

How They Do Things in New York.

Ever since New York has had a quarantine, the health officer presiding over it has made more or less trouble with the merchants. Dr. Carnochan, the present incumbent, is under indictment by the *Tribune* as a "pirate," and a daily array of figures is brought forward in that journal to show the extortionate fees which he levies on the commerce of the port. Accustomed to use the knife as a surgeon, he is now accused of demanding his pound of flesh as a Shylock.

Of course this charge is true. It has been similarly made and proven against all his predecessors as far back as we can remember. Extortion is the policy which, from time immemorial, has characterized, and continues to characterize, the administration of the health office of the port of New York. No matter what party has been in power, the health officer has sucked blood. Whether we look back to Dr. Swinburne as a Republican, or look now at Dr. Carnochan as a democrat, in either case we see a horse-leech.

Now, the *Tribune* which is attacking, and the *World* which is defending, the present quarantine administration, are both wrong. The plain truth in this case will never be told by party journals. They have a political reason for suppressing it. But as no such reason need padlock the lips of an unpartisan sheet, let us expose the exact state of the case.

Be it known, then, that certain political offices in this city are, by party usage, endowed with enormous and princely emoluments, made up of almost fabulous fees; and that the revenues, thus levied and accumulated, are not exclusively or mainly for the mere enrichment of the office-holder, but are designed to furnish the sinews of war in party politics.

Thus the New York Custom House, of which Collector Murphy is the present head, is made, by the taxing of clerks' salaries and other and multiplied impositions, to yield to that gentleman's pockets anywhere from a hundred thousand to a quarter of a million dollars a year; but it is well understood in political circles that this money is to be, in large part, and sometimes the whole, handed over by the collector into the treasury of the party which keeps him in his place. Thus if the Republicans in Indiana or Ohio are hard-pressed in a campaign, and want money to procure documents or to pay speakers (we will not say to buy votes), the genial Mr. Murphy takes his check book, and sitting down to it with a face full of sunbeams, as if the light of Christian charity were playing over his features, draws for the committee a complimentary draft for five thousand dollars. "That's the way the money goes."

Now, just exactly like the Custom House, which at present belongs to the Republicans, is the Health office, which at present belongs to the Democrats. What is the Health officer's function? It is to keep the yellow fever from coming up the bay, and at the same time to pay the expenses of Democratic mass meetings in Onondaga and St. Lawrence. The office yields to Dr. Carnochan the revenue of an Oriental prince, which, of course, with princely generosity, he divides, as Collector Murphy does, with the party whose servant he is. This is the secret of the exactions in both these offices.

Last summer, the editor of this journal, speaking elsewhere than in these columns, called the attention of the public to the fact that a tax of two per cent. had been levied on the salaries of the Custom House clerks. We denounced the odious imposition as it deserved. Nor shall we cease to fight against it until it be done away.

In like manner we denounce the exactions of the Health office, and repeat the *Tribune's* epithet of "pirates" as applicable to the harpies of the Quarantine.

But why did not the *Tribune* denounce these same impositions when they were practised by Dr. Swinburne, a Republican? Or why should the *World* defend these same impositions, because levied by Dr. Carnochan, a Democrat?

The truth is, that whether the Custom House be Republican or Democratic, and whether the Health office be Democratic or Republican, the exactions which the Collector on the one hand, and the Health officer on the other, make for party purposes, ought to be forbidden by law.

This, and this only is the remedy. We have no sympathy with the methods of Mr. Murphy and Dr. Carnochan. In private these personages are amia-

ble gentlemen, but in public they are highwaymen. The only mitigation of sentence which they merit consists in the fact that their guilt must be divided with their accomplices. M. Murphy's accomplices are the Republican party and the *Tribune*; Dr. Carnochan's are the Democratic, and the *World*. And that's the whole story. -- *Golden Age*.

Eloquence is the best speech of the best soul.

An Indiana girl undertook to break a colt the other day. At last accounts her head was two sizes too large for her bonnet, and she has ordered a set of false teeth.

Not long ago A. Cochid, a distinguished Frenchman, said with his usual acuteness: "We are a clever nation which does not work, and we have been beaten by a nation which works but is not clever."

"How easy these cars ride?" observed a rural traveler on the New York and New Haven road; "what kind of springs do they use?" "Saratoga Springs," replied his facetious companion. "I have heard of them," rejoined the rural traveler, in a satisfied manner.

A young lady was so much dissatisfied with her lover that she dismissed him. In revenge, he threatened to publish her letters to him. "Very well," replied the lady; "I have no reason to be ashamed of any part of my letters except the address!"

A woman went into a store and asked the proprietor if he had any black hen's eggs. "Don't know one kind from another," said he; "but there's a basketful of eggs on the counter." "I can tell them," said the customer. "Well, then, help yourself," said the dealer. She did so, paying the ordinary price. What was the grocer's chagrin upon the customer's departure to find all of his large eggs gone and none but small unsaleable ones remaining.

Pestilence, famine, and floods are affecting portions of unhappy Europe, from which most distressing accounts are daily received. Add to this that crowned heads are manifestly uneasy; that great armies are everywhere organizing, and every element seems to conspire to produce collisions, and a correct glimpse is had of the situation. The close of one war is the signal of preparation for others, which may break out at any time, and over questions of whose importance Americans can form no rational estimate. -- *Chicago Post*.

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