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STOCK GAMBLING.

Another living example of the pernicious effects of stock gambling is exemplified in the confession and arrest of Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National bank of Milwaukee. Honored and respected by all who knew him, elevated to positions of honor and trust; rated as a millionaire and having a family standing high in the realm of society, he was not satisfied with being a millionaire with a life position paying at least \$50,000 a year, but must rush into the gambling pit and not only lose all of his own money, but a million and a half dollars entrusted to his care and keeping by confiding friends and associates who have assisted him to acquire a competency. This is the effect and invariable result of stock gambling.

Stock gambling is considered as legitimate a business by the commercial world as selling dry goods or groceries. It is participated in by men worth millions who have it in their power to sway the prices on 'change and bring ruin to hundreds of happy homes. They can make or break a man at pleasure, and it matters not that they have filched the money lost from their employers or from the bank deposits of the poor laboring people, as long as they can pile up fabulous fortunes upon the wreck of suffering humanity, it matters not to them how many men are ruined or how many innocent women and children's lives are blighted or homes made desolate, and these same men often are recognized as the pillars in the fashionable churches in the great cities.

It is not strange that Dr. Gladjen objected to accepting the \$200,000 donated by John D. Rockefeller for the spreading of the gospels of He who threw the money changers out of the temple for gambling. It is not strange that honest and conscientious ministers throughout the land are objecting to accepting money filched from the poor by dishonest and disreputable money sharks. Like begets like. Birds of a feather flock together and from this we deduce that disreputable and dishonest ministers whose associates and bosom companions and advisers are the stock gamblers, have no compunctions of conscience from accepting the stolen products of stock gambling, and as a rule, a certain percent of the donations goes into the pockets of the accessories in crime and the foreign missionaries are still crying for help.

The board of directors of the bank of which Bigelow was the president have decided to make up the loss from their own private fortunes and protect the depositors of the bank, with the announcement that Bigelow will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A man that admits that he has robbed his trusted friends of \$1,450,000 and is admitted to bail in the sum of \$25,000 is probably not afraid of being unduly prosecuted for his crime. He will simply move over to Canada and join the army of bank defaulters now living in luxury under the protecting arms of the Canadian government.

There will never be a cessation from defaulting bank presidents, cashiers, and trusted employees until stock gambling is made a crime and it will only be stamped out by the coming of the millennium. As long as it has the support and indorsement of the money powers of the world; as long as it is indorsed and approved by the wealthy churches of the land, who are supported by the ill-gotten gains filched from the savings of the poor laboring classes, just so long will stock gambling be recognized as a legitimate avocation and the list of ruined men augmented by daily accessions to their ranks. We of Astoria, so far away from the marts of speculation and stock gambling, little realize the pernicious effects of the nefarious crime, committed under the protection and sanction of law.

The terrible excitement announced in the telegraph dispatches in the Chicago wheat pit in which the Armour and John W. Gates are ostensibly the central figures, is simply the same old scheme of inveigling the men of moderate means and those holding positions of trust to put their money in the wheat pit for the sole benefit of

Gates and Armour. They are worth millions, but they are never happy unless seeing someone else ruined. Gates and Armour are looked up to, honored and respected, the same as Rockefeller and their money is accepted with a glad hand and a responsive amen by churches built up and maintained by the wealth stolen from the poor.

The rich are becoming richer and the poor are becoming poorer is a truism, having its foundation in the stock and wheat gambling pits of the large cities of the United States. Not only does it ruin men of mature years, but is making gamblers of the young men of the nation who try and emulate the millionaires by plunging into the vortex of gambling without any regard as to whose money they lose in the speculation. The millionaires have bought their way into the church and into good society, and by the same token expect to buy their way into heaven.

AFTER THE TRUSTS.

The federal grand jury at Chicago is proceeding vigorously against the beef trust in the criminal proceedings which have been instituted. Four members connected with the combine have been indicted and others probably will be. Three of them are regular employees of the packers and one is an attorney. It is probable that the attorney was employed by the packers to steal the indictments, and got caught at it. The specific charge against them is that they obstructed a deputy marshal in his efforts to serve a subpoena upon another attache of the combine and send him to Canada.

