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## The Clearing Sale

.....FOR THE.....

## MONTH OF JULY

WILL COMMENCE AT

## The Boston Store

∴ JULY 6th. ∴

LOOK FOR GREAT BARGAINS.

## A Nice Hammock

is just the proper thing in which to rest your wearied body this hot weather. Why not buy one?

## Newton Sells Them.

NO. 3496.

## First National Bank

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.



Capital, - - - \$50,000.00.  
Surplus, - - - \$22,500.00

E. M. F. LEFLANG, Pres't.,  
ARTHUR McNAMARA,  
Cashier.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

## SPECIAL SHOE SALE

## Otten's Shoe Store.

PRICES CUT IN TWO.

In order to swap shoes for money we will offer our ladies' fine Ludlow Shoes.

Regular price \$4.00 to \$4.75, at \$3.00.

Here is a chance to have a fine shoe for a little money.

All our Men's \$3.50 Shoes at \$2.25.

All our Boy's fine lace and button shoes, the best made,  
\$2.50 Shoe at \$1.65—\$1.65 Shoe \$1.

A large line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Slippers will be sold at prices that will

Save you 1-3 to 1-2 of your money.

Children's Shoes, the best goods that money can buy, will be slaughtered at the same rate.

Shoes will be sold cheap for cash this month.

Otten's Shoe Store.

Dr. N. McCABE, Prop.

J. E. BUSH, Manager.

## NORTH PLATTE PHARMACY,

NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.

WE AIM TO HANDLE THE BEST GRADE OF GOODS  
SELL THEM AT REASONABLE PRICES, AND WARRANT

EVERYTHING AS REPRESENTED.

Orders from the country and along the line of the Union Pacific Railway Solicited.

### Nichols and Hershey News.

Several grangers are irrigating. A large amount of alfalfa hay has been stowed away in the valley this week.

Corn is improving rapidly at the present time.

This country was well represented at both the county seat and Sutherland on the 4th inst.

The overseer of highways has made a kick to the county commissioners because they sent tiling up here by D. A. Brown recently to be put into the crossing just north of this station, and said he would resign if they were going to do the business, which would be highly appreciated by a large majority of the citizens in the precinct.

All those who attended the picnic at Stoddard's grove on the Fourth report a pleasant time.

Will Brooks helped furnish the music for a dance at Sutherland on the 4th.

The Campbellite preacher is still holding meetings at the Platte Valley school house.

W. J. Crusea, of the Platte, will preach to the citizens of this vicinity next Sunday at the usual hour. Supt. Mary E. Hosford, of the Platte, was up the first of the week looking over the ground previous to locating a new site for the school house soon to be erected in this district, which was left to her by a vote of the electors in the district. She did not decide when here, or if she did she did not make it known.

Miss Marion Campbell, of the county metropolis visited friends in this locality recently.

Some repairs have been recently made on the dam to the old canal.

J. W. Alexander, of the hub, was up in this locality a couple of days ago viewing the crops on his farm just west of here, which he found in a prosperous condition.

Cecil Tuell, of Somerset, was up in these parts calling on his numerous friends the other day.

Captain Funkhouser returned from North Platte a couple of days ago with a new binder.

The Hershey Sunday school will hold its Children's day exercises on next Sunday at ten a. m.

E. B. McKee left this morning on a business trip over in the vicinity of Somerset and Wellfleet. He was accompanied from the Platte by W. E. Parks, of that place.

W. S. Cox left Thursday for his old stamping grounds over on the north side.

Supt. Seeburger, wife and daughter, of the Platte were up the line to-day.

Several farmers have put in a few acres of sugar cane for feed this season.

Chas. Tonillon was critically ill the first of the week, but is, we are pleased to note, alright again at this writing.

Several farmers in this community remained at home on the 4th and cultivated corn, which they considered was of more profit to them than celebrating. P. A. T.

### SOMERSET SNAP SHOTS.

A. Geen was a Wellfleet visitor last week.

Corn is growing slowly on account of the weather keeping so cool.

John McConnell transacted business in North Platte last week.

The annual school meeting resulted in the election of W. A. Lattimer as director and Miss Belle McCranee as treasurer.

Mrs. David Artlip left last week for a visit at Council Bluffs.

Adam Kunkle and family visited at J. Knowles last Wednesday.

A report is out that Dr. Calvert and Stephen Kendall, who left here for Arkansas, will return here.

Several from this locality attended the exercises at North Platte on the Fourth. O. I. C.

Your uncle Toby Castor upon behalf of the straight democratic state central committee has invited Secretaries Carlisle and Morton to be present at the meeting of the democratic convention in September. The free silver democratic state central committee have been called to meet upon the 16th inst. to fix a date for their convention. It promises to be a killkenney cat fight this year among democrats.

