

SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY YIELDS BIG DIVIDENDS

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ried out the grafting policies. Competition ends and the "divvy" in the graft fund begins when membership is acquired in the protective association. The plumber who attempts to do business in Portland without acquiring membership in the latter organization is soon forced out of business. He must join the secret circle, share in its graft, levy exorbitant tribute on every unsuspecting and unsuspecting citizen who pays for plumbing, or close up shop.

CHARGE FIFTY PER CENT MORE.

The competitive plumber who refuses to be drawn into the lobby of the trust finds that he is compelled to pay as much as 50 per cent more for his material from the wholesalers. A bid which he makes on work is quickly underbid by one of the trust members. The latter bid may be a figure which represents a loss of many dollars to the bidder, but he secures the job, and the difference is made up by the protective association in which he holds membership.

Frequently it happens that the quota of plumbers in the city is full. The protective association issues an edict of its own that no more firms shall be allowed to share in the graft which it accumulates for its members. The next applicant therefore is required to take an examination before the board of examiners. This is customary in all cases, but in the present instance the examination is made so difficult that it is impossible to reach the required standard. The board of examiners is made up of plumbers who are members of the protective association.

EVERY BID IS PASSED UPON.

Every bid, every contract let, every estimate furnished by any of the plumbing firms in Portland that belong to this secret trust must first pass muster before the protective association. For a citizen of Portland to obtain several estimates on prospective work from as many plumbing firms in the hopes of benefiting by the apparent competition is a hopeless undertaking. Through the protective association his demands are made known, and soon after his first request for an estimate the wholesale grafting begins.

Through a mutual agreement among the members of the combine he is "soaked" for that sum which it is thought he will pay without creating a disturbance. On top of this is attached the cost of labor and material and a reasonable profit, and in addition is heaped the stipulated graft assessment demanded by the protective association and which each member agrees to extract from its prospective customers as soon as membership in the trust is secured.

ONE PLUMBER BLUFFED TRUST.

So notorious has these methods of the system become that a short time ago a plumber who had gone out of business and was denied a reinstatement upon his second application threatened an exposure of the grafting process by which the plumbers' trust was robbing the people. His threats became so vigorous that arrangements were made to remove the offices of the trust, together with all its books and papers, to Vancouver, outside the jurisdiction of this state.

A compromise was effected, however, the plumber was admitted again to the inner circles, his initiation fee into the Master Plumbers' association was reduced more than one half, and he again resumed business and at present is enjoying the graft proceeds which accumulate monthly in the coffers of the protective association.

PHYSICIAN KEPT CASH FROM GIRL

Dr. H. P. Loomis Blamed for Loss of Yerkes Millions by Miss Emily Grigsby.

WIFE DEMANDS MONEY TO PREVENT DIVORCE

Medical Man's Spouse Is Greeted With Startling Information That Suits Are Fashionable and That She May Go Ahead.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
New York, June 8.—Mrs. H. P. Loomis, wife of Dr. Loomis, did not bring her suit for divorce, in which Emily Grigsby, protegee of the late Charles T. Yerkes, was named, until her husband had rejected a proposal to settle \$400,000 on her for separate maintenance. The wife suggested the cash settlement as a means of avoiding the notoriety of a divorce suit.
"Divorces seem fashionable nowadays," the doctor is alleged to have replied, "and the affair may as well go ahead."
It was due to Dr. Loomis that Miss Grigsby did not receive a much larger share of the Yerkes estate.
Dr. Loomis, although not the sole physician of the stricken financier during his last days, was his chief medical adviser, and ruled the room with despotic sway. Mr. Yerkes, realizing that his days were numbered, continually pleaded that Miss Grigsby be brought to his bedside.
From that moment Miss Grigsby was in constant attendance by the side of the sick man and even displaced the wife when she sought to remain there. There was a bitter scene between the two women. Then it was that Mr. Yerkes, report says, determined to supersede the will that left the major portion of his wealth to his wife with another which should reduce her share to the lowest possible amount and devise to the young woman the major portion. To this end a lawyer was summoned to the bedside and the dying millionaire told him his desire.
When at the end of a week the document which would have made Emily Grigsby worth many millions was ready, Dr. Loomis stepped in and declared the dying man should not be worried with the matter.
And so Charles T. Yerkes died, leaving the bulk of his estate to his widow.

SURE ESCAPED GIRL IS DEAD

No Longer Any Doubt That Olga Miller and Bertha Bellestein Were Same.

