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The end of free political advertising in the Elgin Recorder is at hand. Hereafter that paper will publish nothing that will tend to advertise any and all for political office, outside of just commendation due men for able service, unless it is paid for at the regular established advertising rates of the publication. The Recorder says: "Whatever our readers may see in the columns of The Recorder hereafter in the way of political puffs they can understand that it is paid for the same as any other class of advertising. All that a newspaper man has to sell is space in his paper and hereafter that will be the only way in which we will dispose of our mite, and not dish it out free gratis as has been the custom in the past."

The government employes of Washington are, according to their own story, the most abused and maltreated individuals in the United States. They are compelled to work seven hours a day and they may be dismissed at any time that the head of the department discovers their incapacity for their work. Still these flagrant injustices do not result in any noticeable number of registrations and according to the annual report of the civil service commissioners 149,300 persons took the examination last year with the hopes of entering the ranks of the downtrodden.

There is somewhere in Iowa a town named Defiance, whose citizens sent a petition to the legislature for a law prohibiting honey bees from buzzing, running at large or roaming about the cities or towns of the state. They meant it as a sarcasm on the prevalent idea that legislation is a cure-all and a remedy for every big and little annoyance. Still, the Defiance men may have meant it as the real thing to do. The bees may be defying Defiance. You "can't most always tell some times" what people mean by what they say.

Admiral Togo will visit the U. S. in April, with two warships. The admiral cannot expect to bring his ships to this city, much as he may desire to see the people of Athena. The noble sea captain should be visit this place would receive a royal welcome by many admirers.

Every state legislature ought to pass a pure food bill and all should be alike. The U. S. congress, too, ought to pass a law of that kind. Protection of that sort is the great need of the times. The health of the

people is of paramount importance and should not be neglected. The law makers who are not in favor of protection of this character should be left at home hereafter.

The Chicago Tribune has found out that furs are higher now than previously, as they are worn only around the neck in that neck-o-the-woods. It has also discovered John D. Rockefeller isn't lost to himself but knows where he is at. Pretty Mrs. J. T. Yerkes married a California athlete and allround sport. Yerkes died last December.

A New York genius is going to invent a motor that will drive a ship across the Atlantic ocean and back in three days. You take ship at New York, get sea sick enroute, throw up at Liverpool and return next day to recover at home. "O for life on the ocean wave and a home on the rolling deep," when ships fly like that.

Think of it! Marshall Field accumulated wealth to the amount of \$120,000,000 and did it honestly, too. But he was a great advertiser and was assisted immeasurably by printer's ink. Honest business methods and advertising will accomplish wonders for merchants and all other business men.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler's death appears to have done much towards making it apparent that the north and the south are thoroughly united. Ex-confederate and ex-union soldiers mingled their tears together over his bier, unitedly wept at his tomb.

There is more trouble ahead for the burners. It is said 300,000 coal miners will strike April 1, on account of wages. The operators, it seems, want to underpay the underground workers for their services. Greed is at the bottom of the trouble.

John A. McCall insists that he is a poor man. What other folks are insisting is that he is a poor official.

Coal has been discovered in Alaska. No one will say that Alaska doesn't need it with that climate.

All roads hereabouts lead to Athena. If you can shorten them, do so.

**A HISTORIC O. R. & N. ENGINE.**

East Oregonian.  
O. R. & N. passenger No. 134, which pulls the Spokane passenger train in and out of this city daily, boasts of one of the most exciting and remarkable histories of any locomotive on the entire system, and perhaps on the coast.

Back in the '80s, when the Union Pacific had the O. R. & N. leased, engine 134 was numbered 1,498 and was stationed at Kamela as a helper, where she was driven by Pete St. Cyr, or "Hair Oil Pete," as he was more familiarly known.

On this engine Pete made his wild dash down the Blue mountains in the spring of 1889, to prevent a collision between a freight and passenger train which had been given a lap order.

Engine 1,498 was standing in the yard at Kamela with steam up, when it was discovered that the lap order had been given and the two trains were approaching each other on the mountain side. The freight train had just left Kamela, going eastward, and the passenger train was tolling up the mountain from the east and a horrible collision seemed inevitable.

Grasping the situation in an instant "Hair Oil Pete" leaped into the cab of 1,498 and dashed out of the yards to catch the freight train before the crash came. Out of Kamela is a

three per cent grade, with sharp curves, deep rock cuts and high mountains, and the daring feat of catching this train was extremely perilous, since the curves were sharp and the train could not be seen any great distance ahead.

