THE HEPPNER GAZETTE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1903.

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### WE WISH OUR MANY PATRONS AND FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. : : :

# A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

Looking back over the past, we have reason to pride ourselves. From a small confectionery store with four twelve-foot shelves in the winter of Seventy-nine and spring of Eighty, when the town of Heppner was in the swaddling clothes of its infancy we have gradually risen step by step, until today we stand, pre-eminently the foremost, not only in Heppner and vicinity, but throughout the whole of Eastern Oregon. This increasing prosperity has not been the result of chance or good fortune—earnest endeavor, conscientious effort, honesty of purpose and straightforward and upright dealing between man and man have tended to gain for us the good will and high esteem and patronage of a host of customers. It has not always been one triumphal march. Our growth keeps pace with the general prosperity of our town and immediate vicinity. We have moved into our present quarters in the

#### NEW ODD FELLOWS BUILDING

so as to be able to accommodate an ever growing trade. In our former store we were cramped and hampered. Our new store is well lighted and commodious and covers a floor space of over 5000 feet.

## A PROSPECTIVE VIEW.

We are on the eve of an era of General Prosperity, such as this county and the Heppner hills have never experienced. New industries are being opened up, climatic conditions are undoubtedly changing, and in consequence land values are advancing. Sterile, barren wastes of a few years ago are producing profuse crops of grain. In anticipation of this we are making preparations for an unparallelled volume of business this coming year, and with the first day of January, 1903, we inaugurate our

#### First Annual Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale.

It will be impossible for us in this issue to enumerate any of the bargains we will have in store for you. Suffice it to say that everything in the way of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS and SHOES, HATS and CAPS, GENTS FURNISHING GOODS

Heppner,

and all departments on the Dry Goods side of our store will be represented in this sale.

When the Christmas rush has subsided we will publish lists of Bargains.

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