

# Grand Easter Offering

For the next few remaining days of this week this store proposes to place before its buying public prices and values that defy competition. Read our ads. Compare our values.

## SUITS



**AT \$5.80.**  
Large line of fine black chevots. These suits are well made, neat fitting and extra value.

**AT \$8.50.**  
Splendid line of brown and gray chevots; well made and fully lined.

**AT \$10.00.**  
Fine black chevot man-tailored suits; full lined.

**AT \$12.00.**  
Black, gray and brown chevot suits; extra well made.

**AT \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$17.50.**  
Beautiful line of man-tailored brown, tan, black and gray chevots, coats and broad-cloths, elaborately trimmed with applique and braids.

**Spring Shirt Waists.**  
**AT 50 CENTS.**  
Fine percale shirt waists in fancy stripes and checks—

**AT 60 CENTS.**  
Fine white and colored percale shirt waists, beautiful assortment—

**AT 75 CENTS.**  
Immense line of dark and fancy percale shirt waists—

**AT \$1.00.**  
Plain and fancy chambray, neatly trimmed with scalloped and finishing braids—

## Easter Millinery.

This showing of trimmed hats is especially fine. All the gems of art of the season are to be found here.



**AT 50 CENTS.**  
Large assortment, tastily trimmed, children's hats. Good chiffon, flowers, lace and ribbon used in trimming.

**AT \$1.25.**  
Over 100 different styles, shades and shapes of ready-to-wear trimmed misses' and ladies' hats.

**AT \$1.50.**  
Copies of the best patterns of the season. Hats you would think worth \$3.00. Large assortment.

**AT \$2.50.**  
A swell line of trimmed hats; every one carefully made up; good straw and trimming used in construction.

**AT \$4.00.**  
Lovely assortment of made up toques, turbans and bonnets; only good braids, chiffon and flowers used.

**AT \$4.50.**  
Some of the season's best numbers; every one as carefully made as any high priced line and include turbans, trimmed sailors and toques.

## Easter Millinery.

Our parlors are redundant with lovely millinery creations. None but the most competent trimmers are employed in our work rooms. Every order filled under personal supervision.

**AT \$7.50.**  
An assortment any establishment can feel justly proud of. Every hat made up in our work rooms and contains none but the best materials.

**AT \$8.00.**  
Imported designs, the gems of this season's creations. Best silk flowers, chiffons, laces and braids used.

**AT \$10.00 to \$15.00.**  
Our best creations. Every hat made with utmost care of carefully selected materials and only the best styles of the season.

## Ladies' Wrappers



**AT 80 CENTS.**  
Good percale wrappers, full size, reinforced yokes and shoulders, trimmed with finishing braids, good assortment of colors.

**AT \$1.00.**  
Fine assortment of blue, gray, black and dark red percale wrappers, extra well made, double yoke and wide hems and flounces.

**AT \$1.25.**  
Extra wide dark percale wrappers with flounce like cut and fancy braided yokes.

**AT \$1.50.**  
Fine percale in reds, blues and blacks, deep flounce, 2 row fancy braid on yoke, absolutely fast colors.

**AT \$1.75.**  
Printed cambie wrappers, light and dark colors, wide ruffle collars and deep flounces; a beautiful garment.

**AT \$2.50.**  
An entirely new pattern wrapper—white yokes, deep ruffle, trimmed with lace and fancy braid around yoke; a very well design.

**AT \$2.98.**  
Similar to above, but trimmed with fine white embroidery, tucked yokes and fancy cuffs.

## Spring Jackets.

**AT \$2.98.**  
Good wool mixture jackets, newest styles.

**AT \$3.98.**  
Well made and very stylish brown jackets.

**AT \$4.75.**  
An elegant line of fine tan ladies' cloth jackets, lined throughout.

**AT \$6.25.**  
Beautiful line of new Eton jackets, very swell.

**AT \$7.00.**  
Fine covert cloth jackets, every one extra well made.

**AT \$8.50.**  
Fine Eton jackets, trimmed with silk and lined throughout.

**AT \$9.75.**  
Fine silk-lined tan and black chevot and covert cloth jackets.

**AT \$12.00 and \$17.00.**  
Fancy Eton jackets, trimmed with white applique and silk, each garment carefully fitted.

## New Easter Gown Stuffs.

**AT 15 CENTS.**  
Fine mixtures and Scotch plaids.

**AT 25 CENTS.**  
Fancy plaids and wool mixtures.

**AT 30 CENTS.**  
Fine wool novelties and fancy plaids—

**AT 50 CENTS.**  
Elegant assortment of fine wool mixtures and plaids—

**AT 75 CENTS.**  
Fine black and colored chevots—

**AT \$1.00.**  
Fine assortment of shibele and home-spuns—54 inches wide, and in all new colors and grays—

**AT \$1.75 to \$2.50.**  
Big line of fine homespuns, plaids, plaid checks in all the new colors.

**Easter Neckwear.**  
for Ladies and Gentlemen.  
**AT 50 CENTS.**  
A beautiful assortment of neck scarfs, Imperials, four-in-hands and English squares.

