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WHAT IT COST TO LIVE

The U.S. Treasury Department on March 1, 1905 sent the Observer its monthly circulation statement showing the amount of money and the population of in the U S on that date. It gave the population. excluding our insular possession at 82,794,000. This startes the inquiry as to the cost of the material consumed in providing an average living for all these people. To answer this question reference is here made to a total on pages 2,551 and 2 in the January number, 1905, of the commerce and finance just issued by the Bureau of Statistics which gives the cost of all the articles that are consumed per capita in the United States for living.

This total gives the prices proportioned to consumption in the United States on Feb. I. 1905 as follows: for bread stuff \$18.082, for meats \$8.031, for dairy and garden stuff \$13.656, for other food \$10.816, for clothing \$16.887, for metals used \$16.170, \$17, for miscellan. eous articles \$17.40 making the total cost of all the material used for a living amount to

DISSIPATED RUSSIA

Metropolitan Antonius has issued a remarkable pastoral address concerning the Russia of today, in which he assigns frivolity, dissipation and impiety as the cause of the humiliation of the nation, and preach ing repentence and the fear of God. "It is not the first time," the

pastoral says, "that on holy Russia has fallen dire misfortunes; but then Ruesia was a wholly different country, strong in the love of huly religion and impregnable in devotion to the emperor and the fatherland. Now while carrying on a great war, instead of congregating in a spirit of high and self denying patriotism, internal disension reigns in the land, everything is overthrown, science is neglected and what is holy is tramped upon. With right we are despised by all, mocked at by all the people of the earth. Awake, then, holy orthodox Russia; fear God; cl. anse thyself from the stain of the foulness of thy sins; repent, enlighten thyself, and God will give thee grace,"

Have you selected that book you intend to donate to the prison library.

Contractor Geo. Kreiger, who is always a close observer, states that this is going to be a banner building year in La Grande and that he expects to burn many thousand more brick this year than he did last season.

A hospital has just been open ed in Heppner. La Grande is among the very best openings on the coast for such an under taking. Where is there enothercity of 5000 people without a hospital. We are growing and we will be very much surprised to see the present year pass



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