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The Big Store Regular Price Sale. Our Prices Better Than Others Special.

Read them over carefull. These prices rule as long as the goods last. CASH is the GOLDEN BULLET that batters down competition. Prices the world over lean to ready money. We buy and sell for cash and do not help to pay some other fellows bad debts. We are not the only pebble on the beach, but we can prove that THE BIG STORE is better able to quote you prices than the others. We carry the largest stock, purchased at right prices and sold for cash.

MUSLINS.

Big C, yard wide unbleached muslin	2¾c	per yard
L. L. unbleached muslin	4c	"
A good bleached muslin, yard wide.	4½c	"
Farmers Use bleached muslin	6c	"
Lonsdale and Fruit of the Loom bleached muslin	6½c	"
9-4 bleached sheeting	18c	"
10-4 bleached sheeting	20c	"
9-4 unbleached sheeting	16c	"
10-4 unbleached sheeting	20c	"
45 inch pillow case	10c	"
50 inch pillow case	12½c	"

GINGHAMS.

Apron Checks at	4c	per yard
Apron Checks at	5c	"
Amoskeag apron checks at	6c	"
Rockwood fancies	6c	"
Amoskeag fancies	8c	"
Toile de Nord fancies	10c	"

CRASHES.

Cotton crashes at 2½c 4c, 5c, and 10c per yard.
Linen Crashes, 5c to 25c per yard.

TABLE DAMASK.

Bleached, damask finish, 22c per yard.
All Linen, bleached and half bleached, 35c to $2.00 per yard.
Turkey Red Table Damask, 14c to 75c per yard.

NAPKINS.

Bleached napkins 60c to $5 per dozen.

COTTONADES.

Good values in Cottonades at 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c per yard.

OVERALLS, DUCK COATS, ETC.

Wood Mfg. Co. Men's overall pants, 75c.
Wood Mfg. Co. men's overalls, blue, brown, grey or black, 50c per pair.
Jumpers, 40c.
Denims Jumpers, 60c to 75c.
Duck coats, blanket lined, $1 to $2.50 each.

FLANNELS.

White Shaker Flannel at 5c, 7c, 10c, 12½c and 15c.
White Cinderella, Fancy Twill, 12½c
All wool white flannel, 30c to 60c yer yard.
All wool red flannels at emptying out prices.

OUTING FLANNEL.

Buyers recognize values, that is the reason of the big holes in the outing flannel stock. Only one-half of the original stock to select from. One hundred pieces on the shelves.
20 pieces "Our Competition" 6c grade, our price 5c per yard.
10 pieces Oriole fancy outing shirting 7c per yard.
35 pieces English Flannelettes in fancies, dark colors, red and blacks, 10c yer yard.
Other grades at 6c, 7c and 8c per yard.

PLUSH CAPES.

We have on display the fore runner of our plush cape stock, plush garments from $2.00 to $11.00.
The balance of our cloak stock will arrive in a few days. We can show you the best line that we have ever shown in the city. Workmanship the best. All goods made by reliable manufacturers.

Blankets.

The last few nights makes you think of blankets. We have them. 500 pairs to select from.
100 pairs full size 10-4 grays or whites, 35c per pair.
4-pound full weight, full 12-4 size, very large, $1.50 per pair.
Extra values, full 12-4 size, $1.65 per pair.
Other values from 60c to $8.00 per pair.
Special attention called to our one dollar blanket.

Lace Curtains.

Full size 36x90 lace curtains extra value, 75c per pair.
Other Grades up to $5 per pair.

Oil Cloth

Fancies at 11c per yard.

Bed Spreads.

A white bed spread that would be good values at $1.10, we are offering at 90c.
Other grades to $3.00.

Ticking.

A good straw tick	4½c	per yard
Old Dover ticking	10c	"
A. C. A. ticking	12½	"

Fancies in tickings at 15c, 20c and 25c.

Floor Oil Cloth.

