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AN ERA OF SPECULATION | Engineering Triumphs

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Wall Street Crazy Over Stocks, Combinations and a Business Boom.

MARVELOUS PROSPERITY AMERICA'S

Stimulates the Money Getting Spirit of the Average American and Makes Him Reckless.

Business conditions were never better and actual prospects could not be more encouragang. Nevertheless, shrewd financiers foresee danger ahead and words of warning come from Russell Sage and other experienced Wall street operators. The earning capacity of properties cannot ordinarily

Double Itself in a Week,

nor can a well managed railroad pay the same rate of interest upon a capitalization of \$200,000,000 as it formerly paid on \$100, 000,000. We witness marvelous forward, financial movements notwithstanding, and manipulators on Wall street intent upon

Competing a Combination

to push up the selling price of stocks to figures which are well high appalling. In the very forefront of all this active and unsafe speculation are to be found some of the officers of Great Eastern life insurance companies. The surplus of the policy holders is invested in accurities dependent upon Wall street and Wall street brokers for their interest accumulations.

It is Probably Casafe

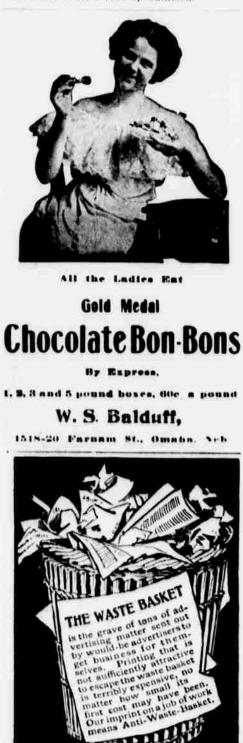
to send Nebraska money to New York and Boston, where its custodians are environed. by speculators and the very atmosphere is saturated with the virus of reckless speculation. Time alone can reveal the dangers which are encountered. The safe plan is 1.61

Ruild tp Home Institutions,

keep home savings at home, invested in safe home accurities. Upon this idea the Bankers Reserve Life association is building its promising future. Already the best business men and bankers of Nebraska are lending the home enterprise their support. They, better than men in other walks of life, can foresee danger, smell the disaster from afar and prepare for the evil which feverish speculation must bring upon the land.

B. H. Robison, President

of the Bankers Reserve, wants 100 good insurance solicitors to join him in this sort of protection for the great west, already lending its money in the east, rich in resources and opulent in ready cash. If the idea of the Bankers Reserve prevails the great west will become independent of Wall street and Wall street speculation.



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Sherman tunnel, are magnificent embank ments, and give a wide view of some rugged scenery. How the tunnel was built is plainly shown by the views taken of the men actually engaged in boring the great hele through the rock. The east and west approach to Aspen tunnel, the wonderful Fish cutwhen the railroad builder helped the scientist by uncovering tons of fossil fish; the tracklaying machine, which spouts rails on one side and ties on the other, and never seems to stop in its forward progress. is a marvel of modern railroad building and yet is but little known to the world. All these things aided in the accomplishment of this changing and building anew of so much of one of the world's greatest railroads for the sole purpose of giving to commerce brisker circulation, of bringing people nearer together and lessening the

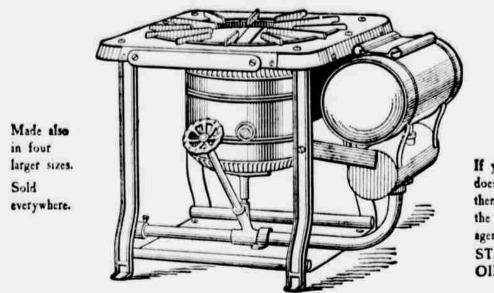
time between the east and the west. Less than a century ago Captain William Clarke reported to President Thomas Jefferson that he had found a route from St. Louis to the Pacific coast that was only 3,500 miles long, was open at least three months in the year, and could be used to divert the fur trade from England to China. What would he say to a route nearly 1,200 miles shorter than the one he mapped, open very day in the year, and carrying on a single train more than the entire commerce of the Missouri river and upper Missiscippi regions of the Louisiana purchase amounted to in his day? Captain Clarke builded well, and in his report to President Jefferson he plainly said the region through which he traveled would support "a populous celony," Millions of people now inhabit that region, thousands of millions of wealth are invested in it, and other thousands of millions are engaged in the business of transporting products and supplies back and forth. Captain Clarke sought a water route to the Pacific. The men who built the railread sought the mest direct and feasible route. From Omaha to San Francisco is the shortest route obtainable, and over it the great Union Pacific daily drives trains of mest luxurious cars. palaces on wheels, hurrying back and forth from the uttermost points of the world people who are engaged in the commerce that requires the use of thousands of huge freight vans to move. The highest possible development in equipment and ap-

