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 "A word to all policy holders just now is timely.  
 "Revelations made of the conduct of New York life insurance companies have disturbed somewhat the old feeling of security in these concerns, and have similarly given a rude jar to confidence in life insurance as a means of providing an old age competence, or for making provision for a dependent family in the event of the death of the bread winner. This confidence has not been restored, and because it has been destroyed many policy holders will be strongly tempted to pass their premiums and let their policies lapse.  
 "To do so would not be wise. There has been bad management of many of the leading New York companies. Resources have been wasted, to be sure; but the portion wasted is relatively small after all. The insurance companies are solid, solvent and sound financially. Their incomes have been enormous, and the unearned salaries and commissions paid all told make a very small part of the aggregate revenues. The greater part by far is well invested, and the values of all insurance company properties are multiplying rapidly.  
 "The policy holders' investments are secure. Their premiums are safe, and will constitute an accumulation that will make provision for the future. The real effect of the disclosures made will be to cheapen the cost of insurance. They have not injured the securities upon which the financial soundness of life insurance rests.  
 "Pay your premium when it becomes due. Do not lose what you have already paid in. No safer provision for the future can be made than investment in a life insurance policy. If kept up it will afford full provision for the future."

**WEATHER REPORT.**

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Increasing cloudiness with light rain near the north coast.

**NOTHING TO STOP HER.**

We have heard nothing to indicate any opposition to the work that this city has cut out for herself in the matter of taking a strong initiative in the building of a line from here to Tillamook, but we expect, as the plans develop to hear a good deal of it. There can be nothing tangible in any obstructions from here; if any are raised they will be inspired by outside influences. There is nothing to stop Astoria from launching this important project but her own inaction, and that can be overcome by a genuine and hearty campaign by those who have the good of the city at heart and by a diplomatic use of all the public spirit that can be roused. It is all in embryo at this moment, but a cordial, sensible, emphatic endorsement of the scheme will go far toward shaping it into a tangible, practical and wholesome proposition, appreciable, and appreciated, from one end of the community to the other. All it needs is INITIATIVE.

**TOADYISM GONE MAD.**

When the American does take on the style and status of a toady, he, and she, fills the bill to perfection. Just now there is a fool mania for doing something for Miss Alice Roosevelt, to accentuate the fact of her engagement, and subsequent marriage, to Congressman Longworth. It is in abominable taste, the whole line of suggestion; and the fulfillment of any part of the proposed benefactions would be tantamount to downright insult to both families. The mere fact of the prominence of the bride-to-be lends the quality of added and deliberate offense, for the actual merit of a gift dwells in the necessity, or aptitude of the donee, to receive, use and appreciate the endowment. Miss Roosevelt has innumerable, personal friends who will undoubtedly do their whole duty in accordance with the custom of the ages and see that she is heartily and happily equipped with everything that their privileged good-will can suggest; and this done, the whole business is done. Public gifts are not needed, wanted nor in order.

**ASTORIA IN 1906.**

When the present year shall be as old as 1905, it should be the boast of every Astorian that he has contributed, in some measure to her pronounced advancement; that he has lent willing aid to her every purpose and has not sought to baffle nor deny her progress in any line; that he has gone voluntarily to her public assemblies, and discussed, weighed, and given an impetus to every scheme of development that has arisen in her behalf; that he has yielded money, time and influence to her up-building; that his hand nor voice nor prestige has been lent, during the year, with any other view than

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**STEEL FROM BLACK SAND.**

An interesting account of experiments in the smelting of magnetic iron ore by electricity is given in a late bulletin issued by the United States geological survey.  
 The experiments were conducted in Portland last October, and the ore fed to the specially constructed electric furnaces was the magnetic iron ore or magnetite obtained at Hammond station near Astoria, on the Columbia river. A current of fifty-seven volts, and 1000 amperes, leading to twenty-five carbon electrodes four inches square and forty-eight inches long, did the smelting. The slags were as light in color as those from any well regulated furnace, and steel was successfully produced at every run. Reduction in every case, was said to be complete.  
 The value of these experiments is apparent to anyone familiar with conditions. There is known to exist enormous quantities of these sands along all the rivers and ocean beaches of the Pacific Northwest. These sands are rich in magnetic iron ore of superior steel-producing quality. The wealth of water power makes it possible to smelt in electrical furnaces at a minimum of cost that is small compared with the minimum cost of any similar process anywhere else in the world. And last, the iron or black sand deposits and the water power are contiguous, which means that nature has assembled ore and fuel at the same places.  
 The advantages are obvious. The conditions shown by the successful conduct of the black sand experiments at Portland last summer have an important bearing on the industrial future of the Pacific Northwest. The experiments should not be discontinued. They are exploiting a future resource.  
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**HELL DO RIGHT ALRIGHT.**