**AT 25 CENTS.**  
A swell line of bat wings, strings, bows, tecks and scarfs.

## Easter Linen.

**Barker's Celebrated Line.**  
25 different styles of Collars—best four-ply Linen Collars at 15c—

**TWO FOR 25 CENTS.**  
Ten different styles of Cuffs.

**25 CENTS PER PAIR.**

**Ladies' Neckwear.**  
**AT 25 CENTS.**  
Large line of white Bobonet Ties, with wide lace ends.

**AT 50 CENTS.**  
A new silk corded Ribbon Tie, with silk tassels, very swell, white mull ties, with embroidered ends.

**AT 60 CENTS.**  
Fine Liberty silk Ties, trimmed with narrow ribbon—very fine.

**AT 80 CENTS to \$1.25.**  
A beautiful assortment of Silk and Chiffon Ties, elaborately trimmed with lace and fancy braids.

**AT \$1.00 and \$1.25.**  
The new Lace Ties, in beautiful designs, every one a gem.

## Umbrellas and Parasols.

**AT \$1.50.**  
The new colors of the season—the best \$1.50 parasol ever sold in this store—greens, browns, reds and blue.

**AT \$2.00.**  
Fancy colored Umbrella, very fine assortment, made of good silk.

**AT 42c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$5.00.**  
New line of fine black Umbrellas for rain or sun, good, fast colors, in linen wool and silk covers, best paragon frames and reinforced ribs, at 42c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$5.00.

**Easter Gloves.**  
**AT \$1.00.**  
Beautiful line of fine two-clasp Kid Gloves, in all shades.

**AT \$1.50.**  
Special showing Easter Gloves, two-clasp, best French Kid, in all the newest shades.

**AT \$1.50.**  
La Rome celebrated Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed, large assortment of colors to select from.

BOSTON STORE  
Council Bluffs.

# WHITELAW & GARDNER

BOSTON STORE  
Council Bluffs.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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### AFTER THE TAX SHIRKERS

Law Passed by Last Legislature is of Considerable Importance.

### AFFECTS CONTRACT WITH CUNNINGHAM

Possibility that This Enactment Will Involve the Board of County Supervisors in Litigation—Outline of the Case.

The law passed by the state legislature at its recent session permitting counties to enter into contracts for the discovery of property withheld or concealed from assessment for taxation and limiting the compensation that should be paid for this work has a direct bearing on the contract entered into last November by the Board of County Supervisors with F. M. Cunningham of Indiana and will possibly involve the board in more or less litigation.

Under the contract with Cunningham the supervisors agreed to give him 50 per cent of all moneys recovered through his efforts in listing property that should be taxed, but which had hitherto been withheld or concealed from assessment. The contract is for a year and a half and Cunningham for two months or more has had a force of clerks at work here. Similar contracts have been entered into by other county boards throughout the state.

The act recently passed by the state legislature, while giving counties authority to enter into such contracts, fixes the maximum compensation to be paid for the work at 15 per cent of all moneys recovered in such way. It further provides that contracts heretofore made by county boards for such work are valid if the parties within thirty days after the passage of the act sign a written agreement to accept the 15 per cent in lieu of all compensation or of any different amount provided by such contracts. In the event of no such agreement within the thirty days the contract heretofore made will be invalid.

### Cunningham is Now Sick.

Cunningham is not at present in the city, being laid up sick at Guthrie Center, where he has another contract similar to the one here, and therefore his intentions are cannot be learned at present.

When it became known that this law was likely to pass the legislature a number of persons like Mr. Cunningham employed in ferreting out property for taxation succeeded in introducing a bill to repeal section 1385 of the code and substitute one which they believed would offset the new law. The substitute read as follows:

Section 1385. The auditor may correct any error in the assessment of tax. He may, before so doing, he shall notify the person, firm, corporation or administrator to appear before him at his office within five days from the time of said notice and show cause, if any there be, why such correction should not be made, and should such party feel aggrieved at the action of said auditor he shall have the right of appeal therefrom to the district court. And if such correction be made after the books have passed into the hands of the treasurer he shall be charged or credited therefor as the case may be. All expense incurred in the making of said correction shall be borne by the party by whom the funds which are affected by said correction are

### FARM LOANS

Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James C. Cassidy, Jr., 126 Main St., Council Bluffs.