pllances is in daily use over this line, and during the last year, as detailed heretofore, millions of money have been spent to reduce the grades and shorten the distance. This reduction is the result of straightening unnecessary curves, and the construc-

tion of several cutoffs between Buford and Bear river, Utah. Buford is on the eastern slope of the Black Hills, 545 miles west of Council Bluffs and twenty-seven miles west of Cheyenne. The cutoffs required the construction of 158 miles, of which 29.63 miles are between Buford and Laramie, saving .37 of a mile in distance: 15.34 miles between Howell and Hutton, saving 3.11 miles; 3.9 miles on the Laramie plains between Cooper's Lake and Lookout, saving .38 of a mile: 25.94 miles between Lookout and Medicine Bow, still further west, saving 12.03 miles; 8.15 miles between Allen Junction and Dana, saving 3.87 miles; 42.83 miles between Rawlins and Tipton, saving 1.44 miles: 10.64 between Green River and Bryan saving .45 of a mile, and 21.56 miles between Leroy and Bear River, saving 9.56 miles. The curvature saved is about one-half.

the grading about the same, while the angles are reduced nearly two-thirds. The superiority of these changes is parent to the practical railroad engineer It is also apparent to the operating depart ment in the reduction in operating expenses and to the traveler in the increased speed the trains can make. The change in profile of the line is marked. West of Buford the track ran northwestward to the Amemonument, near Sherman, and then took a sharp turn to the southwest over Dale creek, crossing it by a bridge 135 feet highan elevation trying to the nerves, and from thence due north to Laramie. The new line runs due west from Buford, avoiding the high hills and eighty-eight-foot grade from Cheyenne, and plercing through cuts and the big tunnel, crosses the Black Hills at a grade of less than one-half (43.3 feet) over mountain altitudes. From Leroy the country is literally a coal bed. Here the new line makes another reduction and enters the Bear river valley on an easy grade. The old line gave a commanding view of the Laramie plains, and the old stage road to California through Fort Sanders, long since abandoned; Long's peak, sixty miles to the southward, and Pike's peak, 165 miles south, and entered Laramie after a somewhat abrupt descent of the western slope of the Black Hills. The new line avoids the high hills and gradually descends. after leaving Buford, skirts the high hills to the south, where the old line runs, avoids the Dale creek bridge and the Ames monument, and enters Laramie on an easy grade. The scenery over the new line is equally sublime with the old, and the interest is not lost to the traveler. West of Laramie the road crosses the Laramie plains, with the mountains on either side, the difference consisting only in the disappearance of old stations, whose names have been a standby for a generation or more. Nothing is lost in attractive scenery, but much will be gained by the quickened speed and the shortened time in making the overland journey to the Pacific coast, via the Union Pacific, renders all competition of rival roads well nigh futile. Roseberry, Yukon, Sir Styles, Banbury, Fashoda, etc., all for sale cheap. Also sev-eral prize-winners. Gem Trinidad score 25% at 4 mo. Service 35. Omaha Branch Gem Rabbitry, 1801 Locust St., Omaha, Neb.

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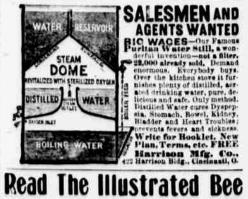
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