

Ladies' Cloth Top Shoes, \$2.50...

Another new one. They are Black kid vamps and heel foxed, with fancy black cloth tops. The toes are popular shaped coin and leather tipped. They are drassy. They are wearers. You'll like them if you see them, and you'll like them better if you wear them.

White Kid Slippers--\$1.25.

Turn soles, narrow coin toes, one strap with bow and buckle.

Yellow Front Shoe Store,

GEO. M. GRAHAM, Mgr.

See our shoemaker about your shoe repairing.



Pratt's Poultry Food

Will earn you more money if you feed them Pratt's Poultry Food. It's a good thing, therefore we sell it.

A. F. STREITZ, Druggist.

DRUGS, MEDICINES,
PAINTS * OILS.

F. J. BROEKER,

MERCHANT TAILOR.

Ready for the Spring trade with fine line of choice suitings.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

CHALLENGE SALE!

A challenge sale means that we challenge competitors to sell the same class of goods for the same money. This challenge sale will continue during the month of May and the people of North Platte and Lincoln county will be afforded an opportunity to purchase goods cheaper than they ever bought them before. In proof of this we submit the following prices:

Dry Goods Dept.

Fifty pieces Organdies, in light and dark colors, others ask 20 cents; our price 9 cents per yard.
French Imported Organdies at 20 cents; others ask 35 cents for the same goods.
Yard wide Merrimac Percales others ask 12 1/2 cts.; our price 9 cents per yard.
Fast color Red Table Linens, others ask 30 cents; our price 18 cents per yard.
White Nainsook at 5 cents per yard; others sell the same goods at 8 cents.

Dress Goods and Silks.

Lot 1--We will furnish a Novelty Dress Pattern, 8 yards of 38-inch goods, with all trimmings complete for... \$1.85
(The goods are worth 25 cents per yard.)
Lot 2--We furnish a Novelty Dress Pattern, 7 yards of 40 inch goods, with all trimmings complete for... \$2.85
(The goods are worth 35 cents per yard.)
Lot 3--We furnish a dress pattern of 7 yards of 38-inch Henrietta, in all shades with all trimmings complete for... \$2.85
Lot 4--All our \$10.50 patterns of silk and wool novelties, with trimmings complete, for \$8.50
Lot 5--Our \$7.50 patterns in Blacks and \$5.00 Fancies, with all trimmings complete, for \$5.00
All our 40-inch all wool silk finish Henrietta, regular price 75 cents, our present price 50 cents per yard. Same goods in 46-inch at 55 cents.
All our imported Henriettes and Serges, worth up to \$1.25, at 75 cents per yard.
One lot of Black Figured Summer Silks at 35 cents, regular price 50 cents per yard.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Summer Corsets worth 50 cents at 35 cents. Doctor Warner's Corset, regular price \$1. at 75 cents.
Ladies' Sleeveless Ribbed Undershirts, worth 15c, 20 at 5 cents. Ribbed sleeve Undershirts at 20 cents, worth 25 cents.

Special prices will be given to those who graduate this month. Young ladies buy your outfit of us and receive a fine fan free.

Yours for Great Bargains,

Prop. The Boston Store.

And Now the Big Circus.

In the olden times the pre-circus-day question was: "Are you going to the show?" Since the announcement of the coming of the John Robinson Greatest of all American shows several weeks ago, there has been one query: "Are you going to see the strong man." No feature ever advertised by a circus has ever taken such a hold upon the popular fancy, and when the show exhibits here next Friday, May 20, Louis Cyr, whose reputation as the strongest man in the world has so strikingly preceded him, will receive an ovation. But this famous athlete is not the only great attraction which this superb show offers to its patrons. It is, in fact, a show of all features, and the program is declared by those who have seen the exhibition this season, to be the most complete and meritorious circus entertainment ever offered the American public. Among the features that attract special attention are the famous Harvey family of acrobats; the Brothers LaRoc, who have been well named the flying meteors; the Miller Family of bicyclists, who perform many astonishing feats upon the wheel, besides introducing a series of amusing innovations for the entertainment of the laughter-loving element in the audience; a half score of great and famous riders, including Julia and Cecil Lowande, William Dutton and others equally meritorious; and hundreds of other features peculiar to this greatest of great shows. Special attention is called to the magnificent free street parade, which inaugurates circus day. The wonderful professional display made by the John Robinson show has surely never been equalled anywhere on earth; it is a continuous double-mile of glitter, sheen and scintillating splendor. It utilizes more people, exhibits more elephants, presents a greater number of high-class, magnificently caparisoned horses, and has more distinctive novelties than any display ever before offered the discriminating American people, and those who miss seeing it will have something to regret all the rest of their lives.