### PROCEEDINGS TO BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

This, however, was killed on the start. It had passed, as the introducers believed it would be, unnoticed, it would have given county auditors authority to incur practically any expense in listing property which had escaped taxation and thus this county would have been able to pay Cunningham the 50 per cent as agreed upon in the contract.

### Claim Law is Unconstitutional.

It is contended by some that the new law is unconstitutional, inasmuch as it abrogates existing contracts, while on the other hand it is maintained that this is a public necessity, as the law was able to pay Cunningham the 50 per cent as agreed upon in the contract.

### State Senator Hazelton says the law was enacted on the theory that the contracts entered into all over the state by the boards of supervisors were contrary to public policy.

He said: "When this bill was passed it was understood it would be questioned and that probably the courts would be appealed to. That is what we desire. If the courts will hold that the county boards had the right to make such contracts well and good. If not, then the law will step in and protect the taxpayers. There is a very grave question whether the county supervisors had the authority to enter into such a contract as they did with Cunningham. The compensation they agreed to pay him is considered excessive. There is no doubt that a test case will be brought for the courts to decide as to the constitutionality of the act. The evidence before the committee in Des Moines showed that the system of employing these tax ferrets is in many cases pernicious. In some instances they would practically resort to blackmail and compromise with parties who had property which they had discovered was not assessed at all or else not at its proper value. By such practices the county received no benefit, while the tax ferrets enriched themselves by levying what might be properly called blackmail. The contracts such as many counties entered into gave every opportunity for these sharp practices and the system was thought by many of the members in the legislature to be bad. In my opinion the bill is all right and will accomplish exactly what it is intended to do."

### We sell gas stoves on monthly payments at half the price of a gasoline stove.

The Gas company, 26 Pearl street.

### Mr. Riley 6-cent cigar.

Howell's Anti-"Kaw" cures coughs, colds.

### Gravel roofing. A. H. Reed, 451 B'way.

### Doings in the District Court.

In the district court yesterday before Judge Smith, N. A. Crawford secured judgment against Mrs. Mary Haines and the other heirs for \$500 for attorney fees in connection with legal services rendered in the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Amy.

The judgment against Attorney James McCabe for costs in his suit against the Epworth Gas Lighting company was canceled on a showing to the court that the case had been settled some time ago and the costs paid.

Owing to there being no law causes for trial next week, the members of the petty jury were notified not to appear until the

### week following. Judge Smith adjourned court yesterday afternoon until the 14th, there being no business requiring his attention in the meantime.

The April term of the superior court was convened by Judge Aylesworth, but nothing of importance or interest transpired.

### MATTHEW HAHN AN EASY VICTIM.

### Gives Up Seven Dollars to an Adventurer Who Disappears.

Matthew Hahn, an employe of the Illinois Central railway, who rooms at 1105 Avenue D, complained to the police yesterday that he had been victimized by a new confidence game at the hands of a stranger. Hahn has had an ambition for some time past to become a member of the Masonic fraternity and when a stranger, for the consideration of the small sum of \$7, offered to make him a duly qualified Mason, Hahn caught at the bait and willingly parted with his cash. He has not seen the stranger since and he is still waiting to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry.

### The individual who secured Hahn's cash gave the name of Henry Burkall. He struck Council Bluffs Monday last, attired in the garb of a United States sailor, and was accompanied by an elderly man, whom he introduced as his father. They registered at the Neumayer hotel on Broadway, where the "sailor lad," just recently discharged from the United States navy, soon managed to form a number of acquaintances among the boarders and transient guests. Hahn was among the number that became acquainted with the sailor, in fact they became quite friendly and Hahn took much pleasure in listening to Burkall's stories of his sea-faring life. Tuesday Burkall confided to Hahn that he was duly authorized by the Masonic grand lodge to secure and initiate candidate into the mystery of freemasonry. The fee, he explained, would be \$7, and of this amount he received but \$2, the other \$5 being turned in by him to the grand lodge. He said further that he had been the worshipful master of the lodge on the battleship on which he served and it was on being discharged that he secured from the grand lodge the position of traveling representative, with authority to initiate those desiring to become members of the fraternity. The bait thus thrown out caught Hahn and he saw, as he thought, a great chance to become a member of the foremost secret fraternal order of the world at a small expense. The required fee of \$7 was forthcoming and soon found its way into the pockets of the sailor. Then Burkall told Hahn there were other candidates waiting to be initiated and he would initiate them all at once the next evening.

