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**"DON'T TAKE INTEREST"**

In talking to a business man the other day about the national move for good roads that is now stirring the people throughout the United States he remarked that "The move was a good one, but the farmers would not take an interest in it and nothing would result from it, except possible a fat appropriation by Congress for buncomb" His reply evinced the common sentiment that the making of good roads belonged exclusively to farmers. This is an old falacy that has been discarded in nearly every civilized country in the world, except in the United States. The national Government, in sending out members of the U S Bureau of Good Road Inquiry entertains no such idea. It is acting upon, and trying to imbue the people with the idea that good roads benefit all classes of the people, farmers, merchants, manufacturers, professionals and laborers, and therefore all classes should share in the cost of making and keeping in repair the roads.

It is no wonder that the farmers will not take a lively interest in good road making under a plan that makes them bear all the expense of road making and maintaing is thrown upon them when they feel that every other vocation is interested in and directly or indirectly is benefited by good roads, and correspondingly injured by bad ones.

The farmers will cheerfully do their part in making good roads. Let us see what that part upon an equitable rating according to the value of the property they own would be. The total value of property owned by all classes in the United States in 1900 was placed by the U S Treasury Department at \$91,300,000,000 of which the farmers owned \$20,514,001,838, not quite one quarter of the value of all property owned in the U S.

When the states agree to the proposition now made to them by the National Government. "That good roads are beneficial to all, and the expense of making them should, in justice be born by all, the farmers can be relied upon to cheerfully contribute their proportion. But so long as they are required to contribute all the expense, when injustice less than one quarter

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of it should come from them, as sensible sturdy Americans they will object.

**UNSOLD WHEAT**

The Crop Reporter that gives the visible supply of grain available in the U S on June 1 published by authority of the Secretary of Agriculture reached the Observer this morning. From it we gather that on June 1, there were 1,461,000 bushels of undisposed of wheat in the Pacific States and 28,532,000 bushels east of the Rocky mountains making a total of 29,793,000 bushels being 1,770,000 bushels less than on June 1, 1904.

The average condition of winter wheat on June 1, 1905 in the U S was 85.5 on June 1 last year it was 82.2. The average condition of Spring wheat on June 1 was 93.7 against 93.4 on same date last year.

The Far Eastern war seems almost over and a severe lesson it has been to Russia. It has shown the ruling powers that the age of tyranny, superstition and ignorance has passed away forever; that the nation which would be great in war, as well as in peace, must have an enlightened government, where free education goes hand in hand with freedom of thought and conscience, safe-guarded by a free press. Let us hope that Russia's defeat will be the means of emancipating her own people from the baneful influence of the past.

The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets is so agreeable and so natural that you do not realize it is the effect of a medicine. For sale by Newlin Drug Co.

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J. W. OLIVER, AGENT.

With J. T. Williamson in Foley Building, La Grande.

**Notice to Water Consumers**

Notice is hereby given to all water consumers that the hours for irrigation shall be as follows: from 6:30 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 O GILMAN, Water Superintendent for the city of La Grande.

Dated June 5, 1905

**SWITCHES MADE OF COMBINGS**

Wigs, switches and pompadours, hair dies and touks. Hair roles and combs. Pompadour combs. Will be at Ronde Valley house until Saturday night, can apply for all kinds of hair work at home office, North Powder, Or. Box 65  
MRS. A. D. VANDECAR

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Scientific Embalming Licensed in Oregon and Montana. Experienced Lady Assistant Our office is always open

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

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**Third in a Series of Extraordinary Sales**

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**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, cheviots 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

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**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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W. S. & F. BERTS CELEBRATED Dress Linings