

THE EVENING NEWS.

Tuesday, - - - February 6, 1872.

Mrs. McROONEY'S ROOSTER.

[CONCLUDED.]

Limb of the law (till now silently meditating with chair tilted back, feet upon a desk, and eyes fixed upon the ceiling)—Your Honor: This is the most aggravated case of larceny ever heard of, thought of, or dreamt of. Can any man conceive any more fit up and fit upon high, than a cadaverous and shoul-like voice in extenuation and for the amelioration and defense of this son-sickening and most pusillanimous, pitiful and mean-spirited crime against, and in harsh contrast with, the mellifluous sweetly-dowing and sylph-like tones of the pleading innocent, whom it familiates under the contamination of its blight, and who, leaving the scene! [Great acclamation among the jury.—Mrs. McRooney fans herself, and is astounded to find she was so much injured.] Again can we allow to be reared up on high in our midst such a blot upon the fair and spotless face of that polite and unblemished society which is held dear, revered, and cherished by those congenial law-abiding citizens, formed, enacted, and handed down to us by the immortal and never-dying patriots who, unkindful of all but their country, fought bled and expired in the infancy and juvenility of our common and glorious country, freely pouring forth their heart's red blood and contendedly rendering up their vitality, that that of their country might be perpetuated, and that might be put down, extinguished and obliterated that tyrannical oppressive bigotry of an east, dead and silent, of the world, exterminating, slaying, in this land its proud, jewel-crowned head to blast, wither and crush into the dust of the earth that embryo germ which they with prophetic eye saw would one day throw up, shoot abroad and rear aloft its spreading, luxuriant and exuberant branches to the complete overshadowing of the sapless trunk and broken leafless, and withered branches of the parent tree, the wide-spreading banana overwhelms and destroys the feeble bamboo!

[Limb of the law takes his seat in a state of utter prostration. Mrs. McRooney shows signs of fainting and is handed a glass of water by officer Biens. Heads of the jury all in a heap.]

Court—The jury may now retire. We presume it will be unnecessary for the Court instruct them in regard to their duty in this plain and very aggravated case.

Judge—We have agreed. We find the defendant Diffey guilty of aggravated petit larceny in the first degree, with no extenuating circumstances, and would recommend him to the tender mercies of the Court.

Court—Diffey, I fine you \$100, or make good in solitary dungeon, and may God have mercy on your soul.

Diffey—Amen!

Court—Diffey, I fine you \$50 additional; or twenty-five days as aforesaid, for contempt of Court in saying amen. Have you any money? No! Then what business have you here, you low, thieving wretch? Officer, lead him away.

(Exit officer and Diffey.)—Territorial Enterprise Jan. 28.

MORE PAY, MORE CORRUPTION.

"In New York the members of the Legislature now get \$32 a day, and an amendment has been proposed to the State Constitution to increase the pay to \$5 a day."

Nothing indicates the corruption tendencies of the times more clearly than the general disposition of the people to listen to the clamor of corrupting living politicians and a large class of official hummers, to increase the number of offices and raise the pay and emoluments of their incumbents. To properly discharge the duties of nine-tenths of the 250,000 offices in the various official departments of city, township, county, State and Nation, requires neither extensive learning nor large abilities, unusual bodily strength nor great muscular power, but honesty and ordinary capacity, patience and industry. Large salaries are the moving cause of political corruption. Worthy and modest merit is driven out of sight; impudence and avarice, cunning and falsehood rush to the front and run the political machine because it pays. Reduce the salaries to the rate of mechanical compensation, and thives couldn't afford to spend the time and expense to get into position, knowing that the greater part of office would justify the outfit. It is notorious that those are the best governed States which pay the lowest to their public servants. It is nonsense to say that suitable men could not be found to serve the State unless large pecuniary inducements are offered. With some, such would be the case—but, in nine cases out of ten, those would be the very parties who should not be honored with a public position. The public officials, to possess a liberal public spirit, an essential element for a good officer. Most men want position, influence and power, and very many devote their lives to accumulate money, because it is supposed that money enables them to obtain those coveted objects more than any one thing else. There are doubtless numerous wealthy persons who would gladly accept all the higher grade of office without any compensation whatever, for the honor they confer. A. T. Stewart was willing to donate the profits of his immense business for four years to public charities, simply to enable him to serve the Government of the United States in the capacity of the Secretary of the Treasury. To be permitted to serve the public is a mark of such distinction that the honor will be considered adequate compensation for services rendered. But for pinching out the public interest, poverty, equals competency to serve the public. Those of the more wealthy classes, we should favor neither fees, nor salaries as a compensation for official public services. As it is, reduce all salaries to the wages awarded to skilled laborers in the field of the productive arts. This was the unanimous opinion of Dr. Franklin, and it is the only way that we can see to prevent official profligacy and corruption. — San Francisco Pioneer.

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