1½ yard wide oilcloth, handsome patterns, per running yard, 30c.
Other grades, same widths at 45c and 50c.
Handsome line patterns in 1, 1½ and 2 yd patterns.
From the cheapest to the best quality carried in stock.

Yarns.

We are quoting you prices that prevail as long as the goods last.

B. B. yarn, 4 skeins to the pound	18c	per skein
Genuine German knitting	23c	"
Saxony, full line colors	5c	"

Embroidery Silk and Stamped Linen.

Handsome new line of Embroidery Silks, and Stamped Linens just placed on sale.

Calicoes.

20 pieces dark colored standard prints	2½c	per yard
25 pieces Allen's light colored standard dress prints	3½c	"
Simpson's blacks and greys	4½c	"
Garner's and Allen's reds	4½c	"

You can buy as many yards as you want of these goods.

SHOES.

Do not forget the Big Store's emptying out sale in the shoe department. The best values offered for the money. No idle boast.

Cotton Batts.

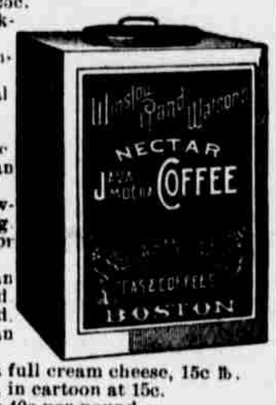
The best 5c batt on the market.
The best batt on the market though is the "Clarence" at 10c.
Other grades at 12½c, 15c and 20c.

Sewing Machines.

Why pay an agent from $25 to $30 and your old machine for a new one when we can sell you a fully guaranteed machine, equal to any on the market, at $20 and you keep your old machine.
We are also showing a good machine, high head, finished in oak, 4 drawer, simple in construction, thereby doubling durability at $16.50. Guaranteed for ten years.

Groceries.

Granulated sugar, $6.15 per hundred.
Package coffee, 10c per package.
Corn Starch at 3c per package.
Gloss starch at 5c per package.
Lemon and Vanila extract 4c per bottle.
Sardines, 6 boxes for 25c.
1 pound lan Magic baking powder, 8c.
Imperial syrup in can 10c per can.
Imperial syrup in 1 gal pails, 45c per gal.
12 bars Ark soap 25c.
10 bars Fern soap, 25c
9 bars White Russian soap, 25c.
GoldDust washing powder, 12½c per 4 lb pkg.
8 packages Pearline or 1776 for 25c.
A good uncolored Japan tea for 25c per pound
Tea dust 15c per pound.
Champion lye 5c pr can
Canned salmon 8c "
The best Pennsylvania full cream cheese, 15c lb.
Imported maccaronni, in cartoon at 15c.
Absolutely pure spices 40c per pound.
Patent flour at $1.10 per sack.
No. 2 flour at $1 per sack.
Special prices in 300 pound lots.
Toilet soap 10c and 25c per box, standard brands.
We are sole agents for Winslow, Rand & Watson's famous coffees, get a sample at our store.



Queensware.

100 piece dinner set in plain white and semi-porcelain, $6.50.
100 piece dinner sets in decorated patterns and plain white ranging upward to $18 per set. Our goods are all open stock patterns and you can purchase ust what you want.

FURNITURE DEPARTMENT.

THE BIG STORE MAKES THE PRICE. That the price is right is shown from the fact that we have had heavy sales in this department and that we have made arrangements for another car of goods to arrive this week. The following are a few of the bargains we have left from the first carload.

Full Size iron beds, brass trimmed, $3.00.
Wood beds, full size at $1 50, 1.75 $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75 and $3.
Wood beds, full size fancy carved head, $3.00 to $3.50.
ALL HARDWOOD BEDS.
Full size oak bed, nicely carved, for $3.35.

