



BRAZEN BRIBERY

Prison for Advertising Agencies Which Bribe Legislators Indirectly for Corporations, Utility Bribers and Bribe Seekers.

The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

Wet and Dry Question Will Cut a Big Figure in Next Year's Battle Throughout the State of Illinois.

Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

Bribe-Seekers' Union, Take Notice.
Chapter 38, Section 31, Statutes of Illinois.

Bribery — Punishment — Whoever corruptly, directly OR INDIRECTLY, gives any money or other bribe, present, reward, PROMISE, CONTRACT, obligation, security for the payment of any money, present, reward, or any other thing to any Judge, Justice of the Peace, SHERIFF, coroner, clerk * * * MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY or other officer, ministerial or judicial, or to any LEGISLATIVE, executive or other officer of any incorporated city, town or village, or ANY OFFICER elected OR APPOINTED BY VIRTUE OF ANY LAW OF THIS STATE * * * or in consideration that such officer being authorized in the line of his duty to CONTRACT FOR ANY ADVERTISING OR FOR THE FURNISHING of any labor OR MATERIAL, shall directly or indirectly arrange to receive, or shall receive any portion of the CONTRACT price * * * or exercise any power in him vested with partiality or favor, or otherwise contrary to law, the person so giving and THE OFFICERS SO RECEIVING ANY MONEY, bribe, present, reward, PROMISE, CONTRACT, obligation or security * * * shall be deemed guilty of bribery and shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than five years.

The Fixers Advertising Corps, as some call it, is reported to have undertaken the job of fixing railroad and other corporation legislation at Springfield, so that bills the corporations want will pass and bills that they are opposed to will fall of passage. It is said to be managed by a man who learned his legislative trade by doing "favors" for the old senate combine which landed many of its beneficiaries in fat jobs, including the manager in question. This Fixers association is alleged to be backed by a bi-partisan combine, having the remnant of an old Republican ring on one side and the alleged patronage of prominent Democratic influence on the other. At least it is said to do business with the corporations on the strength of these alleged connections. One of its features is the "caring for" senators and representatives indirectly, in violation of the bribery statute through the medium of advertising in newspapers in which they are interested either directly themselves or indirectly through relatives. If this proves to be true, the penitentiary will be the post office address of the manager and at least one legislator. The statute of limitations for indictments for bribery runs for three years from the commission of the crime by direct or indirect means. The "goods," it is believed, can be gotten on this manager. Last summer he is alleged to have influenced the vote of a certain member of the legislature through hundreds of dollars' worth of advertising in an alleged publication owned by a near relative. Other publications more deserving were denied this advertising. The motive for giving it to the organ in question is easily made clear. The violation of the bribery statute is easily proven. The connection of the legislator in question with his advertising can be easily established by the open evi-

dence of his frequent espousal of advertising claims for the sheet referred to. Among other instances, this fellow last spring violently assailed with verbal threats an official at Springfield for not paying for some State advertising the "organ" claimed to have inserted in its columns. He said to this official: "You either pay for this advertising or I will see that the appropriation for your job is cut out and the appropriation for your department cut down." Joliet is the place for these fellows.

The City Civil Service department is governed by new rules, which are enforced on the talent carried on its pay rolls, to wit:
1. Red Hot Speakers are required to report changes in their lunch routes daily and any improvements suggesting themselves in their daily routine.
2. Knights of the Fork must not take over four hours for harpoon experimental work in loop saloons.
3. Investigators are expected to rest their stomachs two hours in the morning, from 10 to 12, and one hour in the afternoon, by appearing at the office between 3 and 4 o'clock.
4. Knights of the Fork engaged in work on "official organs" must not use the department shears after office hours.
5. Harpooners of Red Hots must sharpen their forks before beginning their day's work.

The Oak Park Democratic Club, of which Frederick Penke is president, has adopted resolutions endorsing President Wilson and Gov. Dunne. The President was commended in the resolutions for his patriotism, courage, ability, fairness and devotion to duty and for strict adherence to Democratic principles. Gov. Dunne was commended for his faithful and able services and he was promised the support of the organization if he is a candidate for re-election.

Sheriff Traeger's chief Criminal Court bailiff must have thought he was doing business for an "official organ," he made so much noise about that star collection. Taking up collections with a brass band nowadays attracts some attention.

Some of the advertising agencies engaged in indirectly bribing members of the Illinois General Assembly may find themselves in the penitentiary before long.

Hold all national conventions in Chicago.

The Daily Press is receiving its well deserved reward for settling the street car strike and taking such good care of the Traction Company. The Traction Company is spending \$500,000 in advertising its many good qualities in the dailies. It is not advertising any of its bad qualities.

Judge Scully made a fine record on the Municipal Court bench. He is making even a better one as County Judge.

The chief bailiff of the Criminal Court, salary \$2,400 a year, has capes in his official custody for both

people under indictment and witnesses in criminal cases. We do not believe that a man who is or has been engaged in asking favors of people for alleged "official" or other organ, should hold this position, where, of all public jobs, the incumbent should be free from outside influence.

Young criminals are now heroes. If you are held up by a young holdup man and all holdup men are young, be thankful. They are the wards of

Kick the loafers off the City Civil Service Commission pay rolls before tackling the others, Mr. Mayor.

If this is the kind of influence that appoints Chief Bailiffs in the Criminal Court of Cook County, the State's Attorney had better start an investigation.

State's Attorney Hoyne is entitled to better support, Mr. Sheriff. We

not stand for, being sold out all the time.

Give us city-owned auto buses.

What a fine lot of grafters some of our office holders are, to be sure. The overburdened taxpayers are worked both ways by many of them. The Grafters' Union is making a record.

