

COAST CLAY CO. OF SEWER TRUST

Combine Divides Its Territory
and Maintains Price at
Exorbitant Figure.

ITS CONTROL IS COMPLETE

Two Firms Serve Portland Through
Single Agency and Gouge Pub-
lic for Profit of From 150
to 400 Per Cent.

Portland and the whole Pacific Coast is in the grip of a sewer pipe combine or trust, that stretches its feelers as far south as San Francisco and as far north as Seattle. Every part of the intermediate territory divided up and apportioned according to a regular working agreement. This has been made possible by the supposed scarcity of the clay deposits necessary for a foot, the pipe and by showing away outside competition with assurances that the business is already "controlled."

While much of the excessive cost of making connections to new sewers, such as the Brooklyn sewer, has been laid at the doors of the plumber, it appears that the plumber is but partly to blame, the manufacturer of the clay pipe used for making the connections being the great offender.

To such an extent has the monopoly or division of territory system gone that the profits of the firms comprising the sewer pipe combine range from 100 per cent to 150 per cent over the cost price and expense of manufacturing the raw material. A profit of 50 cents on the sale price of the article is shown to be the case with certain of the firms in the trust. The men in the trust have all made big profits and built up fortunes by means of their gouge game. Most conspicuous of them are George W. Bates and M. H. Bates. Their manipulations of this trust reach even the ordinances, which have been framed as to yield the trust a maximum of profit. Householders wonder why the plumber charges so much for sewer connections. Back of the plumber's game is the clay pipe trust.

Brooklyn to Pay Heavy.

Residents along the line of the Brooklyn sewer will soon be called on to pay tribute. Practically 1,000 feet of six-inch connecting pipe will be called for. It is said that 70 feet will be required to connect up to each lot. This will cost at least 20 cents a foot, or \$140. Bonds or loans all cost extra. A plumber's estimate of the cost of laying is given as an additional 20 cents a foot. Several plumbers said they would not touch a job under 60 cents a foot, and would rather leave the job untouched even at that figure. At 60 cents the additional cost would be about \$84, making a total of at least \$224. One plumber said he had estimated the cost of this nature. This does not include the amount of the assessment for the actual cost of the sewer, although it is believed this will be in the neighborhood of \$20.

The plumber said the high prices varied because a certain firm, or connections wished to get the job of connecting the whole length of the small connections, and it could obtain a lower contract price and put the cost on a slightly cheaper. Unless this firm obtained the contract, said the plumber, the sewer-pipe trust would keep the prices at their present level.

Friends of the trust have declared the price has not been boosted for two years. This is understood to be the reason why it is not held as an available excuse for keeping prices at their present unnecessarily high level.

Double Price in Ohio.

According to the city ordinances, the size of pipe used for sewer connections must be the six-inch. It must also be vitrified clay pipe. Thirty cents a lineal foot is the price quoted by the Oregon & Washington Clay Pipe Company, the name of the concern handling the product for the two local firms, pooling their supplies. No other firm in the city, the same pipe may be obtained for 15 cents a foot and the local price is carefully calculated to be about 2 cents under the cost of the Ohio pipe. In fact, the Portland pipe is brought to Portland in carload lots, the local price could be cut several cents.

The two firms handling sewer pipe for the Oregon territory are George W. Bates & Co., with a factory at Ingers, Wash., known as the Portland Diamond Vitrified Brick & Tile Company, and the Western Clay Pipe Company, with a factory at Portland. The product of both firms is handled by the Oregon & Washington Clay Pipe Company, and it is generally understood that the Bates firm's agreement makes the stipulation that the Bates factory shall control 40 per cent of the output, while the Western people take the remaining 60 per cent.

Some authorities say the reason for this arbitrary division is that the Bates factory is enabled, by its position, to obtain its clay at a much less cost than the Western people, who are located in Portland. The Bates factory gets its clay right on the spot, a down-grade track being responsible for the haulage of the clay a bare 20 yards to the manufactory, while the Western Clay Company is compelled to make a railroad haul of 10 miles to Portland. Thus, the cost of the clay at the factory to the Portland Diamond Vitrified Brick & Tile Company is very close to 30 cents a ton, the cost to their Portland "competitors" is about 20 cents for the same quantity. This reduces the profit of the local firm to about 15 per cent. The working agreement was made, by which the one concern did all the selling, apportioning the amount to be supplied by each respective concern.

