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**RADICAL PRICE REDUCTIONS.**

It is nearing the time for displays of the new, bright Spring Merchandise. For the balance of January we are making some very interesting reductions in various departments.

**KNIT GOODS.**

- Golf Gloves, 50 and 60c grades, per pair..... **39c**
- Golf Gloves, 30 and 25c grades, per pair..... **19c**
- Fascinators and Shawls, 50c grade for..... **39c**
- Fascinators and Shawls, 30c grade for..... **19c**
- Fascinators and Shawls, \$1.25 grade for..... **82c**
- Knit Underskirts, 75c grade for..... **60c**
- Knit Underskirts, \$1.50 and \$1.75 grade for..... **\$1.20**

500 yards 10c Flannelettes, per yard..... **6c**

**CALICO.**

Standard Chocolate Prints, 10 yards for..... **40c**

**RIBBONS.**

Neck Ribbons in fancy and plain colors, 22 to 80 wide, worth 19 to 25c, yard..... **15c**

**WAISTING.**

- 27-inch Mercerized Waisting in plain and fancy weaves, in Panama, Etamines, Voiles, Madrases, Challies, Oxfords, etc.
- Instead of \$1.25, price now..... **95c**
- Instead of \$1.00, price now..... **80c**
- Instead of 75c, price now..... **55c**
- Instead of 60c, price now..... **45c**
- Instead of 50c, price now..... **40c**
- Instead of 35c, price now..... **23c**

**DRESS GOODS.**

- Colored Dress Fabrics, 27 inches wide, a wide range of patterns, yard..... **10, 12 1/2, 15, 18c**
- Colored Dress Fabric Novelties, 38 in. wide, per yard..... **25, 30, 35, 40c**
- Brilliantines in blacks and colors, per yard..... **50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75**
- Black goods in Novelty patterns, 37 1/2c, 45c, 65c, 90c, \$1 yard, worth 15 to 25c per yard more

**SEWING MACHINES.**

Our INVADER Sewing Machine at \$16 is one of the best values to be found. It contains all the latest improvements and looks as well as any \$25 machine. They are made by experienced and skilled workmen in one of the largest factories in the world. A complete set of attachments with every machine. Written guarantee..... **\$16**  
The FIELD machine, a regular \$35 to \$45 machine in most stores, but here..... **\$25**

**CLOAKS.**

Every garment marked in plain figures. When we advertise 1-4 or 1-3 off, that is what we mean. Prices are not raised for the occasion, but remain at the same price marked earlier in the season. During balance of January we give 1-3 off on every article in our stock.

**\$15 Garment \$10 \$6 Garment \$4 \$12 Garment \$8**  
5 last season's garments at 1-3 of their marked price, or \$21 garment for \$7, a \$12 garment for \$4.

**FLANNELETTES.**

- For Waists, Kimonos, Wrappers, etc. Some splendid values.
- 18c grade..... **15c**
- 15c grade..... **12 1-2c**
- 12c grade..... **9c**

"Satisfaction or money back."

**MINER BROS.**

**Lincoln Letter.**

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 21.  
In answer to a call issued by Secretary Bennett of the state board of assessment and equalization, the county assessors met at the capitol Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the revenue law and the duties which it will force upon them. The board is perfectly well aware of the fact that the new law will succeed if it is enforced to the letter and the same methods of assessing are practiced in all parts of the state, and that the law will fail in a measure if any officer is partial or incompetent. The board expects Secretary Bennett to keep close tab upon all of the county assessors and if one relapses into the old slipshod methods or assesses property at too low a figure in order to "make himself solid" with the taxpayers of his district, he will hear from headquarters. The board has the power to remove any officer who fails to do his duty, and this particular phase of the revenue situation was talked over in a friendly way Wednesday.

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The St. Louis exposition authorities have offered to grant special privileges to the cadets of the Nebraska university and in all probability a company will go, in uniform and under discipline, to admire and be admired.