President Roosevelt is evidently in earnest in his determination to stop the stealing of the public domain which has been going on too long, and he has no patience with lax officials who do not attend to their duty strictly in this matter or who makes things easy for the thieves, out of consideration for their feelings apparently. Dissatisfied with the results of the prosecution of two of the biggest offenders, who fenced in 22,000 acres of Government land in Nebraska, the same case which ex-

cited Secretary Hitchcock's displeasure for the inadequate outcome of his four years' work, the President has removed the United States District Attorney who conducted the case and who refused to resign. The men confessed guilt, and the Federal Judge let them off easily, as the Washington authorities regarded it. Part of their punishment was to remain in the custody of the United States marshal for the term of six hours. It appears this alert official delegated the duty of keeping them in custody to the prisoner's counsel, and that worthy spent the time with them at the Omaha Club. Of course that marshal is now looking for a job.

**PROPER PROGRAM.**

While they are about it the naval authorities seem determined to make a clean sweep of this hazing business at Annapolis. It is officially stated that the Board of Investigation has already obtained sufficient evidence to place on trial a number of midshipmen for that offense, and their cases will be taken up as soon as the court-martial of Midshipmen Coffin and Vanderveer is completed. And only cases that have occurred during the present scholastic year are to be taken up at that.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Morales seems to be about as fugitive as morals in Santo Domingo politics.

The thousand-ton barge is at the State Treasury door, with hatches open.

Dr. Osler returns to find the Osler poke immune to chloroform.

The New York people probably think by this time that Mrs. Booth's institution for ex-convicts should be called "Hopeless Hall."

Indiana Democrats are denouncing Tom Taggart as illiterate. The Indiana man who has not written a novel is at last discovered.

During the struggle in the New York stock market, when call money reached 100 per cent, Russel Sage's compassionate soul was stirred to that extent that he placed \$6,000,000 at that figure.

Charles T. Yerkes, the noted railway financier, is dead. Mr. Yerkes was a remarkable man in his line, one of those peculiar financial geniuses, of which America has so many—too many.

Czar Nicholas still "hopes for the best," and has written to his imperial chum, Kaiser Wilhelm, to that effect. Nicholas is the most cheerful man under adverse circumstances on record.

Santos Dumont and Walter Wellman are to hunt the North Pole in an airship. They must have found the dirigible balloon practicable, or the Chicago Record-Herald would not have given Mr. Wellman such an assignment.

Father Gapon, the Russian priest, upon whose head a price been set, is said to have won large sums of money at Monte Carlo, which he intends to contribute to the revolutionists in his country. He's a winner if his friends are not.

The Providence "Journal" speaks of "Intracollegiate Athletics," although most, if not all, of its contemporaries say "inter." Let's see, the college is the "alma mater" of nourishing mother. Mother is feminine, of course. Hence "intra." We must speak by the card or the "P. J." will trip us.

Those letters addressed to Count Gen. Trepoff and Interior Minister Dur-

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nove, which exploded while being opened in the St. Petersburg general post-office, must have been some of those "incendiary documents" that seem to abound in Russia.

In regard to the old familiar phrase, "a broken heart," there have been those in the past who asserted that it was a mere figure of speech and that "no one ever died of a broken heart." But modern medical science seems to refute that. Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, of Manhattan, had a case on Christmas afternoon which apparently fully justifies the time-honored phrase. Mrs. Mary McCord, aged 60, dropped dead Saturday night in a butcher's shop while buying a turkey for the Christmas dinner, and the autopsy Dr. O'Hanlon held revealed the fact that the woman's death was caused by a rupture of one of the ventricles of the heart. Neighbors said she had been deserted by her husband some time ago, and had been grieving constantly ever since. Grief and disappointment are the causes usually assigned for "a broken heart."

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