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tion.

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One of the largest manufacturers of road and street machinery has actually called in its traveling salesmen and will hereafter sell machinery only by direct order, owing to the disgusting grafting methods practiced by city councils and other public bodies in purchasing supplies of this kind.

For the last three or four years, this manufacturer declares, it has been necessary to add from \$300 to \$500 to the list of prices of his machines to cover illegitimate "commiscions" exacted by street committees and others making purchases.

It has come to be a contest among the big manufacturers, he further says, to see who will offer the biggest "rake-off" and so he withdraws from the field in disgust and shame for the American citizens who pose as honest and respectable business men, yet who are the most disgusting parasites in society.

No other practice known to civilization is so disgusting and demoralizing as this. It causes brother to rob brother, partner, official to rob the public and starts hundreds of decent men downward.

It is a burning disgrace on the name of the country to have it said that manufacturers of supplies for public corporations must maintain a regular "graft

fund."

It is a burning disgrace on manhood for public officials who walk the streets before their fellows as honest citizens, to make a studied profession of demanding a graft for perform-

ing the public duties confided

to them by their fellow citizens.

If there is one crime which demands the serious consideration of every town, city, hamlet and state, it is this disgusting crime of grafting. A few wholesome examples should be made of polished rascals who pose as good citizens. It would have a beneficial effect.— East Oregon—

Here is a prophecy of a Canadian newspaper: "The city home of the future will contain no stoves. Cooking will be done by powerthe building will be heated from a central plant. elevators will be run from cellar to garret, and breakfast, lunch and dinner will be supplied from a co-operative center. Not only will the house of the future be cleaned by power but the dust will be removed by a pneumatic exhaust."

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Field Marshal Oyama is believed, in Tokio to have Linevitch almost surrounded. The Russian commander is said to have inaugurated a recent movement for the purpose of drawing off a portion of the forces massed upon his flanks, but the Japanese marched up an entirely independent force and put the Russians to flight. The Russians themselves are doubtful about their safety, but they are at a loss to know whether the Japanese commander intends to deliver a blow or is maneuvering for effect upon the peace conference. One thing is very certain; that is that the Japanese do not propose to leave the world in doubt about their ability to dispose of the Russian force. Perhaps they can accomplish their purpose by demonstrating the strength of their position without bringing on a general battle, but it is more likely it will be necessary for them to crush the enemy to make their control perfectly plain.

In connection with the proposition to erect a monument in the vatican to Christopher Columbus there is a revival of the old movement among Roman Catholics for his canonization. Cardinal Richelmy of Turin is chairman of the committee on the monument, which, it is expected, will be placed in the Papal on May 20, 1906, the fourth centenary of Columbus' death. Regarding the saintship of Columbus, a writer in the New York Tribune recalls that at the vatican council of 1869 many archbishops, bishop petitioned Plus IX. to permit the first steps in the congregation of rites. From the Catholic point of view it is said that the evidence for the necessary miracles is sbundant.

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