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JUDGING FROM what sidewalk critics say, it will be a mistake by the management of the new hotel Jermy to devote the lower floor to store rooms, thus leaving no coign of vantage for the festive porch lounge. To be sure, the continual presence of this individual upon the edge of the sidewalk and in full view of all who may chance to pass is not metropolitan, nor, in the case of ladies thus forced to run a blockade of curious, and sometimes impertinent eyes, is it particularly pleasant. But it is a great delight to floor committees. And whom else is the new hotel built for?

NOT SHED IN VAIN.

With the exception of its regularly subsidized organs in Troy, Albany and Buffalo, the New York state Democratic machine, which sustains its political hold by flagrant prostitution of the public will and does not scruple at unprovoked murder when aiming to foist its favorites into power, has, since last Tuesday's outrage at Troy, not a solitary newspaper apologist in the length and breadth of the Empire commonwealth. Instead of diminishing in a ratio corresponding to the Ross tragedy's historical recession, public indignation at that brutal crime is hourly on the increase, and the condemnation of boss rule and boss methods is swelling into a chorus covering not New York state alone, but the entire continent as well. As THE TRIBUNE instantly forewent its usual practice of not mentioning the name of any individual in connection with a crime, it has received the news of last Tuesday's cold-blooded crime, this ruthless slaughter by thuglike agents of an upright and law-abiding citizen, while in the voluntary and valiant performance of a brave citizen's honest duty, has proved the added drop which overthrew the bucket; the crowning atrocity which, after years of patient and uncomplaining tolerance, has brought down the deluge. Not since that other loyal son of Troy, Frank Brownell, shot down the slayer of gallant Colonel Ellsworth, in the hallway of the Marshall House at Alexandria, Va., when Ellsworth had tried to pluck down the defiant, floating emblem of dishonor, has there been a response more direct, instant and general. It has not been a partisan response, although the murder of Ross was a partisan murder. It has not been an occasion for successful "cuckoo" talk. Only one sentiment has been voiced by the reputable citizenship of the country, irrespective of partisan differences; and that sentiment most cordial detestation of the system that breeds such awful deeds.

It is well said by the Democratic Brooklyn Eagle, whose ex-Trojan editor, St. Clair McKelway, has recently done such valiant service in the purification of our municipal government, and whose energetic warfare upon "Boss" McLaughlin and, later, on "Boss" McKane, contributed vastly to the overthrow of these odious offshoots of the new political science called Morphyism—it is well said by the Eagle, in this connection, that "the people are not crying out against fraud because it is done by the agents of one party against another, but because they are opposed to fraud itself. The stability of the government depends upon the confidence of the people in the honesty of the elections." Instances could be cited in abundance in our own state in proof that this is true, in proof that crimes which look horrible when committed by the enemy are no longer converted into virtues by the mere imprint of one's own party label.

If there is one fact clearer than all others in the political progress of this generation, whether we seek for evidence in one state or another, it is the fact that fraudulent practices aimed at the franchise are steadily falling into public disrepute. No other sentiment than a common morality could, in our own state, have banished the old style ballot and substituted, in its stead, against the practically unanimous wish of the practical politicians, the secret ballot, with its fair assurance of privacy in the voting and its approximate honesty in the count. But it has been for some time necessary that this common and general morality should have the quickening impulse of a new and sharp incitement; that it should be fertilized into renewed and expanded strength by the rude impact of some severe shock. Well, therefore, did William Ross, of Troy, say when questioned as to a memorial: "The only monument we desire for our brother Rob is the promise of a pure ballot." And not the promise, but the generous and jealous fulfillment is what his countryman fairly owes to Robert Ross' memory.

But the lesson of this martyr's death applies also elsewhere than to cities croaking and groaning under bossism's gigantic insular. We are accustomed to felicitate ourselves here in Scranton that we have not yet known, as a personal civic experience, this monstrous distortion of republicanism called Morphyism for short. In contemplation of the servility that prevails in many other cities, and in view of the rampant fraud with which the franchise is elsewhere beset, we have been prone to draw the mantle of a superior godliness about our young shoulders and to comfort ourselves with the delusion that we are safe from these evils. Safe? How do we know that we are safe? What practical preparation are we doing to make not problematical, but certain, our security against this contaminating municipal contagion? Are we vaccinating our civic veins with the virus of a wholesome vigilance? Are we fortifying our body politic with true earnestness of municipal patriotism and a proper interest in the gov-

ernmental affairs of our home community? Are we guarding, as we should, the portals of our council chambers and exercising that unvarying concern touching all the various details of our government as a city which is the inevitable price of honest rule? If we are, then we need not pause to consider the general lesson of Robert Ross' death. But if we are not, there is need at once of earnest and decisive thought with reference to these things.

