

ARE THEY GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT?

It is evident that, unless the people wake up, the Marshall Field grab of the city land under Washington, between Wabash and State, is going to be jammed through the city council.

The council committee on streets and alleys last night voted 10 to 2 to recommend that the council grant the required building permit.

The two aldermen who voted against the grab were Utpatel and Hey. This should be remembered in their favor.

But two aldermen alone cannot stop the grab, and the situation is now up to the people. If the people make a strong enough protest against any more city gifts to Marshall Field, then the council won't dare jam through the grant.

When the grab first came up in the council, there was a lot of opposition to it. Gradually that opposition has been worn down—by what methods the aldermen who have changed sides themselves know best—and now the council is about ready to lie down and be a good dog and give the Field estate what it wants.

There are a dozen good reasons why this big department store which piles up millions by paying its girl employes \$6 a week, should not get that land.

In the first place, the Marshall Field estate has no earthly right to ground under the streets of the people of Chicago—not at any price.

In the second place, the rental

the Field estate offers the city for that ground—\$3,400 a year—is utterly ridiculous.

Ald. Utpatel last night told the streets and alleys committee that the ground was worth \$10,000 a year.

Ald Utpatel is modest. That ground is worth many times \$10,000 a year as it stands just now, and if the people decide to build a subway its present value will be multiplied ten times.

Another excellent reason why Marshall Field should not get the land is that if it does every other department store in the city will be hollering for a like privilege.

It's up to the people to get after their aldermen, and see to it that grab of the people's land doesn't go through.

WHERE THEY ARE TODAY

President Taft is making auto trip to Montpelier, Vt., where he will address legislature tomorrow.

Wilson speaks in Norton and Topeka, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo.

Roosevelt speaks in Detroit and Saginaw, Mich.

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A young married woman made for dinner a hash which did not look at all appetizing. "I am afraid," she said to her husband, "that I've left something out and that it's not very good." The husband tried it. "There is nothing you could leave out that would make a hash taste like that," he said. "It's something you've put in!"