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PROTECT YOURSELF.

In a neat booklet called "A Nation's Neglect," Marcus a Dow, general safety agent for the New York Central lines, calls attention to the glaring neglect of parents and others in not affording proper protection to children in crowded railroad centers, where there is great danger in crossing railroad tracks.

Mr. Dow points to the fact that under present day rules and teaching, bogs are inspected, forests protected and children neglected, with railroad trespassers tolerated. He shows that if a dozen persons were killed in a wreck the news would be heralded around the world, while if a child is killed in the railroad yard while trying to cross tracks no one gives it attention beyond the fact that the death is recorded.

Pictures were shown where children entirely heedless of the chances they are taking, cross railroad tracks in a busy yard to make a short cut to a ball ground; children unmindful of the danger around them quietly sitting under a loaded box car in the shade on a hot summer day and factory workers hurrying home along a right-of-way where a dozen switch engines are running.

He pleads for everyone to look about and see if danger isn't near. Watch for the little things as well as the big ones, for they are the ones that often prove the most disastrous.

Never take any chances by jumping from the steps of moving cars, or by a bolt or a nail that projects which may injure some one else—these are some of his warnings on the little things.

An illustration of how easy it is to save trouble and likewise save lives is given in a statement from the superintendent of a division on

the New York Central lines. It took just 10 seconds to remove a coupling section of a car lying between the tracks, less time than it took the one who placed it there, and thus made it impossible for trainmen to stumble over the obstruction and fall under the wheels of a moving train.

It would appear that half the south or north pole "discoverers" who headed expeditions were out in the interest of moving picture concerns instead of science.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

With each tooth brush we are giving a sanitary glass holder. Newlin Drug Co.

We have the best line of stock and poultry supplies in this region. Now is the time to use these goods with profit. Newlin Drug Co. 1-1214.

FIRE LOSSES BIG
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of canned goods and lunch equipment and showcases stacked full of finished goods; were of course completely destroyed. He has no way of determining the cause of the fire and the theory given for the cause was conceived by firemen who got into the building after the smoke had been fought back. A cellar nozzle was used with good effect in extinguishing the flames. The department was called by telephone to learn that the fire had already done its damage, and immediately a general alarm was turned in. The heat was too terrific and the smoke so dense that the blaze could not be reached from either front or rear doors, and in a few minutes a cellar nozzle had been run down from the roof. The fight was short-lived after that. In the original state, if approachable, the blaze was one that the chemicals could easily have handled.

The loss sustained by Mrs. Gangloff, who owns the building, is considerable, but not as heavy as the loss suffered by owners of the perishable stock in the two places.

Mr. Keiffer, of the bakery, states that immediately he will commence repairs to the bakery, and that when finished he expects to have one of the best and most modern bakeries in the country.

An Extraordinary Projectile.
A child's struggles with the intricate facts of history are sometimes almost as serious a matter to him as the battles of which he reads. The results, however, are not always without humor, as a story in Everybody's Magazine shows.

A small boy handed in the following in an examination paper in United States history:
"General Braddock was killed in the Revolutionary war. He had three horses shot under him, and a fourth went through his clothes."

Hurry If You Expect to Take Advantage of This Offer.....

PRICES TO CLEAN UP ODD LINES ARE BELOW THE COST OF MATERIALS and today has been a busy day in every department—waiting on the crowds that responded to our Saturday Ad. They won't last long at such ridiculous low prices.

Entire Line Coats For Ladies, Misses and Children Half Price	\$9.90 <i>Choice of any Ladies</i> \$9.90 Tailored Suit in our entire stock, "values to \$40.00"
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One Lot Boys Suits CHOICE 1.49	One Lot Ladies' Coats Values \$10.00 1.19	One Lot Ladies' Coats Values \$25.00 2.39	One Lot Children's Coats Values \$3.00 69c	One Lot Dress Skirts Values to \$10.00 1.19	One Lot Men's Dress Shirts Values to \$10.00 39c
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ALL ODD LOTS LADIES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES REDUCED STILL LOWER FOR FINAL CLEARANCE

West's 16th Annual Clearance Sale

Don't pass your worries on; shloroform them.

Chihuahua is even more difficult to pronounce than Juarez.

In the bright lexicon of love there is no such word as eugenics.

Of course right thinking people are those who think as you do.

The price of cigarettes is going up. Why not start an agitation for more eggs to the dozen?

About the most useless gift we can think of would be throat troches for John Lind.

It is reported the navy refused men with flat feet. May be only a misunderstanding.

If we can't reduce the price of eggs why not start an agitation for more eggs to the dozen?

The tango makes women fat, say the corset makers. The girls will soon lose their taste for it then.

