One-Third of Pay of Employes Goes Through Loan Sharks.

SCALPING AT THE CITY HALL

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MANY ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE

One Firm is Said to Make Fifty Thouannd Dollars a Year Out of the Business - Many Others Have a Good Thing.

Warrant scalping, amounting to practically one-third of the city pay roll, is carried on by ioan brokers of the city. The victims of the practice are city hall emplayes and laborers employed by the city. who pay, all the way from I per cent a week to as high as 10 per cent, according to how good the risk is assumed to be by by the loan sharks.

The practice is made possible through aid extended knowingly by the city comptroller's office. 'The methods employed are nothing more than the assignment of wages by the employee. These assignments are taken to the city comptroller's office where they are placed on file. When the warrant comes through, a notation is made to whom the warrant is to be paid and the warrant is turned over to the person to whom It is assigned.

It is said that there are employes of the It is said that there are employes of the city who have not seen their pay warrant for three years and for having assigned for three years and for having their wages for this period, they have paid their salary for the entire time.

No less than ten individuals and companies prey on the city employes, some of whom have grown rich through the practhe of loaning money to city employes. One concern, which does the major portion of the loaning, is reported to have made as high as \$50,000 a year out of the business

Department employes and day laborers furnish the greater portion of the business for the sharks, but at times department heads have contributed to the loan sharks. A goodly portion of the time of one man

employed in the comptroller's office is devoted to filing and taking cars of these assignments.

## Fifteen on Friday.

A bunch of about fifteen came through Friday, all filed by one company, which included assignments of elevator boys, laborers and other employes of the city hall, and were being filed by the clerk. Employes of the comptroller's office admit that the warrant scalping exists and has for the last fifteen years. S. Roper-Crickmore, a clerk, whose duty among other things is to look after these assignments, says the warrant scalping, or assignments as he designates it, amount to more than \$10,000 a month. Sometimes the amount runs more than this and a general. average is placed at from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a month.

"The city's payroll runs in the neighborhood of about \$50,000 a month, so you can see the volume of business that is done, said Crickmore.

Attaches of the office declare there is no way to prevent the scalping of the city warrants. They say that efforts have been made to stop the practice, but so far they have been unsuccessful.

C. O. Lobeck, who recently retired as comptroller, says the only solution of the problem is for the city to pay semi-monthly instead of monthly, as is the custom. Then he contends that there would be more or less scalping, as many of the employes have not money enough to carry them from one payday to the next. "We have tried every means to stop the

practice," said Mr. Lobeck, "but so far no scheme has been found that is successful." "Is there any law to compel the office

wes asked.

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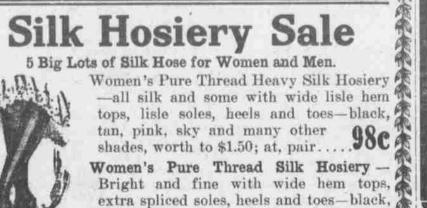
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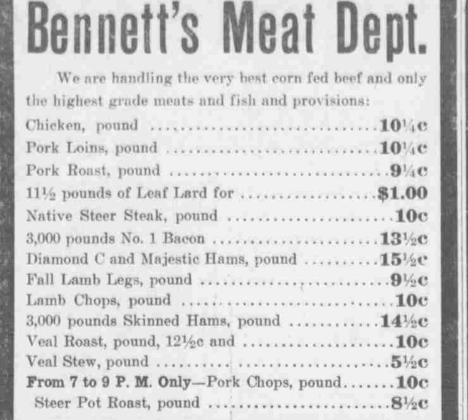
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