old rye, the democracy got on the rampage and stole a march on them in securing the election of the clerk of the Court of Appeals by the people. He had voted for that because he did not want to oppose the democracy. He had tried that a good while, but he had never made anything by it. [Laughter.]

Mr. Barnes.—And nobody else will, in the end.

Mr. Syester did not know about that, there was still a pretty big party against them. However, he should vote against this amendment, as he was satisfied that the great unterrified, unwashed, undegenerated democracy of his section did not want the trouble of electing this officer, it was too small a matter for them to bother with. [Laughter.]

The amendment of Mr. Watkins was then disagreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Ireland was disagreed to.

Mr. Howison moved to strike out the words "and no appropriation shall be made by law to pay for any clerk or assistant to the librarian."

Mr. Howison said the duties of the librarian were of so onerous and confining a nature that it was impossible for one man to perform them without assistance.

Mr. Syester said the library of the State was in a deplorable condition; no lawyer scarcely could go there and get any book which he could not get in his own library. If he was not opposed to giving any patronage to the judges of the Court of Appeals, he would vote for giving the appointment to them. They used the library more than any one else. The Legislature was only here biennially, and the members then wanted no information except in regard to statistics. The library of the State, as compared with that of the neighboring States, was a mockery. The miscellaneous books were scattered all over the city, and for aught he knew all over the State. No sets of books were complete, and in the present organization of the library, he was opposed to having any assistant.

Mr. Jones said it was due to the present librarian to say that he alleged that the miscellaneous books were missing when he came into office, and he had been unable to get them.