

Startling Insurance Frauds.

A Reading letter says:—The arrest of four alleged insurance conspirators has created great excitement in this section.— Their names are Dr. L. C. B. Yorgey, Dr. R. S. Herman, Wellington Shirey, and S. Shiere. The prosecutor is William C. Kuser, President of the Prudential Company Harrisburg. The doctors were the medical examiners in the case of Mrs. Reinert, who was heavily insured for about \$28,000 when she was on her death-bed, suffering with consumption. The doctors were held in \$1,000 to answer at the January Sessions this city. The Shireys are first cousins, and had large interests in the policies. The Doctors, it is alleged, were also heavily interested. The woman lived in the backwoods and was not generally known in the neighborhood, she having been brought up from Phoenixville to her father's home to die last May. She also had another loathsome disease. Within a few weeks of her death she was heavily insured. The medical blanks of the companies were filled by Dr. Herman. He says he never saw her but filled up the paper on the representation of Dr. Yorgey. The examination set forth that the woman was sound in health and only suffering from a slight cold; that she was a good risk. The companies subsequently heard of the fraud through the local news papers and hence the arrests. Both doctors are young. Dr. Herman is unmarried and located at Pottsville. He is the son of a clergyman.— Other doctors have been exposed, and among the number is Dr. Fretz of Fleetwood, who is said to be more or less interested. He was a popular Democratic candidate for Congress against Senator Ermentrout at the last election. Dr. Fretz, of course, denies the charges, but it is rumored to-day that prosecutions will follow, not only against Dr. Dewees of Myers-town, whose name is also published in the local newspapers as being connected with these so-called insurance frauds. The exposures that are quite new are unearthed at Fleetwood, where old, decrepit, poor, deaf and blind people on the brink of the grave were recently insured for large amounts. Samuel Fisher aged 81 living in squalid wretchedness, all alone in a single dirty room, is insured for \$30,000. The names of Drs. Dewees and Fretz are given by the old man as the medical examiners in his case. Susan Everhart, aged 85, near Fleetwood, is insured for \$60,000, it all having been effected within the past six weeks. Drs. Dewees and Fretz are again mentioned. The old woman is so feeble and demented that she has long since failed to recognize her oldest acquaintances. It is not known yet what the medical examinations of the woman set forth, but the companies that issued the policies explicitly set forth in their schemes that the applicants must in all cases be sound in mind and body. Old Mrs Everhart has not been even a medium risk for the past twenty years, not withstanding the fact that she has lived that long.

The arrest of Dr. Yorgey is expected to lead to the most startling revelations.— Many new men high in position are very extensive speculators. One man in Union township Berks County, is carrying policies to the amount of \$104,000 on old and poor people. These old and decrepit people are paid small pittances, promised nice coffins and respectable burials at their death, and they consent to have insurance placed on their lives and then the policy is assigned to the speculator, who pays all the costs and keeps the policy up. From nearly every nook and corner of the Schuylkill Valley the most startling exposures are being made, and if Dr. Yorgey tells all he knows, which it is now threatened he will, his narrative will be among the strangest ever placed on record. W. J. Handy of Columbus, Ohio, is in Reading to-day. He represents a number of Ohio companies interested in the cases above alluded to.— Mrs. Reiner was insured in the State Mutual of Columbus and in other companies to the amount of \$25,000. The Ohio companies were informed that she was a first-classed risk, and the full amount of the policies would have been paid over had not the fraud been discovered in time.— All the policies will now be canceled. The topic uppermost in the minds of all in this section is this subject, and the movements of the police during the week will be watched with a great deal of anxiety and interest.

General Grant was asked the other day by Henry Ward Beecher whether in the course of the rebellion he had ever received any aid from Washington in the way of information as to the enemy's movements. "Only once," said Grant, "and who do you think gave it?" Of course no one could tell. "Well," said Grant, faintly smiling, "it was Charles A. Dana. He sent me a dispatch once which contained most important information, and which saved the lives of many men.— That is one good thing Mr. Dana did."

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