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**THE SACK PROBLEM**

The following is an extract from a letter received by L. A. Langley from Geo. W. Turner and will explain itself: "I notice by The Wheatfield that the farmers are talking of building graneries to store their wheat in, and force the Warehouse men to buy their wheat in bulk. Now I have bought and shipped wheat here on the Pacific coast for the past 17 years, more or less, and I want to tell you the same thing that I have told hundreds of other men, and that is, that you dont have to force the warehouse men to buy grain in bulk, they will buy it in bulk without forcing. I have never seen the time when I would not buy bulk wheat. But you must remember that there is a difference in the price of bulk grain and sacked grain, and that difference depends on the price of sacks. If sacks are worth 11 cents the spread will be about 4 1-2 cents per bushel, if they are selling for 6 cents the spread will be about 2 1-2 cents per bushel, etc.

"This idea that some people have got, that the farmer buys his sacks and then gives them to the Warehouse man, is all rot There is no one to blame for this sack question but God-all-mighty, and as soon as man can prevail upon him to quiet the waters of the Pacific ocean, so that wheat can be shipped in bulk. Then, and not until then, will the sack question be settled. It is just as broad as it is long, if you dont buy the sacks, the man that exports the grain must buy them. You simply pay a small rental for the use of the sacks. Now there is no doubt in my mind but that there is a corner on sacks. A certain company here in the city bought up all the sacks, and are now reaping a harvest. But you will only be biting off your nose to spite your face when you go to work to try and dodge the sack question, unless you ship your grain to the Atlantic ocean."

What Mr. Turner says may be true yet it is strange that Mr. Schlaefer, Spokane agent for Kerr Gifford & Co., should advance about the same idea in a recent newspaper interview. Why

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the farmer should pay the small rental for the use of the sacks is more than we can understand. The sacks are purchased by the farmer from the exporter, and the farmer pays for sacking the grain. The dealers, who are the warehouse men in the small towns, undoubtedly make a profit on the sacks, then the farmer is docked for the weight of the sacks. Mr. Turner may be correct as to the price of wheat in bulk, still the farmer would save about \$10.00 per day in the threshing bill, as the services of at least three men could be dispensed with. Let the vessel owners fit their ships for handling grain in bulk or sack it themselves. The farmer is burdened almost to the limit now.

**BIG FISH WILL ESCAPE.**

John D. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, John D. Archbold and other high officials of the Standard Oil company will not be prosecuted personally in connection with the action of the government against the oil trust for conspiracy in restraint of trade, for accepting rebate and for conspiracy to commit a crime.

It is announced that the government has no expectation of convicting the higher officials of the trust, but that it will be able to send to prison some of the lesser officers.

The department of justice will not bring prosecutions against any clerks of the corporation. The best it expects is to secure the conviction of some of the most important subordinate officers.

It was stated that the experience of the government in prosecution of railroads is that it has been unable to convict presidents of these roads. The highest officers the government has been able to reach were the officers who dealt with the public.

The government will begin immediately to present evidence to grand juries throughout the country for the purpose of having indictments found. It is expected that a number of indictments will be found against some of the Standard Oil officers.

In addition to the prosecution of the officers an effort will be made to have the Standard Oil Company dissolved on the ground that it is a corporation in restraint of trade.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The same thing is true in the lower courts. Harry Thaw, who murdered White in New York, both high in society, will probably escape punishment. If Thaw had been a member of what is known as the lower classes, he would have been tried and executed before this. Both men being libertines and members of the (?) higher social element, and having plenty of money they will be able to occupy the front pages for some time.


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