



# The - Big - Store.

## July Special Clearing Sale!

### Ladies Wrappers.

Ladies \$1.00 Wrappers reduced to 78c.  
 " 1.25 " " " 98c.  
 " 1.75 " " " 1.38

### Ladies' Shirt Waists.

\$1.00 shirt waists reduced to 78c.  
 1.25 " " " 98c.  
 1.50 " " " 1.18  
 1.75 " " " 1.38

### Special Job of Ladies' Handkerchiefs!

25 dozen would sell regular at 10c, special at 5c.  
 25 dozen sell regularly at 25c, special at 15c.

### California Canned Goods.

Gallon peeled peaches 33c.  
 California lemon cling peaches 12 1/2c, 18c and 22c per can.  
 California Apricots, Plums and Pears 12 1/2c per can.  
 Gallon Appies 25c.

## NEW WASH GOODS!

July Clearing prices at 5c, 9c, 14c, 20c, to 40c.

Didities, Swisses, Ducks, Silk Gingham, Batistes, Grenadines Mercerized, Tissues, Gingham, Etc.

### New Percales.

3/4 Simpson's silk novelties at 4 1/2c per yd.

### Ladies' Shoes.

American Girl Shoe, every pair stamped \$2.50, special clearing prices, \$1.08.

### French Zephyr Gingham.

Were 25c to 30c, special close out price, per yard

**18c.**

# MINER BROS.

**BLADEN.**  
 Mrs. Robt. Miller's sister returned to her home at Edgar Wednesday morning.

Wash Reed returned from Illinois last Thursday.

Mrs. Nellie Newhouse returned to her home in Red Cloud Friday.

C. E. Hicks started west Friday and returned Monday.

Mrs. Percy Grandstaff returned from Kansas Thursday, where she had been for the past two or three months.

George Denny and family returned Monday after a several days' visit with friends east of here.

Chas. Spence and wife came home Monday, a visit with his brother at Ruskin, Mo. state.

Mr. Yager of Oquawka, Illinois, spent several days with his friend

Webster Woodside.

Rain, rain, every day, which is hard on the grain. Much of the wheat in the shock has commenced to rot and grow.

D. E. Crum has purchased a new Hubber threshing outfit which is expected to be here in a day or two.

The funeral of Al Wilson, who was drowned on his place, was held Monday afternoon, Rev. Priestly officiating, and a large concourse followed the remains to their last resting place. The family has the sympathy of the community in this sad hour of affliction.

C. Chevalia drove over to Blue Hill Monday on business.

James Saunders and wife and L. E. Spence and wife spent the Fourth in the eastern part of the state.

Frank Whelan and family visited

with her people at Campbell the latter part of the week.

Charley Morey expects to start a blacksmith shop in Pauline.

Mrs. Cash Keith and children of Lincoln are visiting in this vicinity.

Eli H. Cox was transacting business at the county seat Saturday.

Don't be persuaded into taking something said to be "just as good" as Madison Medicine Co.'s Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, no more, no less. C. L. Cotting.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church: Preaching at 11 o'clock a.m. and 8 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. M. P. Dixon; Sunday school, 10 o'clock, L. P. Albright, superintendent; Junior Epworth League, 3 o'clock, Mrs. Bruner, superintendent; Epworth League, 7 o'clock, Mrs. Mitchell, president.

## Correspondence.

Items of Interest as Reported by Chief Reporters at Several Nearby Localities.

### CROOKED CREEK

Muddy, muddier, muddiest. We are getting our daily rains now, and two at night.

Crooked creek reached her high water mark last Monday morning.

The heavy rains and wind are doing much damage to the wheat crop. There is much wheat yet to harvest, and the heavy rains have made it almost impossible to get into the fields with a harvester.

James McIntosh is running two binders whenever the sun shines.

John Brush has seventy acres of wheat to cut, but he will get it cut if anyone does.

The bridge at the Tennant school house was impassable. The water ran over the top of the railing Monday morning.

The bridge south of Sam Smith's eighty was washed onto Mr. Maurer's farm.

Mr. Engel's corn crib was blown over the other night for the second time this summer.

Bert Tennant and family were disturbed Saturday night while eating their supper by the roof blowing off their house. The carpenters are re-roofing it.

Messrs. Maurer and Smith were rescuing calves and hogs in a boat Monday morning.

The hail did some damage to the corn and standing wheat.

Arthur Bradshaw commenced heading his wheat on the Crone place Saturday afternoon, but has not been in the field since.

Mr. Jarboe's cream wagon has to gather cream on one side of the creek one day and on the other the next, on account of washouts.

The farmers are busy resetting their wheat shocks, when it is so they can't get in the fields to cut.

The corn is not growing much this kind of weather, but the weeds are.

Mr. Tennant, Sr., had some cattle come near drowning Monday morning.

William Renkel and another gentleman from Inavale are cutting Mrs. Wallin's wheat, as Mr. Wallin is still in Lincoln.

### NORTH BRANCH, KAS

More rain than we know what to do with.