While on his recent western trip, C. J. Anderson of Neligh purchased a herd of 5,000 head of cattle in Nevada. This herd is composed largely of young Hereford and Short Horn stock and is considered as well bred as any herd in the country of similar size. They will be held in Nevada until June, when they will be shipped east, a large proportion being grass-fed until fall in Cherry county.

There are no saloons in Lexington; yet the marshal runs across a drunk and disorderly fellow quite frequently. There is probably a "hole in the wall" at Lexington where a fellow can secure a jug of any size. The Pioneer makes mention of the fact that an agent of a California winery was in Lexington a few days ago and sold \$430 worth of wines and brandies.

An Austrian's View.
An Austrian paper bearing the date of April 27, recently received by V. VonGoetz contains a great many articles on the present war. As Queen Isabella is an Austrian it is but natural that Austria should have but very little love for the United States.

SHOE DEPT.

Ladies' Fine Tan Shoes, cloth top at \$1.75, worth \$2.50
Ladies' Fine Shoes, in lace or button, at \$1.50, worth two dollars.
Oxfords in tans and blacks at one dollar, worth \$1.50.
White Kid Slippers at \$1.00, worth \$1.50.
Misses' and Children's Oxfords in tans and blacks at greatly reduced prices.
Men's and boys' Shoes cheaper than ever known before.
Men's G. A. R. Shoes at 75 cents; Boy's Tennis Shoes at 65 cents.
A pair of hose will be given free to each person purchasing a pair of shoes costing one dollar or more.
All our shoes are new and up-to-date in style.

CARPETS.

Half wool Ingrain at 40 cents; all wool at 50 cents; Brussels from 65 cents up.

MILLINERY.

Great reductions have been made in this department.

CLOTHING DEPT.

We are closing out this department.
Men's all-wool Suits at \$5.50, worth \$8.00.
Boy's Knee Pants Suits from 75 cents up.
Youth's 3-piece suits from \$2.50 up.
Men's G. A. R. Suits, all wool, at \$5.75.
Shirts from 25 cents up. Unlaundered shirts in plain white and fancy bosoms at 35 cents.
Hats from 50 cents up.

MAJOR SCHARMANN'S CASE.

Through Holcomb and his Menchmen the Major is Ousted.

The Lincoln Journal of yesterday morning gave the following account of the ousting of Major Scharmann of this city, which shows that the Major has been the victim of the machinations of the rotten political cut-throats who infest the state house. The Journal says:

Major Scharmann, no less than his friends, was astonished yesterday when his name appeared as one of the officers disqualified by the medical board because of physical disability. Investigating the matter he found that his rejection was as much of a surprise to the examining board as it had been to himself. The whole board vouched to him for the fact that his name had not been on the list of rejected ones when it was sent to the governor.

The governor on being interviewed admitted that the Major's name had not been on the original list, and said that he was sorry that the mix-up had occurred.

The Major thinks that politics and a desire for office on the part of parties who had a stronger pull with the state administration than he had were the cause of his removal. If he must step down and out he says he can do it with a good grace, but he does object to an invaliding that intimated that he is an invalid when he is not.

Governor Holcomb was asked last night concerning the report that he had put Major Scharmann's name on the list of disabilities after the examining board had reported favorably upon his case. Governor Holcomb said: "The list of disabilities was handed me and soon thereafter the list was asked for by the board for correction. When the list was returned to me there were some names erased and there were names upon it that were not there before. That is all I have to say in answer to the report that I had admitted to Major Scharmann that his name was placed on the list after it came into my possession."

Major Koerper, United States surgeon of the examining board, refused to discuss the Scharmann case for publication. He said he could not talk of the board's work.

A representative of the Beatrice creamery visited Wallace a few days ago with the view of establishing a separator station at that place. The chances are the station will be established.

Mrs. McMurphy the lecturer on scientific cooking, will be at the exposition this summer and will there cook corn, the great Nebraska product, in 100 different ways. It will be a feature which will certainly interest all classes.