With whistle screaming and the engine rocking and reeling around the curves, St. Cyr made five miles in less than four minutes and succeeded in stopping the freight train about a mile away from the approaching passenger, neither train being aware of the mistake until after the freight had been stopped.

St. Cyr is now in the Boise penitentiary, where he is serving a ten year sentence for killing a man named Emmons at Meadows, Idaho, two years ago, in a difficulty over a team of horses.

His feat stands alone in the annals of railroading on the O. R. & N.

**HANSBROUGH'S SUSPICIOUS BILL.**

Portland Journal.  
Senator Hansbrough's proposition to divert \$1,000,000 from the North Dakota reclamation fund to the drainage of swamps in that state, as it has been presented, may well be regarded with suspicion and rejected. If one such proposition goes through, by act of congress, many similar ones will show up, and the work of reclaiming arid lands will be greatly embarrassed and impeded. The drainage of large tracts of swamp lands may be a very meritorious project, but it would almost inevitably lead to the substitution of private for public interests in the expenditure of the money. The area of swamp lands is small as compared with that of arid and semi-arid lands, and speculators could scent spoils much easier in the reclamation of swamp lands.

The reclamation bureau, under the supervision of Secretary Hitchcock and his assistants, while in some cases seem to operate with unnecessary dilatoriness, has on the whole done a splendid work, and may be entirely trusted to carry that out, or at least may be trusted far better than congress, if that body begins to interfere with it and divert the reclamation fund to other purposes. So far there has been little if any graft in connection with this work but it would be very different if senators like Carter and Hansbrough and many other congressmen had a chance to parcel out the millions to suit themselves and some of their favorite constituents.

The drainage proposition is not of itself bad, if any state desires its share of the reclamation fund used in this way rather than for irrigation, but the "nigger in the woodpile" in Hansbrough's bill is a clause taking the expenditure of the money from the hands of the reclamation board and the secretary of the interior and placing it in the hands of new commissioners under the secretary of agriculture. The latter official is a nice old gentleman, but not very sharp, and the senators might get some favorites on the new commission. Besides, this is regarded as an entering wedge to pry this bureau loose from Hitchcock's control. He has his faults, but there is no doubt that he hates a grafter and land grabber and therefore this business should be left in his hands.

**INSURANCE LAW CHANGES.**

World's Work.

Certain changes in the law can help make life insurance what it should be, though wide public knowledge must be the basis both for the law and for the improvements. The law can make it easier to understand what one pays for when he buys a life insurance policy, and to prevent his being swindled by false representations.

The law can offer only part of the remedy, but it can do this:

First—Prohibit a life insurance company from selling anything except pure life insurance policies.

Second—Prescribe a standard policy, simple and intelligible.

Third—Require that all savings in mortality, collections and interest on the reserve assets, be credited annually on the next premium that will fall due.

Fifth—Apply the savings bank law to the investments of life insurance assets.

Sixth—Stop the robbery of unfortunate policy holders in surrender values, and make life insurance irrevocable. A life insurance policy is not a personal investment, but a protection for the policy holder's family, or creditors.

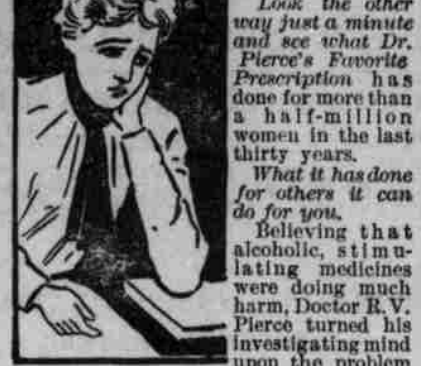
There are companies which sell simple forms of policy and even the most complicated forms can be put in an intelligible language by an insurance lawyer for a reasonable fee. The cost of the annual charge for death losses, the excess interest on the sums set aside for reserve, and the allowance to meet expenses, can all be ascertained through insurance publications and the gain and loss exhibits required in several of the states. But chiefly the evil of regarding life insurance as an investment and subjecting it to the perils of investments exists in almost every form of policy and requires positive legislative action.

Public Notice.  
Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 27th day of Feb. 1906, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on the west one-half of lot No. 4, in block 5, of said city.  
Bert Carlsson,  
Dated Jan. 23, 1906. Applicant.

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In taking this you will know what you take and take what you know to be good. If in any doubt as to what is best for you, write and ask advice of Dr. R. V. Pierce, 603 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., and reliable medical advice will be sent you by return mail in securely sealed envelope. All correspondence free and strictly confidential.

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