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GET A GRAFT.

Horace Greely's familiar precept, "Go west, young man, go west," was no more fitting at the time than is the adage of the present, "Get a graft, young man, get a graft." But the latter may be applied to young, middle-aged or old.

The remark is called forth principally on account of the growing disposition of the American people to shoulder almost anything which savors of the shadowy order. Religious, political, and commercial grafts are the rule of the day. Persons ensnared in the meshes of any one of the numerous branches of Yankee legerdemain are likely to shudder when it is too late at their lack of perception, but the outsider smiles, looks wise, and the world passes on.

The recent news report to the effect that John Alexander Dowie will undertake to buck the Wall street financial monarchs, calls to mind the fact that here is one man who has worked to a successful finish one of the most stupendous grafts of modern history. Not alone has it been worked, but it is still working, and the renegades are continuing to pour into the coffers of this self-appointed Elijah the Second.

Dowie went to Chicago about ten years ago and opened a lecture room down in Englewood close to the World Fair grounds. He was penniless, but the Fates had favored him with a stentorian voice, some personal magnetism, and a superabundance of unadulterated brass, all three of which he worked threadbare in his "struggle" with the iniquitous world and his scramble for the almighty dollar.

Just how successful he has been in his efforts to gain the shimmering heights, may be gleaned from a superficial inventory of his present assets. He began his tirade of reform, so called, in a one room building and numbered not a single follower. To-day his eight story "home," bank building, schools, and block of apartment houses in the very heart of the city of Chicago, together with the city of Zion which he has founded with its many buildings and factories on the lake shore north of the city are monuments which establish beyond a doubt to the skeptical mind that this tithing proposition of John A's is one grand, sweet successful graft. The defunct Franklin syndicate, the late Humbert swindle, and scores of other deceased get rich quick schemes sink into the deepest shades when compared with Elijah Dowie's religious money making zeal. Together with his saintly

glory he stands forth as a Sanderlin of finance. Without a copper in 1893, and now worth \$7,000,000! And he has yet to record a single day's labor.

Such a story would seem strongly tainted with the odor from an Arabian Night. But the truth in this instance prevails, and the young American, and the old one, too, may draw his own conclusions from the example. It is evident however, that a graft is the only thing. Honest money making has been relegated to the past century. Not now is it found in the latest Butterick fashion sheet, and the young man of today must procure a graft of respectable magnitude before he bows an entrance into this fierce competitive age. It is the open sesame to Wall street, the stock exchanges, society circles and a score of business avenues, and may be applied successfully and advantageously to a major portion of Uncle Sam's population. Fools are born on an average of one a week, but the suckers are multiplying like rabbits. Get a graft, young man, get a graft.

TOO MUCH PUBLICITY.

The policy of publicity practiced by the press in regard to the attempted assassinations of President Roosevelt, is likely to be generally condemned in the not distant future as being altogether out of keeping with the secret service ideas of judicious protection. These attempts on the life of the nation's chief executive are beginning to become common, and the open and unguarded manner in which even the minutest details are recited in the newspapers is said to have met decided disapproval by those whose duty it is to surround the president with every possible safeguard.

To the average mind the big headlines and long string of telegrams, which are accompaniments to these frequent attempts of assassination, are matters pertaining to news and demanded by an indiscriminating public. But viewed from a stand point of personal safety to the president, as it must necessarily be, the policy presents many repulsive and forbidding features.

It is the common custom in the police and detective circles of every large city to give out to newspaper reporters nothing in regard to crimes of any magnitude until the guilty parties have been detected. To do so, thus bringing the details, and the manner in which a search will be instituted before the public, only serves as an avenue of escape for the criminal who watches with a zealous eye the operations being conducted for his capture. When news is published relative to some great crime the fact is generally due to the eternal vigilance of the police reporter, for the policy of an efficient detective force is—silence.

And it would seem that the latter would be the wisest course to pursue in matters akin to the president's personal safety. Published reports concerning failure to deprive him of his life cannot fail to have their weight with that sect which would overthrow all forms of civil government, or with the semi-rational whose first erroneous

impression apparently is to take the president's life in order to gain imaginary fame. Both classes can see the cause of failure in gaining their ends and detailed accounts only better prepare them for further attempts.

REPEAL ONE: REPEAL BOTH

The department of the Interior has come to the startling conclusion that the timber and stone act is bad—very bad, inasmuch as it allows some of Uncle Sam's proteges to buy for \$400 a quarter-section of timber which they have heretofore disposed of with impunity at prices which were entirely satisfactory to themselves. But the department thinks that speculation is running rife; that persons are taking timber claims and perhaps selling them for five or six times the purchase price; that the financial impetus which they receive as a result of their disposals is not, in the strict interpretation of the law, "for their own exclusive use and benefit." It is probably for the benefit of the Missouri Compromise. But that is sarcasm, and is making light of the impenetrable wisdom that issues from the department.

