

# A GRAND CLEARANCE SALE!

Of one of the Largest Stocks of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes in Barton County.

## The "FAMOUS" Dry Goods, Clothing, Boot and Shoe House of Great Bend

Will commence the Second Grand Clearance Sale on Dec. 7th, 1887, and continue for 30 days. We invoice stock on Jan. 1st, and from this date until then we propose to close out our entire stock to make room for one of the Largest Stocks of Spring Goods ever opened in the county, and in order to do this we shall make prices so Low that every buyer will find something to interest them.

The Goods MUST GO, if they do not bring half their value, as it is contrary to our system of doing business to carry over or repack any goods. This Grand Slaughter of Prices will last **Only 30 Days.** You will save 50 per cent. by buying now.

### NOTE A FEW OF THE MANY BARGAINS:

75 men's all wool medicated underwear \$ 1.00 worth \$ 1.50	700 yds jeans	20c	49 Mens suits	5.00	7.50
10,000 yds heavy (yd wide) brown muslin 5c	1 lot red table cloth	33 1/2	75 " "	7.00	10.00
9,000 yds heavy bleached muslin 5c	1 lot red table linen	25c	54 " "	9.00	12.00
500 yds prints 4c	200 pr men's boots, full stock	2.00	98 boy's suits	1.75 to 5.00	
5,000 yds all wool medicated flannel 20c	50 pr men's rubber boots	2.00	223 Pr ladies calf shoes	@ 1.25	1.65
17,000 yds heavy cheviot 10c	63 men's suits	3.50	179 " " " "	@ 1.50	2.00
			133 " " kid shoes	@ 1.25	1.75

The above are only a few of the many bargains we offer during this grand slaughter sale. Yours for low prices,

Only Cash house in the City.

**FAMOUS.**

#### THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WILL E. STOKE,

Editor and Proprietor,

(Office in Opera Block)

GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

#### City and County.

This is examination week at the public schools.

Christmas turkey is coming to town, dressed and undressed.

Various grand drawings are on the tapis this week, among the different business men.

Chauncey Butler has started a shaving shop on Main street, one door north of the Central hotel.

We understand that Pawnee Rock has \$2,000 subscribed for the purpose of boring for natural gas.

Miss Joseph Johns, of Cimarron, Kansas, is in the city visiting with the family of W. D. Gould.

Frank Shenk, of Hoisington, was down Tuesday taking in the town. He is one of Hoisington's hotel men.

A. C. Green and Frank Clark, of Independent township, were in Saturday, interviewing Mr. Santa Claus.

Hacker Bros. have a word to say to-day which will be found of interest to you. Read their new ad. carefully.

The German M. E. church will have their Christmas tree festivities on Friday night instead of Saturday night.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company paid \$16,000 taxes into our county treasury Tuesday afternoon.

Henry Brock, of Grant township, and Peter Brock, of Walnut township, were in the city Tuesday, taking in our business houses.

Mrs. M. H. Meeker, from Homestead, came in town Monday, and not feeling like facing the north wind remained over night.

The Brinkman Bank is being renovated and papered, and when finished, will be one of the most handsome rooms in the city.

Robert Bayer was in the city Monday. He tells us that he was burned out at Lamar, Col., on the 29th of November, losing about \$2,500 in the fire.

Mr. Waynant says it is expected that the partial block on the Mo. Pacific east of here will be broken, and trains will get through all right after today.

W. B. Cornell, our newly elected chief of the fire department, left last night for a visit to Pontiac, Ill., where Mrs. Cornell has been for some months.

The invitations are now out for the Christmas ball, under the auspices of the Silver cornet band, on Friday evening of this week. We acknowledge receipt of invitation and tickets.

One item which it gives us pleasure to record is the notice which W. H. H. Keeney received to the effect that he has been allowed \$440 back pay, for services rendered the government.

In another column you will notice that the county treasurer's office will be closed until the 24th inst. If you have dilly-dallied around and failed to "get to the front" in time, you will have to pay the penalties.

Joseph Heuvelsen, of South Bend, arrived Sunday with the corpse of his mother, who died in Kansas City and will be buried in Seward by the side of her husband. Mr. H. is a brother-in-law of W. P. Coles, of this city.

Someone, without the fear of the Lord or the city marshal, got away with a fifteen pound dressed turkey which Cole & Argabrite had hanging "on the outer wall."

"The rage for ending female names with 'ie' has come to a ridiculous conclusion in a Kansas town," says the naughty Joplin Herald. "A citizen named Ake christened his daughter Belle. She, adopting the style of the Mollies, Susies, Fannies and Matties of that region, had some cards printed 'Bellie,' and now she appears to a distracted world as 'Miss Belle Ake.'"

President Cleveland, when a boy, tramped through Syracuse and Utica looking for work, without a dollar in his pocket, and ransacked Buffalo in vain for days trying to find a situation as office boy. Earlier in life he served as chore boy in a grocer's store at sixty dollars a year. He kept books for the blind asylum of New York at the age of sixteen, and there acquired his neat hand-writing.

#### Office Closed.

The County Treasurer's office will be closed until Saturday, December 24th. Books are out of our hands, and no business will be done. All having tax receipts here are required to take them up that day.

L. F. WEVER.

#### No Coal Famine.

Our people may rest easy on the coal question at present, for our dealers assure us there is a good quantity now on hand and more on the way. There are now in the yards here some 25 cars of soft coal and five or six of hard coal.

