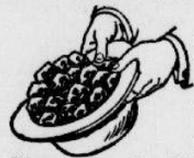


A STORE FOR EVERYBODY

MISSOULA MERCANTILE COMPANY

A STORE FOR EVERYTHING

A Hat Full of Coal Lasts All Night in Cole's HOT BLAST



That is a tremendous fact for users of heaters. Your fire is never out!

A hat full of coal in a Cole's Hot Blast burns all night, and in the morning instead of building the fire, shivering in a chilled room and waiting for the fire to heat up, you open a draft only.

And there is fuel enough left to warm up nicely.

We not only say this. We guarantee it, and our word is backed by the largest manufacturer of soft coal heaters in America.

We guarantee a saving in fuel of a third. This is a conservative guarantee. You really save one-half to 60 per cent of your winter's fuel bill by using this stove.

In fact, our guarantee on Cole's Hot Burns Any Fuel--Soft Coal, Hard Coal or Wood

Blast is the most sweeping statement ever put behind a heater, and it puts us in the lead of all stove dealers.

Let us show you this remarkable heater--this clean stove--this continuous fire holder--this expensive cutter--this beauty.

Take note that this heater burns soft coal, hard coal, wood, slack, lignite or coals--and we guarantee it against any heater, size for size, at twice or three times its price.

Ours is the Original Cole's Hot Blast, with the name Cole's on the feed door.



Shows top draft burning the GAS half of soft coal.

\$10.50 Up

A Great Spread of Blanket Bargains

The liveliest blanket selling of the season, to the tune of clearance prices. Continuing throughout the week we offer our entire stock of bed blankets at tremendous savings and the opportunity is at hand to lay in a good supply for the cold weather just around the corner and for future needs.

Attend This Great Sale Without Fail Values Absolutely Without Parallel

EXTRA SPECIAL
Full 10-4 size Cotton Sheet Blankets, double; in tan and silver gray, with fancy borders, regular price 60c a pair, special **35c** pr
No Phone Orders. None Sold to Dealers.

Cozy Cotton Blankets
The following are full and extra size, in white, tan and gray, with fancy colored borders, and excellent values at regular prices:
Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$1.50, special only **\$1.20**
Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$1.75, special, only **\$1.40**
Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$2.00, special, only **\$1.60**

Heavy Oregon Blankets All Wool
Mottled gray and vicuna color, with stripe borders in fancy colors; 4 to 10 pounds each; 10-4, 11-4 and extra large sizes.
\$4.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$3.20**
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\$5.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$4.00**
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\$8.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$7.00**
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\$9.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$8.00**

Mixed Wool Camp Blankets
Good, durable warm blankets, in good heavy weights, in gray, brown and mixed colors with fancy borders.
Mixed Wool Blankets, regularly priced at \$2.25, special, only **\$1.80**
Mixed Wool Blankets, regularly priced at \$2.50, special, only **\$2.00**
Mixed Wool Blankets, regularly priced at \$3.00, special, only **\$2.40**
Mixed Wool Blankets, regularly priced at \$3.50, special, only **\$2.80**

EXTRA SPECIAL
Our popular "Sarnia" Blankets, strictly all-wool, 11-4 size, in white with pink border and gray with blue border, regular price \$6 a pair, special while they last **\$4.25**
No Phone Orders. None Sold to Dealers.

White Home Blankets All Wool
Soft, downy white blankets in all grades and sizes. The better ones are our extra high grade MISMERCO blankets, the finest made.
\$3.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$2.80**
\$4.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$3.20**
\$4.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$3.60**
\$5.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$4.00**
\$5.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$4.50**
\$6.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$5.00**
\$6.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$5.50**
\$7.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$6.00**
\$7.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$6.50**
\$8.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$7.00**



Fancy Bed Blankets All Wool

Beautiful blankets in handsome checked and plaid patterns; some in light shades, others in bright colors.
\$6.50 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$5.20**
\$7.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$5.60**
\$8.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$6.40**
\$9.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$7.20**
\$10.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$8.00**
\$12.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$9.60**
\$14.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$11.20**
\$15.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$12.00**

My, What Fun the Young Folks Are Having



Heaps of sport and loads of good healthy exercise for the boys and girls now since the sleighing is good, so buy them sleds and let them enjoy it. Ours are made of carefully selected materials and are strong, speedy and substantial.

