

have slept while the pile grew. Perhaps it is lucky that the aims of the family have been pecuniary, not ambitious: had they chosen to turn their wealth into power they might have been princes of evil. The desire of property, as we have said before, is the only known motive-power of production, and we must take it as it is with all its drawbacks, of which these piles in the possession of drones are the most conspicuous, till we find another. But there seems to be nothing in public morality to forbid the legislative restriction of accumulation. The Thelusson Act in England was passed for that purpose, as we have previously said, though the Thelusson accumulation which caused the alarm was even nominally less by two-fifths than that of the Astors, and really, thanks to the beneficent rapacity of lawyers, was a mere trifle in comparison. At all events, everything that the lawgiver can do ought to be done to promote distribution. The Vanderbilts apparently do not study accumulation like the Astors: besides, they have given us the New York Central.

—After all the spasmodic efforts of Reform, Tammany has again fastened its yoke upon New York and elected a Tammany mayor. The New York *Evening Post* has published biographical sketches of the leaders. In this roll of honour there are professional politicians, 28; convicted murderer 1; tried for murder and acquitted 1; indicted for felonious assault 1; indicted for bribery 1; professional gamblers 4; former gambling or “dive” keepers 5; liquor dealers 4; former liquor dealers 5; former pugilists 3; former “toughs” 4; members of the Tweed gang 6; office-holders 17; former office-holders 8; former car conductors 3; former plasterer 1; former navy-yard calker 1; former carpenter 1; lawyer 1; nominal lawyers 2; favoured city contractors 2. The one lawyer is the only man in the list who can be said to be now actually following any reputable calling outside politics. The usual appeal is made to good citizens to rise in their might and take an active part in city