Recommended It Be Raised From the Fourth Grade.

E. Ball, postoffice inspector, was in Sumpter last week and took cognizance of the fact that United States government business is far behind everything else in this town.

The postoffice here is of the fourth class, to raise it from which is necessary that its receipts shall equal $800 every three months for four consecutive quarters. It has done this for two quarters, the receipts during the last being over $400, and they are increasing every week.

Mr. Ball says that there is a provision in the postal laws which empowers the department, in case of an emergency, to waive the requirement relative to the four consecutive quarters and raise the grade of a postoffice where the demands seem to require such an expenditure; that he will recommend that this be done here, and that the necessary expense allowance be made immediately.

That a vast improvement in the service is needed every one knows. Postmaster Kaher has been the target for public impatience and irritation, and because he is to blame, but for the reason that he is the local representative of the postal department, and the handset to get at. He is doing as well as any one can consider the circumstances. It looks now as if better facilities would soon be supplied.

Short-lived Matrimonial Fidelity.

There is in THE MINER a valentine card signed by D. Entermier, notifying the public that he will not be responsible for his wife's debts. They were married about a month ago, after an acquaintance of a week or less. The groom said when he handed in the notice: "I hate to do this, it hurts me. But my wife goes off visiting and leaves the old man at home alone. That will never do." It is a case of an old husband with money, and a comparatively young wife whose affections are warmed over for her third matrimonial venture; it fact is in a case.

"So save men and women for ages rate
On the skippers' rolls of a woman's heart.
For she's not, and spend your tears out
Shut the light of a woman's eyes alight.
Ere the wind has snatched the blazing streets,
And the song to beauty, the lost ideal.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Oregonian Apology to W. C. Calder and Tell Another Lie.

In relation to the statement made some days ago by Mr. W. C. Calder, of Sumpter, Baker county, and remarks attributed to him by the SUMPTER MINER, The Oregonian has to say on further information, that the whole matter was the result of a misunderstanding of what Mr. Calder actually said. As The Oregonian is satisfied that he was misunderstood and misrepresented, it wishes to do him justice in the matter by recalling its remarks concerning him. Had his statements been reported as they were actually made, there would have been no occasion to take notice of them, much less to take offense at them. Since the Oregonian has Mr. Calder's assurance on this subject, it is glad to withdraw its harsh remarks.—Oregonian.

It now seems to be up to THE MINER, as a matter of fact, The Oregonian attempted to "gratify" Mr. Calder. The MINER published the fact, The Oregonian tried to lie out of it by calling Mr. Calder a "spectacular liar," that gentleman called down the old mossback journalistic prostitute, that is ever "out for the stuff," and it now draws out of the awkward dilemma by publishing the above transparent evasion, every line of which contains internal evidence of its entire lack of good faith.

Portland Colony in Sumpter.

Weather Words from Colonel Shaw.
The Glacier cannot honestly argue that it—Sun has not been a benefit to the fact. It was the direct cause of the Glacier being enlarged and to run four or five times as much water as formerly, for which the public properly gives the Sun credit. But the intelligent public not only appreciates needed improvements in a paper that are not made until forced to it by competition.—S. P. Shutt in Hood River Sun.

Steam Wood Saw Here.

I have a first-class steam wood saw and am in the field to saw cord or slab wood in any lengths desired, on short notice. My office is anywhere you hear or see the saw. P. A. Correll, Proprietor.

ORDINANCE NO. 43.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ERECTING OF WOODEN STREET EN- GINES AND HOISTING WOODEN STREET ENGINES.

SECTION 1. That Section of Ordinance No. 23, known as the "Wooden Street Engine Act," is hereby amended and declared to be as follows: Section 2. Upon the request of any person, the city engineer is hereby authorized to construct, erect, maintain and operate wooden street engines in the city of Sumpter, and that the city engineer shall pay the license fee as set forth in the ordinance. In the event the city engineer shall be not have power to provide wooden street engines, he shall be allowed to the city a sum of money not to exceed the sum of $50.00 for each wooden street engine provided, the city engineer shall pay the license fee as set forth in the ordinance. The city engineer shall be allowed to the city a sum of money not to exceed the sum of $50.00 for each wooden street engine provided.

Approved by the mayor the 7th day of November, 1907.

W. H. GLADDEN
Mayor.