

THE OBSERVER

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BIERCE IN ACTION AGAIN

Ambrose Bierce has been found; or to be exact he has discovered himself to a world which long ago accepted his death, estimated his writings, and read his obituaries. When last heard from he was fighting with Villa in Mexico; now he is fighting in France. Bierce is more than seventy years of age, a veteran of the Civil War. At the conclusion of the struggle he flipped a coin to determine whether he would turn writer or keep on as an army man. Minerva won over Mars; but the author's war experience crops out in every one of his tales. His refusal to shield his readers from the horrible, his penchant for blood-letting and corpses in fiction, are attributes of a man who has seen the full fury of war. Though Bierce laid down the musket for the pen he remained a battler. In San Francisco, which was his residence for years, he was a great force for civic righteousness and might have been a popular hero if his cynicism had let him smile upon the popular whims. For years he fought Collis P. Huntington and the Southern Pacific crowd which controlled California politics. Bierce went to Mexico because he wanted to see troops in action again before he died. Some of Villa's most telling blows are attributed to the advice of this grizzled strategist. When

his family and publishers failed to locate him it was taken for granted that the writer had met his death; although one of his intimate relations advanced the interesting opinion that was just like Bierce to absent himself for the sardonic joy of reading what people said of him when they thought him tucked safely away beneath the earth. When Ambrose Bierce returns we may look for something new in the way of war literature; in skill and experience he surpasses all the rhetorical youngsters now galloping over Europe in the name of the press.

DISBARRED FROM OFFICE

Collier's, discussing the death of Charles Francis Adams, considers it remarkable that this man of vigor, brains, business judgment and fighting patriotism was never drafted into public service. Considering his high talents and all around service ability the governmental positions he held were few, inconsequential and uniformly appointive. Parties never sought him out to carry their standards as they did his grandfather and great-grandfather, both presidents of the United States. His genius was forced to find outlets in other directions, in writing and in business.

Massachusetts elected eight mediocre senators while passing Adams by; Boston's mayors have been jokes compared to Boston's foremost citizen, ple of the United States in general and New England in particular have not lost the power of judging between substantial and sham statesmanship.

From a political standpoint Adams was fit for any office within the gift of the voters, but it is doubtful if he could have been elected in these latter days even a minor post. He was too reserved to play the demagogue too learned to try short cuts to public favor, too rich to commend himself to those who distrust a rich man more fervently than they distrust a burglar. The very qualities which placed him above suspicion and mediocrity served to disbar him from popular favor.

The Western Union has sold a telegraph line for one dollar and an eastern railroad recently tore up its track and sold it for junk. Yet these are some of the gigantic business ventures which captains of finance proudly boasted of organizing. And not long ago one of J. P. Morgan's pet organizations went on the rocks making a ream of stock certificates worthless. So, after all, the wheel turns round. Your good luck will come and your bad luck will put in an appearance. Keep that in mind, whether you be a capitalist, a promoter or a mere private in the army of commerce like a newspaperman.

Dogs were stolen from Pendleton's Roundup park the other night. Probably some of their prize winners and star actors returning to practice their profession.

Big crowds are reported at the Frisco fair. But big crowds are needed for there is handsome debt to be removed from that worthy enterprise.

Great Britain should not be too hasty in issuing that invitation to the Kaiser zeppelin raid, for the Kaiser might accept.

Thirty-nine firemen were injured in the Blake-McFall fire at Portland. The next popular song will be "I did not raise my boy to be a fireman."

The Department of Justice seems to be inclined to impugn the motives of the last Oregon legislature when that body ordered the Attorney General to Washington in the railroad lands case. The Department of Justice should go

slowly else it will call forth the wrath of Ike Bingham and Frank Davey, and then we all know what will happen.

LEGAL NEWS

Conveyances. J. H. Childers to L. L. Childers (his wife) \$1 etc. Warranty deed. Conveys all of lots 1 and 2 in blk 51 of Chaplin's add to La Grande.

Walter H. Hatcher, single to E E Goucher et ux and L A Bennett et ux \$500 warranty deed. Conveys all of lot 4 in blk 125 of Chaplin's add to La Grande.

Toy L. Young et ux to Toy Sam Young \$1. etc. warranty deed conveys tracts R S T and U in Coggan's add to La Grande and all of blk 12 of Honan add to La Grande.

Henry T Hill et ux and C R Hibberd et ux to Ida M Talbot \$500 warranty deed conveys W 1-2 of SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 and SE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of Sec 22 tp 1 N R 38 E except strip 30 ft wide off South end of above described premises and a strip 30 ft wide off east side of SE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 said exception to be used for public road.

