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ADVERTISING RATES
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THE FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

The Observer received on Monday the First Biennial Report of the Hon. O P Hoff, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops. This new department was created by the Oregon legislature by an act approved Feb 24, 1903, and consists of the Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer, with power to select a commissioner. The Bureau organized on June 1, 1903 and selected the Hon O P Hoff commissioner, who assumed the duties thereof as prescribed by said act on June 3 of that year.

The report contains 164 pages showing the work done and statistics gathered from June 1, 1903 to January 1, 1904, and contains much valuable information to citizens of Oregon. One item therein, though a dry statistical one will receive some attention from most tax payers, which is that the salary of the commissioner is \$1300 per year with an allowance in addition thereto of \$800 per year for expenses, office fixtures and etc.

Considering the difficulties of putting in operation a new bureau; one that had to work along entirely new lines, in Oregon, to secure information from a people unaccustomed to tell public officials much about their private affairs, it is surprising the amount of information the commissioner has collected about the condition of labor, the number engaged in each of the 168 vocations tabulated, the wages paid or received the hours worked per day and age and sex of the laborers.

Don't be satisfied to "let well enough alone," but advertise and get more business.

Probably some of those who have been there have changed their query "Have you hit the Trail" to "Has the Trail Hit you?"—Eugene Register.

The land fraud cases beginning this week and will be the center of public attention in this and adjoining states for the next few months.

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 meat: 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

WASHINGTON'S WAY

The State of Washington manages its school land different from the way Oregon does. There school land is leased out at public auction to the highest bidder. A case is now pending in the Superior Court at Olympia wherein it appears that one party offered \$1200 or \$10 per acre rent for the use of 120 acres for one year. Washington is holding a large portion of its school land for higher prices than it can now get for it meanwhile the land is leased and the rent money thus acquired goes into the school fund

Any business will grow with steady strides under the influence of good advertising and good management.

H W Scott, editor of the Oregonian came out in his usual semi-annual announcement that he is not a candidate for the United States Senate. It matters little whether or not he is a candidate he will never be elected.

President Patton of the Princeton theological seminary spoke out in meeting the other day in a way not complimentary to John D Rockefeller. "I hate," said Dr. Patton in downright Anglo-Saxon, "to see a cold blooded, right living rascal who has \$40,000,000 teach a Sunday school class on Sunday and drive the hardest bargain within the range of the law on week days "

That Tired Feeling

If you are languid depressed and incapable for work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervous and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J J Hubbard, Tempe, Texas writes, March 22, 1902: "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling, I take a dose of Herbine. It is the best medicine made for chills and fever." 50c a bottle.

Notice to Water Consumers

Notice is hereby given to all water consumers that the hours for irrigation shall be as follows: from 5:30 o'clock p m to 7:30 o'clock p m. Any and all persons found using water for irrigation purposes at other times other than herein specified will be fined according to the ordinance covering same. H C GILMAN, Water Superintendent for the city of La Grande.
Dated June 5, 1905

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J. W. OLIVER, AGENT.

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

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All Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention

Third in a Series of Extraordinary Sales

EXCEPTIONAL SALE OF HIGH GRADE BOYS' CLOTHING 25% DISCOUNT

Handsome spring weight reefers, of blue serge and cheviot, with eaton and sailor collars. bloomer trousers, from 3 to 7 years, made to sell for \$4 to \$6, now at \$3 to \$4.50

Double-breasted jacket suits, with knee trousers, in serges, chevots and worsteds; sizes 7 to 16 years, made to sell from \$2.75 to \$7.50 One Fourth off during this sale.

Neatness is apparent in every garment. You'll find that the variety is larger and handsomer, and the values a little better than you have ever seen before.

SALE COMMENCES JUNE 5th AND ENDS JUNE 19th
SEE OUR WINDOW

ON SALE FOR TWO WEEKS
At the above named Reduction.

1-4 OFF LADIES' WAISTS

And when we say reduced prices we mean exactly what the words imply. Excellent styles in India-linens, silk, and Batiste, with white ground and colored dots and figures.

\$1.50 values,	now	\$1.15
2.00 "	"	1.50
2.50 "	"	1.85
3.00 "	"	2.25



Sale Commences June 5, and Ends June 19

Butterick Patterns
10c 15c and 20c

We Pay 20c for Eggs

A STRAIGHT TIP

We have a magnificent line of summer underwear, including union and two-piece suits, from the most delicate gauze to a comfortable wool mixture garment for cool weather, and for those who must wear them.

Our price from 50c per garment up

A FEW OF OUR EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN LADIES' BELTS

Taffeta Silk, very neatly shirred, 3 featherbone stays in back Color black, brown, blue and green, price 35c to \$1.75

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