

Your Thumb Nail.

You can write the law that governs trade here on your thumb nail: "The power to reduce price." For fifteen years this store has sold men's shoes, for fifteen years we have always sold men's shoes for less money than any competitor. Now we are selling women's, misses' and children's shoes—selling them at less than anyone else—selling shoes that were made for this store only. You can't find their equal anywhere. The new department grows enthusiastic in the presence of the new stock. The operations that have pushed the shoe stock way up to the front in a few short days have more to accomplish. The magnitude of the shoe trade heading this way is quite enough to recommend the shoes to you. Now to the many women who have written us: "Why don't you carry women's shoes," we can say ready, ready, with the most complete line of women's shoes ever brought to Omaha. We'd like you to try this new department for your next pair of shoes, and a postal card directed to "Department S, Nebraska Clothing Co., will bring you by return mail a leaflet about shoes. Send for it even if you don't want shoes—perhaps your neighbor wants a pair. Remember, you can write the law of this store's success on your thumb nail: "the power to reduce prices."

Nebraska Clothing Co
OMAHA

how many millionaires are made by these corporations the farmer does not make them such.

But the farmer has to pay the tariff. No matter whether he buys foreign-made or home-made goods, the tariff is added. There is little difference in the price of foreign and domestic goods of the same quality. In one case the government gets the tariff, in the other the manufacturer gets it.

It is always that much more than the goods would cost the farmer than if there was no tariff. The law protecting the manufacturer in high prices has always been a bone of contention between the farmers and manufacturers. It has always been the last against the west, and the east has gained the victory. At first it was protecting infant industries, but as the industry grows older the demand for protection grows stronger. The farmer is the only loser. The protected iron man can trade with the protected cloth man and the tariff helps both alike but when the farmer trades wheat for either iron or cloth he gets no benefit from tariff. The market price for wheat is always low in the United States than it is in England, while manufactured goods under the tariff is forty to fifty per cent higher. Justice would demand that the law should help the farmer as much as the manufacturer, or else not help either. The chief object of tariff on many articles is to force the Americans to pay more for American goods than Europeans pay. The law will not let us buy American-made goods abroad and bring them home without paying the tariff.

The change of our money standard was an eastern measure. They hired John Sherman to put it through and in doing it he did more to increase the wealth of eastern capitalists than any man who ever sat in congress. The increase of eastern wealth was taken from the wealth of the west. An increasing dollar in purchasing power is what they want, or in other words the shrinking of property value. If the next congress does not retire the greenbacks and treasury notes and melt the silver dollars, Bryan should have the credit of defeating the plan. His speech troubles the republican waters.

Cheap money, or silver men vs. dear money, or gold standard men, is the question. We admit that the free coinage of silver with gold will make cheaper money; just as much cheaper as the gold standard made it dearer. Had the coining of the two metals continued as Washington left it, we would have it now, that is the dollar would not have the purchasing power.

Eastern people are more for expansion than the west or south. They see commercial trade and money in it. They also see the issuance of hundreds of millions more government bonds. They want some way to invest their idle money. The shrewd ones know better than to invest in any business or property in this country. If they can subjugate or make slaves of ten or fifteen millions of people they will be happy for a season.

A good place to buy clothes. The B. L. Faine Clothing Store.

Had to Kill the Snake.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—A large number of the sea lions at the Point Reyes rookeries have been killed since last Friday by employees of the state board of fish and game commissioners. It is hoped to no longer be a menace to the fisheries of the coast. Many fishing firms had been complaining because of the increasing herds.

A Kansas in J. E. Jones' Place. WASHINGTON, May 3.—Just before his departure for Europe Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, designated J. G. Johnson of Peabody, Kan., who is a member from Kansas of the national committee, to act as secretary during his absence.

Messenger Boys' Wages Cut. TOPEKA, Kan., May 3.—The first to suffer as a result of the law reducing telegraph tolls are the telegraph messenger boys. The Western Union has reduced the wages of its messengers to \$12 a month. This has been done in face of the fact that the company has not yet reduced the rates. As an excuse for doing it, the company says it has been put to considerable expense fighting numerous law suits, and it must retreat.

GREATEST TRUST OF ALL.

An \$800,000,000 Capital For the Steel Combine.

DEAL IS NEARLY FINISHED.

