

LONG SKIRTS JOKE EARLY IN CENTURY

Order Now Reversed; 'Street Sweepers' Said Injurious To Health

Long skirts for women, "street sweepers," as they were called, were the bane of men 25 years ago.

It is almost every paper could be found articles condemning the lengthy apparel and the only ones, apparently, who favored it were the cloth manufacturers and the women themselves.

"If women only realized the disastrous results to their health and that of their posterity, of fads and fashions, and especially feminine vanity, they would certainly turn over a new leaf," opined one editor.

The editor attacked the long skirt on two grounds—as a bearer of bacteria, and as apparel which strained the ligaments.

Finally, the editor appealed to feminine vanity.

"I often wonder," he wrote, "how the women would feel if they could see the masculine smiles and hear the remarks that follow in the wake of a flowing train—or street sweeper as it is called—for woman is surely not imper-

vicious to the approbation of the lords of creation."

"The skirt is indeed a serious question and one that shows little indication of solution. The whole question rests solely on woman's realization of the evil."

The Westminster Gazette of England printed the following poem in an issue of February, 1903:

Mode of woman's attire
Skirt, skirt, skirt

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In it she walks with footsteps trite

Picking up dust and mire.
Sweep, sweep, sweep

Through filth and flood and dirt;
It needs must be, 'tis fashion's decree!

So she trails the trail of the skirt.

O, England's sisters dear!
O, England's mothers and wives!

It is not your dresses you're wearing out,
But human creatures' lives.

Germ, Germ, Germ,
Lurks in that murky dirt;

You carry today with a double tread
A shroud as well as a skirt.

Trail, trail, trail
The labor you never shirk

Through filthy flood and slush
and mud

Doing a scavenger's work.
Trail, trail, trail

Gather microbes, as doctor's asert

Fit style with stealth, 'gainst
comfort and health

This is the song of the skirt.

COLLEGE DEBATERS PLAN FOR LONG TRIP

Four Men To Leave Corvallis On February 11 On Extended Tour

CORVALLIS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Four debaters from a squad of 16 have been chosen at Oregon state college to leave February 11 on what is said to be the longest American debate tour ever scheduled by a college or university.

The trip will last six weeks and 15 universities will be met in debate. In filling these engagements, the men will traverse 26 of the 48 states and at one point will go into Canada for a match with the University of Montreal.

John R. West of Corvallis, who received his secondary training in Shanghai and Peking, will manage the tour and will take part in a few of the debates. Robert S. Griffin, Corvallis, a native of Georgia, and winner of many for- ensic contests here, is the record member. Grant McMillan, Portland, and Robert Ball, Corvallis are the other successful contestants.

General interest in the debate will be increased through selection of a question of current national importance. It is: "Resolved: That American invest-

ments in foreign countries should receive only the protection of the governments of the countries in which they are made."

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Roy Coffey has returned from California, where he has been since last October.

"Leave it to Judkins" will be presented at Liberty hall February 11.

Marie Dietzman has returned to school after having the chicken pox.

Molken Factory Proposed To Chamber of Commerce

Plans for a proposed factory to make Molken, a by-product resulting from the manufacture of Swiss cheese, were outlined at the chamber of commerce luncheon by Fred W. Jobelman.

Molken is extensively used in Switzerland where it has been a century-old food of the Swiss people. Mr. Jobelman said that a large market could be built up in this country for the product.

BROOKS CLUB MEETS SCHOOL PATRONS INVITED TO EVENT NEXT WEEK

BROOKS, Jan. 31.—(Special)—The Brooks Community club met with Mrs. Eugene Manning on Friday, January 27, for an all day meeting with a pot luck dinner.

The usual routine of work was done and a short business session was held with the president, Mrs. Walter Fuller, in the chair. Miss Chapell, from the O. A. C. vocational department, gave an interesting talk on dressmaking and millinery.

Several humorous readings were given. A shower was also given for Mrs. Raymond Blanton, Jr. A number of invited guests from Gervais, Waconda, and Brooks were present, besides a large number of club members.

The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Cecil Ashbaugh, an all day session on Thursday, February 9.

A social meeting of the club members and patrons of the school will be held on Friday evening, February 10, to which everyone is invited. A short program will be given and light refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Ralph Sturgis entertained on Thursday with a three course dinner, having as her guests Mrs. Paul Jones of Salem and Mrs. Letta Frison of Aumville, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Johns. The day was spent in conversation and music. George Campbell was given a surprise party on Saturday evening, January 1. Dances and cards were the diversions of the evening.

