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A GOOD EXAMPLE

The Minneapolis club, the chief business men's club of Minneapolis, has just set an example of law observance that should be followed by similar organizations. Recently Mayor Jones decided to "shut down the lid" as the saying goes, and as a result Minneapolis has been "dry" for several Sundays in succession. As an incorporated club the Minneapolis club could keep its buffet open on Sunday, but at a meeting of the directors it was decided to set an example, and as a result the Minneapolis club is as "dry" on Sunday as the rest of the city.

The club's action takes from the opponents of Sunday observance one of their chief arguments. "The saloon is the poor man's club," they exclaim. "You close the poor man's club on Sunday, but you let the rich man's club remain wide open." But in Minneapolis the "rich man's club" is also closed. The action of the managers of the Minneapolis club is worthy of commendation.

GRAFT IN LITTLE THINGS

Graft is not to be measured by size alone. The little grafter is just as bad in his way as the big grafter who accumulates his thousands and hundreds of thousands in a manner that will not bear scrutiny. If graft is to be abolished the work of abolition must permeate all branches of society, for graft is worse than the dandelion, or burdock, or cocklebur root.

An eastern physician writes that he has been offered a commission by the proprietor of a "health resort" on every patron sent. That is graft.

A New York physician was offered a commission of 10 per cent on all business sent to a crematory firm. At first thought this might seem like a legitimate offer, but when one considers the status of the family physician it takes on the earmarks of a very contemptible bit of graft.

Traveling men know full well that a small "present" will often influence a department buyer to favor a certain line of goods, but it is gratifying to know that the traveling salesmen are beginning to fight that sort of thing. But the buyer who engages in it is guilty of a very contemptible graft.

In our eagerness to abolish graft in high places we should not overlook the "little grafting" that abounds on every side. Every species of graft must be put under the ban if the national character is to be cleansed and given a chance to improve.



NOW WILL THEY BE ADMITTED?

FACTS TO BE FORGOTTEN

If we accept the theory of some of our republican friends, the political party to which they belong can do no wrong. According to their theory that party is not to be held responsible for the sins of commission or of omission in its name and under its authority.

It was in the name and for the use and benefit of the republican party that "a hurry up call" was made, during the closing hours of the campaign of 1896, for a boodle fund of \$5,000,000. That call was responded to. The men who gave it posed as "defenders of national honor," but as we have learned in the recent exposures before the New York insurance committee, they had small concern for their own honor when they took other people's money for the enrichment of the republican campaign fund.

The men whose frauds have recently been exposed were, during the campaign of 1896, referred to by republican newspapers as models of good citizens, as "representatives of the business interests of the country," and as men whose advice should be followed by patriotic citizens. The American people know today that but for the frauds and embezzlements committed by those men republican victory would have been impossible. Yet republican newspapers finding it impossible to conceal or apologize for the wrongdoing on the part of their patron saints, expect the people to overlook the very important facts that many of these embezzlements were made for the benefit of the republican party; and that they were made with at least the implied understanding that republican victory meant a reign of frenzied financiering, an era of trust-building, new opportunities for plunder by so-

called captains of industry, and immunity to those who were willing to commit crime under the guise of "business enterprise."

In the name of the republican party the machine, against which the good people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania generally battled, waged war against public interests. In Ohio the machine against which the people of that state revolted was, admittedly, the official representative of the republican party. But now some republican newspapers and leaders, insisting yet that their party is the "God and morality" organization, point to the overthrow of their party in Ohio and Pennsylvania as victories for righteousness, expecting the people to forget the part borne by the republican party and its representatives in those great contests.

Some republican newspapers and leaders point to the contest for railroad regulation as a battle for the people's rights. They admit that the corporation lobby is using disreputable methods to prevent the people from obtaining relief, yet while all the time insisting that their party is "the people's party" they expect the people to forget that railroad regulation failed at the last session of congress because of the republican senate's subserviency to corporate interests; and they hope that the people will overlook the facts that if railroad regulation fails at the coming session the failure will be because the republican senate is wedded to its corporation idols and that the people have nothing to expect at the hands of that republican body.

Boasting that the republican party may be depended upon to provide a business administration of public affairs, these republican editors expect the people to overlook the gross extravagance, the private snags, the embezzlements and