Robert S French et ux to Adelaide R McKennon \$1500, warranty deed conveys, all our undiv. int in and to: S 1-2 of SW 1-4 of sec 4 the NW 1-4 and the SW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of sec. 9 and S 1-2 of N 1-2 of SE 1-4 of sec 36 all in tp 3 S R 40 E.

C W Bearden et ux to W P Sailor and Pearl E Sailor \$400. Warranty deed conveys the S 1-2 of lot 2 and the N 1-2 of lot 3 in blk 21 of Chaplin add to La Grande.

Suits Filed. Legal Adjustment Co pltf vs. Lim Sing, Low Young and Wong Lim, partners as Palace Restaurant depts. Demands judgment against defendants for the sum of \$131.73 with interest from 25th Nov. 1914 at 6 until paid, and costs and disbursements in this suit.

Kate Harrington and G H Harrington, partners under the firm name of La Grande Warehouse and Storage Co vs. Eastern Oregon Produce Co. depts. Pltfs pray judgment against defendants for return of certain frame iron clad building alleged to have been taken off from property of plaintiffs, or in lieu thereof the value thereof, to wit: \$350 and the sum of \$44 damages for wrongful detention thereof, together with costs and disbursements herein.

Sheriff's Attachment. Legal Adjustment Co pltf vs. Lim Sing, Low Young and Wong Lim, partners as Palace Restaurant. Circuit Court \$131.73. Issued to Sheriff of Union County, Oregon, 20th April 1915 Request C A Small.

SPECIAL HUNTERS

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experienced in work of this kind. These men are to be employed to exterminate predatory animals, but Mr. Barnes stated that most of their work in Eastern Oregon would be directed toward the coyote. They will be paid from the \$125,000 appropriation made by the last congress. In addition to this there is a \$15,000 appropriation for the extermination of ground squirrels.

AMALGAMATION PROCESS WELL

O-W. Rapidly Giving Way to U. P. Letters and Numerals.

Every time an O-W locomotive goes into the La Grande shops for overhauling she comes out under the name of Union Pacific.—The same thing is true of all coaches and rolling stock and within a short time "U. P." will be the description of all engines and cars used on the O-W. On each engine and each car, "U. P." will be lettered in large letters "O. W. R. & N." will be lettered in one corner with small letters, and the O S L stock will be similarly branded. The numbers of all engines and special cars are likewise being changed rapidly and it will not be long until every engine in La Grande will be renumbered and relettered on a uniform system. The O-W has used numbers of three figures to denote its La Grande division engines, but the new numbering system is uniform for the whole Union Pacific system and runs into four figures. Once in complete use, any official on the whole system knows exactly in what class any given engine number is, whereas before the amalgamation of the U. P., O. S. and O-W which was ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, each unit had its own system of numbering. M. J. Buckley's private car was formerly 02, but since it went into the carshops for repairs has been made 178 J. P. O'Brien's car, and all special cars on Several O-W engines have been turned out of the local shops on Union Pacific engines, and others have gone to Albina for the rechristening.

Stationary will bear the U. P. designation in chief and carry a small "O. W. R. & N." in one corner. Freight houses and other company property will likewise be designated by its signboards.

The change is slow but certain and employees must accustom themselves to it.

Spring and Summer House Furnishing Week—Special Price Inducements on Our Entire Stock Curtain and Drapery Materials

While cleaning house for Spring and Summer nothing is more important than the getting of fresh new curtains and draperies and right in line comes these special prices on our entire stock of curtain and drapery materials.

An Event That is of Special Importance to Housewives Why?

Because our entire stock is new—all patterns are the kind that are most wanted now—every piece of material is up-to-date, right in style—Because our stock of curtain and drapery materials shows a very large variety of every kind of curtain needs—cretones, tapestries, scrims, nets, Irredescent Sunfast draperies, swisses, silkolines, voiles, etc.—Because this store sells exclusively COLONIAL DRAPERY FABRICS which insures you of the highest standard of quality at always moderate prices. Many exclusive patterns can only be found in Colonial drapery fabrics—and also because those thrifty housewives who are now busy fixing up their homes for Spring and Summer will find this sale a most economical event.

Special Prices Hold Good One Week Only Wednesday 21st. to Wednesday 28th.

Fine cretones in the most wanted patterns. Many new ones just received of the Colonial drapery fabrics made of the best known dyes to stand washing. Special prices for housefurnishing week, 8¢ 13 1-2¢ 18¢ 22¢ 31¢ and 43¢ Many new patterns in Sunfast Irredescent drapery, a most rich and beautiful curtain material, special 43¢ 67¢ 88¢

50 different kinds of new curtain scrim here in ecru, cream and white, plain edges, lace edges, insertion edges, satin bordered edges, all widths, special prices 13 1-2¢ 16¢ 22¢ 31¢ and 43¢

Entire stock of lace curtains—fresh, clean, new. All at reduced prices. All choice draperies, swisses, voiles, etc., reduced.

