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AN INVITATION TO DISASTER.

With a view to making travel safer Representative Roberts of Massachusetts has introduced a bill in congress requiring all railroads in interstate commerce to use fireproof, steel cars and to equip their lines with automatic switches, signals and such other safety devices as may be approved by the interstate commerce commission.

In this case, however, the engineer has testified and the company's books uphold his claim—that several days before he had reported that the brakes on his engine failed to work. The accident could have been avoided, he says, if he could have stopped his engine.

Steel cars and safety devices will help to make travel safer, but we must not forget the relation of finance to the operating side of railroad. Where the company officials are spending their time juggling the stock market instead of building up a good railroad it is inevitable that the risks of travel are increased.

Worry over the fact that he had \$150 in his possession drove an At-

lantic City man insane. Having that much money at one time is enough to drive almost anybody crazy.

The trouserine as a substitute for the skirt is the latest for women. As it is a little tighter than the tightest skirt it will probably become popular.

The Japanese have seized an American pleasure yacht. If they try to run it they will not have enough money left to go to war with anybody.

A poet in the east complains that poetry is the worst paid form of writing. Well, it is probably the worst form of writing, too.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.

This bank has been in business twenty-six years.

It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West.

The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$1,200,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management.

This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

La Grande National Bank
La Grande, Oregon

Capital, \$100,000.00 Surplus, \$130,000.00 Resources, 1,100,000.00
DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Two Days More to Prepare for the Glorious Fourth of July

Take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to save on everything you will need to be well dressed for the occasion

∴ ∴ Every Article in the Store Going at Sacrifice Prices ∴ ∴

Buy a New Suit Today
At a saving of 1-4 to 1-2 the price

BENJAMIN SUITS

Regular 20.00 to \$30.00

Now \$15.00 to \$22.50

HIRSCH WICKWIRE SUITS

Regular \$25.00 to \$30.00

Now \$18.75 to \$22.50

BOYS' XTRAGOOD SUITS

Regular \$5.00 to \$10.00

Now \$3.75 to \$7.50

SOCIETY BRAND SUITS

Regular \$20.00 to \$27.50

Now \$15.00 to \$20.65

Fidelity \$15.00 Suits, now - \$11.25

100 Men's and Young Men's Suits HALF PRICE

See samples of this wonderful offering on display in our window. All good styles and high grade materials.

ONE GROUP BOYS' SUITS.

Values up to \$7, to \$2.39

FURNISHING GOODS

in all newest styles and reputable makes, at great reductions

In Our Ready-to-Wear Department

Every garment in our exclusive "Ready-to-Wear" department is on sale at forced sacrifice prices. Not one garment reserved.

50 WOMEN'S DRESSES

that sold regularly up to \$15.00, now going at \$5.00

SEE SAMPLE IN WINDOW.

50 TAILORED SUITS

for women and misses. None worth less than \$25, going at \$5.90

SEE SAMPLE IN WINDOW.

ALL NEW STYLES IN WOMEN'S COATS AND SUITS REDUCED TO WHOLESALE COST AND BELOW

Buy New Footwear at Sacrifice Prices

Our line includes all newest lasts and leathers in the famous "Pingree," "Utz & Dunn," and "Fox Footery" for women and misses. The "Educator" and the "Romper" for children. "J. E. Tilt" for men. Broken lines at less than cost of manufacture

West's Remodeling Sale

"You Know What a Sale at West's Means"

They have stepless cars in Cleveland, O., now, but the strapless car will probably not come along until some time in the next century.

FIVE WIDOWS PENSIONED.

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for the first and \$7.50 for additional children.

The law does not apply to any child that does not live with its mother or who has property sufficient to support itself.

The juvenile judge shall have jurisdiction and shall name a special guardian for the children if the court finds that the money so contributed is being lavishly spent. The application for such moneys shall set forth the full name of the mother, the place of residence, the names and ages of the children.

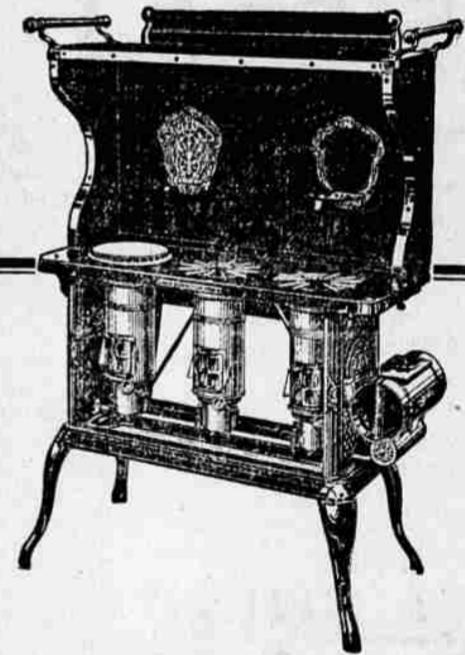
The court shall have power to call in witnesses to prove that the application is meritorious. Should a widow or woman receiving this law's benefit marry, the allowances cease. The law however, is applicable only to women who lived in this state at the time the act was passed, February 10, 1913, or who were residents of the state at the time of the occurrence of the events which entitle them to the benefits of the law.

Fourteen Firemen Overcome.

Oakland, July 1.—Fourteen firemen were overcome while fighting a fire in the basement of the Gurard Piano company today. Although the damage to the building is not more than \$5000, two hours' work was required before the fire was under control. This is the third fire for this Piano company and an investigation is to be made.

Gas Claims Victim.

San Francisco, July 1.—Edward Riordan a shoe cutter was found dead from gas asphyxiation at his home. On the table was found an unfinished not written on the back of a gas receipt.



Makes Summer Cooking Cool and Comfortable

Picture shows our 3-burner stove.

We also sell stoves of 1, 2 and 4-burners

New Perfection WICK-BLUE FLAME Oil Cook-stove

Bakes—Broils—Roasts—Toasts

Just as well as a regular coal range. No odor. Does not taint the food. Dealers everywhere. Our nearest agency will furnish further information.

FOR BEST RESULTS WE RECOMMEND PEARL or EOCENE OIL Sold in bulk and cases



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