitute for the bill already introduced a more radical measure.

The new bill was presented by Sena tor Snyder, who also introduced the measure which has been discarded. Senator Snyder's new bill provides that suit can be brought against violators of the law by any person in the name of the commonwealth. One-half of the penalty shall go to the prosecutor and the remainder to the state. Violation of the law is made a miademeanor pun-isable by a fine of from \$100 to \$200 and not more than 30 days' imprison-ment for the first offense, and not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 fine and imprisonment not exceeding two years

for the second offense.

Temporary injunctions shall be issued against dealers in oleomargarine where cases brought against them have been appealed by the defendant, and if it be found that he is still violating the law the injunction shall become permanent upon successful determination of the case in court. The dairy and food commissioner and his agents are empowered to enter places of business and take samples of eleomergarine. License fees are provided for in the same manner as they are provided for in the existing law. The bill also prohibits the sale of oleomargarine from wagons and from house to house; requires dealers to display signs, and provides that all decomargarine sold shall be

properly marked TO PROTECT THE FORESTS.

The house has passed a bill abolishing the present bureau of forestry and creating in its stead a department of forestry. The bureau was a branch of the department of agriculture, and as such did excellent work, but the Importance of forest preservation justi-fies the severance of the two, and the erection of the bureau into a separale department.

The increased expense should prove a good investment. The commissioner of forestry will receive \$5,000 a year, and he will be required to devote his whole time to the work. This official, with four other citizens who are to

removal of brush from the forest reservations. When the state forest reservations are profitable they shall pay one-half of the profit to the treasurer of the township in which it is located. Otherwise these lands are untaxed, When public roads run through the rvation the state will pay \$25 a mile for the maintenance, repair or ex-tension of such roads. In townships tension of such roads. In constitution that will result in a reduction of the cost of maintaining public roads to those owning the lands in the township out-

side the reservation.

Representative Hiram G. Hutt, of the Fifteenth district of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill in the house which is intended to protect the families of drunkards, as well as the drunkards thomselves. The bill makes it a mis-demeanor for any pawabroker to loan money on any goods, article or thing of value to any person in an intoxicated condition, or showing evidence thereof at the time of offering the goods. The bill further provides that and the Republican administration in it shall be unlawful for any pawabroker to advance mency on any goods after having received notice in writ-ing from any adult member of his or her family that such money may be used for the purchase of intoxicating liquor. Mr. Hutt says that many cases have come under his observation in which parents have taken household. ation by the party leaders," he contin-ued, "and the regular Republicans can of workingmen, and while in a condition of intoxication pledged them to procure money with which to buy more liquor. He thinks the state shi and stop this evil wherever possible. The bill imposes heavy and imprisonment for violations of its provisions.

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