Spanish spies are known to be lurking in the neighborhood, where a number of Spaniards reside. They are all under strict scrutiny and sensational disclosures are looked for. No one doubts that agents of Spain are ready to pounce upon any opportunity.

VEST POCKET SEA FIGHT.

Winslow Stirs Up Three Spanish Coast Gun Vessels.

Key West, May 10.--The little torpedo boat Winslow yesterday precipitated the first naval engagement fought in Cuban waters. On a reconnaissance in Cardenas harbor she drew the fire of three Spanish coast gun vessels, and fired several shells over the low sand pit behind which the Spanish boats were sheltered, but with what effect could not be seen. At any rate there are three prospective additions to our mosquito fleet bottled up in Cardenas harbor. The Spaniards, as usual, hit nothing but the adjacent scenery.

Revolution in Italy Imminent.

LONDON, May 11.--The correspondents in Rome of the newspapers of this city all affirm a revolution in Italy is imminent and that the popular rising throughout the country will not long be delayed. The news causes great anxiety here, where a republican Italy is regarded as the natural friend of France and as an enemy of the dread.

Mindanao Reaches Porto Rico.

MADRID, May 10.--An official dispatch from Porto Rico says the Mindanao has arrived there protected by Spanish warships. She was chased by an American warship.

Blanco Wants Supplies.

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Revolution Leads to Shooting.

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UBER SPAIN TO STOP THE WAR.

Foreign Ambassador Bringing Pressure to Bear on the Don.

WASHINGTON, May 11.--As a result of the Spanish reverse at Manila, leading members of the diplomatic corps, representing some of the most influential of the great powers of Europe have unofficially exchanged views on the opportunities of a movement, dictated by the most friendly spirit and in the interests of peace, toward urging upon Spain the futility of further prosecuting the war and inducing her to sue for peace on the basis of the relinquishment of Cuba, the promise of a war indemnity and the occupation of Manila by Admiral Dewey until the war indemnity is paid. It was stated last night by one of the most influential members of the diplomatic corps, an ambassador, that such a step by Spain was the logical result of the crushing Spanish defeat at Manila and that Spain herself should be ready and willing to recognize it as a measure of her own self protection and self preservation.

The British ambassador and the Chinese minister have called the attention of the state department to the fact that it is unable to communicate by mail with their officers in Cuba and Porto Rico. This is due to the interruption of the regular mail routes between this country and Spanish possessions. It is embarrassing to the British authorities as they have need of communication by mail with the British consul at Havana. The state department is anxious to afford every possible facility for communication, mail and telegraphic, but it is not clear how it can better the disturbed mail conditions between here and the Spanish West Indies.

SUSPICION RESTS ON SPANIARDS

Armed With Cotton Saturated With Arsenic Found in a Creek.

LANTA, Ga., May 11.--A special to the Constitution from Mobile says: A second dastardly attempt to poison the infantry regiments at Camp Mobile has been made. Several days ago some soldiers found in the creek which runs alongside the grounds a sack filled with arsenic cotton, which had been saturated with arsenic and tied down beneath a rock which juts out into the stream at a point just above the place where the soldiers got their drinking water. By accident a trooper discovered the deadly trap, removed the sack and upon the contents being revealed reported his find to the commanding officer. Strict orders were given not to mention the incident and so the matter was hushed up.

Since that day, however, the creek has been closely watched and vigilance was rewarded when Corporal John Sullivan of company A, Nineteenth Infantry, found a poison bag loaded with arsenic and anchored down just as in the first instance. The correspondent by chance saw two soldiers talk about the plot to poison them and instituted an investigation. The officers preferred not to discuss the matter, but among the privates feeling is running high and they do not fail to express themselves.

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COURIER COMES FROM CUBA.

He Brings Detailed Advice on Status of Cuban Forces.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--The courier who is on his way here with letters from General Gomez to President Palma of the Cuban delegation, has stopped at Tampa and will not reach here for a day or two. General Nunez of the Cuban army, after conferring with the Cuban authorities here and with General Miles left for Tampa last night. Although the courier will bring detailed advice from Gomez, the Cuban officials here are well informed on the general status of the Cuban forces in the field and this subject has been gone over fully with the war department officials. In a general way it is stated that entire harmony exists between the Cuban authorities and the war department officials, as to the resources and effective fighting force of General Gomez and General Garcia. The Cuban authorities are ready and willing to have the fullest co-operation by the United States troops on Cuban soil and it is said there is no ground for reports that General Gomez desires to act singlehanded in securing Cuban independence.

