

BOSS

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URNS ON THE ATTORNEY

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ADMITS HIS BOSSSHIP

And What Is the Commission Going to Do About It, or Anything Else—Those He Bled.

New York, April 14.—Richard Crocker was on the stand today before the Mazer investigating commission, and he will be on the stand again tomorrow. John F. Carroll, the Tammany leader's chief deputy, was also put through a course of questioning this afternoon. Judge Joseph E. Daly, whom the Democrats refused to renounce for justice of the supreme court last fall, told of his treaty by Mr. Crocker. He was brief and direct and took advantage of many opportunities afforded him to refer in a manner that evoked applause many times from those gathered in the committee room. Mr. Crocker gave a somewhat dramatic turn when, after refusing to answer several questions concerning his private affairs, he held up his right hand and said impressively: "If you can show me where I have taken a single dollar from this city, you can cut that arm off."

When the Tammany chief went on the stand at the beginning of the day's session Mr. Crocker conducted a line of questioning which Mr. Crocker evidently believed was a loss of time, for he studiously leaned forward and said: "It is not necessary to bring up what everybody knows. There is no use playing to the galleries; there is no use making speeches. I am the leader of the party and I acknowledge it. All these people at my friends and I am going to stick to them all the time. Just give me the details for the records, and give me straight talk. That is all."

Mr. Crocker said he would accommodate him, and he endeavored to do so. He drew from Mr. Crocker the fact that the Tammany chief believed that all the offices of administration of all departments should go to the victorious political party. "To the victors belong the spoils," he added.

Continuing, Mr. Crocker said that when the Democrats placed men in office the party expected to have these men do what the leaders of the party asked them to do. He himself had advised the appointment of various officials and the distribution of patronage. "In every case, however, he said, had his advice been followed, he would have been a considerable amount of political influence."

A master that Mr. Crocker gave attention to was Mr. Crocker's connection with the advertising business conducted by Peter F. Meyer, by whom the majority of the judicial sales were conducted. Mr. Crocker said he had been a member of the firm for some years and as a trip to Denver he expected to be befriended in the way of profits from the sales.

"Then you are working for your pocket?" asked Mr. Crocker.

"At all the time, the same as you are," returned the witness.

"The boss between the Han's share of the plunder," sneered Mr. Crocker.

"No plunder," said Mr. Crocker. "You can call it what you like. You call the bill you send to the legislature for the work you are now doing, plunder, if you please."

"There was a loud applause at this and Mr. Crocker said he would clear the hall if the applause occurred again, but Mr. Crocker said he would rather bleed the applause."

Mr. Crocker told the committee that it was customary for candidates in office to contribute to election expenses, and stated also that contributions had been as high as \$500 or \$1000. He said that the contributions were not commensurate, but were in many cases, on the contrary, very large.

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Before starting his examination Mr. Rothel read in the court a statement of what he intended to prove. The expert, he said, had made a thorough examination of all the books in the case. He found that previous to April 20, 1893, the People's bank paid interest on the state deposit to the state treasurer and that records of such payments were kept in a regular way on the books of the bank. After April 20, 1893, when Mr. Hopkins appeared on the scene, a new system was adopted. This entailed the addition of another book—now known as the Red Book—to the books heretofore kept by the bank. Meyer Gud-smith, an expert accountant, was the witness upon whom the commissionwealth depended to accomplish its contention. During the whole course of the expert's examination objection after objection was made by the defense and as frequently overruled by Judge Biddle, while the district attorney in logical sentences drew from the witness his conclusions as to the book, based upon a comparison of what was written in its pages with what appeared in the other books. Two accounts out of upward of 1,000 in the regular books were incomplete and inaccurate unless explained by entries in the red book. One