NOTES OF TRAVEL BY COLONEL HOFER

He Attended Two Notable Celebrations In City of San Francisco

Editor Statesman: At San Francisco we joined in two great celebrations. One was Chinese New Year—it lasts a week. Every Chinaman pays his debts New Year's. Then he shoots off some firecrackers and starts a new year.

The other celebration was the annual report of the Bank of Italy, showing twenty million dollars profits for 1927. All San Francisco joined in and drank the health of President Glavin.

The board of directors voted him a present of a million and a half. He gave it to the state University of California to develop agriculture. He came to the United States an immigrant and started life as a fruit broker.

COL. E. HOFER, San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 27, 1928.

State Cannot Aid Klamath District With Litigation

The state has no money to send a representative to Washington to urge passage of a law making the

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SEWING AND COOKING CLUBS MEET AT LIBERTY SCHOOL

LIBERTY, Jan. 31.—(Special)—The sewing and cooking clubs met at school Friday. The Cook Rite club after discussing business and finding that all were up in their work, sang club songs and practiced yells that were written by Franklin Hawkins. Luncheon was prepared and served by Marie and Teresa Murhammer. Mrs. Joe Williams, the leader, appointed Franklin Hawkins as society editor.

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The OREGON SHOE CO'S GREATER VOLUME SALE Opens WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1st

WE ARE READY FOR OUR GREAT VOLUME SALE. WE ARE GOING TO LAUNCH THE MOST DRASTIC SHOE SELLING EVENT EVER ATTEMPTED IN SALEM. REMARKABLE REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON EVERY SHOE. REDUCTIONS THAT ARE REALLY SO LIBERAL AND SUBSTANTIAL THAT IT CANNOT BE COMPARED TO ANYTHING EVER SEEN IN SALEM.

THE SHOES IN THIS STORE ARE NEW. THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO MAKE THIS SALE SO DIFFERENT. IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS WE HAVE CLOSED OUT THE OLD MERCHANDISE WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, THIS STOCK IS NEW AND CLEAN, SHOES THAT YOU WILL BE PROUD TO WEAR AND SHOW YOUR FRIENDS, AND THE NICE THING ABOUT IT, YOU CAN BUY THEM IN THIS SALE AT A FRACTION OF THE PRICE YOU WOULD PAY IN OTHER STORES.

FREE Every sales slip showing \$3.95 or more will entitle the purchaser to select absolutely **FREE** a pair of Ladies' \$2.00 McCallum silk hose or a pair of men's fancy silk socks **FREE**
Extraordinary Reductions on Every Shoe in the Store

Girl's & Women's Sport Oxfords
All sizes wonderful values up to \$7.00. Black and Tan Welt soles, Rubber heels, all go at **\$3.95**
Pair \$2.00 Hose Free With Each Pair

Women's Pumps and Oxfords
Strap and step-in effects. Broken sizes regularly sold up to \$10. Be here early and get a pair of these shoes and a pair of \$2 hose **FREE** for **\$4.95**

Edmond's Foot Fitters—SHOES and OXFORDS
The best men's shoes on the market at \$7.50 and \$8.50. All styles, hundreds of pairs to select from, our prices in this sale **\$5.95**
A Pair Fancy Sox or Ladies' Hose Free With Each Pair

Women's Shoes and Oxfords
Hanan Selby and other makes. Regular price run as high as \$15 to close out **\$1.00**
Broken Sizes and Narrow Widths

BOY'S SHOES
Broken sizes 2 1/2 and 5 1/2. Best quality formerly sold as high as \$5 to close out **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S SHOES
Patent button and lace broken lines formerly sold as high as \$6, while they last all go at **\$1.00**

Men's Ball Brand Rubber Boots
Knee length all sizes, \$5 and \$6 all go at **\$3.95**
Hip length \$7 and \$8 values all go at **\$5.95**
Ladies' Hose or Men's Sox Free With Each Pair

Men's OXFORDS and SHOES—Black or Tan.
Wonderful \$6 and \$7 values all to go in this sale at **\$3.95**
Ladies' McCallum \$2.00 Hose or Men's Sox Free With Each Pair

Men's OXFORDS and SHOES—Black or Tan
Wonderful values at \$7 and \$8. All to be sold in this sale at **\$4.95**
Ladies' \$2.00 Silk Hose or Men's Fancy Sox to be Given Free With Each Pair

Women's Black and Brown Satin Slippers
Many styles sold for \$10 and \$12. Come early and get a pair at the ridiculous price of **\$2.95**

FELT SLIPPERS
Broken lines, values up to \$2.50 all to be closed out at **69c**

Women's Sport Oxfords
Black or tan, all sizes sold up to \$8. Get a pair of these up to the minute shoes at **\$4.95**
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