COLONEL McCLEURE doubtless means well in nominating Commodore Singler for governor; but it is a study of kindness that bristles with question marks.

JAMES P. TAYLOR, the genial editor of the Montrose Republican, is to be a candidate for representative in the state legislature this fall. It is announced that his candidacy will be supported in the nominating convention which, of course, means a certain election, as Susquehanna is more overwhelmingly Republican than ever this year. Mr. Taylor, who at one time was editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, purchased the Republican about eighteen years ago, and during his residence in the county has always labored faithfully for the success of the party. The election of Brother Taylor to the legislature by the Susquehanna Republicans will be a graceful recognition of faithful service.

RICHARD CROKER should be reminded that his threatened arrest of Representative Danphy for telling tales out of school still belongs to the limbo of the great unrealized.

FOR JUDGE, E. W. LEWIS.

In the nomination by acclamation yesterday of B. W. Lewis, of Tunkhannock, for president judge of the Forty-fourth judicial district, the Republicans of Wyoming county have placed a most creditable and worthy candidate in the field. Mr. Lewis is recognized in his profession as one of the best and closest students of the law in this part of Pennsylvania. He is a man of wide culture, superior scholarship and excellent personal address. In his civic, as well as in his professional relations, he has manifested a disposition of fairness and probity which, taken in connection with his other qualifications, well qualifies him for the successful discharge of the judicial function.

For Judge Sizer personally THE TRIBUNE entertains only the kindest feelings. It has no desire to deny his character as a man or his efficiency as a jurist. But his renomination by the Democrats of the Forty-fourth district, taking place in full memory of the fight of ten years ago in which he waged successful partisan onslaught upon Judge Ingram, will release his Republican friends from all obligations of support and if he shall be treated to a dose of his own political medicine he will have no one but himself to blame. In an issue between Judge Sizer and Mr. Lewis there can be no possible room for doubt as to the duty of all true Republicans. Mr. Lewis is the unanimous nominee of the Republican party; he is a candidate having every reasonable claim to the earnest support of his fellow-Republicans, and he appeals, moreover, to all citizens of whatever party who, in their regard for a non-partisan judiciary, shall next fall wish to rebuke the introduction of partisan politics in this district ten years ago. It will be strange, indeed, if the result of next November's election, with its almost inevitable tidal wave of Republican majorities, shall not place Mr. Lewis safely and fairly in the Wyoming-Sullivan president judgeship.

MACHINE RULE is as yet unknown in Scranton, and Scrantonians, without reference to party, should co-operate to keep it unknown.

IT WILL interest borough officials to know that all affected communities which have failed to comply with the legislative act of May 29, 1893, creating borough boards of health will at once be presented for contempt of law. This can be done only through the arraignment of the derelict borough officials, including burgess and councilmen. The law required the creation of a board of health in each borough, within six months after its enactment, and clearly explained how this should be done. The example of wilful disobedience set by many boroughs in relation to this salutary law deserves punishment of drastic degree.

IT HAS been suggested that Mayor-elect-on-appeal Molloy, of Troy, refuse to take his bloodstained seat. The suggestion is good, but wholly hopeless. Such men as Molloy rarely dis and never resign.

TO SAVE THE FORESTS.

An experiment which will be watched with general interest is to be tried by the commissioners of Schuylkill county, in the appointment of mounted wardens to patrol the forests and guard them from destructive fires. We have seen as yet no estimate of the probable cost of such a fire protective force, nor any detailed calculations as to how many wardens are to be apportioned to a given number of square miles of woodland. Merely the announcement of the general plan is all that we have to guide comment in this matter; yet it would seem to be a fairly feasible reform, provided threatened individual holdings of forest land are willing to afford energetic voluntary cooperation.

The merest glance at any adjacent hilltop these spring evenings will suffice to afford lurid proof of the necessity of precautions against forest fires. At a time when lumbermen, railway constructors, acid factories and tanneries are making daily incursions upon what remaining lumber we have in this portion of the state; and when no practical steps are taken to oppose this steady destruction, further than occasional wordy discussions, it would seem to be eminently opportune for the institution of vigorous measures toward the prevention of these costly recurring conflagrations. Although the first few years' salvage from such attempted prevention might not equal the expense of its reclamation, the community would yet be well repaid in the resultant creation of a sentiment adverse to unnecessary woodland spoliation. But while regretting civilization's hostile invasion of virgin forests, many

of us overlook a similar, although minor, evil at our very doors. In the city of Scranton, during the past ten years, how many handsome forest trees, proud remnants of the pioneer era, have unnecessarily and even wantonly sacrificed to the despoiling axe? The total, could it be estimated, would doubtless prove quite astounding. Nearly every day the close observer will notice evidences of this destructiveness. Here John D. is ridding his yard of a stately elm; there Richard K. applies the woodman's weapon to a graceful maple, and anon, some corporate organization of Does and Rees, needing a street, a property or other right of way, proceeds unconcernedly to get it condemned and then without the least spark of compunction or regret, fells every bit of its vegetable growth, down to the smallest shrub. The result, in some places, is most unpicturesque.