Suffrage work has already been done by the grand jury to show that the government means business. Apparently, however the trust thinks it is safe from criminal prosecution. It has recently advanced the prices of meat, and the threat is that there will be still a further rise. This will not frighten the people. There is one way in which the trust could be attacked that would quickly bring them to terms. That is by refusing to buy meat. If the people would stop eating meat for a week the trust would be on its knees. This sort of remedy is always open to them, but not enough of them to take advantage of it to count for much in the warfare against the trust.

If an agreement could be reached, whereby the entire people would agree not to buy or eat any meat for one week, it would bring down the price of meats. But there is always a class in every community that would object to such a procedure, even though it would break up the trust, and they are found in the ranks of those that are yelping the loudest about trusts. But the government is not at the end of its resources yet. The criminal prosecutions are only in their preliminary stage. Scores of indictments are expected. Many persons will be put on trial. It is expected that the evidence in some of the cases at least will be strong enough to put the accused behind the prison bars. The spectacle of a few of the trust magnates wearing stripes and breaking stones for the state would be exhilarating. It would take the point out of the taunt that wealth is above the law. The men at the head of the government are determined to prove the falsity of their claim. If the big packers are shown to be guilty of violation of the anti-trust law, as some of them probably will, their millions will not save them from the punishment which that statute prescribes.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman.

It is surprising how many superstitious people there are in Astoria. For instance, a certain subscriber to The Astorian is so superstitious on one point that he is a slave to his singular whim. He will not pass up the same side of the street on which The Astorian collector is coming down. He says he never has good luck if he sees a creditor over his left shoulder or meets one face to face. He says he never meets a creditor but right away afterwards he hears of someone being dunned.

Another prominent business man seems to think there is something fatal about seeing a contribution box on Sunday. He therefore gets up and rushes out of church before the contribution box is passed rather than bring disaster down upon himself and family.

A gentleman comes into the sanctum sanctorum, who is connected with the paper and has a superstition that if he were to spit in the cuspidor he wouldn't live to get home.

Lom Linville says he don't care for new moons over the left shoulder or howling dogs at midnight, or anything of this kind; but when he sees a woman with a big stone chasing a moose cow, he is always sure to hear of a new made grave.

Millard Hardesty never chews his own tobacco. He thinks if he were to do so he would come to want, and he would rather, if anyone suffers, that it should be his friends.

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Steamer Australia May Come to the Columbia River.

Steamship men are deeply interested in the preparations under way at San Francisco to place the steamer Australia, one of Spreckels' fleet, in commission. Captain Rennie, formerly master of the steamer Mariposa, is to take the Australia out, but so far neither the owner nor those connected with the work will divulge which route the craft will ply on. In view of her excellent accommodations, steaming qualities and general make-up, coupled with the fact that travel this way is expected to be enormous during the fair, the popular theory is that she will ply between Astoria and San Francisco.

Shipping Notes.

The steamer Cascade sails today for San Francisco.

British ship Langdale arrived out at Falmouth April 22. She left the river grain laden December 6.

The steam schooner South Bay sails this morning for Redondo with a cargo of 47,000 feet of lumber.

The transport Sheridan will arrive down from Portland some time today and leave for San Francisco.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett sails today for San Pedro, her cargo consists of 2260 tons of wheat.

The steamer Elmore leaves this morning for Tillamook. While there she will tow the schooner Oakland to sea.

The schooner Jennie Stella, Captain Peterson, master, arrived in port yesterday. She will load lumber at Vancouver.

British ship Ekkason, previously reported chartered to bring general cargo here comes in W. R. Grace & Co.'s line.

The lighthouse tender Heather leaves this morning on a two months' cruise in Alaskan waters. She carries supplies for the stations.

The schooner J. W. Close, Captain Haley, master, arrived in from San Pedro yesterday. She will load lumber at some of the up river mills.

Steamer St. Paul, now being repaired at San Francisco, is to sail from here for Astoria May 17. Ports have been cut in her; electric elevators installed and other changes made.

The steamer Alliance, Captain Hardwick, master, arrived in yesterday afternoon from Eureka, via Coos Bay. She had a full cargo of freight and a large passenger list. She is scheduled to sail on return trip Friday morning.

The La Fontaine entered at the custom house today 4900 casks of cement for the war department, which will be used on the forts at the mouth of the Columbia, and 1200 casks for private parties. She was shipped today to the Hollywood dock where the cargo will be discharged.

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