Concerning the strength of the Cuban forces in the field the Cuban representatives here say that at present advice fully bear out all that the Cuban authorities have claimed, namely, that there are in all about 40,000 men either under arms or ready to take arms as soon as gun and ammunition are at hand. Of this number, it is said that about 10,000 lack arms and equipment, leaving additional ammunition and supplies would be most advantageous to these latter.

The immediate command of Gomez is said to number 3,000 men and is located in the rich Santa Clara district. Some distance away, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, are the forces of General Garcia, the several bands of which are said to aggregate 15,000 men. The distance of Garcia from Gomez is said to make a junction between them impracticable, as there are no means of speedy communication.

It is expected that Lieutenant Rowan, the United States officer who made the daring and successful landing in Cuba and succeeded in taking General Garcia's camp, will arrive at Key West today. This doubtless will afford the authorities here much more data on the situation of the insurgents. It is understood that Lieutenant Rowan already has stated, whether by report or otherwise, is not known, that the Cubans in General Garcia's district occupy a number of towns vacated by the Spanish and that the Cuban administration of these towns is in the hands of "fine men." This last expression gives special satisfaction to Cubans here. They are hopeful that President Maso will remain in the western provinces and be ready to come with his cabinet to the first large seaport city that is occupied and there set up the civil administration of the republic of Cuba. It has been understood that he intended to move his headquarters to the eastern end of the island, where military operations are not likely to occur, but this plan is likely to be changed so as to keep him near the points of probable occupation in the west.

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The war department yesterday made public a corrected list of the volunteers who have been ordered to San Francisco. They include the following:

Wyoming--One regiment of infantry. Colorado--One regiment of infantry. Kansas--One regiment of infantry. Montana--One regiment of infantry. Nebraska--One regiment of infantry. Utah--Two batteries of light artillery and one troop of cavalry. North Dakota--Two battalions of infantry. Idaho--Two battalions of infantry.

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The Opening

of THE FAIR STORE in its new quarters takes place

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16th, 17th, 18th.

SOUVENIRS will be given ladies and gentlemen calling on those days. Watch this space for further announcement of sale and prices.

S. RICHARDS, The Fair.

First National Bank,

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

CAPITAL - - \$50,000.

H. S. White, - - - President.

P. A. White, - - - Vice-Pres't.

Arthur McNamara, - Cashier.

A general banking business transacted.

OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS.

Julius Essig, of Maxwell, spent yesterday in town.

"Link" Applegate, of Hershey, spent yesterday in town.

A. C. Kirby of Gandy transacted business in town yesterday.

Orrin Bacon, of Elizabeth, spent yesterday in town transacting business.

A. M. Johnson, the Curtis banker, transacted business in town yesterday.

J. N. Thornley, of Sutherland, transacted business in town Wednesday.

Irvin Farabee, of Wallace, was in town Wednesday on assessor's business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dwyer spent Wednesday in town transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brogan, of Paxton, are transacting business in town today.

Gus and Erik Luiden, of Sutherland, were transacting business in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Volaw, of Echo, has returned from her visit with her children in Lincoln.

Jas. and R. Humphrey, of Sutherland, were transacting business in town yesterday.

Millard McKellips, of Hershey, spent yesterday in this beautiful metropolis of the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kuhns of Maxwell, were transacting business in town Wednesday.

Mrs. F. L. Terry, of Hershey, was in town Wednesday looking after some legal business.

Geo. Nampach, of Gandy, was in town yesterday and disposed of some wheat to the local elevator.

A. R. Bickford and Henry Hahnfeldt were among those who transacted business in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Hayden, of Wallace, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Hayden is one of Wallace's leading merchants.

TAKE THE UNION PACIFIC to Denver and attend the American Medical Association Meeting, June 7th-12th, 1898. Low excursion rates for the round trip. Special excursions arranged from Denver to Mountain resorts; also to Salt Lake City and points west. For sleeping car reservations, rates, etc., call on N. B. OLDS, Agent.

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