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Thursday, April 6, 1905.

HOSIERY AND KNIT GOODS

It is well for communities that are ambitious to keep up with the times, to make some effort to acquire information as to what is going on in the country. In this fast moving age the community or town that thinks the world is engaged about as it was a half century ago will find that it has taken a side track position and about all it can do is stand and wonder at the speed of the on moving column of progress, and chaff because it is being left behind.

A half century ago the women carded the wool, cotton or flax, spun it, and then by hand with knitting needles that cost a pip (six and a quarter cents) patiently knit all the hosiery and knit goods that the people used. There were then but 23, 191,876 people of all races in the U. S. and the patient mothers and dutiful sisters made no complaint because of the task imposed upon them of knitting socks, mittens, and gloves for the nation.

In 1900 the census takers made no note of the number of knitting needles in the United States or the value of the socks, stockings, gloves and mittens knit by the women, for the reason that, happily, for woman kind and to the honor of man kind that particular made of providing the people with underwear had ceased.

The census of 1900 did find 21 great big establishments wherein a capital of \$81,860,604 were employed and 83,387 men women, boys and girls were paid as wages a total \$24,358,627 an annual average of \$292.92 per wage earner.

There 921 hosiery and knit goods establishments in 1900 in addition to the amount, \$24, 358,627 paid for wages, purchased \$51,071,859 worth of material that was used in making products worth \$95,482,566. In 1900 there were 75,693,734 people of all races in the United States and the per capita of the hosiery and knit goods used was \$1.26. At this rate it will take but \$25,000 to furnish the people of Union county a year. And at least \$100,000 worth to supply the country that can be supplied from La Grande more conveniently and cheaper than from any other point.

There are now in Oregon but three knit goods establishments, viz. at Portland, Stayton and La Grande. These cannot possible supply our people. Washington has but one, and California three, Idaho one. All the knit goods establishments on this coast are small concerns leaving the field practically open for supplying two and a half millions of people with their knit goods who will annually consume at least \$3,000,000 worth of such stuff a year. People in other states are wakening up to the profits in the

knitting industry. In the year 1904 one hundred and fifty new establishments were installed; during the decade from 1890 to 1900 there were but 125 new knitting and hosiery plants added or 12 1/2 a year. It looks like a region that grows wool, has an abundance of power, either developed or awaiting development with a prosperous population ought to make its own gloves, stockings, socks and underwear.

For a Weak Digestion

No medicine can replace food but Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will help you to digest your food. It is not the quantity of food taken that gives strength and vigor to the system, but the amount digested and assimilated. If troubled with a weak digestion, don't fail to give these Tablets a trial. Thousands have been benefited by their use. They only cost a quarter. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

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No. 1 6:50 a.m.	Portland, Dallas, Pennington, Walla Walla, Dayton, Pomeroy, Colfax, Moscow, Spokane and points east and north via Spokane	No. 2 9:05 p.m.
No. 3 8:50 p.m.	Portland, Dallas, Pennington, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Colfax, Moscow, Wallace, Warner, Spokane and other points east and north via Spokane	No. 4 8:30 a.m.
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The Swellest Suits of the Season are Here

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