### When, however, Hahn called the next day at the Neumayer and enquired for Burkall, he learned that the sailor had had no hair and had steered for some other port, leaving in payment of his father's board bill a grip containing the sailor suit.

### It was reported to the police that Burkall had succeeded in securing other victims besides Hahn, but their names were not learned.

### Davis sells paints.

The Gas company furnishes gas heaters for bath and bedrooms free.

### Painters Quit Work.

Two of the three painters in the employ of John B. Long, who went back to work after a short strike, walked out again yesterday morning on orders from the Painters' and Decorators' local union. At the meeting Tuesday night of the Trades and Labor assembly resolutions were passed endorsing the action of the union in its stand for shorter hours, recognition and the establishment of a scale. It was said that every one of the 1,400 union men in the city would stand by the Painters' and Decorators' union in their fight.

### Clark E. Rickard has been elected financial secretary of the Trades and Labor assembly to fill the vacancy caused by the

### resignation of W. M. Gaines, who has accepted a position on the railway.

Bluff City branch, No. 314, of the National Association of Letter Carriers, has been admitted into membership in the assembly, and Charles T. Pinckney, George R. Scott, Francis Crocker, Frank Hoyer and P. T. Detroit granted seats as delegates.

### George Sancha has been chosen fraternal delegate to the Central Labor union of Omaha to represent the Council Bluffs Trades and Labor assembly.

Doesn't it make you tired when your dealer says he is just out of Commonwealth 10-cent cigars?

Commonwealth 10c cigars are good cigars.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 254.

### Haverstock Will Act at Once.

A. T. Plickinger, attorney for W. E. Haverstock, the newly-elected school treasurer, said yesterday on his return from Waterloo that suit would be commenced today against George S. Davis, to recover the money now lying to the credit of the district in the hands of the school district. The exact nature of the legal proceedings, he said, had not been determined on, but it was possible that a civil suit would be commenced against Davis and his bondsmen to recover the money now lying to the credit of the district in the hands of the school district. The exact nature of the legal proceedings, he said, had not been determined on, but it was possible that a civil suit would be commenced against Davis and his bondsmen to recover the money now lying to the credit of the district in the hands of the school district.

### Man Badly Burned.

Henry Austin, who has been living on South Main street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, was seriously burned about the hands and face last evening and his domicile burned to the ground by the explosion of a gasoline stove. He was removed to the Woman's Christian Association hospital. Last summer the same stove exploded and Mrs. Austin died in terrible agony from the burns she received, while one of the children over whom the blazing oil spread hovered between life and death for a long time in the hospital.

### Gas stoves do not explode.

### MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Morsehouse & Co. magazines bound.

Budweiser beer. L. Rosenfeld agent.

Fine A. B. C. beer. Neumayer's hotel.

George S. Davis, new and latest styles.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. Phone 157.

Ree artographers, Alexander & Co. give special prices on frames for them.

Mrs. E. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephone: Office, 97; residence, 32.

Two nicely furnished rooms, modern, with bath. Mrs. Skinner, 10 Park avenue.

J. Baldwin makes a specialty of cleaning up and painting the interior of houses.

The regular meeting of lodge No. 12, Degree of Honor, will be held tomorrow evening.

Sherry Thompson of Jefferson, Ia., was in the city yesterday looking for a fugitive from justice.

Ladies of the Macabees will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 239 O'Slack street.

Mrs. E. P. Nichols of 194 Third avenue has been taken to the Woman's Christian Association hospital for treatment.

N. Lind, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Putturburg, Mo., was in the city yesterday.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to C. O. Kemp, aged 31, of Wakefield, Neb., and Hilda R. Annetquist, aged 22, of this city.

There will be special services at the Congregation church for treatment tomorrow evening in commemoration of the closing scenes in the life of Christ.

Frank Huber, living at Thirteenth street and Twenty-first, avenue, was up before Judge Smith, arrested on the charge of stealing a team of horses in Laramie, Wyo., will have his preliminary hearing before Judge Farrier this morning.

George Kitchen of 106 Avenue G, charged with creating a disturbance at his home by his wife, was up before Judge Aylesworth in police court yesterday

### morning. He agreed to leave town and on this condition and that he pay the costs the case was dismissed.

Walter P. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer, 1231 Sixth avenue, died yesterday morning of lung fever, aged 18 months. Notice of funeral will be given later.