All the Big Concerns in the Country Expected to Be in It—Russia's Costly Experience in the Jump in Prices of Steel.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The rumors of an immense combination of steel interests are practically confirmed by John W. Gates, president of the American Steel and Wire company, who returned from a European trip on Saturday. The combination, unless the present plans of the promoters are changed, will include practically all the big concerns of the country and will have a capitalization of between \$700,000,000 and \$800,000,000. The proposed combination is yet far from complete in point of detail, but the presence in this city of the representatives of the greatest steel interests of the United States led Mr. Gates to say that in all probability the next few days will see it whittled into tangible shape.

"As I have just returned from abroad," Mr. Gates explained, "I cannot go into details in this matter, but it is pretty safe to say that the combination will go through and that its capital will be nearly \$800,000,000. About all the big companies may come in, the principal ones of which will be the Carnegie company, the National Steel company, the American Steel and Wire company and probably the Bar Steel interests as now represented by the Republic Steel company."

As an evidence of the rise in prices consequent upon the rush in business, Mr. Gates told of an order placed here by the Russian government last October for 90,000 tons of steel rails. It was agreed that the price should be \$16 or \$16.50, but the Russian government tacked on certain specifications, one of which was that the steel should not contain more than one-tenth of 1 per cent of arsenic. The company rejected the proposals, and after vainly trying in the markets of Europe at an advanced price, the order was again offered to the American concerns with the objectionable clauses eliminated, but was refused at an advance of \$11.

"Now the Russian government," said Mr. Gates, "is between the devil and the iron works. It wants the rails for the Transiberian road and cannot get them in Europe or America without waiting months."

MRS. STEVENS CONDEMNES IT.

The Bombardment of Samoan Villages the Novelist's Widow Calls a Disgrace.

LONDON, May 3.—Robert Louis Stevenson's widow has written a letter to the Westminster Gazette from Funchal, Madeira, on the bombardment of Samoan villages by British and American war ships. Mrs. Stevenson says: "President McKinley allowed no firing on Cuban towns unless they gave active cause of offense, and Commodore Watson was ordered not to attack undefended Spanish cities. Does the President keep his humanity for civilized countries alone?"

Mrs. Stevenson declares that the Samoan villages are inhabited in time of war by non-combatants, who have to choose between the shells of the warships and "taking to the bush." Under such conditions, she says, delicate women could hardly exist, while children die like flies.

Mrs. Stevenson's letter concludes as follows: "Chief Justice Chambers has been reported as saying in a letter to his brother: 'I never was happier.' He must be a person singularly devoid of imagination if he never pictured to himself the scenes being enacted in the bombardment of those villages; the exodus of panic-stricken people, rushing hither and thither; shells bursting everywhere; the cries of bedridden and helpless wounded people burning alive in their blazing houses; mangled children crawling upon the sands, the sea before them and the bush behind them. And we read that the woods also were shelled. Who is to be held accountable for these deeds that disgrace both England and America?"

OUR DEMAND ON NICARAGUA.

General Torres Must Be Removed for His Oppression to Americans.

NEW YORK, May 3.—A dispatch to the New York Herald from Washington says: As a result of General Torres' oppressive conduct towards American merchants trading at Bluefields, Nicaragua, this government has determined to require the Nicaraguan government to relieve him from duty at that point. It is the understanding of the officials that a demand has already been submitted for the punishment of General Torres, and no doubt exists that the Zelaya government, to show its friendship for the United States, will take proper action. It is proposed by the authorities to keep the Detroit at Bluefields to enforce respect and to provide protection to Americans until the controversy has been settled.

Dr. Canfield's New Place. NEW YORK, May 3.—The trustees of Columbia university have elected Dean Van Amringe acting president during Mr. Low's absence at The Hague as peace commissioner. The resignation of Mr. Baker, librarian, was accepted yesterday, and Dr. James Hume Canfield was named to succeed. Dr. Canfield is now president of the University of Ohio, and has been superintendent of schools at St. Joseph, Mich.; professor of history, English literature and elocution at the University of Kansas and chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

THE WORKING MAN

Editor Independent:

Enclosed please find postal order for \$2.00 to pay what I owe and possibly some in advance. I like to read the Independent for the same reason that that republican lawyer likes to read it. Because it is full of good, sound logic and I feel that what I read I can depend upon every time as facts. Another reason that I feel deeply interested in your paper is that no other paper that I read gives the laboring man a chance to help edit the paper or in other words speak his opinion as the Independent does.

