

The New Oregon.

It is certainly plain to every thoughtful business man and citizen that some thing should be done to deliver us from the exasperating position of having to stand idly by and watch our possessions...

Your Holiday Trading.

Go where you will and you will not find a merchant in any town the size of Oregon and some larger—that have better and larger stocks of goods to select from.

CRAIG'S GREAT LOSS.

The Large Elevator at This Place and 5000 Bushels of Grain Destroyed by Fire.

Grand Holiday Display

and Bring the Children Third Floor for Toys.

Townsend & Wyatt Dry Goods Company Merry, Merry, Christmas Just Ahead Holiday Stock Now Complete in Every Department.

Forest City School Entertainment.

Friday Evg, Dec. 10, 1897. PROGRAM. Music: Orchestra, 10 Girls, 10 Boys...

This looks like a large undertaking perhaps to those unacquainted with the process for a town like Oregon.

Yes, it will pay in more ways than one. First, it is roughly estimated that it will save property owners over \$1,000,000 per year on insurance premiums.

Second, it would give more complete protection on property even were the insurance rates the same.

Third, very few merchants can afford to carry full insurance on their buildings and goods for the reason that insurance rates are so high on unprotected property.

Fourth, insurance rates on the protected property are so much lower that property can be insured for full value and yet not pay as much premium as formerly paid.

Fifth, it will be an immense advertisement for the town. There is nothing that would advertise the energy, push, and financial solidity of Oregon, more than a public work of this kind.

Sixth, we believe the loss to our merchants in damage to their stocks, by dust, during the dry season that we have had from August to the present time...

Seventh, as the city will be the owner of the system and operate it, we believe it will be a source of income to the city and in time will prove a first-class business investment.

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DESKS. Tool Chests. Young carpenter's tool chest. 19c, 50c, 98c, \$1.20.

Toy Pianos. All full toned before leaving factory, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50; opening price. 98c, \$1.69.

Drums. Regimental drum, brass finish, fancy cord, hook and sling on each drum, opening price. 48c, 98c.

Toy Furniture. China Closets, finished in antique oak, mahogany and white. \$2.69, \$3.25, \$3.75.

WASH STANDS. Dressers, Mahogany, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.75. Oak, White, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.75.

SIDEBOARDS, oak, \$2.75, Mahogany, \$3.25, White, \$3.75.

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Did you get a ticket for the school entertainment Friday night? To be sure. Miss Myrtle Hill went to St. Joseph Saturday to hear Christmas purchases.

We understand there is to be a wedding in Forest during the holidays. Guess who?

A new dentist is the latest addition to our city. No need to grumble with toothaches now.

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Every one should have reserved seats for the entertainment. You can't stand and laugh at the same time.

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