

# SAFETY FIRST EXHIBITS VALUABLE

## GOVERNMENT TRAIN IS DUE

### UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES TO GET EXHIBITS.

#### Government's Efforts to Reduce Personal Injuries Shown.

When the United States government's Safety First special reaches La Grande, as it will ere many weeks now, Union and Wallowa county should make effort to see it. It will be worth while. The United States government through co-operation of the Baltimore & Ohio, is endeavoring, for the first time, to acquaint the people of the United States with the various methods adopted by the federal government to further personal safety. The special left Washington some little time ago and is gradually working towards La Grande.

At various expositions and world's fairs that have been held in the United States, The Federal Government's activities along the lines of life saving and property saving have been explained to those who were fortunate enough to attend those great educational affairs. Persons who have visited the Nation's Capital also have had opportunity to know what the Government is doing in these lines; but the great majority of persons have little knowledge of the vast organization effected to protect the people in peace as well as in war.

The Government, therefore, intends to show this to the people who have not had the opportunity of seeing it. To this end, the Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, asked the co-operation of Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio, for the free use of a complete all-steel train of the necessary number of cars to transport the exhibits, and thus assist the Government in this unusual enterprise.

Accordingly, twelve steel cars were taken from regular service and placed at the disposal of the Government. In this equipment there will

be nine coaches and one baggage car to contain the Government exhibit; a sleeping car and a dining car will care for the officers and employes of the Government.

The interiors of the cars will be arranged by the various departments of the Government that are to make the displays, embracing the Treasury Department, War Department, Department of the Navy, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Interstate Commerce Commission and American Red Cross society.

The train will be exhibited without cost in the cities and towns named in the itinerary, and it is the hope of the Government that all people will view the exhibit and acquaint themselves with the full meaning of "safety first," a maxim of paramount significance in the conduct of the affairs of a great nation.

**Department of the Treasury**  
The Coast Guard Service exhibit a modern, full size, self-bailing surf boat, beach apparatus wagon, rapid firing gun for throwing life lines to ships in distress, breeches buoy for life saving at sea.

The Public Health Service, the branch of the government that is charged with the responsibility of keeping epidemics of dread disease away from the shores of the United States, and of assisting in stamping out epidemics that occur within its borders, show by models and charts what this service is accomplishing for the health of the people.

**Department of War**  
Both the war department and the navy department have cars devoted exclusively to display of apparatus and models of instruments used by those departments. These will give the citizens of the country a glimpse of the manner in which Uncle Sam is prepared to deal with any emergency that may arise. The war department present, in as much detail as possible, an exhibit of all branches of that service; and officers and men of the army are on hand to furnish any information desired as to the apparatus exhibited, or the different divisions of the army.

**Department of the Interior**  
The Navy Department show models of the great guns that are on the battleships, and have men from the navy to explain their working. There is a modern machine gun similar to those now being used in the European war;

also a rapid fire Hotchkiss gun of the type formerly used by the navy. A 6-pound gun of the latest design used on ships is also exhibited. An exact model of the pre-dreadnought "Vermont" type, and the commercial ruder "Columbia" are shown; the latter is an example of the obsolete type—the scout cruiser now taking its place. Perhaps the most interesting feature in the navy exhibit is a torpedo, the type of instrument that has caused so much death and destruction in the European war. The navy men will explain that each torpedo costs from \$4,000 to \$8,000 and that many of them have been used in the present war. The navy has obtained from one of its submarines a portable wireless outfit, which will be carried with the train and will be in working order at all stopping places. Messages will be received and sent daily and visitors will be permitted to witness the actual working conditions.

**Department of the Interior**  
The bureau of mines looks after the safety of more than a million of miners. It is engaged in teaching them first aid to the injured; and over 30,000 miners are especially trained and well equipped to render aid as members of any hospital corps. In case of war these men are available for hospital service.

The exhibit includes the various apparatus for the saving of life in mines, inventions permitting wearers to enter places filled with poisonous gases, having telephone connections with the outside world, life-saving canny birds, oxygen pumps and cylinders, safety lamps, aneroid barometers, psychrometers, anemometers, galvanometers, radium signs, a gram of radium salt, and innumerable devices used in mining operations.

The reclamation service, the home-making bureau of the national government, shows its methods of reclaiming the desert wastes and preparing them for the habitation of man. It is estimated that the Great American Desert contains forty million acres, which, if reclaimed, could make homes for twenty million persons and add four billion dollars to taxable property, and one billion dollars in annual crop returns.

The National Park Service presents a picture gallery of the magnificent scenery of the Yellowstone, Yosemite, Mt. Rainier, Crater Lake, Glacier and others of our fourteen national parks; scenery that in quality and variety far exceeds that of the Alps. The pictures are enlargements from photographs and are beautifully colored.

**Department of Agriculture**  
The forest service exhibit is designed to show the conservation of life and property, and how it prevents, detects, and suppresses forest fires, destroying scores of human lives and millions of dollars' worth of finest timber.

The weather bureau shows the intricate apparatus it uses in determining the weather conditions and the approach of storms and floods, and will demonstrate how in time of trees millions of dollars of property values have been saved by its timely warnings.

**Interstate Commerce Commission**  
An elaborate exhibit is prepared by this department which shows all the safety appliances approved by the United States government for transportation service. The exhibit includes various designs of hand brakes, car couplers, uncoupling levers, sill steps, ladders, hand holds, running boards, signals, block signals, etc. In the exhibit is a miniature locomotive complete and built to scale. A locomotive boiler under steam, with glass openings, will illustrate the circulation of water under working conditions.

**The American Red Cross Society**  
The first aid division, American Red Cross, is operated under the direction of officers of the medical corps of the United States army, and has a staff of physicians and a life saving expert, who are available for detail as instructors in mines, camps, railroads, telephone and electrical concerns, factories, and other large industrial corporations; also for police and fire departments of cities, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Boy Scouts, etc. The exhibit includes transparencies showing activities in various fields, with charts and first aid boxes of every description.

#### Astoria Case Affirmed.

In an opinion by Justice Bean, the Supreme court has affirmed the judgment of Circuit Judge Eakin in the case of Norris Staples against the city of Astoria and others in which the appellant sought to enjoin the city from issuing \$50,000 in municipal bonds. The bond issue was assailed on the ground that the special election was void because the notice of election was insufficient.

#### Cement Combine Alleged.

The Port of Astoria Commission has authorized the chairman to begin suit to break the "cement combine" maintained against Astoria. This commodity costs 28 cents a barrel more in Astoria than in Portland although most of the cement sold in Oregon comes by water right by Astoria's wharves.

#### Swifts Visit Oregon.

Two members of the firm of Swift Brothers, who recently purchased large land holdings from the Corbetts in Harney county, have been in the state for a few days. They claim they may cut up the tract into small holdings and they may put on a large number of Mexican cattle continuing the land as a stock ranch.

#### Change in Law is Sought.

Upon request of the Oregon Public Service Commission, N. J. Simont will endeavor to secure an amendment of the interstate commerce act whereby carriers will be required to demand, at the time of delivery, all charges due from the transportation of property and stopped from collect-

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