Let it suffice that the general Commissioner has stated that under the present timber and stone act timber companies are getting more than their share, and that individuals in consequence must be cut off from their privileges. But Mr. Richards has neglected to state, too, that speculation is running entirely without restriction in the manipulation of scrip; that most of the fraud and most of the illegal work is being carried on openly by the lien base operators, and that a far louder hue and cry can be raised about the vicious legislation which has allowed, and still continues to allow, the unrestricted placing of scrip upon the government domain to the exclusion of every American citizen.

Mr. Richards and the department have started the argument, now let it be ended if necessary by a repeal of both laws. Reduce the speculation of corporations as well as that of individuals if by so doing a panacea for the evils will have been secured. But judging from the present aspect of matters, it does not look as if the timber syndicates, whose speculation the department has so joyfully threatened to stop, will suffer much from a repeal of the law in question.

The "Tragedy of a Newspaper Write Up," which has been played before crowded houses and with mixed success over in Bend, seems to have been outclassed by a new comedy "Pie Eating With a Knife." The major portion of Bend's "400" indulges in the belief that the play shows poor taste, but nothing as yet has been said about the pie.

The General Land office in Washington has just arrived at the conclusion that speculators in timber lands are getting rich at the expense of the nation. How awful it must be to awaken suddenly from a deep sleep!

It is said the fire in Baker City, which charred and begrimed the city's books, did not make any perceptible change in the color of some of the records.

A news report has it that a "blind-pig" is being run with great financial success in a small town in western Kansas. Wonder how long it will take Carrie to raze its site.

Additional Locals.

G. W. Wiley, a prominent stockman of Post, was in the city several days this week on business.

Mrs. L. J. King, mother of Mrs. C. E. McDowell, has returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Brownsville.

Ernest Starr has returned from the Cascade mountains where he has been for several months and is visiting friends in the city.

Bew Jones has purchased the A. H. Lippman property on W. Seventh street and will move into the house the first of the month.

George Noble and family moved into the city this week from Paulina. They will occupy their new residence which has lately been finished.

W. G. Killenback was in the city from Culver Wednesday. He has been hauling in grain during the past month to the flour mills, and expects to dispose of about 1000 bushels of wheat this fall.

E. H. Sparks and wife have been in the city the past week. They were on their way to the Black Butte ranch from Silver Lake where Mr. Sparks disposed of 2100 head of the company's sheep.

A. C. Hampton, teacher of the Adel school, is a prominent teacher of the county and took an active part at the institute last week—Lakeview Herald. (Mr. Hampton taught the district school at Bend last year where he met with a decided success.)

G. W. Gibson and daughter, Fay, returned yesterday from Bartlett Springs, Cal., where Miss Fay has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kittie Crawford, the past two years. Mr. Gibson says the roads between here and Eugene are bottomless since the recent rains.

Dr. H. P. Belknap stated this week that two fine prospects with a stone's throw of the Dixie Meadow's mine near Prairie City had been opened up and showed good ore bodies. The claims were formerly owned by his brother, S. I. Belknap, R. A. Reese and Geo. Knight and have been purchased by the mining firm of Belman & Co.

The Athletic club has practically decided upon the site for its clubhouse and gymnasium. The committee appointed to look after the matter will report favorably this evening at the regular meeting on the planing mill property which is on the market for \$2000. The building can very easily be converted into the kind of apartments the club would want, and the selection if made will be a wise one.

EXTRA.

ESCAPE IS SOON THWARTED

Vigilance of Sheriff Prevents Possible Break of Cleve Donkel From the County Jail.

To the extreme watchfulness which has been maintained by Sheriff Sam Smith and Deputy Claypool over Cleveland Donkel since his arrest, is probably due the fact that the prisoner is still confined in the county jail. Since the day the young man was first placed in a cell the sheriff has been unceasing in his efforts to prevent an outbreak by the prisoner which he had reason to fear might be attempted, and a discovery made the first of the week furnishes ample grounds for the suspicion.

The sheriff accompanied by deputy Claypool, visited the cell to take the prisoner his supper and, as is their custom, made a careful search of the room. Over in the darkest corner against the wall was found a rope which had been made from an old cot covering. The prisoner had pulled the warp from the canvas and twisted it into a rope, then taking live coals from the stove had burned out the ropes which were sewed around the outside of the canvas to strengthen it. These he had tied together making a strong rope, some sixteen feet in length.

A further search revealed another piece about four feet in length lying on the table and carefully covered with old newspapers. He had evidently heard the steps of the sheriff and deputy about the time he was tying this to the longer piece and had covered it up so that it would not be noticed.

Sheriff Smith would not talk regarding the young man's intentions, but it is probable that the prisoner aimed to get the advantage of either the sheriff or deputy Claypool at some meal time and bind them with the rope so an escape could be effected. If these were the designs of the young man, credit is due the sheriff's office for completely thwarting them. If the ropes had been made as a pastime and not for future use it is not likely that the prisoner would have been so careful in concealing them.

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