

**THE BLITZ CASE.**

Judge PHILIPS was wholly justified in overruling the motion for a new trial in the case of "Pinky" BLITZ, who was recently convicted of illegal voting. The court held that the plea of an alibi was not well sustained, in view of the fact that BLITZ was a person of no such importance as to make his whereabouts on a certain day a matter of accurate knowledge with the ready witnesses who testified in his behalf.

It will probably be claimed by the "push" that Judge PHILIPS transcended his official function in rebuking the "gang" from his seat on the bench. The ringsters are exceedingly fastidious regarding the conservative requirements of the judicial office when they are made the objects of reprimand. But no such exception will be taken to the action of Judge PHILIPS by the public. He occupies a place which justifies him in casting all the weight of his influence in favor of decent politics, and in condemning all attempts to corrupt the ballot box in the interest of boss rule. This is not mixing in politics. It is not dragging the ermine in the mire. It is merely standing up for right and morality, and that privilege is not forfeited by the citizen when he is promoted to a high public trust. Indeed, the obligation is rather accentuated than canceled by such advancement.

It would be well for Kansas City if the courage which Judge PHILIPS has displayed in connection with the BLITZ case should be imitated by all persons in authority. It would greatly weaken the power of "the push" if it came to be understood that it had no friends among executive or judicial functionaries to stand between it and the just penalty of its misdeeds. There ought to be no encouragement in any court of justice for such offenders as "Pinky" BLITZ, and the thanks of the people are due to Judge PHILIPS for treating the matter so clearly in the interest of decency and justice.

**THE NEW TABLE BILL.**

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