FRIEND OF FAMILY IDENTIFIES REMAINS

Los Angeles Man Declares Beautiful Allegheny Matricide Who Escaped From Dixmont Asylum Passed Away in California.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, June 8.—That Bertha Bellestein, the beautiful Allegheny matricide, who escaped from the Dixmont insane asylum, is unquestionably dead is the belief of all her relatives in Pittsburg. N. A. Voegtly, a brother-in-law of Bertha, and one of the former executors of the Bellestein estate, who sent word to Los Angeles for proofs of the girl's identity, received a telegram from a personal friend today, which, he declares, leads him to believe that the girl is dead. He is his sister-in-law, Mr. Voegtly this morning received the following telegram: "Los Angeles, June 8.—N. A. Voegtly, Pittsburg, Pa.: Description tallies exactly except brown hair; particulars by letter. (Signed) Albert A. Reineman."
Mr. Reineman was formerly a wealthy business man of Allegheny and knew all the members of the Bellestein family very well. He is now a mining engineer, residing at Pasadena, California. He made a trip to Los Angeles at the request of Mr. Voegtly to identify the girl.
Upon the receipt of Reineman's telegram, Voegtly said he believed that Olga Miller was none other than Bertha Bellestein.
Considerably more mystery is being thrown about the case by the strange actions of the officials of the Dixmont asylum. When Dr. Hutchinson, the superintendent, was today informed that the body of Bertha would be brought here for final identification and burial, he flew into a terrible rage. "I don't want to hear anything more about this Bellestein woman," he snapped.
When asked if he would view the remains upon their arrival he declared that he would not do so unless forced to do so by his official position.

EUGENE LAUNDRY PARTIALLY BURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., June 8.—Fire partially destroyed the Fisher steam laundry building here today and ruined about half of the machinery. The fire started from sparks from the engine and spread so rapidly it was impossible to check it. The city fire department saved a portion of the building and all of the ironing machinery. The washing machine, engine and boiler were destroyed. The building was an old two-story structure valued at \$500. It was owned by F. L. Chambers. The loss to E. L. Fisher, proprietor of the laundry, is \$700 or \$800. There was no insurance on either building or contents.

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GOVERNMENT TRIES TO SELL INFECTED WOOD

Believed Pest May Be Eradicated if Timber Is Cut Rapidly by Big Companies—Price Is Reduced to Dollar Per Thousand.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, June 8.—R. T. Green, an entomologist of the department of agriculture, who has been a guest at the Majestic for several days, says the department is fighting a ravenous little bug that has been killing every year many of the finest trees in the Black Hills forest reserve. It makes its appearance in July, August and September and flying in swarms, attacks the healthy green trees, principally the yellow pine.
"Soon after the attack by the beetle," continued Mr. Green, "the wood of the pine begins to turn blue due to a fungus in the wood cells. After infection the trees remain green until spring when the leaves die. In this condition the wood is just as good as that of healthy trees. The dead timber is that from which the insects have emerged and whose needles have died. Its condition depends upon the length of time it has been dead. In the thousand feet of infected timber standing, to sawmill men at \$1 a thousand feet, whereas the healthy, green trees sell for \$5 a thousand feet."
The forest reserve people are attempting to secure bids from the great lumber companies, who can work rapidly by or cut trees by the thousand for this is one of the means decided upon to help eradicate the pest. It is estimated that three years will be required to cut all the trees deemed necessary, and while this work is going on experts will be working along other lines in their efforts to destroy the little beetle which has caused such heavy loss among the fine trees.

CHINA IS NOT FRIEND OF JAPS

Subjects of Empress Would Not Side With Mikado If War Were Declared.

CLOSE RELATIONS ARE NOT EXISTING FACT

Mongolians Have Warmest Feeling of Friendship for America Since McKinley and Hay Prevented Dismemberment of Their Empire.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, June 8.—Robert L. Merchant of Shanghai, who has lived in China for 20 years, is at the Fairmont hotel on his way to Berlin. In his opinion China would never side with Japan should the latter at any time become hostile to the United States.
"The close relation that is supposed to exist between China and Japan," said Mr. Merchant, "does not as a matter of fact exist. They are neighbors and they are of the same color, but are not on terms what would be called intimate terms among individuals. China is at present engaged in reforms and is obtaining useful assistance from Japan. But that does not mean that she will permit her political policy to be dictated by Japan. For one thing, China owes a deep debt of gratitude to the United States. The Chinese never forget a friend. They will never forget that President McKinley and John Hay prevented the dismemberment of their empire by the European powers at the time of the boxer uprising. Hay is even now known in China as 'the God.'"
"There has been trouble between the two countries since, but nothing serious. China has taken reform seriously. The movement has reached the most inaccessible regions of the empire. The law prohibiting the use of opium is being strictly enforced, and that is the greatest factor in favor of a real and lasting reform. China reformed will be even more friendly to the United States than she is now."

NO TRACE AT ALL OF AUGUST WRESCH

Seattle, June 8.—No trace has yet been found of August Wresch, whose wife is now at Portland. Wresch, his 11-year-old son Will and \$10,000 in cash that the man had in his possession disappeared May 19. The Seattle police were informed of the disappearance by a letter from the Portland chief.

WAGE RAISE TAKEN OUT OF THE PUBLIC

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, June 8.—An average increase of 20 per cent in wages has been granted employees in its collieries by the Pacific Coast company. In some cases the raise is less than 20 per cent, but Chief Engineer Anderson says that is about the average.
This is the explanation given by the company for the increase in the price of coal, which took effect three days ago. The increase in wages was determined upon immediately after the abortive attempt at a strike in its Black Diamond mines a short time ago, when the effort to organize a union in the opening of navigation to the north marked the beginning of a general emigration of the company's miners. The wage advance was determined on as a measure both to stop the departure of the men and as a preventive of a possible strike.

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