Does Just as It Pleases.

To such an extent has this gone that although a purchaser may prefer one of the two kinds of pipe he must take what the trust gives him. Should he indicate his preference, it won't matter, for he is just as liable to get one as the other under existing circumstances.

Similarly the Washington territory is handled by the Little Falls Fire Clay Company, Little Falls, Wash., and the California territory is almost exclusively in the care of Glad, McBean & Co., although an Oakland concern is not molested in its Southern California operations. These divisions of the trust let them in their own territory and refuse to sell outside of it.

Originally the Portland and Oregon market was in the hands of the Western Clay Pipe Company. George W. Bates, of Portland, saw the profitable trade and about two years ago engaged in the business in a small way. After employing a geologist to locate the clay deposits on the Columbia, remnants of the glacial period, he picked on Image as the most suitable spot for operation.

A factory was opened and was originally confined to the manufacturing of glazed bricks. But through severe competition the profit on bricks was cut to about 100 per cent, and Mr. Bates took

There's no economy in employing an amateur to do an expert's task. Nine times in ten failure follows. In a large percentage of instances the result is harm. The average physician is an amateur in the treatment of men's diseases. He doesn't know enough cases to know a great deal about them. His time is so fully occupied in treating a full assortment of human ills that he cannot devote special study to any particular branch of practice. Most diseases are sufficiently simple as to require no special training other than that received in the medical colleges and that afforded by experience in general practice. The more complex and perplexing ailments the family practitioner seldom cares to treat.

My Original Methods Cure Every Case I Take for Treatment

I know exactly what to do to effect a thorough cure in every case that I accept for treatment. Though this is something that a thorough cure in every case that I accept for treatment. Though this is something that a thorough cure in every case that I accept for treatment. Though this is something that a thorough cure in every case that I accept for treatment.

DISEASES OF MEN

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SPECIFIC BLOOD POISON.

Others dose the system with mineral poisons, exactly less dangerous than the disease itself. The best they hope to do by this treatment is to keep the disease from manifesting its presence upon the surface of the body. Under my treatment, the disease is cured, the system is thoroughly cleansed, the latent virus is destroyed. Every symptom vanishes, to appear no more. I employ harmless blood-cleansing remedies. They are remedies heretofore unknown in the treatment of this disease. The cure by neutralizing and absolutely destroying the poison in the system, such a cure cannot be other than complete and permanent.

A WORD IN CONCLUSION.

My ability to cure all diseases of men, both quickly and thoroughly is merely a matter of superior skill, which is nothing more than the result of long and accurate knowledge, gained through unusual and successful experience.

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PARNASSOS IS TAKEN

GERMAN SHIP WILL LOAD NEW CROP GRAIN AT PORTLAND.

Tonnage Listed for Columbia River Is More Than Double That Headed for Puget Sound.

The German ship Parnassos, 1957 tons net register, Captain Reitz, which sailed March 5 from Hamburg for Santa Rosa, Mexico, has been chartered for outward loading of grain from Portland to the United States. The cargo will be due at the Mexican port early in August and is expected to figure in the outward November fleet from Portland.

With the addition of the Parnassos

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

Due to Arrive.
Name For Date
Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook, May 17
Argo, Portland, May 18
Kosmos, Portland, May 19
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Entered Saturday.

Yellowstone, Am. steamship (Cleary), with ballast, from San Francisco.
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to the fleet of sailing vessels headed for the Columbia River the tonnage amounts to 48,818 net tons. En route for Puget Sound ports a vessel with a total tonnage of only 29,953 tons. Portland's list is more than double that of the entire Puget Sound district. Several of the craft on the Portland list were taken with the option of Puget Sound loading but the same condition will apply to craft on the Sound list and things will about balance.

The tonnage already chartered for outward loading at Portland will have a carrying capacity of close to 4,000,000 bushels of wheat. Practically all this will be set afloat by the first of the year.

Steamship Inventory Puts In for Coal

The British steamship inventory, Cap-

THE WOMAN'S NATURE

that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold."

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