MATTRESSES—

Excelsior cotton top $2.	
Excelsior cotton top mattress, better grade ticking	$2 50
Husk " " " good grade ticking	3 50
All white cotton, extra heavy, fancy tick	6 00
All white cotton, fancy tick	7 00

SPRINGS—

Wood frame woven wire bed springs	$1 25
Wood frame woven wire springs, with straining bar	1 60
Wood frame woven wire springs, spiral supporters, wood slats	2 00
Wood frame woven wire springs, spiral all spring supporters	2 50

BED ROOM SUITES—

A solid oak suite, swell front commode and dresser, 43 inch base, double top, large glass, handsomely carved	22 00
A solid oak suite, serpentine front, double top, large base, cheval dresser, French plate mirror	26 00
Elm suites, double top, 44-inch base, universal shape.	15 00
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BREAKFAST TABLE, ash, $2 75. 5-ft extension table, ash, $3.50

CHAIRS—
Wood seat, high back dining room chairs, $4.00 per set.
Wood seat common kitchen chairs, hardwood, not the penitentiary common wnite wood chair, 45c each
Cane seat, high back, hardwood dining chairs at 85c each.
Other grades at $1, $1.15, $1.40, $1.75, and $2.00.
Hardwood, wood seat, $1.25 for ladies rocking chair.
Hardwood, cane seat, $1.40 for ladies rocking chair.
A cobler seat oak rocker for $2.25.
Fancy rockers from $3 to $12.
Baby high chair, cane seat, $1.50.

KITCHEN SAFES—
Panel front, hard wood, $4.50.
Glass front, hard wood, $5.00.
Other grades at $6 to $7.50 each.

WE GUARANTEE TO MEET ALL COMPETITION.

Bring in your Lincoln Omaha, Hastings, Kansas City or St. Joe catalogues and we will guarantee you economy in buying from the big store. We have made arrangements so that in our next car we can show you hardwood bedroom suites from $11.50 to $45. Solid oak table from $4 to $15. Couches from $5 to $25. Solid oak center tables from 75c to $8. Combination book cases, solid oak, from $11 to $25. Rocking chairs from $1.40 in cane seat and $1.25 in wood seat to $12.00.

MINER BROTHERS, RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

State Crop and Weather Report.

The past week has been cloudy and cool, with heavy general rains.

The average daily temperature deficiency has been about ten degrees in the eastern and twelve degrees in the western counties. The daily maximum temperatures were slightly above 70 degrees the first part of the week and 50 degrees on the last three days of the week. The maximum temperatures were very low on the 6th and 7th in the entire state. In the western counties they were about or below freezing and heavy frosts resulted. Light frosts occurred on the same dates in the eastern counties.

The rainfall has been above normal in all except the extreme northeastern counties, where it has been light—from a quarter to half an inch. In the southern half of the state it has exceeded an inch and in most of the counties south of the Platte river it has ranged from two to five inches. A little snow fell in the western counties on the 9th and 10th but melted as fast as it reached the ground.

The heavy rains of the week have retarded all work, nevertheless, haying and threshing are about completed and fall plowing is generally well advanced. The rains placed the ground in excellent condition for sowing small grain, and a large acreage of fall wheat will be sown in southern counties during the next ten days; the ground had been plowed before the rain but little or none sown.

The dry hot weather of the three weeks preceding this one ripened and dried out corn so fast that now nearly all the corn in the eastern counties is hardened beyond all possible injuries by frost. The heavy frosts in the extreme western counties on the 6th and 7th killed late corn quite generally. Some damage is reported to late corn as far east as Dawson county.

Pastures have been materially improved by the rains of the week.

The "funny man" of an exchange was recently assigned to write up the market report and produced the following. Butter is strong at 15c and able to hold its own. Yeast cakes are rising rapidly. Bananas are slipping along at the old price with an occasional drop. Watermelons are going down more rapidly than they were a week ago. Cheese, stirring and skipping along lively. Syrups are sticking at the prices and are about a pint more to the quart than they were last winter. Green apples are growing less. Dried apples are swelling the market. Chickens are picking up a little.

A newspaper in a neighboring town recently said: "The prettiest girl in this city doesn't carry herself straight enough when promenading." For a week afterwards all the young ladies of the town walked about like so many bean poles and every girl said, "That horrid old paper! Ma, don't I walk straight?"