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Labor Commissioner Bush has promptly taken advantage of the present state of public sentiment and is ordering fire escapes placed upon numerous public buildings over the state. Mr. Bush states that before the Chicago fire came as a terrible object lesson his suggestions about escapes and other safety devices were not well received, but now that is all changed and local officers work most zealously to assist him in every way within their power.

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An article which lately appeared in the editorial columns of a democratic daily, wherein the immense superiority of the former fusion administration was set forth "at great length" (referring to the type used) attracted the attention of your correspondent, and for the purpose of discovering whether or not there was even a suspicion of truth in the article, a careful survey of the records in the governor's office was made. As was anticipated the resultant figures prove beyond doubt that the present administration, so bitterly assailed upon every possible occasion, has been much more economical than the very administrations so loudly praised as the best the state ever had.

In the beginning, it must be remembered that Nebraska is a growing state. Her needs have kept step with her resources. If her earning capacity has increased slightly, her expense account has been increased in greater measure, so that it would be unfair to compare the expenditures of the various administrations, without allowing for the growing family of dependents which have been put upon the state. It is well to remember, too, that a governor or other state officer is not the legislature, and cannot make appropriations. All that an official can do is to disburse the money allowed to his department in the best possible way and make every dollar do a hundred cents' worth of good to the state. The record of the present administration in that regard is something which the party may well be proud of.

Reports recently filed with the governor show that the average cost of supporting the inmates of the state's various penal, charitable and educational institutions has been just \$91.95 per capita for the six months just ended. Under the Poynter administration, pointed to with pride by men who are adepts in making figures prevaricate, the per capita cost is \$98.70. These figures are eloquent enough of themselves, but with them are circumstances which add greatly to their force and weight.

It need scarcely be explained that the increased price of living, the higher wage paid to every laborer who works for the state, the advance in

food products, coal, clothing and every other article the value of which fluctuates or is affected by industrial conditions, all have been overcome by the present officials, yet the reports prove that each one of the 3,031 state beneficiaries is maintained for six months for \$6.75 less than under the Poynter reign. This means a saving of \$82,647 per biennium.

A still greater discrepancy would be shown if it were possible to get some account of the disbursements made by one of Governor Poynter's appointees, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Lang, the York physician who sang his way into the superintendency of the Beatrice institute and became famous for the lavish expenditures of public money made by himself and his family of assistants. Not a report or a column of figures is on file in the governor's office to show the extent of the depredations which Lang committed upon the public treasury while he was purchasing silk stockings and fine linen for his female relatives out of the funds of the institution.

In addition to all of this, it may be said that the institutions today are kept up, the buildings, the bill of fare, the sanitary arrangements, the discipline and instruction being maintained at a high standard, while under Poynter there were leaks in the roofs of nearly every state building—and elsewhere.

**A Reform in School Work.**

Some reforms seem to come by chance.

There were complaints of overcrowded schools at Batavia, N. Y., and the board secured seven extra teachers. The superintendent, instead of setting them to hearing recitations like the regular teachers, set them to giving individual instruction to pupils that were behind in the course and were a drag to the whole school.

The experiment was, to quote the report of the state superintendent, a startling and instantaneous success. Discouragement, which is the bane of school life, has disappeared from all faces and tears from all eyes.

The backward pupil's have become forward so to speak, and in many cases have pressed the bright lights and leading pupils of the classroom so that these have all they can do to keep their old standing.

These seven extra teachers go from room to room in their work, helping along the backward wherever found. They are not assistants or subordinates, but rank with the regular teachers and receive the same pay. They do not in any sense do the pupils work, but show him how to do it for himself, how to concentrate the mind, how to study.

The Journal of Pedagogy unreservedly proves the plan thus:

"A rather wide observation of public school conditions justifies us in saying that there may be seen in Batavia a healthier, happier, more industrious body of teachers and pupils than are to be found in any other public school system in America. The first impression one gets is that of abounding physical and intellectual life. Although the teachers and pupils work as hard in the Batavia schools as elsewhere, there is no complaint about overwork and nervousness, and there is trustworthy evidence that the health of the pupils entering school in a physical condition below the normal has shown a decided change for the better."

