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insertion, 5c per line for each subsequent  
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### THEIR STRONGEST ARGUMENT

The opponents of public ownership of public utilities find their strongest argument in the present condition of the common roads in the United States. They point with emphasis to the statistics which show that the great corporations that have built the railroads and invested therein \$12,853,297,302, being, an average cost of \$64,371 per mile have so constructed and equipped them they can now haul with a profit a ton of freight at an average cost to the shipper of three quarters of a cent per mile.

This they claim is because of the wisdom and skill with which their roads are constructed and operated and declare that the shippers of freight in the United States are served cheaper by the railroads than in any other country in the world.

The orators of the corporation then pause and cast a glance, full sympathy upon their farmer hearers, and in a sorrowful tone read from the reports of the Director of the office of Public Roads Inquiry of the United States, which show the average cost of moving a ton of farm produce in the United States from the farm to railroad is \$3.02 and in the Pacific and Rocky Mountain States the cost is \$5.12, and that the freight from farm to railroad station is 25 cents per mile, which cost is three times as great as the cost of hauling the same product would be over good country roads as made in the United States and four times as great as the cost of hauling over the best roads in foreign countries, as made these where road building is not left to the discretion of the people.

There is but one way to meet this argument of the corporations, which is for the people to make good roads; and as long as they fail to do so the argument of the corporations stands upon facts and cannot be refuted by words.

If after a century in charge of road making the people have failed to make good roads, the corporations have a basis for their theory that if the railroads were placed in the peoples charge

### I. HARRIS

#### THE MEAT MAN

Is still doing business at the old stand. Will be glad to see all his old customers as well as new ones. As good prime beef cattle is now scarce, I have on hand a fine selection of cured meats, hams breakfast bacon. About the fifteenth of May, I will have a fine assortment of young prime beef, which are now fattening. Do not forget that I now have as good fresh beef as there is on the market as well as fresh fish and poultry.  
Prompt Delivery Phone 1601

management thereof would be on a par with the management of the country roads. This rock on which the corporations stand can only be knocked from under their feet by the people making good roads.

If you have money to spend for anything needed to make a good appearance at the Portland fair buy at home. In this way you assist in keeping up home prosperity while you are having a good time. Otherwise you will enrich Portland at individual and community expense.

The way to have any obnoxious law repealed is to enforce it to the letter and this seems to be the program with the program with the bicycle law in this city. La Grande covers a large territory and under proper restrictions certain streets should be admissible to the use of bicycles on side walks.



### THE NEW FURNITURE

#### Our Car Has Arrived

And we are able to say that better or more up-to-date furniture was never seen in La Grande. We are proud of our present assortment and will consider it a real pleasure to show you all our new arrivals. The car came through without a single break or scratch. This furniture was bought right and we are able to sell it at an extra low price and still make a legitimate. Call and see the beautiful display of fine furniture. You will not be urged to buy.

### E. G. ADCOOK

Successor to E. Andross.  
Andross Old stand Phone 9-1

### IN A HURRY?

THEN CALL

### WM. REYNOLDS

The transfer man.

He will take that trunk to the Depot or your home in less time than it takes to tell it.

Wagon always at your service.

Charges moderate. Day phone 1751, night phone 1863.

### BRICK BRICK

Brick furnished in any quantity or any style. No contract too small or too large. See samples of our pressed brick.

### GEO. KREIGER

La Grande, Oregon.

### RED FRONT LIVERY BARN

Wm. Smith, Prop.

Safe and reliable rigs furnished at all times. Special accommodations furnished to commercial travelers.  
Phone. 3-5

### WM. SMITH FEED STORE

Hay, Grain and feed. Free delivery to all parts of the city. Mountain trade a specialty. Phone 1961

Horses, harness and wagons bought and sold

# THE CHICAGO STORE

This Store Closes at 6:30 p. m. except Saturday

SPECIAL NOTICE  
All Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention

## First in a Series of Extraordinary Sales

MAY SALE

\$2



\$2

## SPECIAL SALE

ON

### Gordon \$3 Hats

All Styles in Gordon Hats During this Sale will be sold at the very low Price of

\$2.00

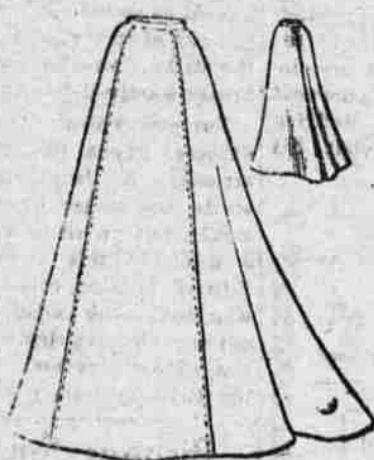
We also carry a complete line of hats in all the new shapes and colors. You will find in our stock, a selection equal to any city store.

MAY SALE

25%

## SWEEPING SALE OF SKIRTS

25%



We will Place on Sale our entire line of Ladies' Skirts at a Discount of 25 per cent. Remember that these Skirts are not old shop worn goods but of the latest Designs and weaves.

SALE COMMENCES MAY 4,  
AND ENDS ON MAY 13

MAY SALE

### RADIUM

Radium Silk, Newest,  
Brightest, Best Reasonably  
Priced,

Radium Silk is now on sale. At first sight a woman can distinguish it from the so-called silks, which are part silk and part material treated to look like silk but which will lose their lustre when handled. Every strand of Radium Silk is guaranteed all silk. For evening gowns, waists, petticoats, drop skirts, or slips, or any other use to which silk can be put, it is equally serviceable.



### SHOES

We have just Received a complete line of fine Oxfords, in all the newest shades

### WASH GOODS

We have a full line of wash goods of every description. Also have a complete line of the very latest

EMBROIDERIES,  
ALLOVERS,  
LACES, ETC.

The Chicago Store  
USE RADIUM SILK  
NAME ON SELVAGE

Murphy Bros  
WE SELL GILBERT'S  
CELEBRATED PRESS LINES

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