We have been informed of a local attorney charging a fee of \$1800 for successfully conducting a case through the courts. It would seem that times should not be dull among the lawyers, when such fees are received; but as considerable wealth was involved this was not thought to be extortionate.

### TO THE PUBLIC.

NORTH PLATTE, July 4th, 1895.

EDITOR TRIBUNE:

DEAR SIR:—Will you please allow me space in your columns to reply to the open letter signed "Merchant," that was printed in your paper Tuesday. I wish to call the attention of all thinking people to some of the statements he makes.

He says we are attracting a great deal of attention. That is true as the crowds of customers testify. The statement that the old merchants here have extended credit is also true, as is also the statement that they have to charge more for their goods to make up the losses. It is also true that no matter who you are if you buy anything of anyone that does a credit business you are helping pay some one else's debts. The statement that people should patronize them even if they do charge more for their goods is not true for the reason that there are a great many people that pay cash for all their goods, or at least part, and it is an injustice to ask them to pay the debts of people that they do not even know.

Then there is another reason why we sell goods cheaper than the old merchant: We buy our goods of houses that sell for net cash, thereby saving the percentage that is added in the wholesale houses to cover losses which amounts to a big thing. Then it is also true that we do not pay rent on a room for each line, but use one room and one set of clerks for several lines, which reduces our expense as low as possible. And then we are satisfied with a small profit on each article, and willing to let our sales for the year make us our money. It is also true that the department stores are gradually crowding the single-line merchants and the credit system out. The reason for this is as we have stated and if the people will give us a call and our system of doing business a trial, they will steer clear of every place that runs a book account, or tries to get rich off one sale. I invite all the people to call and see us, and if we cannot satisfy them of the truth of these statements we will not expect their patronage.

Yours truly,  
J. D. Wilcox,  
Proprietor of the Wilcox Dept. Store.

Alfalfa for the Sandhills.

Lincoln county has so far taken a leading position on a number of questions that will greatly enhance the welfare of the state.

The question of how shall we utilize the sandy lands of the county is one that belongs to the state as well as our own locality. Successful alfalfa cultivation on these lands is now answering this question.

Mr. Kunkel who resides on section 14, town 11, range 31, about fifteen miles southwest from the city, has now a splendid stand of this plant growing on his land, and also on a tract adjoining the property of a Lincoln land owner. Mr. Mart Holcombe, of Brady Island, has also a successful stand on the sandy land under his canal. G. W. Mathewson has also made a success of his planting of this forage plant. Mr. Sturges, north of the town, has also a splendid field sown this spring.

Over northwest, at the ranch of Haskell & Williams, on the head of the Dismal river, there have been experiments made to learn the best method of planting this clover. On their sandy lands the principal difficulty to overcome has been the drifting and blowing of the sand. The greatest success has been secured by sowing the seed on the grass and then breaking or turning the sod upon it. In this way the drifting and cutting effect of the sand have been reduced to the minimum.

Mr. Mathewson, of Brady Island, states that owing to the fractious nature of one of his horses that he worked on the press drill when he sowed his field, that he was unable to lift the shovels when he came to turn around at the end of the land, but he finds alfalfa growing among the wild grass where this occurred.

By the adoption of either of these two methods it may be possible to successfully grow alfalfa on our sandy lands—if we will not be too modest we might call them sand hills.

If this plant can be successfully grown in these localities it certainly means that we have discovered a way by which some millions of acres of Nebraska lands can be made profitable and useful. We cannot do too much towards pushing this question, as it will add greatly to the wealth of Nebraska as well as our own county. Mr. Bratt has been successfully growing this plant for over eight years on the Gokay island, northeast of his home ranch. The island where it is grown has the advantage of being sub-irrigated, and there seems no difficulty in securing a growth on the sandy portion of the field. Mr. Bratt has now growing about two hundred acres on this island. Next year everybody should put out a field of alfalfa.

Once More the Thistle.

ED. TRIBUNE:—Permit me to suggest that the marshal of the town would undoubtedly confer a favor on many of the residents and property owners who are unacquainted with the nature and description of the Russian thistle, if he would call their attention to the same where it is now growing in their yards or lots. These gentlemen would in all probability take immediate steps to destroy this pest. It has been noticed that some parties have attempted to kill it by mowing. This is useless, as it will produce growth from its lower limbs or shoots. The only effective way by which it can be destroyed is by cutting it off at the root, below the surface. The marshal should show the people, as far as it lays in his power, specimens or samples of the plant, as many of our people do not know the pest when they see it.

Nebraska Notes.

Henry Crozier has purchased an interest in the Genoa Banner.

Peter Van Gorder of Bayard lost a horse that he valued at \$2,000.

Mr. Conroy of McCool sold a half interest in his trotting horse, "Little Dick," for \$500. The owner of Alix was the purchaser.

Henry Blumer of Chalco woke up one morning to find that four sets of harness and a saddle had been taken from his barn during the night.