### Ed N. Brown, a former well known business man in this city and Omaha, is visiting here and looking over the ground with a view to making Council Bluffs his home again.

Undertaker Lunkey is having plans drawn for a new morgue, with all the latest sanitary improvements, which he intends having built at his establishment on Broadway.

E. J. Jenkins, president of the Citizens' bank of Fairfield, Neb., and C. Epperson, an attorney of that town, were in the city yesterday on business connected with the district court.

The funeral of Walter Frederick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 1231 Sixth avenue. Interment will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The regular monthly meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association will be held this evening at the city hall. There is an accumulation of three months' business to come up for consideration.

G. G. Baird, deputy clerk of the district court, left last evening for Kansas City to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Lewis Shepard, who died suddenly Monday while on a business trip to New York City.

W. Warner, advance agent of the Warner Comedy company, which open a two weeks' engagement at the DeLoan, will alter next Monday evening, was in the city yesterday making the necessary arrangements.

L. A. Koss of Crescent township was in the city yesterday on his way to San Francisco, Cal., where he goes to settle up the estate of his wife's brother, who died recently leaving considerable property in that state.

Freeman L. Reed, clerk of the district court, and Frank P. Everett, city assessor and census enumerator for the district, are said to be candidates for the position of clerk of the United States district court.

Sheriff Condon has returned from Stockton, Mo., where he took Lew Williams, the insane man committed several weeks ago by the insanity commissioner to St. Bernard's hospital, Williams will be released and cared for by his relatives.

Ethel Carolyn, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pace, 735 Myrtle street, died yesterday morning after an illness of three weeks. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the family residence and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

James Blank, F. Hanna, F. Dobbs and J. Brick were the names given by four thugs who were rounded up early yesterday morning in the Milwaukee yard. They were using the kindling wood of the company for fuel and will be held pending investigation.

The cases against Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kline, charged by A. C. Ellsworth with blowing up several of his lots, were taken on a change of venue yesterday morning from the court of Justice Farrier to the court of Justice Miller, where a hearing will be had Friday morning.

Mrs. Belle Akers, living at 124 South Sixth street, filed information in Justice Farrier's court yesterday charging Rowbotham and Liz and James, her children, with assault and battery. Mrs. Akers and Mrs. Rowbotham are neighbors who for some time past have not dealt in harmony. Justice Farrier gave each side a chance to tell their version of the affair.

Jack Miller, the Missouri Valley store-keeper, who fell from his wagon Tuesday afternoon on the Crescent city road and was somewhat seriously injured about the head, was greatly improved yesterday and the attending physician expects that he will be able to be removed to his home in a few days. Miller's son came to the city yesterday and to the team and wagon home.

Shortly before midnight on Tuesday fire broke out in the barber shop of John Plunkett at 124 Broadway and soon spread to Sorerson's carpenter shop, next door. Both places were considerably damaged by fire, smoke and water before the flames were gotten under control. The damage is estimated at between \$200 and \$300, with the insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Three tramps broke into the St. Joe House saloon on South Main street Monday night and stole a quantity of whisky, wine and cigars, which Tuesday they peddled through the railroad yards in the southern part of the city. No report was made to the police until after the thieves had departed of the stolen liquor and boarded a freight train for elsewhere.

**Girls, Attention!**

**Buck's Junior Range**

Given Away Free

We will give a fine nickel-plated Buck's Junior Range Free to the girl under 14 years of age who cuts the greatest number of complete advertisements containing

**Buck's Trade Marks**

**Buck's Cole & Cole,**  
Council Bluffs, Ia.

**Buy a Lot**

And build your own Home upon it, and

**Stop Paying Rent.**

Some vacant lots located in Central sub addition, Potter & Cobb's addition, Omaha addition and Wright's addition.

These lots will be sold at real bargains. In a year or so they will bring double the money asked for them now. Apply at

**Bee Office, Council Bluffs.**

**TWO CENTS... WORTH OF GAS**

**Good Things**

**Woodward's**

**CHOCOLATE FRAPPE**

Sold by Fine Trade.

In the Following Flavors:  
Vanilla, Coffee, Raspberry, Pineapple, Lemon, Orange.

... JOHN C. ...  
**Woodward & Co.**  
Manufacturing Confectioners,  
Jobbers of High Grade Cigars,  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.

will give you a first-class bath by using the Victor Instantaneous Water Heater. It is the best, the simplest and the most efficient water heater made.

J. C. BIRBY & SON,  
Merriam Block, Council Bluffs.