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For SALE!

The entire hardware department of the Red Front Mercantile Co's is now for sale. Come in and buy part of it.

- Carpets
- Rugs
- Mattings
- Burlap
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- Oil Cloth
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- Gas Ranges
- Kitchen Cabinets
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- Parlor Furniture
- Pictures

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Red Front Merc. Co.

The Village Campaign.

It does not seem necessary to discuss, at length, the issues involved in the municipal election to be held next Tuesday. Three members of the old board have been nominated to succeed themselves. They are well known business men and there is no one to question their honesty or ability. They have served the village for some time and may well be proud of what they have accomplished. A few years ago the village was bonded for \$8,400 and was behind a year's interest. The back interest has been paid and \$4,000 in bonds have been paid. Seven hundred and twenty acres of land has been bought at a cost of \$1440. The water mains have been extended to about twice what they were, and, with the exception of \$4,400 of bonds, the village is out of debt.

When people issue a circular, telling what other villages have done, consider what this village has done. In addition to the above, during the past year, the present town board solved the water problem. For years we were compelled to use water from the mill pond. The men who are now candidates for re-election discovered that an abundant water supply could be secured from wells at a small cost. And the result is, that we have a never failing supply of pure water. The wells have been tested and found to furnish all the water the village will ever want, and the water has been analyzed and found to be perfectly pure. All that is lacking is a reservoir to take the place of the old rotten tank. This tank is so old and the wood so rotten that the water tastes of the rotten wood. Something must be done to take its place. Through the efforts of the present board congress has just granted us 240 acres across the creek on which to build a reservoir. If the old board is re-elected we may expect to see a new reservoir constructed there this spring. If you elect a new board you may expect the matter to be dragged along indefinitely while they are getting together and trying to agree on what ought to be done. This is the time to build. Labor is easier to get this year; it will give employment to our laborers and teamsters and help to keep business going until the panic is over.

There are people who constantly kick at the town board without stopping to know whether their complaint is well founded or not. One man complains of the hog ordinance, another about a quarantine, one about one thing and another about another. This hog ordinance was passed in 1896—twelve years ago—and no one has ever presented a petition to the board to have it repealed. If it is such a bad thing why has no one asked for its repeal? Why hold the present board responsible for an ordinance that was in force years before they went on the board? But they say it has not been enforced against all alike. The ordinance allows shippers and dealers to hold hogs for shipment. If they have been held for any other purpose, no one has filed a complaint with the board. One man, who is now running for election on the opposition ticket, complains because his family was quarantined and admitted the other night, in one of the saloons, that he was running "to get even." In enforcing this quarantine the board was simply doing its duty. What would you think of a board that would let children, suffering with a contagious disease, out to mingle with your children at school and spread the disease among all the children of the town?

....SPECIALS....

We have on our special sale counter this week a bunch of bargains you cannot afford to pass up.

- Ladies' Waists.....19c
- Napkins, good quality, per dozen.....75c
- Shetland Floss, assorted, per skein.....05c
- Ribbon Remnants, good grade, 1 to 3 inches wide, yd.....10c
- Ladies' Kid Gloves, per pair.....75c
- Child's Mittens, per pair.....05c
- Lace, 1 to 3 inches wide, per yard.....05c
- Dressing Sacques, each.....49c
- Ladies' Stockings, per pair.....10c
- Men's Sox, per pair.....10c

We also have an assortment of ladies' skirts which we offer at 50 per cent discount. See our dry goods premium plan in south window.

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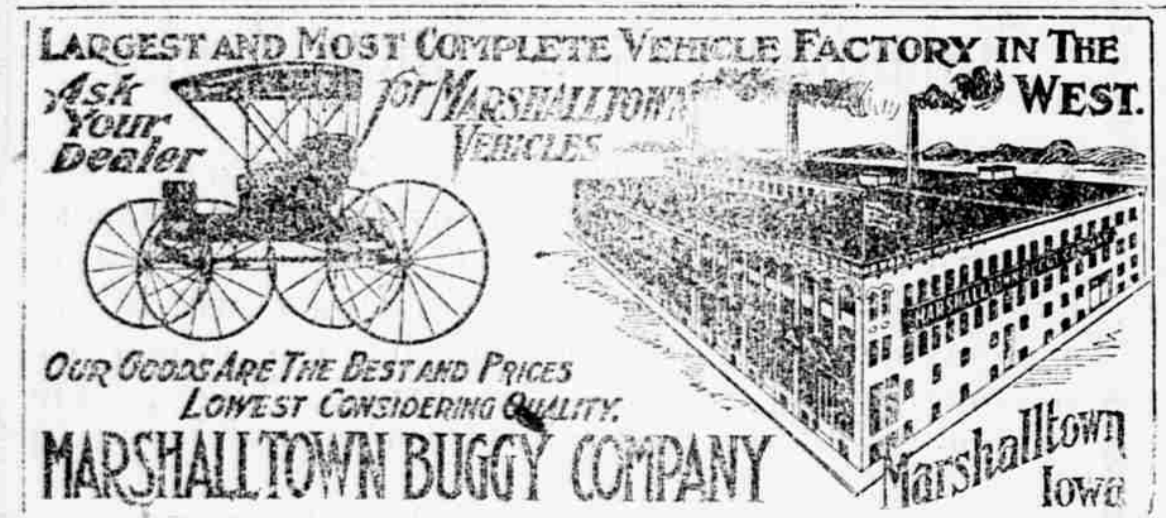
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Dr. Meehan, osteopath, has moved into his new office, rooms over the Red Front store. Telephone No. 100. 10

Do you want to lay down the bars and say to this man we will put you on the board so the next time some member of your family has a contagious disease you may spread it among all the children of the town?

These are the motives that animate some of the people who are trying to vote out the present board. Others are honestly endeavoring to vote out the saloon under the belief that if we have no saloons we will have no drunkenness. The history of prohibition does not warrant anyone in believing that there is less drunkenness under prohibition than under high license. Just look at the states that have tried it and abandoned it. If a state cannot enforce it do you think a village can? Broken Bow is a prohibition town, but last Saturday morning two drunken men engaged in a brawl on the main street and one shot the other dead. If this had occurred here it would have been pointed out as the result of having saloons in town, but it occurred in a town that has no saloon—the men were drunk just the same.

It is one thing to vote out the saloon but quite a different thing to stop the consumption of liquor.

To vote the town dry simply means that you take \$2,500 from the school fund and \$1,500 from the village treasury. It means that you close five business houses on Main street and throw twelve or fifteen men out of employment. These men must engage in something else. They must either compete with you for the job you have or they must move away. If they get your job you must move away. In either event you have driven just so many families from the town. You have reduced the school revenue until the number of teachers must be reduced or the number of months school kept is reduced. You have reduced the village income and taxes must be increased, and all you get in return will be a few "blind tigers" that pay no revenue to anyone. Do you want to make the change?

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Louis H. Baumann and C. B. Bachelor under the firm name and style of Baumann & Bachelor has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement of said partners. All bills due the said co-partnership are due and owing to C. B. Bachelor.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1908.
L. H. BAUMANN.
C. B. BACHELOR.

We have had a panic;
We have had a mild winter;
We have had some closing out sales, but

We

are still doing business at the old stand and invite our friends to remember us when in want of the staples of life.

Call and see us. Phone 23

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