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How do taxpayers relish the thought that their good money has been spent on Chief Bailiffs and City Civil Service Experts employed to edit "official organs" that are not official?

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refer to the caliber of man that you have selected as Chief Bailiff of the Criminal Court.

Sheriff Traeger, tax payers want to know whether any of your bailiffs in the Criminal Court are society editors, collectors, or solicitors of business for unofficial concerns, claiming them to be "official," and whether you authorize them to put in the county's time on outside work?

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The Fair is now the greatest retail store in the world.

It was just forty years ago this week when E. J. Lehmann founded The Fair.

In combination the two ideas—Everything for everybody under one roof and the odd-penny bargain price—seemed to work a veritable miracle and make the currents of retail trade turn about and flow upstream. They put competition into retail buying and

HONOR LEHMANN

Chicago's Greatest Merchant and Most Material Benefactor Inaugurated Real Prosperity When He Founded the Fair.

Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

E. J. Lehmann was the greatest merchant that Chicago ever had. He did more for the people; for the business interests; for the material growth and prosperity of the city, than any man who ever lived here.

E. J. Lehmann, the founder of The Fair, was born on January 27, 1849, in Tetrow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. He came to America in 1858 and his parents established a home in Chicago. Here he attended school and received religious instruction in

transformed family shopping into a high adventure.

The genius of Mr. Lehmann's idea lay in the fact that he recognized this trait of human nature and saw the extent to which it could be used to move trade to centralize shopping. He was himself a poor man and this circumstance put him in position to realize the problems of the people, the pressure upon the ordinary family to economize and the appeal to the struggling housewife made by the opportunity to save even a few cents on each purchase for the home. Besides, the public appetite for economy was especially keen at that time from the grip of the financial panic of 1873. Any chance to buy cheaply was not to be overlooked.

His philosophy was simple: "Show the American housewife that she can save money by trading with you and you will win her patronage. And the more excitement and competition you can put into her shopping the better she'll like it."

This was about all that Mr. Lehmann saw when, in 1875, he opened up his little stock of jewelry, notions, crockery, hardware and kitchen utensils. Later, he realized more and more that in the one word Volume lay the real secret of expansion. Volume in purchases would compel Volume in sales. Volume meant smaller profits but more profits. So he went out after Volume. Right here was the real foundation of the Department Store—and history is clear and definite in giving to Mr. E. J. Lehmann uncontestable credit for founding the first Department Store.

It grew and grew and grew and grew.

And, as we have stated above, he founded what is now the greatest retail store in the whole world.

The subject of indirect bribe-taking and bribe-soliciting in the Illinois legislature will be gone into before long.

There is a growing demand for the punishment of State Senators or other legislators, for that matter, who have been accused of making demands on railroads and other public corporations. Some of them have been so badly scared lately, it is said, that they have been falling over one another to tell James H. Patten, the Wheat King, how much they love him.

Some alleged "official organs" have been telling their readers what a good man Mr. Patten is—just now.

Do you want to know why all of this slobbering over Mr. Patten by the Organs of Touch?

Well, we will tell you. He has the goods on them. If Mr. Patten gets after Legislative Grafters now, it will not be the first time.

When the Chicago Tribune exposed Legislative graft a few years ago it opened the eyes of many people. The following, clipped from the Tribune at the time, is of just as much importance to the public today:

"James A. Patten yesterday amplified his remarks made Sunday at the First Congregational Church in Evanston to the effect that rich men were 'held up' by legislators every time a measure in which they were interested was introduced for passage at

Springfield. Commenting upon the Tribune legislative graft expose, he said:

"The half never has been told about the corruption of the Illinois legislature. Rich men have had to be corrupt if they expected to get anything from our state Legislature. If a rich man is interested in any legislation he has to keep in the background or stand the chances of being held up on all sides.

"I spoke of a rich man being held up for an enabling act for Evanston parks. It was a measure for the benefit of the people of the whole city, and yet Hugh R. Wilson was compelled to pay \$2,500 to get the bill through. He told me so long before he died.

"As to the Board of Trade measure defeated in 1905 or 1906, I know that A. S. White was approached for twenty-five bribes of \$100 each to put the measure through. The bribes were refused and the bill killed. There are hundreds of similar cases."

"Mr. White said he did not remember that any demand was made on him, but that it was generally understood it would require money to pass the bill and that the Board of Trade refused to put up the funds.

"James Bradley, who at that time was a director of the board, said he was at Springfield when the bill was pending.

"I never heard any exact amount mentioned as needed to pass the bill, nor did any one approach me concerning money," he said; "but I know that it was said it would take money to pass the measure. We agreed that none should be forthcoming and lost the bill."

Advertising agencies as a rule represent nobody but themselves. Many of them blackmail or slander newspapers which will not grant them low rates so that they can gouge more out of their customers for themselves. A city license fee of \$1,000 a year would regulate those fellows.

Business Men, Corporations, Railroad Officials, Utility people or private individuals who are approached on behalf of some alleged "official organ," the patronizing of which is alleged to "please" or benefit or indirectly bribe any

State Senator, Legislator, Alderman, Criminal Court Bailiff, Civil Service Expert, Park Official, Chief Bailiff, Political Boss, or Other official,

Will confer a favor by at once advising THE EAGLE of the fact. Call up Main 3913 or write the facts briefly and send them to this office. This working of the public to make official graft must cease. THE EAGLE has and the general public have been annoyed by the antics of this class long enough. Keep tab on them and let us do the rest.

Roy O. West and Charles S. Deneen never went back on their Republican friends as hosts of Republican leaders throughout the state can testify. That is one of the reasons why sentiment showed so strongly for them among the G. O. P. crowd at the State Fair.



HARRY R. GIBBONS, The Great Box Manufacturer, Always Foremost in the Advancement of Chicago's Interests.