Flexible Flyers
These are the fastest, safest, and in the saving of shoe leather, are the cheapest to buy. Can be steered either with hands or feet.
Prices **\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$6.00.**
Wood Coasters for boys, small and large, plain and fancy, at **50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.50, \$2.15, \$2.25 and \$3.50.**
Star steel Coasters, all steel except tops **\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.65**
Star steel Sleds, for girls **\$1.35, \$1.60, \$1.85 and \$2.85**
Wood Sleds, for girls **45c, 55c, 65c, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$2.00 up to \$3.25**
Push sleds, for babies **\$3.75, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00**
Ice Skates, for children, men and women, per pair **.50c to \$4.00**
Ice Creepers, make it safe to walk on slippery places **.25c to 60c**

The Season's Greatest Coat Sale---Stylish Garments at Lowest Prices

Two Days Only---Tuesday and Wednesday

Now, madam, is your chance to buy a stylish, serviceable winter coat at a price that rewards you well for waiting, but you must act promptly if you would secure for yourself the benefit that the sale affords, for these special prices will not apply after Wednesday, and if you really want the best choice of these remarkable offerings you'll be on hand early this morning.

\$25 and \$27.50 Coats Only \$12.50
Handsome garments, made in three-quarter lengths and full lengths in stylish loose-back models, from fine all-wool broadcloth and kerseys in dark red, wine, dark green, dark browns and cream color; highest class tailoring throughout, satin lined and ornamented with braids and fancy buttons; coats regularly sold at \$25 and \$27.50, specially priced for this sale at **\$12.50** only

Half Price for These Beautiful Coats
And they are beautiful coats! Made of heavy weight mannish patterned cloakings, in brown, tan, dark gray, dark green and fancy mixtures, in very stylish full loose back and semi-fitted models; they are lined with the finest satin and are trimmed with fancy buttons and silk velvets in contrasting colors.
Coats regularly priced **\$13.75** at \$27.50, only **\$13.75**
Coats regularly priced **\$17.50** at \$35, only **\$17.50**

Coats for Misses and Young Ladies
These are garments received just in advance of the holidays and are the latest expressions of winter styles. They come in broadcloths and light weight kerseys, in the most popular colors and are made in semi-fitted and loose-back styles, trimmed with braids, buttons and silk velvets and satin lined.
Regular \$18.50 Coats **\$10** specially priced at **\$10**
Regular \$20.00 Coats **\$12.50** specially priced at **\$12.50**
Regular \$25.00 Coats **\$16.50** specially priced at **\$16.50**



Children's and Misses' Coats

Mothers of girls will welcome this opportunity to buy good, warm, durable coats for their daughters at prices averaging half those ordinarily asked. Such bargains as are noted below are really remarkable, possible only because it is our time for clearance in this line.

\$6.50 Reefers Only \$2.50
Children's Reefers, made of dark mixed materials in the most popular colors, lined with heavy sateen or red flannel; no two alike and each one is well made, warm and serviceable; values up to \$6.50, specially priced at **\$2.50**

\$10.50 Coats Only \$5
Coats for girls and misses, sizes 6 to 12 years, made of heavy kerseys and broadcloths and plain and two-toned mixtures, in all colors; well made garments, with good durable linings and neatly trimmed; regularly priced at from \$8.50 to \$10.50, only **\$5.00**
Another assortment of Coats of the same general description but made of better materials; regularly priced at from \$12 to \$13.50, only **\$6.50**



Dresses and Walking Skirts Worth Up to \$9.95 Only \$5 Each

A large assortment to choose from, in Panama, serge, voile, fancy mixtures and taffetas, made in the best models and all man-tailored garments.

