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SENSIBLE INVESTORS.

There has always been too much freedom in this country for unscrupulous operators to swindle the public. Several European countries have efficient and practical laws to safeguard the public against fraudulent, questionable and deceptive promotions.

Any conscienceless fakir could float a hole in the ground, a worthless invention, or any sort of a plausible contraption calculated to separate the unwary and confiding from their money.

Men and women have smiled when reading of these swindling operations that have separated others from their earnings and savings, but when they themselves have been touched they have gnashed their teeth.

Just now money is plenty. There is quite a boom in business as a result of the war and the consequent unusual demand for our products. Wages are good and employment easy to obtain. Confidence, that was at low ebb a year ago, is restored.

The speculative spirit, which is inherent in human nature is today very much in evidence. What the public should be warned against is being misled into imagining that all they have to do to double or treble their money is to buy any new stock that is brought out with a golden promise.

There are plenty of safe investments, like the Pennsylvania railroad company, which has over 93,000 stockholders, nearly half of whom are women sensible investors.

It is not to realize with pleasure that another was so busy during the winter season.

The Sun says a man's taste is shown by the car he drives. Suppose he drives a dark brown car?

Insurance Auditor Visits.

Mr. Curry, traveling auditor of the Portland Savings & Loan association of Portland is at the Foley. Mr. Curry is making settlements of

mutual certificates for his company and says he will leave several thousand dollars in La Grande.

Fred Taylor in Town.

Fred G. Taylor, high in rank of the Amalgamated Sugar company, is here from Ogden closing up matters for his company in this county. Mr. Taylor was manager of the sugar factory while that institution was in existence here.

Going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rossch leave this evening for California. They will make an indefinite stay in the bay area, visiting friends and touring with ease.

CAR CREW ARRESTED.

Accident Killing Three Leads to Arrest of Street Carmen.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Three were killed in a crash between a St. Paul passenger train and a street car. The crew of the street car has been arrested.

EXPLOSION KILLS MAN.

Girl With Both Legs Broken Among Those Rescue From Fire.

Buffalo, Jan. 24.—Several were killed and a score injured in an explosion which wrecked the Kelker Blowing company plant. Fire prevented rescuers entering the plant. Two bodies were recovered this afternoon, and also an unconscious girl with both legs broken. The police estimated fifteen are missing.

MOHR PROSECUTION ENDS

Newspaper Woman Last to Testify—Near Breakdown.

Providence, Jan. 24.—Prosecution of Mrs. G. Franklin Mohr and two negroes nears an end. Gertrude Stevenson, a Boston newspaper woman, left the stand near a breakdown from persistent cross examination. The defense tried to force her to admit she tricked the negroes into confessing.

Arrivals at Sommer.

H. A. Vincent, Mrs. Audrey Horner, R. C. Wilson, Jas. B. Welch, Portland; H. Brown, Seattle; H. E. McIntyre, Portland; L. H. Squires, San Francisco; M. W. Kiddle, Island City, S. C.; Lapham, W. H. Burnett, E. H. Laughman, Portland; M. C. Kennedy, St. Louis; M. W. Powell, Boise; A. O. Hershew, Thomas Baird, Portland; S. H. Mora, Seattle; C. T. McDaniel and son, Wallowa; L. A. Griley, F. R. Brown, Portland.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

Crew Taken Off While Waves Wash Upper Decks of the Liner.

Halifax, Jan. 24.—The British munitions liner Pollentia sank 700 miles off the Cape Race. The Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi has wireless that after responding to the Pollentia's distress call, Verdi found the decks almost awash and waited two hours for the sea to subside before removing crew.

The Last Week at West's January Clearance Sale

With the Best, the Newest and the Most Dependable Merchandise Reduced

This Store has Come to be Looked Upon as the one Store With Reliable Sales---The Public Attends its Sales With Confidence.

Your Choice of Any COAT or SUIT in the Store Now at \$9.00

All Sizes 14 to 18, 34 to 44---

Suits Selling Before up to \$32.00---

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THINK OF IT!

Every Coat and Suit New this Season---

Suits and Coats of Smartest Fashions---

Suits and Coats of the Choicest Materials---

Entire Stock High Grade STREET DRESSES \$7.90

Fine Wool Street Dresses---

Fine Silk Street Dresses---

Every one New This Season---

Values up to \$35.00---

The rule at West's is never to carry a single garment over from one season to another---Consequently these extraordinary low prices.

