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**Safe To Leave Them**  
"This safe to lay your cares aside And rest awhile each day; Be sure no other man will come And steal your load away."  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Sow a thought and you reap an action. Sow an action and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."

**THE COST OF LIVING**  
Statisticians and writers on political economy after painstaking research and careful calculation have reached the conclusion that each individual in the United States, exclusive of luxuries, consumes and uses articles in a year 1904, valued at wholesale prices in New York the cash value of \$97.192.  
This conclusion is reached by taking the per capita consumption of each article at the wholesale price in New York on July 1, 1904. For instance, the per capita consumption of wheat is four and two thirds bushels per year, that of coffee 9 pounds, sugar 70 pounds and thus through all the articles that are used by our people.  
The numerous articles that make up what is generalized as being in these calculations are treated under seven heads or classes as follows: 1st. Breadstuffs, which includes wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, beans and peas.  
2. Meats, which include all kinds of flesh, tallow and lard.  
3. Dairy and garden embraces eggs, vegetables, fruit, milk, butter, cheese etc.  
4. Other food which includes fish, liquors, condiments, sugar, rice, tobacco, etc.  
5. Clothing, which includes the raw material out of which clothing is made and the material used in its manufacture, and petroleum.  
6. Metals of all kinds used in every day life.  
Miscellaneous which includes lumber, building material, fertilizers, drugs etc.  
On July 1, 1904, the wholesale value of sufficient bread stuff to last one person a year was \$18.244; meats \$9.033; dairy and garden \$10.648; other food \$10.406; clothing \$16.514; metals \$15.428 and miscellaneous articles \$16.919 making the total cost at wholesale prices for a years consumption of \$97.192.  
In 1860, calculation made on the same basis and for the same articles made the yearly cost of living for each person in the United States as follows. For bread stuffs \$23 652 meats \$10.084, dairy and garden \$14.169, other food \$8 978, clothing \$22.094, metals \$26.082, miscellaneous \$16 572, total for the year at New York wholesale prices \$121.831.  
From the foregoing figures which are found in Duu's Review, a recognized authority on commercial values, shows that it cost \$24.439 more to purchase the material for a years living in 1860 than it would on July 1, 1904.  
The Baker City Herald says the law against gambling in Ore-

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or., May 11, 1904.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Phoebe Bullis of Perry, County of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 3100, for the purchase of the S<sup>34</sup>, S<sup>36</sup>, W<sup>34</sup>, Section 26 and S<sup>34</sup>, S<sup>36</sup>, E<sup>3</sup>, Section No. 27, in Township No. 28, R. No. 23, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 1st day of August, 1904.  
She names as witnesses: A. L. Bean, John J. Murphy, Ralph H. Bullis, and Mary B. Murphy, all of Perry, Oregon.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 1st day of August, 1904.  
E. W. Davis, Register.

**Fire Proof Safe**  
For sale wt. 2500, price \$50. Call or write La Grande Pawnbroker. Phone 1581.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, June 25, 1904.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, on August 4, 1904, viz: H. E. No. 7302, Margaretha Sulzinger, La Grande, Oregon, widow of John Sulzinger, deceased, for the S<sup>34</sup>, E<sup>3</sup>, Section 26, Tp. 28, R. 23, E. W. M.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Belgoff, John Keller, Conant Scriber, Micael Kallin all of La Grande, Oregon.  
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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That mother used to wash on when I was a boy,  
With its zinc-covered ridges the studs used to play in  
And soap bubbles gambol'd to my childish joy.  
Ofttimes have I watched her when weary her knuckles.  
As over the ridges our lads she would rub,  
I never will forget how she solaced and she slathered  
The old fashioned wash board that stood in the tub.  
CHORUS  
The old fashioned washboard;  
The zinc-covered washboard;  
The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub.  
Some folks always kick about up-to-date laundries,  
And say they wear out their clothes every day;  
But give them to me, so I will have a hot dinner  
At home, with the smell of the soap suds away.  
I know that the washing machine is much easier  
On all of our clothes than to take them and rub  
Till the buttons and bosoms are lost and worn out  
By the old-fashioned washboard that stood in the tub.  
We are not the old fashioned kind.  
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**Notice to Contractors**  
Sealed bids will be received until 2 o'clock P M Saturday August 6—1904 for the construction of a two story frame residence building according to plans and specifications which may be seen at the residence of Mrs Z. Patty, or at the residence of G R Thorntou, Architect, La Grande, Oregon, at which latter place bids will be opened. Bidders invited to be present. The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
Mrs Z. Patty.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
Notice is hereby given, that the co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of McCoy & McFarlane, in the grocery business, at La Grande, has been dissolved by mutual agreement. The business will be continued by William McFarlane. Dated, August 12, 1904.  
James McCoy  
W. McFarlane  
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**For Sale**  
Light bay buggy team (gentle). Work single, double or saddle. New pole buggy and new light harness complete. Inquire of Mrs. E. Whitney, Whitney House, Adams Avenue.  
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I wish to say to my friends and the public that I have a large crop of peaches this year. Our early Peaches will be ripe in about a week or 10 days from this time we can sell you a more juicy better flavored peach and cheaper than you can buy them after they have been shipped in from other parts. Then when you pay for 20 lbs you get 20 lbs good pound measure.  
J R Kellogg.