Of course the system is not new, except to the public schools of this country. The private tutor in British institutions is as old as the educational system there, and the office is fundamental in continental education. Its accidental application to the public schools seem to have worked wonderfully well. It is worth thinking about.

**Doings of the County Board.**

The board of county commissioners met January 19, all members present. F. H. Gerlach was elected chairman of the board for the ensuing year.

The bond of Elias Lockhart as road overseer, district No 88, was approved. Adjourned.

January 13—Board met pursuant to

adjournment, all member present. County treasurer instructed to sell lot 4 blk 3, Red Cloud, for delinquent taxes.

Petition for reduction of assessment of Union Assurance company rejected. The official bonds of several road overseers and constables were approved.

The contract for furnishing blank books and supplies which could not be obtained in Red Cloud was awarded to the State Journal company.

On motion the county officers were given the privilege of procuring their stationery supplies wherever they pleased, so long as the price did not exceed the lowest bid for county printing.

H. E. Grice was awarded contract for furnishing supplies not included in foregoing awards.

The contract for publishing the delinquent tax list was awarded to the Red Cloud Nation and the Blue Hill Leader at legal rate.

The contract for publishing the proceedings of the board of county commissioners was awarded to the Red Cloud Nation at \$40 per annum.

In accordance with the new revenue and salary law, the salary of the superintendent of county schools was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per annum. Adjourned.

January 14—Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present.

The appointment of John Garber as deputy county clerk was approved.

On motion the board made an allowance for the pay of a deputy county treasurer.

On motion the appointment of Samuel W. Foes as deputy sheriff was approved.

On motion the appointment of C. B. Crone as deputy clerk of the district court was approved.

The appointments of deputy county assessors, as published in full last week, were approved.

The estimate of expenses for the ensuing year, amounting to \$37,000, was presented, and the board adjourned to January 16 to allow the committee time to investigate.

January 16—Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members present.

The official bonds of a number of road overseers were approved.

The county attorney was instructed to appeal to the supreme court in the case of W. J. Vance vs. Webster county.

The usual number of claims against the county were presented and allowed, following which the board adjourned to meet February 1.

**GUIDE ROCK.**

A Mr. Caster of Oberlin, Kan., was in Guide Rock on business the forepart of the week.

Quite a number are sick, but none are considered dangerous.

John Coon and Wm. Lucas, who

**Newhouse Brothers**

**Jewelers & Opticians**

**Satisfaction Guaranteed**

have been camping at the livery barn since Saturday evening with their teams and wagons, started for Oklahoma Tuesday morning.

If you listen you will hear something soon—bells, bells.

There is talk of about three new buildings of considerable size being erected in the spring.

Baxter Colvin is now employed in his father's real estate, loan and insurance office.

Parties from eastern Nebraska are inquiring for town property here.

I. B. Colvin has been troubled with lameness supposed to be rheumatism.

Thos. Smith is up from Richardson county, shaking hands with old acquaintances. Mr. Smith used to live two miles north of Guide Rock.

I. B. Colvin has some cattle for sale. R. S. Denny north of town has been very sick, but is reported better.

Mrs. Dickerson's house is nearing the finish.

Carpenter Thompkins is crippled with rheumatism.

A. L. Drizkwalter, southeast of town has been on the sick list for some time, but is out again.

**BLADEN.**

Charles Spence of Upland was doing business in this city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Red drove over to Roseland last Saturday, returning home Sunday.

A. McCoy and family of Blue Hill visited at the home of Mrs. McCoy's father, A. Brady, west of town.

C. H. Reed of Idaho is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reed.

Mrs. Jennie Searles returned from Ragon last Wednesday morning, where she has been visiting.

Fred Reed and wife more over to Bladen last Wednesday.

C. Chevalier of Campbell was in this city Monday.

Miss Marker spent Sunday visiting her parents, south of here.

**Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.**

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 124.

**Card of Thanks.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hurd of Cowles wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness in assisting during the illness and after the death of their beloved daughter, Ruth Louise Hurd.

**To Cure A Cold In One Day.**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.