

THE "MR. DOOLEY" OF NEW YORK POLITICS.

A dull political season in New York is being considerably enlivened by the energetic and picturesque campaign for the Tammany leadership of the Ninth Assembly District, which is being waged by former Chief of Police William S. Devery. "Devery is the liveliest talker who was ever prominent in the police force," remarks the New York Tribune, "and his 'Four Corners' epigrams do much to promote the gaiety of New Yorkers this summer. He is a sort of Dooley satirist of the West Side pump." Mr. Devery hopes to ride into power over the bodies of Mr. Goodwin, the present Tammany leader, and Mr. Sheehan, the Greater New York Democracy leader, and his scathing public arraignments of his rivals never fail to win applause from the crowds who gather to hear him. On the occasion of the opening of his new headquarters, in the neighborhood of the historic "pump," which has become one of the landmarks of the district, Mr. Devery said, in part:

"I never done a wrong act in the district or outer it. It is well known that there man Goodwin is a man without a word. He never done no one no good. He has broke his word not only to men of standing, but to men in every walk of life. It seems to be hereditary with him. We as Democrats ain't agoin' to follow him no farther. We are in this fight to a finish. By the end o' the primaries in September, we will have Mister Goodwin and his lootenant, Smith, beaten to a standstill. Then we will also hunt the man from Buffalo [Sheehan].

"Durin' the whole of thirty years in this district, the only kind actions I know of Mister Goodwin's doin' are those I aided him in. As for Mister Sheehan, with all the contracts he had, with the Long Island City contracts an' the concourse contract, and the others wherein he could have employed a big number of men in this very district, he didn't do it. Those clean, loyal, brave-hearted young men, who helped him to victory are sittin' round the Pequod Club, waitin' for their handout to come, which it never will. He's had carts and laborers and subway and street work to do, and he could have placed many laborers and many men as watchmen of street openings. Has he ever gave employment to anybody of the Ninth Assembly District? I say no. No. Every man Sheehan ever got a job for was an Eyetalian without exception." We quote from another of his speeches:

"This is no time for feather dusters. There was that man Shepherd. He had a good chance, but he beat himself. Yes, he beat himself. He went around this town with a feather duster, hitting away at me and a lot of other folks. So he was beat, and he might have known that he would be. That was no time for feather dusters. But he went up against Jerome and Goff and Roosevelt, and they were firing canons and guns and things like that. I can admire a man like them

who goes out with a gun. Now, I've been trying to get harmony in this district, but these fellows won't have it—they just refuse to have it. I've done the best that I can, and it's their fault if we can't have harmony. But now I will be here every evening to see how things are going. I'm sorry that they didn't want harmony.

"I'ma live one, and I'll beat Goodwin out of his boots. I'll show these tin-horn sports in this district what I'm made of. "Now just look at it. Goodwin was leader when Tammany was in power. Sheehan helped the reformers, and they're in, ain't they? Well, what has this district got? Where is our wreak-creation pier? Where is our free bath? Where is our public park? We ain't got 'em. When I get to runnin' this district, I'll get 'em. I ain't goin' to sit down when I get to be leader an' play whist or Dom Pedro. Politicians ought to be out lookin' after the people whether they're poor or rich.

"I am here as an amateur politician with you young men. When I am through bein' leader here, I want to see some one of you young fellers in my place. Some bright, active young man what knows the district and the people into it. We don't want no college-bred men in politics in this district; the district ain't fitted for 'em. We want a man who can go down to the biscuit factory and places like that and give the voters and citizens intelligent talk which they can understand. That's what this district wants. Stop foolin', now, you young fellers and get down, as I say, and put your shoulders to the wheel and put these people outer business. Quit sittin' in the gutter or against a stack of lumber as you have to in this district, sparkin' your girl, and get out an' hustle. Get busy.

"And now I want to say that if any of you are dry there's plenty to drink downstairs, and you are all welcome. Everybody have a drink."

Mr. Devery does more than talk, however. He dispenses free fireworks, free ice, free coal, free medical service, and, on all occasions, free drinks. In his most generous moods he flings broadcast largesses of small change. — Literary Digest.

BERLIN'S THREE RED MEN.

It was a happy thought, whoever conceived it—probably it was Dr. Shuttleworth—to secure the services of the Six Nation Indians to help in cultivating sugar beets in Waterloo and Brant counties for the sugar factory at Berlin, and thus help to solve a difficult problem. Some 300 of them have been at work for sixty days at Blair, Doon, Hawksville, and Berlin, and are this week mostly gone north to help in pulling flax. They have worked faithfully and given excellent satisfaction. On their part, these descendants of the aborigines were so well treated by their employers, the Berlin Acreage Company, that they showed

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