Not So Bright to Snub Mr. Lehman

So the organization Democrats refused to send Herbert H. Lehman, four-term Governor and former Senator, as a delegate-at-large to the Los Angeles convention.

Tammany leader Carmine De Sapio and State Chairman Michael H. Prendergast were, of course, punishing Mr. Lehman for insurgency. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," said Mr. Prendergast, even though Mayor Wagner, another important Democrat, was counseling a conciliatory acceptance of the political facts as revealed in the June 7 primary.

Now it may be that the Messrs. De Sapio and Prendergast, being still in charge of the state committee, are privileged to run things as they please so long as the Lehman reform element is still a minority.

But Mr. Lehman, the elder statesman who has been vigorously contesting De Sapio & Co. for two years, has very much of a point when he denounces the present snubbing as "just another reflection of the shortsightedness and arrogance of the bosses." For to reject Mr. Lehman is actually the best proof that his protestation are valid.

What the De Sapio-Prendergast leadership has done is to fortify the insurgents and put themselves increasingly on the defensive. Mr. Lehman and associates couldn't have asked for any better ammunition. Which is not so bright, we'd say, on the Democratic organization's part.