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"A thousand verdicts of guilty on so petty a charge as false swearing to a petty claim claim has no more effect in shaking the confidence of this community than would a drop of water have in causing the mighty Pacific to overflow its walls."

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RABBI WISE'S TERRIFIC ATTACK ON CROKER

Noted Pastor Puts Him in Truism With "Boodling" Tweed and the "Unspeakable" Murphy—Comment on the Indictment by the New York Press—Homer Davenport's Tribute, With a Twist Toward Oregon.

It was at a banquet of the New York Ethical Social League that Rabbi Stephen S. Wise excoriated Richard Croker and the twelve judges who joined in a resolution to elect Tammany boss.

"I know some will say, that it would be more expensive; but would it? Let us see. The salaries of the Circuit Judges, four of whom receive \$4000 each and the remaining 13 a salary of \$3000 each per year, making an annual total of \$52,000; each of us have 34 County Judges at an annual salary of from \$400 to \$2000, amounting in the aggregate to \$24,000. This is a total of \$76,000. The expense of the present system, as shown by the additional number at the coming session, the next in all probability will be \$100,000. It is a question of \$24,000 more to the state outside of Multnomah, at a salary of \$3000, and four as we now have in Multnomah at \$4000, it would run the expense up to \$100,000, being in excess of the present expense by \$24,000. This is as it appears from a purely mathematical calculation, and we are all well, keep the present system, but it is not so simple as it appears.

"But the citizenship of New York should resolve to do honor to no man who has been indicted for a crime, and to the one-time betrayer and despoiler of the city lately returned to these shores."

"I have the list of guests he published, that we may know who these ever-behavioral reverers of Mr. Croker are. We are not singling Mr. Croker out for his obliquity. We are simply giving the grace to himself out from further support by remaining upon his Irish estates, we could afford to forget him, but when he returned to the shores, after being invited to use his influence and influence to defeat Governor Hughes at the recent election, and when, moreover, when the electorate of New York have lifted their heads to honor so far forgetful of decency as to do honor to Mr. Croker, it is time for New Yorkers who love their city and loathe her shame to take cognizance of the fact that he has gathered together a year before the next municipal contest, regardless of their political affiliations, to elect a mayor to save our city from another term of misrule. Let these forces be in earnest and let us have a good government, the God in the Constitution and yet have such a thing as Plait in the United States Senate."

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IRONIC COMMENT ON CROKER

Leading Independent Journal Charges Dr. Wise With Ignorance.

New York Evening Post, Editorial. Mr. Croker, Dr. Wise, and the Society with the Rev. Dr. Wise. That impertinent rabbi has grossly misrepresented the sentiment of New York. Croker knows this city better than does Mr. Wise, and he knows the heart of his wrath at being so audaciously assailed at the very moment when his political canonization was almost complete. He has been indicted, and our ways. He understands, if Rabbi Wise does not, how limited is the American capacity for moral indignation. It is a matter of political expediency, a matter of expediency, and not of principle. We have a tacit statute of limitations which prevents us from laying up political crimes against any man, after a decent interval. Croker

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