

# ELKIN 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 Pittsburgh Ring is Now Before the House at Harrisburg and a Big Struggle is Waging.

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

The board of trade and the chamber of commerce of Pittsburgh 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 force 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 assistance of the Guffey Democratic organization the Flinn combiners believed they would be able to keep the bill from getting a constitutional majority in the senate and thus dispose of the issue without having to run the gauntlet of the house.

### FLINN SHOWS WHITE FEATHER.

Flinn, in a speech made against the bill, showed the white feather. He referred to the recent contest on the United States senatorship, 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 fusion deal with the Bryanite Democracy, he prevented the election of a Republican to the senate.

Now that the business men and manufacturers and in fact the entire reform 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 Democrats and publishers 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 profligate administration of public affairs in that county.

Flinn made similar speeches in the filibustering movements against the passage of the bill, in one of which he referred to the senatorial contest and whimpishly 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. Guffey arrested on this defect 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 any business transactions which he had with the People's bank, the bank of 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, 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 radical change in the methods of municipal government in Pittsburgh. A letter was read from E. L. Strauchmiller, a well-known attorney of Pittsburgh, severely arraigning the Flinn regime and demanding relief from the legislature.

Among other things Mr. Strauchmiller said:

"If there is a place this side of hell that needs reform it is Pittsburgh. If there is a modern stable on earth that needs to be ripped open and dunged out by some herculean hand it is the Pittsburgh city hall and the appurtenances thereto. The stable bosses, hostlers, spunge 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, and upon the vitals of the city, sap its life blood and gorge themselves out of its treasury and franchises that beggars portray. 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 hell has not been told.

"Such men as Nero, Caligula and others who ran things pretty much their own way in the old Rome were mild and agreeable potentates in comparison to the Pittsburgh bosses, and fellows like the rich Croesus and others who farmed and manipulated the taxes of that ancient city were simply not on to their jobs. The gang of Pittsburgh manipulators comprising the so-called city ring and pay roll crowd are fearless, unblinking and relentless, and operate in the open light of noonday as well as at midnight. They wield a power as absolute as that of the czar of all the Russias. They pull the strings on everything from the ward committee to the mayor's pen. They pull the string wherever a dollar is in sight. They say the dentists have a pull, but the tooth extractors are not two-levens beside the bunch that run this town, they say the tax collector has a pull, but the tax collector is not two-levens beside the bunch that run this town, they say the proceeds thereof by the proceeds of the ward committees in connection with the election, while the men whose names and energy have created the wealth of this city and made it world famous, and the hard

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Bar silver, 61 1/2.

Mexican dollars, 47 1/2.

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FLOUR—Winter patents, \$3.05 @ 4.00; winter straights, \$3.45 @ 3.50; winter low grades, \$2.95 @ 3.00; Minnesota patents, \$4.10 @ 4.50; Minnesota patents, \$3.00 @ 3.25.

RYE—No. 2 western, 61c f.o.b. aboat; state rye, 56 1/2 c f.o.b. New York.

CORNMEAL—Yellow western, 90c; city, 92c; bran, 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 80 1/2 c f.o.b. aboat; No. 1 northern, 87c f.o.b. aboat.

CORN—No. 2, 47 1/2 c f.o.b. aboat.

OATS—No. 2, 29 1/2 c; No. 3 white, 29 1/2 c; track mixed western, 30 1/2 @ 31 1/2; track white, 31 1/2 @ 32.

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BUTTER—Creamery extras, 16 1/2 @ 17c; factory, 16 1/2 @ 17c; imitation creamery, 14 1/2 @ 15 1/2.

CHEESE—Fancy large wheel, 11 1/2 @ 11 1/2; small wheel, 11 1/2 @ 12.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 17c; western, 15 1/2 @ 16c.

POTATOES—Jerseys, \$1.25 @ 1.75; New York, \$1.50 @ 1.75; Jersey whites, \$1.75 @ 2.50.

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CORN—No. 2 corn, 43 1/2 c; No. 3 corn, 43 1/2 c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31 1/2 c; No. 3 mixed, 28 1/2 c.

WHEAT—Spring wheat, best patent, \$3.00 @ 3.25; 50% hard, \$2.75 @ 2.90; 25% hard, \$2.50 @ 2.75.

BUTTER—Creamery, western, extras, 16c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 15c; dairy, fair to good, 16 1/2 @ 18c; western extra, 23c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12c; good choice, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2 c; common to fair, 7 1/2 @ 8c.

EGGS—Western and state fancy, 19c.

POTATOES—Fancy, white, state, 50 1/2 c; state, fair to good, 49 1/2 @ 50c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Extra export steers, \$5.40 @ 5.50; good to choice shipping steers, \$5.00 @ 5.25; cullies, rough, but fat steers, \$4.25 @ 4.50; western branded steers, sorted, \$4.00 @ 4.25; choice to smooth fat heifers, \$4.75 @ 5.00; common, old to fair cows, \$3.00 @ 3.50; good butcher bulls, \$3.50 @ 4.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Extra choice fancy selected, \$4.00 @ 4.25; culls and common, \$4.00 @ 4.25; wether sheep, \$4.50 @ 4.75; good to extra, \$4.25 @ 4.50; common to fair, \$3.00 @ 3.50.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$5.00; vats; hogs, \$5.00; choice heavy and up, \$5.00.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—No. 1 timothy loose, \$10.00 @ 11.00; No. 2, \$10.00 @ 11.00; best hay prime, \$10.00 @ 11.00; No. 3, \$10.00 @ 11.00; No. 1 per ton, light, \$10.00 @ 11.00.

Bodies Recovered From Ruins of Fire.

CORNING, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The bodies of Mrs. Cora Fisk and her 4-year-old daughter, who were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Freedom, N. Y., Wednesday night, were recovered yesterday. Soon afterwards Mrs. Fisk's 2-year-old son Ralph, who was rescued from the flames, died from the effects of the terrible burns. The father deserted the family a year ago.

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