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#### GRAFT.

No city can be injured by the enforcement of the people's laws. To do otherwise is to substitute the will of the official for the laws of the people, and that is tyranny. No state can be hurt by exposing grafting. To do otherwise is to connive at it. There is no secret remedy known for evils of this character. They cannot be cured by hiding them. The disgrace is not in their correction, but in submission to them with supine indifference. It is well for a state to display its virtues and not to parade its faults, but it should not be forgotten that the highest civic virtue is the overthrow of depravity.—Joseph W. Folk.

#### TIMBER SUPPLY.

**T**HE American Lumberman has recently been taking a fall out of Federal statistics. It points out that whereas in 1902 it was reported that the total timber standing in the United States was only 1,200,000,000,000 feet, in 1910, despite a heavy consumption in the meanwhile, the supply had risen to 2,800,000,000,000 feet. Now, the consumption for the decade has averaged 45,000,000,000 feet annually. Taking the latter figures, which, by the way are supplied from the report of Commissioner H. K. Schmidt of the Bureau of Corporations, and averaging the consumption for the next five decades at 60,000,000,000 feet, it will be seen that if no timber replace that which is being cut, that in 50 years there will exist no forests in the United States. This is in view of the Commissioner's optimistic report. As a matter of fact, however, the facilities, however great, employed by Commissioner Schmidt in preparing his estimates of standing timber, can hardly have been as good as those of the Bureau of Statistics. It is, however, corroborated by the American Lumberman, which gives the figure at 2,829,000,000,000 feet, of which it states that 2,200,000,000,000 feet are privately owned. The total reservation and national forest of the whole country only accounts for 629,000,000,000 feet. Now, the natural increase of timber is only about 1 1/2 per cent per annum; in other words, it takes 70 years to replace a forest. On the American Lumberman's own figures, therefore, if every lumberman in the United States were to replace every tree cut by another, the natural growth of timber would only represent 40,000,000,000 feet annually; that is to say, less than the annual cut. But if the figures of the Bureau of Statistics be taken, the natural increase under the same conditions would only amount to 17,000,000,000 feet annually, or one-third of the probable average cut during the next 10 years. The need of conservation is apparent. If the figures of the American Lumberman are correct and conservation is carried out at the same time, there is a chance, if there be not a great increase in the annual

cut, of making supply and demand meet each other, and at all events it will take from one to two centuries to exhaust the supply. But if the figures of the Bureau of Statistics be correct, it is hardly more than a supply for the Nation for a period longer than 15 to 20 years. When experts disagree it is difficult for the layman to form judgment. In view of the contradiction the next report of the Bureau of Statistics, prepared from the census figures of 1910, will be awaited with interest by the public, which is buying lumber at gradually increasing prices and must either do that or find a substitute. But one thing is particularly obvious, and that is that conservation is absolutely essential.

#### "EVIL SILENCE."

**T**HE TIMES recently engaged in an unpleasant public duty that makes interesting a strong and significant article in an eastern periodical, the Continent, in which it asks and answers the question: "Is it honorable to 'tell on' a neighbor or associate for violating law and honesty?"

This is a serious problem of personal patriotism now frequently presented to the citizen, declares the Continent, and it points out that "an overwhelming percentage of the corrupt bargains driven in American politics are no doubt made and performed without incurring for the participants the least shadow of public shame, to say nothing of legal punishment."

"Such business must be stopped," says the Continent, "or the republic is a failure," and it answers its own question with the declaration that "no alleged fashion for gentlemen can have any conceivable claim on a patriot when it has become to his nation a direct instrument of debasement."

"It is not dishonorable—it is on the contrary eminently honorable—nay, more, it is the testing duty of a worthy American—to reveal explicitly and relentlessly to public notice any fact within one's knowledge tending to identify the scoundrels of politics or business—and this without regard to the intimacy of any relation through which the knowledge may be derived. Treason to a good fellow to tell on him? It is treason to your country not to tell. Which sort of traitor would you rather be?"

These are timely words. The Continent truly says that "in the senatorial case in the Illinois legislature there were incorruptible members who were very certain that bribery was being plotted, but they would go no further than vague hints towards uncovering it." In Ohio and in Vermont county hundreds knew of the wholesale bribery, but did nothing to bring the guilty to justice. And everywhere justice encounters the stubborn, short sighted, and morally perverted obstruction created by the average American's theory that it is dishonorable to tell, but not to withhold his knowledge of wrongdoing. This is the foolish honor of the school boy who does not know that there are public duties. Americans must grow out of their immaturity in political and social thought or they will not prove fit for self-government. Self-government and home protection is a man's job, not a child's.

Telling is not pleasant. It takes in some cases a courage not short of heroism. It means breaking pleasant and profitable associations, and even hurting friends. "But soldiers have gone to battle—millions of them—just because there was danger to their country which had to be shot to death. Now there is a worse danger to the city which has to be crushed to death. So today's patriot must enlist with all the testimony he has, just as yesterday's patriot enlisted with all the marksmanship he had. Or else today's citizen is no patriot at all but a craven."