Forestry, like charity, should begin at home.

IT IS very refreshing to learn that Chinese Inspector Sebarf, of Gotham, indignantly refused to accept a \$500 pair of vases delivered anonymously by messenger to his wife, but evidencing Chinese purchase. In this respect Mr. Sebarf's delicacy is almost fit to come before the notice of ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant and his daughter "Floresie."

SENATOR HILL would possibly make a good second edition of Randall if he had the staying qualities and the brains.

CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT'S re-nomination is assured by his indorsement, yesterday, of the Republicans of Wyoming county. Mr. Wright, although eloquent upon occasions, belongs to the list of legislators who are content to let their industrious and incessant work speak for them. No better man could represent his district.

NO DOUBT Mr. Hines promised the Pittston postoffice to Candidate Battle. No doubt he promised it, also, to Candidate McDonald. But only a political cherub would place any confidence in a political promise made by such a congressman.

GAPING PRURIENCY.

Just before the opening of the second day's testimony in the Breckinridge-Pollard suit Judge Bradley instructed the court marshal to "request" the ladies to retire. He could well have used a stronger word. The markishness and the morbidity that have been manifested during this trial are enough to give one the nausea; nor is this provocation to sickness lessened by the fact that the most markish and morbid of these fluttering court room frequenters are women.

Mrs. Luke Blackburn sounded the proper note when she said, upon the witness stand, that only a solemn sense of duty could have induced her to brave the publicity and the embarrassment of her connection with the case. Those curious or frivolous women whose coming into the scandal-laden atmosphere of the divorce courts is in nearly all cases voluntary, could emulate Mrs. Blackburn's decorum with profit to themselves and satisfaction to the public.

IT IS said by profound philosophers that scandal mongering is an universal weakness, differing among its victims with respect to opportunity rather than degree. This may be true and yet afford no justification for our unrelenting surrender to the weakness. Because women, deep down in their own natures, like to hear the ample details of any sensational faux pas is certainly no reason why they should besiege the courts and publish their curiosity to an already too prurient community.

Can they not read all the facts in the daily papers?

AN APPROPRIATE SIGN.

In the Simons house at Gondshoro, Wayne county, Pa., hangs the following sign: "Since Cleveland's election defeated protection. We're in it for four years more; then don't ask for trust. Or Harvey will bust. And the sheriff will close up the door." Mr. Harvey is the proprietor of the hotel.

Democracy's Stereotyped Delusion.

The ostrich-like intellect of the cuckoos will probably construe the sweeping local Republican triumph in Maine, New York, Iowa and Wisconsin as a fresh command from the people to smash American industries.

Murphyism's Direct Work.

The tragedy of Tuesday is as truly the ripe fruit of the tree which Murphyism planted, watered and nourished as the purple grape is the natural product of the cultivation of the vine.

Anesthetic Oscar Is Considerate.

Oscar Wilde has postponed his American lecture on account of the financial depression here. He will not add his mental depression to the financial bear down.

Very Correctly Feddited.

Unless congress does something pretty maddening quick, the vote will be practically unanimous for the Republicans in the northern states next November.

Sold Truth Aply Voted.

No party that permits corrupt men to control its affairs can long hold power, and no free government under which a party rules by fraud can long exist.

The Cold Fact Bravely Stated.

Because of Troy political methods which culminated in murder, this state is represented in Washington by Edward Murphy.

Jail Room Yet Yawns.

The work of sending the guilty to Sing Sing should be continued till we are assured of an honest ballot and a fair count.

Not a Complete Vindication.

The reply that you've another is never convincing proof of the innocence of the man who makes it.

The Only Certain Fact.

The latest Cronin trial at Chicago proved one fact very conclusively, Cronin is still dead.

Usual Order Reversed.

The Troy election sought reverse the usual order by shooting as they vote.

Behind Closed Doors.

The Pollard-Breckinridge should be tried in executive session.

Arrant Class Legislation. Richmond, Va., Times, Dem. In one thing we regret that the senate committee has left the bill unchanged, and that is in respect to the income tax. It is not fair, it is not just, it is not right, that a man who receives an income of \$3,999 should pay no tax, and another who receives an income one dollar greater should have to pay taxes. This is class legislation; it is unjust, and no party can long retain public confidence that bases its policy upon principles that operate in one way upon one man and in another upon another man.

Including Brewer Murphy. Philadelphia Record. Justice should collar and cuff the lawlessness of Troy.

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