New Lawn Waists
An advance shipment of lawn waists, made in the new spring styles, with tucked front and back, long sleeves and tailored or fancy embroidered front; in all sizes; special values at **\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50**

SPORTS BASEBALL DECISIONS IMPORTANT

NATIONAL COMMISSION REINSTATES SEBRING AND FINES OTHER PLAYERS.

Cincinnati, Jan. 4.—The question whether the American association and the Eastern league will be put into a special classification among the baseball clubs of the country is not yet decided by the national baseball commission. The members of the commission worked for six hours on the case today and late tonight adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning when a decision will probably be rendered.

The commission transacted much other business today. The most prominent case decided was the reinstatement of Player Jim Sebring. He is fined \$200 outright and the club that purchases him must pay \$60 to the Cincinnati baseball club in settlement of a debt due from Sebring. The commission decided upon December 1 as the date when major league clubs may purchase players. Heretofore they could not purchase before February 1. Freeman, Johnson, Jesse Tannahill and Keeley of the Washington club were reinstated but fined \$200 with \$150 of each sentence suspended. Player John Innes, formerly of Haverhill, Mass. club, who was under contract for the Philadelphia Americans and drafted by Denver, was awarded to Philadelphia. The claim of the Detroit Americans

against the Johnstone club of the Tri-state league, was granted in part, \$750 having been asked for and \$375 allowed.

August Herrman was re-elected chairman of the commission and John E. Bruce was re-elected secretary. President Herrman reported that the actual cost of maintaining the commission during the year was \$4,400. President James O'Brien of the American association, announced that he had signed Empire Owners of Kansas City to affiliate during the coming season at American association games. Owens umpired about 25 games of the National league last season.

Many little lives have been saved by Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. It is the only safe remedy for infants and children as it contains no opiates or other narcotic drugs, and children like Foley's Honey and Tar. Careful mothers keep a bottle in the house. Refuse substitutes. For sale by Geo. Freishelmer.

"BLUE LAWS" IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 4.—The police today arrested several performers at the so-called "Sunday concert." The Theater Managers' Protective association made public today resolutions protesting against the enforcement of "blue laws."

Brave Fire Laddies
often receive severe burns, putting out fires, then use Bucklen's Arnica Salve and forget them. It soon drives out pain. For burns, scalds, wounds cuts and bruises it's earth's greatest healer. Quickly cures skin eruptions, oil sores, boils, ulcers, feliens; best pille cure made. Relief is instant; 25c at Geo. Freishelmer's.

BURNS BADLY USED BY AMATEUR

DOUGLAS, A HARD HITTING ENGLISHMAN, GAVE CANADIAN BAD THREE ROUNDS.

Supposing J. W. H. T. Douglas were a professional boxer instead of an amateur, and then suppose we were to fight Tommy Burns for the world's championship, what would happen then? That is a question English sports are asking.

According to a great many fast critics who have seen the work of Mr. Douglas in the last few months, Burns would be a very busy boy and would have to "go some" to hang on to the title.

Douglas won the middleweight boxing championship in the Olympic games, fighting at 157 pounds, and, more than that, he has captured also the heavyweight amateur championship of England, beating men to whom he was giving 40 to 50 pounds in weight. And that isn't all, either. Douglas has already fought Tommy Burns, and the favored folks who saw the fight declare that Tommy had all he could do to keep on his feet and parry the blows that J. W. H. T. was sending his way.

Tommy began being clever Douglas hit him. The first blow he landed nearly put Burns out of business, and Tommy stiffened up for a battle, with the fancy stunts out. Those who saw the fight say that when the three rounds were over Burns had received the worst mauling he ever got, while Douglas was almost untouched.