But the Continent does not shirk the difficulty expressed in the excuse that "all I know is something that could not be proved to a jury."

Some day perhaps it may be possible so to amend American law practice that anything may be told in court which would convince the man in the street; but until then some forms of crime must be tried in the street before the court of public opinion. And there somebody must be brave enough to say things unprovable. No public evil, indeed, is

overthrown except by the decision of an aroused people. And the people give their verdict only when some aroused man has the courage to stand out unabashedly and make himself personally responsible for a direct and ringing accusation—to say on his own account as a man the uncorroborated truth.

Not stand—never; the honest citizen will avoid scandal as he would a nest of serpents. Neither will he use innuendo or repeat rumor. But when he has studied a public evil in the light or caught sight of its deep depravity in the dark, so that in his own soul he knows, and knows he knows, then he is no good citizen if he does not forget all cost to himself and speak out boldly:

"Here is the villainy and there is the man who made it."

"Cry aloud and spare not"—the ancient prophet's motto writes the modern patriot's duty.

There are men on Coos Bay who have a very different theory of their duty. During the time this paper was telling of the foul corruption, these men kept silent when they might have aided. Some continued to secretly abet the crime but be sure their sin will find them out. Others held themselves bound merely by "good fellowship" by the private code which ignores the duty of the citizen, or by considerations of personal convenience, or by fear of enmity. They placed these considerations, one or all of them, above the safety and honor of their city and their homes.

They have helped to create what the Continent calls "an evil silence in the land." They have thrown the dead weight of their secrecy into the scales of justice against the public good.

It is easier and cheaper to sing patriotic songs and "Nearer My God to Thee" than it is to get out in the open and fight not only for God's kingdom but the purity and morals of their own homes and firesides.

Some democratic leaders talk as if they haven't quite recovered from the effects of that Baltimore banquet yet.

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## ALASKA PLAN OF SYNDICATE

### Guggenheim-Morgan Interests Change to Railroad and Steamship Operations

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 25.—L. A. Lovensalor, mining engineer and geologist of the Alaska Syndicate, resigned today. This is understood to mean the withdrawal of the Guggenheim-Morgan interests from mining in Alaska except the development of the copper properties already owned. The syndicate, it is said, will concentrate its energies on the railroad and steamship business. This syndicate was foreshadowed when the syndicate sold the Northwest Fisher-

ies company to the Booth Fisheries Company.

#### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

### New Yorker Finds Unknown Man Dead With Wife.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 25.—When Kachel Dervin, an Armenian laborer, returned home late last night he found the body of his young wife on the floor of the kitchen with the head almost severed and in the bedroom the body of an unidentified man with his throat cut and a razor in the hand. It was a case of murder and suicide.

#### CAMBRIDGE IS VICTOR.

### Defeats Oxford at Queen's Club By Score of 6 to 4.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, England, Mar. 25.—Cambridge won the annual inter-Varsity sports contest with Oxford at the Queen's club today with six points to four.

### In Spite of All of Our Care

A mistake is possible, it is sometimes impossible to prevent it. You may get a pound of butter not quite up to the mark—Or a dozen of eggs with one or two of them of suspicious appearance—BUT—(and this is the chief point of this ad) you will find us not only willing but ANXIOUS to right these wrongs. You have but to bring such things to our notice to have them receive our immediate attention. We want to get as near as possible to perfect storekeeping, and you can help us to do this by pointing out our faults. Let us enroll you as a customer. Come in and look over our stock, and let us show you. No trouble would be pleased to do so.

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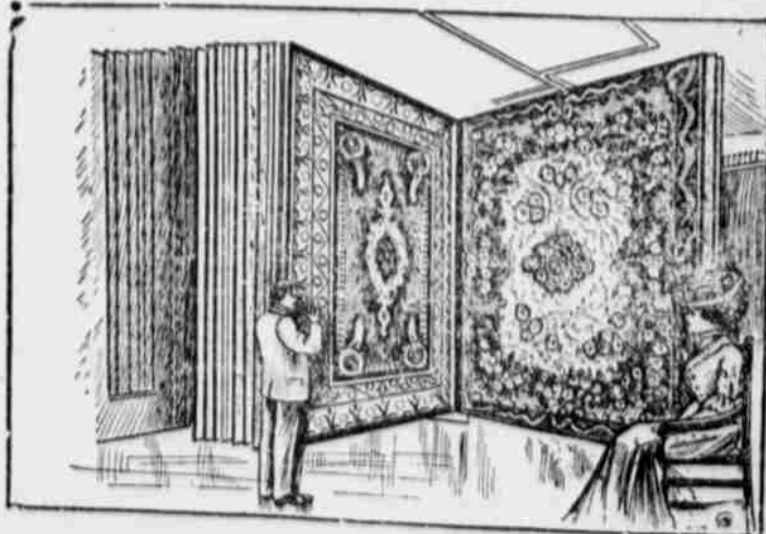
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