The Fourth is over, but we had fireworks that night anyway, if the wind did blow.

Charley Haworth bought a calf from Mr. Stryker.

Clay and Charley McMains started Tuesday morning to work in the harvest fields up north of Guide Rock.

Osla Lamb left for Wichita last Friday.

Mrs. Pearson is still here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Kivett.

Most all of the people from here celebrated at Red Cloud.

Louisa Toland is visiting her sister Lucy, who is working for Mr. Kessler in Red Cloud.

Miss Blanche Jones of Wichita is visiting her many relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Maggie McMains spent the Fourth with Mrs. Toland.

Sam Bayles of McCook is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Watt of Maple Grove.

Freddie Watt is spending a few days with his parents prior to his going back to Omaha.

The commencement for the common school graduates who took the examination at North Branch will be held there sometime the last of July.

The normalites are all home again and report the best normal ever held in this county. They also report the

examinations pretty hard in some branches. Among the entertainments which they enjoyed were Blind Boone's musical concert and Byron W. King's lecture. Mr. King is president of the Pittsburg (Pa.) School of Oratory.

### REACH

Another fine rain Saturday night. Everybody is in a rush to get over their corn, as some of it breaks now.

Some of the farmers report their wheat in the shock spoiling on account of the wet weather.

James Tate of Hennessey, Ok. T., is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Solomon Frazier and other relatives for a few days, and will then go out into Colorado to visit one of his daughters.

A son and daughter of Henry Smith are visiting relatives and friends in our neighborhood this week.

Nearly everybody around here celebrated the Fourth at Red Cloud.

Last week was the time to play ball, as it was too wet to do anything in the field. Remember, we always play every day that it is too wet to do anything else.

Elmer Beardslee and wife took their little girl to the doctor Friday to have her jaws lanced. She has been suffering with mumps.

We notice that Ed Carper is hobbling around on crutches on account of an injured periosteum of the tibia bone of his right leg.

We will have a daily mail at this place after July 9. It comes by way of Esbon.

Chas. Myers of Lebanon has been visiting his cousin, Ben Beardslee, and also took in the celebration at Red Cloud.

Will Frazier sold a fine load of hay to George Felton last Thursday.

### DRY CREEK.

We have had too much rain. The creek has been all out of banks.

The river is the highest in years. It came up to Morgan Davis' house, so he pulled up and went to his sister's, on the hill.

Much of Mr. Seaton's wheat was washed down the creek.

There was a washout on the railroad between Amboy and Red Cloud and no train passed for two days.

Mrs. Decker has been very ill for the past week, confined to her bed most of the time.

The crops in the country are the nicest for years. Everything looks fine.

Ned Hurd has some very fine oats. They are 5 feet high and some have over 100 grains to the head.

Elm creek was up around the mill Monday.

Some of our neighbors have their wheat all cut and some have just begun.

### WALNUT CREEK

Rain every day now. It is feared the small grain will be spoiled in the shock.

The roads are almost impassable on the bottom and many of the culverts are washed away.

Joe Vaughan of Sumner county, Kansas, son of James Vaughan, one our pioneer homesteaders, has been visiting relatives and friends.

Tom Blankenbaker lost a horse in the high water. In attempting to swim the creek it was supposed the animal failed to make the landing and, as the banks are steep, was carried down stream by the current and drowned.

Fay Arneson has succeeded in finding and hiving three swarms of bees within the last few weeks.

Mrs. Burnett of McCook is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Tom Jones.

Many tons of alfalfa hay will be ruined by the high water.

## Books

Given Free.

Commencing, Saturday, June 21st.

Below we give a partial list of the books we have on hand at present.

- Arabian Nights (3) New and Revised Edition
- The Fortunes of Nigel..... Scott
- Ivanhoe..... Scott
- Beyond the City (2)..... A. Conan Doyle
- Strange Secrets..... A. Conan Doyle
- All Sorts and Conditions of Men..... Besant and Rice
- Jet..... Edwards
- Knight Errant..... Lyall
- Beppo the Conscript..... Anthony Trollope
- Chicot the Jester..... Dumas
- Countess de Charny..... Dumas
- Love and Liberty..... Dumas
- The Conscript..... Dumas
- Vicomte de Bragelonne..... Dumas
- Consuelo..... Sand
- The Countess of Rudolstadt..... Sand
- Indiana..... Sand
- Fanchon the Cricket..... Sand
- Deldee..... Warden
- Confessions of an English Opium Eater..... De Quincey
- Gold Elsie..... Marlett
- The Man Who Was Good..... Merrick
- Jack Fernier..... Mary S. Tierman
- Honorable..... Mary S. Tierman
- Woodlanders..... Thos. Hardy
- The Desire of the Eyes..... Grant Allen
- Not in the Prospectus..... Danforth
- Bamanteh..... Loti
- A New Note..... McMahon
- Dragon's Teeth..... Serrano
- The Cedar Star..... Mann
- The Crystal Button..... Thomas
- A Living Life..... Bourget

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