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Editorial

Gentlemen of the Club:

It seems to me that as citizens of Cincinnati you are to be congratulated upon this, the last day of a winter which has in many respects in one of our city's discontent; but from out of which we are soon to enter upon a spring of much promise; of better things. The enumeration of these good things need not in any sense involved the suggestion of any thing political, for in common with Mr. Miller and Capt. Anderson, the good citizens of both parties have rejoiced over the prospective release of our municipal affairs from a thralldom which has been, perhaps by name, that of one party; but in reality has been enforced and made possible, by the bad elements of both. No such a system of fraud in election and peculation in office would be possible without the aid of representatives of both parties. These must be, and these always are the Republican judges of election, and the Republican members of the Infirmary and Police Boards and so on through the list.

This being so, we can mention these things in an entirely impartizan spirit because it is the exposure of the bad, and the triumph of the good citizens of both parties that we have seen, and of which we hope to see more. The prospects of a better judicial tone upon the bench of our County Courts also seems to be brightening. One of those judges who, only a short few months ago decided that a perjurer and a suborner of perjury was still a fit person to practice law in this county; in fact, the very judge who announced the decision of the court in which this cheerful invitation was extended to criminals to abandon other devious ways and exercise their arts at the Hamilton County bar, has ordered charges to be filed against a lawyer for perjury and peculation, and stranger still, though a short time ago this judge ordered the costs to be paid by some meddlesome relators who called his attention to the fact that a perjurer was practicing in his court, now of his own motion orders the preparation of charges against this lawyer who he has reason to think has been guilty of mere perjury. Surely the world moves, and our city improves, not only in respect to the Infirmary board, but also as to the Police Commission; and so too it seems, as to the bench. –

As members of the Club, too, you can be congratulated. The much mooted

question about the light which tonight shines over our heads and dazzles our eyes even if it didn't carry off the smoke, has settled, after much debate, the question of whether the supper shall precede the paper or wait upon it and then perhaps [] reader has been apparently settled, unless perchance some tardy reader shall upset our rule, the question of Honorary membership, after some very ponderous action, first by the committee, and then by the Club has been settled and with these disturbing questions at rest the club may look for a peaceful season of prosperity

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