This, Mr. editor in my opinion is tending toward the initiative and referendum, as fast as any plan that could be proposed.

Now Mr. Editor, for a little of this copperhead's, (if so the imperialists wish to call me) opinion of Wm. Napoleon's (excuse me) McKinley's unholy war. I will cut short by saying that Brother H. Whitmore in your issue of April 18th, spoke my sentiments exactly and I feel that our constitution and time-honored and beloved principles are being trampled in the muck, mire of mammon and greed. I hope that that Napoleonism will some day sooner or later run up against a Waterloo. If it is no other than the ballot box in 1900.

Yours for the cause of fraternity, fidelity and justice, Wm. D. HOWARD, Albion, Neb.

P. S. I wish to speak a word especially of Brother Hardy's column. Like the

rest of the Independent it is a climax every time. Reading the Independent is like sucking honey out of a rag, the deeper down you go the sweeter is the honey.

Veteran Hangs Himself.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 3.—Jerome Peck, aged 54 years, a veteran of the civil war, who lived five miles west of Sedalia, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. He used a heavy wire, one end of which he tied to a rafter and the other around his neck, having completed arrangements, jumped from the window in which he had been standing. The fall broke his neck and cut his throat from ear to ear. Peck was demented. He had a wife and four children.

M. & P.

O & 13th Streets.

Bargains in Umbrellas

This is the season of the year when it is never safe to venture far from shelter without an umbrella. It is cheaper to buy an umbrella than to spoil your clothes or take cold by getting wet. Neatly made, light weight, good wearing umbrellas were never before so cheap as now. Below we mention a few excellent values:

Cotton gloria with natural wood handles.....	50c
Twilled serge with natural wood handles.....	75c
Gloria silk with silver trimmed natural wood handles.....	95c
Silk serge with silver trimmed natural wood handles.....	\$1.25
Union silk with congo handles.....	\$1.50
Taffeta silk with congo handles.....	\$1.75
Extra quality silk serge, natural wood handles.....	\$2.00

Ladies Leather Belts

We have three large lots of ladies leather belts to close out at very low prices. In each lot we have black and all the most desirable colors with buckles of gilt, nickel, black or leather covered.

Ladies Silk Mits

We have ladies black silk mits at 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c a pair but it is the 25c quality we wish to speak of particularly. They are the best we have ever sold for the price—good weight, fine finish and elastic. We have them in regular sizes and extra sizes.

Ladies cream colored silk mits 25c, 35c and 50c a pair. Ladies black Berlin gloves, fastened with three patent clasps, 25c a pair. Ladies black taffeta silk gloves 25c a pair.

For good values in ready-to-wear articles of any description for ladies or children we invite you to our store.

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Bargains in Hosiery

We are determined to make our hosiery department one of the busiest places in our store and to this end are offering some special drives in popular priced goods.

Last week we sold a lot of ladies and children fast black cotton hose at 7c a pair and we have decided to sell more at the same price. The ladies hose are light weight, seamless with narrowed ankles and double thread heels and toes. The childrens hose are in all sizes from 6 to 9, are medium weight and have three thread heels and toes. Any size or any quality at 7c a pair while they last.

Our ladies fast black seamless hose at 2 pairs for 25c are of excellent quality and a bargain.

Ladies Summer Underwear

We have had much to say about our line of ladies jersey ribbed summer underwear but its subject that merits attention. We have ladies jersey ribbed vests at 5c each and at 8 1/2c each. We sell a quality as good as is frequently sold at 12 1/2c. Our 12 1/2c quality is a leader and we invite you to compare them with goods sold in many stores at 20 and 25 cents.

White Cotton Dress Goods

No doubt exists that this will be a great white dress goods season and we have prepared for a large business. We are confident that we show the best values in India linens, plain lawns, checked and striped lawns, Swisses, piques etc., to be found anywhere. We have exceptional values in India linens at 5, 6, 7, 8, 10c and 12 1/2c, a yd. We ask you to see them and compare in fineness and finish with goods sold elsewhere at from 1 to 5c a yard higher. Just now we have a large lot of short lengths (1 to 8 yards) in plain lawns, checks and stripes at very low price.

For good values in dress jobbies of silk wool, cotton or linen we invite you to come to our store.

MILLER & PAINE

CARRIAGES AND BICYCLES.

That is what we sell and nothing else. But we do sell the finest goods in the state in these lines, and make prices that no others can compete with.

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