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As To "Sumptuary" Laws.

We publish in another column an editorial from the Philadelphia Press entitled, "Democracy and Sumptuary Laws." The Press, as everybody knows, has become too smart for anything since it became the organ of the Quay machine.

The Press insists with infantile innocence and prettiness, which no doubt the sweet young men of that complacent concern deemed very beautiful and witty, that because the Democratic party is still, as it has ever been, opposed to intermeddling, unrepublish and unwholesome sumptuary legislation, it must, therefore, be logically opposed to any license, low license, graded license or any other police regulation of the liquor traffic.

Of course, the dear Press does not mean this; it was only intending to be smart in its own little madraot way.

We advise the Press—if it be really in earnest—before it proceeds much further with this important question of the meaning of the phrase "sumptuary laws." It will find out that such laws are those which regulate the diet and dress of the people, and attempt to define their expenses, forbidding this and permitting that, and making legal offenses of indulgences in food, drink or attire, which are in themselves innocent. But opposition to such laws—and they have ever been regarded as wholly contrary to the genius of free institutions—does not imply a denial of the power to tax for the pecuniary necessities of the state, or to regulate for the safety of the people. It implies the reverse. Recognition of the rightful existence of the business carries with it the obligation to regulate it justly in the interests of the whole people; and the police power of the state comes in to see that no man's rights are invaded. It licenses; it taxes; it inspects; it prosecutes; it shields the habitual drunkard; and it forbids the immoral and the unworthy to engage in the business by its prescription of certain qualifications to the applicant.

The Press is an unfortunate organ. It has grown more and more lumpy every day since Quay finally announced his calamity ticket. When in November the people declare by their ballots that they will not have Mr. Quay for dictator of the commonwealth, that the inhabitants of this state are not the slaves of the discrimination of railroads and their lobbyists; and that they do not think it wise to promote drunkenness by throwing down the safe-guards which surround the liquor traffic and attempting prohibition, the young men of the Press will probably be made wiser by the shock to their tender sensibilities.

The Chicago Anarchists.

The deeds of the Anarchists, who are on trial in Chicago, were all so open that it would have been strange indeed if there had been any serious difficulty in fixing the guilt upon the proper parties, but spies, flatterers and the rest of them seem to be much surprised at the weight of evidence brought against them. No concealment had been attempted by these dynamic warriors, but in all of their crimes they sought the widest possible publicity, doubtless relying for their safety upon the sympathy of the crowd; they gathered around them. They appear to be the victims of a peculiar form of mental aberration, which leads them to imagine a state of society that does not exist and to regard themselves as friends of the masses whom the masses will protect.

Unfortunately there are so many fools in the world that when one or two of them raise a standard in a large city like Chicago they cannot fail to draw a dangerous crowd of their fellow-fools together; greatly to the disgust and discomfort of all sane people. They belong to the Giteau type of idiot and the type seems to be becoming more plentiful. When social science is really a science, when our political economy is at last firmly founded on some rock "in place," then, and not till then, will such human monstrosities as these Anarchist troubles have brought to light, be known no more.

This goal seems far away, and possibly we are not half so civilized as we think we are, but let each generation do its best and we will get there. The highly organized government of the future will so control all classes that the misery and vice that generate idiots and Anarchists will be impossible in a law where an injury to one is the concern of all.

Sea Board Defenses.

Mr. Tilden has written a letter to Senator Hawley in which he says he has received more than seven hundred newspapers, from all parts of the country and representing all political parties, containing expressions upon the subject of better protection to our sea ports, and he very strongly urges that liberal appropriations be made for this purpose in preference to the many pending schemes of prodigality and schemes to waste the public resources on things known to be absolutely useless.

The Senate proposes to appropriate \$6,000,000 for fortifications, heavy ordnance, rifled cannon and other means of defending our exposed sea board cities.

It must be admitted that these govern-

mental means of general protection are far more popular and patriotic modes of expending money than the local jobs involved in the river and harbor bill.

A Squirming Squire.

Mayor Grace and Rollin M. Squire, commissioner of public works in New York, have had a personal and political quarrel, which has been increasing in the intensity of its bitterness. It culminates in the mayor calling upon him to show cause why he should not be removed, upon charges of which a conspicuous one is that he wrote the following letter. Electrotypic copies of it are printed in the morning newspapers: New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

MAJOR B. Flynn, Esq., Albany, N. Y.: I am in consideration of your securing the office of one of our County Democratic aldermen who shall vote for my confirmation as commissioner of public works, in the event that the mayor shall send in my name for that office, I hereby agree to place my resignation as commissioner in your hands and to demand the same, and further to make no appointment in said office without your approval and to make such removal therein as you may suggest and request, and to transmit the business of said office as you may direct. Very truly yours, ROLLIN M. SQUIRE.

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PERSONAL.

ARRE LIST, the pianist, in dangerously ill at Bayreuth.

GOLDWIN SMITH asserts that since the days of Demosthenes there had not been a dozen orators superior to his bright.

HON. RICHARD VAUX has been appointed by Governor Pattison a delegate to the Prison Reform convention at Atlanta, Ga.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND and his bride have engaged quarters in the Rockaways, and expect to spend a part of August there.

Mrs. Folsom, the president's mother-in-law, is a guest at the White House. She arrives on Wednesday and will remain several days.

MISS CLEVELAND has been having her pleasant house at Holland Patent thoroughly repaired, and partly returned for her future residence. Her editorial work will be done at home.

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