"Pringree" and "Utz and Dunn" WOMEN'S SHOES \$1.49 Pair

About 200 pair of \$3.50 and \$4.00 Values
The greatest shoe opportunity of the year---of course not the very latest styles---but all are good looking shoes right from our regular stock, such as fine patent leather button shoes, patent leather lace shoes, vicci kid lace shoes, tan calf button shoes, Suede button shoes and many other styles with low or high heels---made with genuine Goodyear welt, role or turn soles---all are either "Utz and Dunn" or "Pringree" makes which sold formerly at \$3.50 and \$4.00 pair---Good fitting shoes and a large range of sizes and widths to choose from. Clearance \$1.49

Saturday the Shoe Dep't was Crowded all day---Many Women Buying 2 Pairs at This Extraordinary Low Price

Mail Orders Promptly Filled



Every Article Reduced

Arrivals at Savoy.

Edwin O. Heath, Portland; N. A. Cramer, Kamela; Bert Oakman, Palmer Junction; H. M. Spooner, Pendleton, Geo. W. Jones, Pendleton; L. B. Larsen, Imbler; H. H. Hays, Nampa, Idaho; A. Rumberg, Wallowa; Albert E. Hubbard, Portland; J. M. Staley, Salem; C. H. Finn, ICty; Mrs. Martha Munsell; W. P. Luttrell and wife, Joseph; H. Weagle, North Yakima; L. Adams, Elgin; E. M. Clark, Huntington; E. T. Rill, Roswell, Idaho; Wm. Melroy and wife, Elgin; Mrs. F. A. Galloway, Cove; M. E. Gordon, La Grande; James Harris, Cove; W. H. Cole and wife, Boise.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Anything a good drug store should have we have---La Grande Pharmacy, Adolph Newlin, manager. 1-22-2t.

We know what's on for Tuesday night at Moose hall. You come and find out---Adv. 1-22-tf.

Mrs. G. E. Kay of Enterprise who has been visiting with relatives here,

left today for Pendleton to visit her son and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris French took their departure last evening for an extended trip through the middle west and South. They go to Chicago first and then to Arkansas points.

The Baptist church will give their pastor and his wife a reception Wednesday evening at eight p. m. at the church. The public is invited.

Money to Loan.

On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La Grande Investment Co.---Adv.

PILES! PILES! PILES!

WILLIAMS' INDIAN PILE OINTMENT will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, always itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. For sale by all druggists, mail 50c and \$1.00.

WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Props., Cleveland, Ohio NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Manager Hopkins, of the Blue Mountain creamery has finally learned that splitting wood is no job for a man. Yesterday he slashed a finger of one hand quite badly while

doing that pesky task of preparing kindling.

FOR SALE---Double bowling alley, billiard, tobacco and confectionery business, \$2250. Doing good business. Will take real estate for part if not encumbered. Reason other interests. Address H. C. Boyer, Ontario, Ore.---Adv. 1-24-3t.

Don't forget that Silverthorn's Family Drug store carries a complete line of ledgers and journals, all kinds of prices.---Adv. 1-15-tf.

Good dry cord wood for sale. Inquire at Golden Rule Co.---Adv. 1-24-tf

SEWING at \$1.50 per day. Call Mrs. Nash, Black 1532.---Adv. 1-19-5c.

William Kerr of Philadelphia has arrived in the city to fetch home his wife who has been more or less seriously ill at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Palmer, since August. Last February she met Mr. and Mrs. Palmer in Los Angeles and they visited the fairs together, she going on to Seattle for a five months' stay with her brother, and then came here in August intending to return home in October. She was taken ill, and even yet is unable to travel alone. For that

reason Mr. Kerr has arrived to assist her on the homeward journey.

MADAM EYNNIM SINNY has the same power and she has consulted on all important questions. Hours, 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m., 1605 Seventh street.---Adv. 1-22-2t.

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WANTED---An energetic active man to establish permanent business. Whole or part time. Health and Accident Insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. Address National Casualty Co., Detroit, Mich.---Adv. 1-24-1tp.

THE MILLION DOLLAR picture at Sherry's gives you an idea of the power a Crystal Gazer has in unraveling mysteries.

WHY NOT TRY POPHAM'S ASTHMA REMEDY
Give Prompt and Positive Relief in Every Case. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00. Trial Package by Mail 10c. WILLIAMS MFG. CO., Props., Cleveland, O. Putman's Drug Store.



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YOU HAVE HEARD ALL YOUR LIFE THAT "YOUR MONEY IS YOUR BEST FRIEND". IF YOU ARE LETTING YOUR MONEY SLIP AWAY FROM YOU, STOP IT. YOU CAN STOP IT IF YOU WILL. YOU WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT. THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BECOME SO IS TO BANK YOUR MONEY.

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WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

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Resources \$1,000,000.00

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