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MANY MODES OF GRAFT.

Skyscraper management in Chicago has attained a height of systemized "thrift" that closely resembles graft, for none of the necessary supplies of tenants are overlooked in the exactions of tribute. For the privilege of furnishing the clean towels a towel supply company pays a percentage and a liberal percentage too. Of course the city water never has recovered its reputation since the days when it was daily polluted with sewage and consequently the "spring water" for a big building is an item that runs into thousand of dollars a month. To one new building which will be opened May 1 the company that furnishes the supply of drinking water pays almost half of its gross collections. The iceman pays tribute from his sales of ice and even the sign painters who letter the doors and windows find they have to pay a percentage to the building management if they don't want to have unexpected obstacles put in the way of their work. On the face of it ostensibly the building has nothing to do with any of the people who sell towels or ice, or stationery to the tenants but actually the revenues of these side lines will almost equal the net amounts from the rentals after janitor service has been deducted. The towel man, the water company, the iceman or sign painter

who enters where he is not wanted is sure to find that the accidents to his supplies, the delays on the freight elevators and other vexatious things become so serious that it is impossible to do business and finally he abandons the building to the concessionaries and they of course take advantage of the situation and put up "the price of living" to the tenants. In spite of the enormous increase of office buildings the pressure for offices of a certain class steadily has showed the price per square foot of floor space upwards until the maximum was reached at about \$2 per square foot per year. Comparatively small offices therefore cost from \$60 to \$100 a month. But in addition the indirect revenue to the building through the side lines also has increased because the exactions of the building are added to the cost of the articles in every case and the petty monopolies that are granted embolden some of them to tack on an extra 25 per cent for luck.

LABOR NOTES.

A charter has been granted by the American Federation of Labor to the Bootblacks' Protective union, of Fresno, Cal.

The Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation has changed its rules so as to admit women mine workers as well as men to its membership.

The manufacturing industries of the United States employ as wage earners 6,615,046 persons, or almost 14 1-2 per cent of the total population.

Plans are being laid ultimately to unite all the workers in the metal and machine industry in New York in a metal workers' industrial union.

Practical prohibition of child labor of any kind in the District of Columbia is contemplated in a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Cox of Ohio.

All the unions affiliated with the Molders' union of North America will vote on a proposition to hold a convention of the international body this year, none having been held in five years. If it carries the convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., next September.

After being out for two days the striking carpenters of Des Moines, Ia., returned to work, the employers having granted their demand for an increase of wages amounting to 10 cents an hour. The men already had been granted the eight-hour day some time ago by their employers.

The biennial scale report of the International Typographical union shows that increases obtained for the members of the union will bring the total earned to figures at least \$3,000,000 greater in 1912 than in 1911. The report states that no other organization can show such an increase.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FIRST PRECINCT

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Taft fight because of the unprecedented action of the president in resorting to war tactics, and engaging in a verbal combat with the former chief executive. Both Roosevelt and Taft are confident of victory. The Roosevelt men say they will elect at least two-thirds of the state's 36 delegates. La Follette men say they are confident he will make a good showing.

Roosevelt Keeps up Courage.
New York, April 30.—Confident of a victory in Massachusetts, Roosevelt went to his Oyster Bay home where he will receive the returns tonight.

BAKER TEAM PICKED.

La Grande Will Send Squad of 10 Athletes to Eastern Oregon Meet.

Names of La Grande high school athletes who will compete in the Eastern Oregon meet at Baker, have been selected. They are: Davis, Ralston, Lottes, Conkey, Reynolds, Millering, Carroll, Roberts, Bolton and Casey.

Millering and Lottes leave Friday morning for Baker to represent La Grande at the preliminary arrangements meeting and the team proper will leave the next morning.

BIG REFRIGERATOR COMES.

J. G. Snodgrass Installing Big Cooler in Grocery Store Room.

J. G. Snodgrass is about to install a big refrigerator in his store, occupying the space in the center of the store room. The width of the big cooler is to be seven feet three and a half inches, its depth two feet five and a fourth inches, and its height six feet and two inches. Its ice capacity will be 465 pounds and is intended to serve all cooler purposes for the store.

BIDS WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that the district school board of school district No. One of Union county, Oregon, will receive up to 7:30 o'clock p. m. of May 3, 1912, sealed bids for weatherstripping the windows (except in basements and commercial room) of the High, Central and Fourth Ward school buildings. Bidders to furnish all material and perform all labor. Specifications for same to be furnished with bid. All work to be done during summer vacation and completed by August 20, 1912. Bids to be left with school clerk. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
School Clerk.

The New England league got away to a good start this season, and the playing strength looks to be pretty evenly divided among the eight clubs of the league.

SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union.

Sada Anderson, plaintiff, vs. F. L. Meyers, executor of the last will of John Predmore, deceased, Sisters of St. Francis, of La Grande, Oregon, and William Hull, H. C. Montgomery and J. J. Beldin, trustees of the La Grande and Moss Chapel Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Union county, Oregon, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate or interest in or to or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendant.

To all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate or interest in or to or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants above named: You and each of you are hereby notified to be and appear in the above entitled court and answer the complaint therein filed against in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; And defendants will take notice that if they fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will, for want thereof, apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit, that plaintiff be decreed to be the owner in fee and entitled to the possession of the real estate described in the complaint, it-wit: Lots eleven, twelve and thirteen in block two of Predmore addition to the Town of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted.

This summons is published by virtue of an order of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, of Union county, of date February 6th, A. D. 1912, directing publication thereof in the La Grande Evening Observer once each week for six consecutive weeks and the first publication of this summons is on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1912.

J. D. SLATER,
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