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MARQUARDT, The Tailor.

Phone 1241 La Grande, Oregon

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we knew the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,

Prescription Druggist La Grande, Ore

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We have purchased the Big Stock of Furniture, Hardware, Tin and Granite ware, Carpenters Tools etc of Secret Bros at A BIG DISCOUNT and for the next 30 days we offer the people of Union county the GREATEST BARGAINS of the season in House Furnishings at 75c on the dollar in order to close out this stock quickly.

Regular \$20 to \$30 bed room suits	\$12.75 to \$21.75
" 12 50 to 29 Dressers	8.75 to 13.50
" 8 00 to 22 50 Iron Beds	5.75 to 13.75
" 10 00 to 21 00 Lounges	7.50 to 12.50
" 11 50 to 25 00 Baby Carriages	8.00 to 15.00
" 12 00 to 18 00 Extension Tables	8.65 to 14.25
" 3 50 to 9 00 Child's Beds	2.45 to 6.75
" .75 to 2 50 Dining Chairs	.60 to 1.85
" 3 50 to 9 50 Rockers	2.50 to 9.25
10 00 Double supported steel springs	7.15 Common springs 50c to 4.90

Don't forget the Heaters and Cook Stoves, Saws, hammers and Axes; nails, Staples, hinges, Cartridges, window shades, Curtains, Portiers, Cots, etc etc Call while the stock is complete Look out for our sign

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The fact that the railroads out of Chicago and Missouri river points have so arranged their schedules that the travel to the Lewis and Clark fair will pass through this city both on their way and return, the advantages of having our "Exhibit Hall" at the depot are plain to all.

AN AGE OF COMMERCE

This is preeminently an age of commerce. At no time in the world's history have the people of the earth interchanged commodities, one with the other so generally as in this century and transacted international business on such a stupendous scale. At no time since man began to make history has the diplomacy of the world been so dominated by a desire on the part of the world's rulers to care for the commercial interests of their people as now; this is commercialism.

We have before us a table prepared by the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, published in the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance for September 1904, and received direct from Washington City on Tuesday, showing the area and population of sixty one of the principal countries of the world, their total foreign commerce and commerce with the United States and per capita commerce, from which the following figures are taken.

The total area of the 61 countries is 41,414,336 square miles on which 1,508,859,000 people live. The most densely populated of the 61 countries is Belgium with 588 59 persons to the square mile. The population in the United States is 26.56 per square mile. Should the population of the United States reach the density that Belgium now has there will be 1,780,837,804 people within our borders not counting our insular possessions, or more than 270,000,000 more than now live in the 61 principal countries of earth.

The 61 principal nations now transact with each other an annual business valued at \$21,888,082,000 a per capita of international trade of \$14.50. It is this international trade that modern diplomacy is concerning itself with and for which it

is criticised by those who think there is danger in "the fraudulent influences of commercialism."

Using the American dollar as a unit of measurement for the volume of business done by each of the sixty one principle nations and ranking them according to the amount of foreign business done in 1903 the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland) stands first with \$2,840,264,000 worth of imports and \$1,415,179,000 worth of exports, totaling \$4,055,743,000.

Germany stands second with imports amounting to \$1,428,840,000 and exports valued at \$1,193,483,000 totaling \$2,822,123,000.

The United States takes the third place with \$991,091,000 imports and \$1,485,191,000 exports for that year.

All the nations of the civilized world are now striving as they have never before striven, each to secure to its citizens a larger share of the international trade of the world which is rapidly increasing. In the ten years 1893-1903 Germany increased her foreign trade 113.69 per cent, the United Kingdom swelled the volume of her foreign trade 67.31 per cent and the United States showed a growth of 124.31 per cent for the same period.

The foreign commerce of the United States is now \$20 per capita annually, being \$135 per family of 4 1/2 persons.

There are but very few American citizens who do not feel a glow of satisfaction in seeing the progress our country is making toward commercial leadership.

County Treasurer John Frawley does not believe in letting the county funds pile up in his hands. He has made two calls during the past month. This method which he has employed during the several years he has been custodian of the county funds has resulted in a saving of many dollars, as the interest ceases on all outstanding warrants after they have been called in,

Very Low

Tom Sanderson, a pioneer O R & N switchman of La Grande yards is reported to be dying at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland where he was taken some time ago for chronic stomach trouble.

To Be Pitied

The town cow is up against it once more and her freedom is to be jeopardized by further consideration of the town pasture proposition at the coming election 8-0-0! Bossy.—Republican

FOR SALE—Best bargain in real estate in the city. My residence property Cor. Washington Ave. and Greenwood St. Lot 75x110. Modern house, seven large rooms, hot and cold water, bath room, electric lights. Lawn, fruit and shade trees. Finest residence location in the city. Good easy proposition to right parties. For particulars see O J McLean.

Portland Markets

HAY AND GRAIN

Wheat, export price..... \$1.10 to \$1.60
Barley, best..... \$21.50 to \$23.50
Oats..... \$26. to \$27.50
Hay, timothy..... \$15 to \$16
BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY
Butter best creamery..... 27 1/2c to 30
Butter, ordinary..... 25c
Eggs, per dozen..... 25c to 26c
Chickens, per pound..... 10c

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Potatoes per cwt..... \$1
Onions, per cwt..... \$1.50 to \$1.65
Apples, best, per box..... 75c to \$1
Peaches, best, per box..... 60c to 75c
Beets, per sack..... \$1.25
Cabbage, per pound..... 2c

LIVE STOCK

Steers..... \$2.75 to \$3
Cows..... \$1.75
Bulls..... \$1.75
Stags..... \$2
Hogs, best..... \$6.00
Hogs, feeders..... \$2.95 to \$4.20

LOCAL BUTTER MARKET

Creamery Butter 65 cents per roll.
Butter Fat 25 cents per pound.



A Round Steak

is just the thing to lay the foundation for a good day's work. That is, when it is the kind we sell. Juicy, rich beef flavor. Full of nutriment. Makes the weak strong, and the strong stronger.

All Kinds of Meat

that are good to eat can be found in our icebox in prime condition, at prices that please. You will fare well if your bill of fare is based on our meats.

Bock & Thomas

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H. W. NIBLEY

How dear to my heart is the old-fashioned washboard That mother used to wash on when I was a boy, With its zinc-covered ridges the suds used to play in And soap bubbles gambled to my childish joy. Ofttimes have I watched her when wearing her knuckles. As over the ridges our duds she would rub, I never will forget how she unlashed and she unlashed. The old-fashioned washboard 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 maddies, 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.

A B C LAUNDRY

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