New Middy Blouses

Came yesterday by express.

A most attractive assortment in very new models—"Mary Pickford," "Militaire" and "Jack Tar." New ones with flannel collars. All very smart sizes 14 to 20 years. See them. \$1.25 and \$1.50

Just Received

New Coats and Suits

Direct from New York by express. Now displayed in exclusive ready-to-wear department.

Society Brand "Benjamin" "Hirschwickwire"

Men's New Suits \$20.00 to \$25.00

NO MAN'S IDEAS OF A LIBERAL ASSORTMENT OF MODELS, FABRICS AND COLORINGS CAN WELL EXCEED THE ASSORTMENTS WE ARE SHOWING AT \$20.00 to \$25.00

This advertisement is a plain invitation to the man seeking clothes satisfaction at \$20.00 \$22.50 or \$25.00 to walk into the N. K. West store and get it. It is more than that—This advertisement may even be regarded as a guarantee of clothes satisfaction at \$20 to \$25 and such it really is. There never was a season when such an assortment of new styles equaled ours nor any former assortments of ours that equaled those we are now showing. The man who wants unqualified satisfaction in a \$20.00 \$22.50 or \$25.00 suit must finally come to this store. By this we mean a maximum of satisfaction in style, in tailoring, in finish, in honest intrinsic value.

THE FABRICS

Cassimeres, worsteds, serges, tweeds, in checks, pin stripes, plaides and other new mixtures.

THE SIZES

All men's suits, sizes 34 to 48 in stouts, slims, tall, short and extra sizes.

THE MODELS

English styles with patch pockets or regular pockets. Conservative semi-fitting suits and popular box back models.

THE SHADES

Handsome shades of blue, grays, browns and greens.

FIDELITY SUITS \$15.00

When we say they are the best \$15.00 suits made we mean just what we say. We mean you are buying good cloth, guaranteed all wool, correct style and long service.

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE



Many new, beautiful premiums have just been received and are now displayed in the premium parlor.

How About Your Eyes



Do They Need Attention?

Now is the time to have them tested by one who is thoroughly equipped for the work. Remember my whole time is given to the fitting of glasses and optical work.

My best advertisement is hundreds of satisfied customers right here, to whom I can refer you. Satisfaction guaranteed.

I GRIND MY OWN GLASSES

HEACOCK EYEBRIGHT SPECIALIST 3rd Floor New Foley Bldg.

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

Capital \$200,000.00 Resources \$1,000,000.00 Surplus \$50,000.00

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What This Bank Aims to Do

To promote our customers' interests as we would our own; To do all we can to make their relations here profitable and agreeable to them; To contribute to their enterprises, the co-operation, foresight and timely assistance which a good Bank can properly bestow.

Choctaws Meet Durant, Okla., Apr. 21.—Choctaw tribesmen gathered here today to consider tribal affairs.

Uppermost on the slate was the question of the delayed per capita payment which Congress has cut off, and which some senators wish to distribute to Mississippi Choctaws. The tribe holds these Indians ought to have none of the national funds, as they are not officially on the Choctaw rolls.

Whether they will chance chiefs at this time was another matter they wished to consider. Sale of tribal coal and asphalt lands is another big problem.

Liquor Question to Front Des Moines, Ia., Apr. 21.—Democratic commission from ten of the eleven Iowa districts met here today in an effort to break the five to five deadlock in the selection of a committee-man from the third district to replace

the late Charles Rogers. Henry Bronson of Manchester and State Senator Hagemann each have five voters for the third district place. The wet and dry issue was involved side by Secretary Bryan's recent plea to name a white ribbon national committeeman to succeed Judge Martin J. Wade, resigned.

Caruso "Cops" Coin.

Genoa, Italy, Apr. 21.—On the trail of the biggest financial bonanza ever paid a singer in history, Enrico Caruso sailed from here today for Buenos Aires; Argentina. The famous tenor is to give ten concerts there at \$7,000 each in May.

Beginning April 11

We will serve every Sunday a chicken Dinner for 25 cents. Dinner from 12 to 2 p. m. You don't ave to go Home for Dinner. Come Home for Dinner

THE HOME RESTAURANT

10 Depot street, near Elk Bldg. Breakfast 6 to 8:30 a. m. Dinner 11:30 to 1 p. m. Supper 5:30 to 7 p. m.