The farm belonging to the Hastings asylum, since it has passed into the hands of populist management, presents the shiftless aspect characteristic of the men in control of it. Everything is overrun with weeds, and the grounds and building have a neglected look, quite different than when under republican management.

The Norfolk Journal says there are 1,400 acres of sugar beets growing in the immediate vicinity of Norfolk, which now give promise of yielding twelve tons to the acre, giving a total of \$60 per acre to the growers. In other words, at least \$74,000 will be paid out to the farmers near Norfolk for sugar beets this fall. The amount paid to factory employes will be fully as much more.

THE CORN FLOWERS.

Bulletin No 40 of the Wisconsin agricultural experiment station gives the result of some investigations that have been going on there for some years of the various methods of corn culture. The plan of the fathers imported from the eastern farms was to cultivate the corn with a shovel plow to "cut the roots" and encourage the growth of the stalk and ears and to "hill up" as much as possible.

Some farmers, however, have contended that as corn is a tropical plant, its habitat being where there is much sun and plenty of warmth, it was not well to cover the root deeply with turned furrows and that the idea of root pruning is preposterous. These farmers have cultivated as lightly as possible, just sufficient to kill the weeds and

## Rennie's Grand Cut Sale.

All our goods at fifty cents on the dollar from now until July 4.

All our \$1 goods go at 65 cents. Our 50-cent all-wool Challies go at 35c  
All our 75-cent goods go at 40 cts. Our 25-cent all-wool Challies go at 15c  
All our 50-cent goods go at 30 cts. Our 15-cent Challies go at 10 cents.  
Our 10-cent Challies go at 5 cents.

All our summer goods must go and we are determined to make special cut prices in order to sell them out. In our Millinery department we have decided to make the same reduction. HATS AT HALF PRICE, and all goods in the store the same way. Come at once and secure these bargains before they are closed out.

RENNIE'S. RENNIE'S.

The Greatest and Best

## Line of Clothing,

Furnishing Goods,  
Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes,  
in Fact Everything

Gents' Wearing Apparel

—IS GOING AT—

Greatly Reduced Rates

—AT THE—

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE,  
WEBER & VOLMER.

TRY THE MOST DELICIOUS COFFEE IN THE WORLD

SPURR'S REVERE



MOCHA AND JAVA.

HARRINGTON & TOBIN, SOLE AGTS. NORTH PLATTE, NEB

have avoided making "hills" about the stalks.

The experiments of the Wisconsin station have demonstrated, according to this bulletin, that the shallow culture, leaving the field level, is the best; and that a loss of three or four bushels to the acre is caused by the old method of deep cultivation and the hilling up of the plow and hoe. They have also found that "listing" results in a decrease of 10 per cent in the yield from that following the old method of thoroughly stirring the soil and planting in the usual way.

In making these experiments the same field was used, alternating rows being subjected to the different treatment so that there can be no question of the condition of soil. The amount of difference in results is sufficient to make a very decided difference in the incomes of farmers following the various methods of cultivation and the bulletin ought make quite a stir in agricultural circles.—Lincoln Journal.

Mr. Ruskin has written a letter in reply to the question, "Ought parents to leave a fortune for their children?" He says that parents ought to educate and maintain their children until they reach maturity. "Damned modernism," he adds, "eats its children young. When they are strong, throw them out of the nest, but let the nest be always open to them. No guilt should ever stand between child and parent. The doors should be always open to a daughter who is a harlot or a son who is a thief, if they return, but no fortune should be left to them."

Obituary Poem.

The country editor dreads obituary poetry, and it is natural that he should, but he has to publish it. If he refuses to do so he will have two or three indignant subscribers who will want their names taken off the books, and his rival across the street will profit by his misfortune.

A really good obituary poem is a thing that is rare. Nine-tenths of the rhymes that follow a funeral are the worst sort of rot; but the writers generally think they are very fine. When a person dies, one of the afflicted mourners feels it his duty to write some verses, and he does so; and then it is published and read aloud to everybody who will listen, and it becomes a sort of public nuisance. Here is a verse that was written after the death of a little girl; it was one of fourteen, and is republished here without the change of a letter:

Dearest Mabel, you have left us;  
Death occurred at half past eleven.  
The angels came to meet her  
At the golden gates of heaven.

The writer of the above is an old merchant in a little Nebraska town. It was the first poem he ever wrote, and he actually thought that it was a gem. The editor to whom it was given for publication says that the old man read it aloud with tears streaming down his face, and bought about a hundred copies of the paper containing it.

Obituary poetry and cards of thanks ought to be abolished. They are an imposition upon newspapers and a blow at the dead, who can't defend themselves.—Walt Mason.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending July 5, 1895.

CELESTINE  
Babbitt Seymour Beach B

LADIES:  
Gilbert Mrs W

Persons calling for above will please say "advertised." M. W. CLAIR, Postmaster