IN THE THEATERS

Tonight "The Land of Nod" will be presented at the Union theater. It is a production which has been eagerly waited for by all who enjoy the best in stage entertainments, and the indications are that it will be witnessed by a very large audience. The advance sale of seats is one of the greatest of the season, and, although the seats are not all gone, there will probably be none left when the doors open. It is pretty generally known that this show is one of the genuine fine, high-class attractions now current in this country, and its success here and in other cities justifies the keen interest in it which is shown in Missoula.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box 25c.

BASEBALL'S POOREST AGGREGATION

ST. LOUIS TEAM OF 1898 HOLDS RECORD FOR NUMBER OF GAMES LOST.

Probably the worst baseball team that ever attempted to hold a place in a big league was the 1898 St. Louis team, managed by Lave Cross. The aggregation was transferred in mid-season from the river town to Cleveland, while the scrappy Cleveland bunch, with Pat Tebeau as leader, went to St. Louis. The reason for the change was on account of Cleveland being absolutely dead as a baseball town and the St. Louis team having no drawing characteristics.

Russ Hall was a member of the St. Louis outfit and has some good stories to tell of the season's adventures: "If we had 500 persons at a game in those days," says Russ, "we reckoned ourselves in clover. We didn't waste much money on carriages when street cars were handy you may be sure and a dollar looked bigger to us than a double eagle would to a successful team." "One day in Boston, with the score 1 to 1 against us, we had the bases full and old Tom Tucker at bat in the ninth inning. A hit over the short fence meant victory for us. Tom had sent many a ball over there for the Boston team in the old days and I had hopes as the Boston pitcher was fast weakening." "The best Tom could do was a drive against the right field fence that was fielded back in time to nip Tom at second." "Too bad, Tuck, old boy," I said as he came in.

got that ball in my pocket now. If it had gone over the fence we wouldn't have had a ball to practice with tomorrow.

"We were coming back from a disastrous eastern trip one day and I happened to remark to the boys that we hadn't done very well since we left home." "Oh, I don't know," said Tom. "I've up Dick Harley. 'We came pretty near winning that game at Baltimore a week ago last Thursday.'" "Another time we had lost seven or eight home games in a row by scores like 7 to 0, 9 to 1 and there was a notice posted at the clubhouse calling for morning practice." "The boys came out at 8 o'clock next day and worked hard until about 1 o'clock. That afternoon we were beaten 10 to 0." "Mornin' practice tomorrow?" asked Harry Lockhead after the game.

SPORTING NOTES

St. Louis fans are not disposed to believe that the trade by which the Cardinals get a manager who can catch for three men who figured prominently in winning many games last year for the St. Louis National league team will be of benefit to that team. It is a lead-pipe cinch that Robinson got a first-class catcher, but what he got as a manager is, thus far, a problem. It is also a cinch that McGraw got two mighty promising pitchers in Fromme and Raymond, and it was in the box that the New York was weakest last season. There is also a chance that New York gets Karger or Outfielder Murray, either of whom are recognized as stellar players.

Corbett, who issues a challenge to meet the big black for a purse of \$50,000. "Ain't it awful, Mabel?"

A well-defined rumor emanates from Chicago that Danny Shay will fill the place in the Cubs' infield, left vacant by the retirement of Johnny Evers. Shay has been playing outlaw ball for several years and is said to be the fastest second baseman on the Pacific coast.

Fair in Frenchtown.

There will be a fair held at Frenchtown, January 6, 7, 8 and 9, for the purpose of raising funds for a public hall. Valuable presents given every night and an entertainment and dance the last night. Mrs. P. Loisele, president. Mrs. P. Matt and Mrs. P. Paul, assistants.

Tests of small arms by the Swedish government have shown that three inches of pasteboard will stop a bullet that easily penetrates five-inch wooden planks.

Are You a Weather Prophet?
Does your rheumatism tell you when we're going to have rain or a change in the weather? You'd be willing to quit predicting the weather if you could get rid of the rheumatism--then use Ballard's Snow Liniment. It's sure. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Geo. Freishelmer.

During the 37 years that the German federal government has been in existence 2,707,876 natives have emigrated, nearly five-sixths of them to the United States.