The people who have set out to beat the egg trust to a custard will not fail if good wishes help any.

It's no sign that life has handed you a gold brick because you can't be elected president of a radium mine.

Servia's order of 90,000 war medals is, of course, only a ruse to make Bulgaria believe it has that many survivors.

The ability of the Mexicans to shoot as they run somewhat decreases the unique renown of the late Daniel Boone.

If belts could be slipped on some of those South American countries their revolutions would run the machinery of the world.

One of the easiest ways to get rich is to take pencil and paper after supper and sit down and spend the evening keeping hens.

"Women will be in congress in ten years," says a lady lecturer, after which the Congressional Record will have to be enlarged.

The report that Porfirio Diaz was going back to Mexico is false. The old president may have lost his authority, but he has not lost his head.

"A farm expert," according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, "says that hens need to be amused." Might read the daily egg quotations to them.

THE FARMHOUSE PIANO.
The old piano is a pet. The farmer thinks it fine. It was the best that he could get in 1889.

He tells the boudiers with much pride. Of how he blew his dough To buy it for his bonny bride So many years ago.

The wires are getting rather loose. And yellow are its keys. Sometimes it gurgles like a goose. Sometimes emits a wheeze.

But still it seems a goodly thing. When girls from rustic dells Sit down and make the welkin ring With "Monastery Bells." —Louisville Courier-Journal

NECESSITY.
Necessity has no law.

Public necessity is greater than private.

That is necessity which cannot be dispensed with.

Necessity is the law of a particular time and place.

Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is unlawful.

There is no necessity for proving the existence of light.

A FIELD FLOWER.
There is a flower, a little flower. With silver crest and golden eye. That welcomes every changing hour And weathers every sky.

'Tis Flora's page—in every place. In every season, fresh and fair. It opens with perennial grace And blossoms everywhere.

On waste and woodland, rock and plain. Its humble buds, unheeded, rise. The rose has but a summer reign: The daisy never dies! —Montgomery.

Government Makes Largest Offering

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary of agriculture Houston today approved the disposal of one billion feet of western yellow pine timber from the Kaibab national forest in northern Arizona. In order to get this timber out it will be necessary to build a railroad approximately 200 miles long. Such a railroad will connect Colorado and Utah with the world-famous Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which hitherto has been accessible only from the south.

For several years the construction of such a railroad has been considered by various capitalists, but it has been stated that the lack of assured immediate traffic was an effectual barrier. It is pointed out, however, that a contract for a billion feet of timber will overcome this difficulty by providing a commodity for transportation which, together with tourist and local traffic, will place the project on a paying basis practically from the outset.

Chief Forester Henry S. Graves made a personal examination on the ground, and this examination supplemented by the reports of his forest engineers, induced him to recommend the sale of such a large body of timber in order that the country might be developed through the supplying of this resource. Mr. Graves says, however, that the Kaibab forest is one of the most beautiful in America, and gives assurance that the marketing of the mature crop of timber will not be allowed to mar the scenic beauty of the region.

In accordance with the timber sale policy of the government the stumpage will be disposed of to the highest bidder. In order to attract a sufficient investment to assure the building of the railroad and of the necessary lumber mills at least a billion feet of timber had to be offered. The investment necessary to make this timber accessible will amount to more than \$3,000,000. By placing this quantity of timber before the lumber men of the country the officials of the forest reserve believe that the development of extensive areas in southern Utah may be looked for, because the necessary railway will render accessible resources which have heretofore been undeveloped. The whole region is rich in agricultural land, in

cattle and sheep range, and in coal and copper deposits, as well as in timber.

Bids for the timber will be received up to the middle of June, 1914, and three years will be allowed for the building of the railroad and mills, and twenty-five years for the cutting of the timber. The stumpage rates, however, will be readjusted at the end of each five-year period of the contract, the readjustments being based on the then current lumber prices.

By the end of the contract period, the forest officers say, the young trees left on the area first cut over will be ready for cutting, so that by the system of lumbering which the government will require operations can continue permanently in this lumber belt. The annual cut will be not less than forty million feet, most of which will be readily sold in the large consuming lumber markets in Utah and Colorado.

The Kaibab forest is one of the most heavily timbered in the southwest, the stand of timber being broken only occasionally by beautiful meadows or openings locally known as parks. Lumbermen who have visited it consider the country ideally adapted to logging. There are, altogether, two billion feet of timber, of which more than one billion feet are mature and ready for cutting.

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For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley.

We respectfully solicit your business.

La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

Berry Bros. Grocery

We have just received a fresh shipment of Heinz Mustard in 20c jars, which is the best French mustard that can be bought. Snow Flake Sodas which are superior to any other Soda crackers. We have them in 10c and 25c boxes and also in bulk.

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