From Oklahoma.

FOUNTAIN, O. T., Sept. 2, 1898.

EDITOR CHIEF—We were somewhat surprised to see the notice of the murder of our daughter Edna in your last paper. Such a thing never happened. She is alive and well. In the first place that young man did not come with us, he came with Mr. Rice, but we were all in one company. My daughter has not seen him for eleven weeks, and he never paid any attention to her more than any gentleman would a lady.

In regard to how we like the country we like it real well. The summer has been very pleasant, only a few very hot days, plenty of rain and hardly any wind. Crops are splendid and corn is an extra good crop. Castor beans are good and cotton looks splendid, it is just beginning to burst. There has been quite a bit of sickness but it is abating now. It was mostly along the rivers and creeks. This is a good place to raise vegetables of all kinds. The water is good, mostly soft. Our well is sixty-seven feet deep, some are only 8 feet deep and others are 120. We have fifteen acres broke, a house and chicken house built, and some fencing done. We will not have a very large crop this year. We have to make everything count to get along in our new home. It is pretty hard for a man without means to come to a new country and make a home, but we are all in good spirits and contented. We are between the north and south Canadian rivers, and we think that is one reason we have good crops. We have to go five miles to church, and have preaching every two weeks and Sunday school every Sunday. We haven't any public school yet, but have organized a district and will have school soon. Teachers get $20 per month and each district has three months school. We have had no rain for two weeks and it is getting pretty dry.

Yours respectfully,

J. M. GUTHRIE.

Right in the middle of our educational exhibit at the Paris exposition should be an American gunner and a 13-inch gun. The pair of them has educated Europe to a high degree since May 1, 1898.

The following is a copy of a school boy's complaint to the board of directors of one of the school districts in the western part of the state. "Mr. Directors—My sister, who is a school teacher, whips me every day. Pa and ma told her to whip me oftener than she did the other pupils, so they wouldn't think she was partial. I wrote to let you know this was too thin. She is an old maid and gets mad because she can't get married, and whenever she gets mad she larrups me. I hate to say such things about my sister but it's so, and I write to inquire if you can't stop her licking me or get her a husband. Any old thing will do, so it's a man."

Whenever the bands at Santiago are called out nowadays they omit playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and substitute in its place the popular air, "Gathering Up the Shells from the Sea Shore."

Notwithstanding the great noise we are hearing about mismanagement in the army, it seems to have been true always that in war pestilence killed more men than bullets did; in this war it is said, more men might die of disease than in battle, but the disportation of other days would not be seen. In the Crimean war England lost 24,000—3,400 killed in battle or who died of their wounds, and 20,244 of disease. The French lost 63,244—80 per cent by disease. In the civil war the federal army lost 67,058 men in battle, 43,021 died of wounds, while 199,720 died of disease.—Ex.

One of our exchanges makes the assertion that the game of base ball was originated in 1800. That is false. The first game of base ball was played in the time of Adam and Eve. The devil was the first coach, he coached Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. When Isaac met Rebecca at the well she was walking with the pitcher. Sampson struck out a good many times when he beat the Phillistines. Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he killed Abel. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run. David was a great long distance thrower. Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red sea.—Ex.

Young fellow here is something to remember: If your lot is to be placed among strangers, the fact that you are a republican will give you a better guarantee of character than a trunk full of letters of recommendation. The republican boy believes that he can succeed by hard work. Suppose a good business man wants to employ a young man for a difficult and responsible position—will he seek one who has been taught that the country is going to the dogs, that honesty doesn't pay, that one can't succeed by work or merit; or will he seek one who believes the opposite? To be a republican is a good way to succeed; republicanism promotes happiness; it brightens the intellect, warms the heart and elevates the character. Republicanism should be the faith of every ambitious man, young or old. Populism is all right for the fellow who has struck the bottom and never intends to make an effort to get up again.—Ex.

HELP IS WANTED when the nerves become weak and the appetite fails. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives help by making the blood rich, pure and nourishing. Get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, sick headache.