#### Surprise Party.

Tuesday evening the M. A. A. N. club stormed the residence of Mr. C. F. Culver in great numbers, the occasion being a surprise birthday party to Miss Hattie Culver. The evening was spent in a joyous manner, and the young folks are unanimous in saying they were royally entertained.

#### Knights Templar.

At the regular convocation of St. Omer Commandry, No. 14, Knights Templar, held Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chas. F. Culver, Eminent Commander; O. B. Wilson, Generalissimo; W. Torrey, Capt. Gen.; R. F. Pleger, Recorder; C. A. Patterson, Treasurer.

#### He Played With Matches.

Mr. Baird, living nine miles west of this city, had his barn and all of its contents burned to the ground Saturday. He was working on his farm some distance from the barn, and looking in that direction he discovered it was on fire; by the time he reached it he was too late to save anything. His little adopted son, who was seen playing around the barn a short time before, was missing, and Mrs. Baird was badly burned in trying to go inside of the barn to look for the missing child. In a short time, however, the missing boy came forth from a clump of bushes, where he had been hiding, and said that he had been playing with matches and the barn catching fire, frightened him and he ran away and hid. In the barn were many tons of hay, besides grain and farming implements, harnesses, etc., all of which were burned.

Gentlemen you can find the warmest and best Mitts for 50c, at the 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

One of our real estate men has received several letters from eastern men, regarding Great Bend, which say the writers are coming here in the spring.

We show the best line of mufflers in the city. 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

J. L. Roberts leaves to-morrow for Minneapolis, Kansas, to construct railroad yards and do other railroad work in that city for the Santa Fe.

If this cold weather don't let up there is bound to be a wedding in high life.

Remember that on Dec. 24th we will away a fine plush cloak. 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

Adam Frank, an old friend and schoolmate of D. C. Luse, is in the city making Mr. Luse a visit. His home is in Fulton, Iowa.

We will give you better bargains in clothing than any house west of Kansas City. 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

Edson Pinney was confined to the house with a bad attack of rheumatism.

We show the largest stock of boots and shoes in town. 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

At the Santa Fe yards considerable shifting about of material is going on.

You will buy the best style wraps in town at Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

D. C. Barrows is in from Fairview township, Tuesday on business.

See those new Toboggans at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

A number of German citizens are about to organize a singing society.

Our prices are always the lowest, for this reason, that we are the only strictly cash house in town. 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

Corn and Feed, at Culver's Elevator. 37<sup>tf</sup>

If you want a nice cloak you can save money by buying it at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

**Don't fail to see Allen's great display of Holiday Goods.**

Just the thing to buy this cold weather is those legins, at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

FOR SALE.—I have for sale at my elevator, good, clean Nebraska Oats, at 32 cents per bushel. oct 1-5m J. B. DANIELS.

The best eleven-quarter Red Blankets, in the city, sold cheap, at the 26\*<sup>m</sup> FAMOUS.

**Don't fail to see Allen's great display of Holiday Goods.**

Ladies heavy rubber cotton hose, only 15c, at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

Money to Loan.

—Call on H. Uden, at Odin, Kas. Good terms. 48

You will save money by buying rubber boots and shoes at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

**Don't fail to see Allen's great display of Holiday Goods.**

You will save 50 per cent. by buying clothing, boots and shoes at the Famous. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

Toboggans! Toboggans!! Toboggans!!! The largest assortment and the prettiest styles of Toboggans, at the Famous, that was ever shown in the west. Prices the lowest. 26\*<sup>m</sup>

Beggs' Cherry Cough Syrup. Is the only medicine that acts directly on the Lungs, Blood and Bowels, it relieves a cough instantly and in time effects a permanent cure. SHAW & WILSON, Druggist.

Regular Communication. There will be a regular communication of Great Bend Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., Friday evening, Dec. 23d, at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers and payments of dues. M. CARAWAY, Sec'y.

To Whom it may Concern. The undersigned hereby gives notice that his wife, Barbara Meyer, has left his home without just provocation, and he will no longer pay debts contracted by her from date, December 13th, 1887. AUGUST MEYER.

Beggs' Cherry Cough Syrup. Is warranted for all that the label calls for, so if it does not relieve your cough you can call at our store and the money will be refunded to you. It acts simultaneously on all parts of the system, thereby leaving no bad results. SHAW & WILSON, Druggist.

Personal Attention. Given to all Loans and Collections. Will guarantee you satisfactory rates and reasonable expedition in making out papers. We do a general law business, and invite a call from you. Rooms 4 and 5, Allen block, Great Bend, Kansas. MAHER & OSMOND.

WANTED.—A load of good, clean oats straw. Inquire at this office.

Beggs' Blood Purifier and Blood Maker. No remedy in the world has gained the popularity that this medicine has, as a household or family medicine, no one should be without it. It has no calomel or quinine in its composition, consequently no bad effects can arise from it. We keep a full supply of it at all times. SHAW & WILSON, Druggist.

## A NEW LAND LORD!

Great Bend Still Booms and Prices are Down

So Everybody Can Buy

### AT HARPER'S - BOOK - STORE,

ON MAIN STREET.

LOOK

300 Vol's Cloth Bound books at 40 cents  
200 " Standard Poets at 75 cents  
An elegant line of Gift books at prices to suit the customers  
Albums, cabinet size, from \$1.25 up.  
Toilet sets from \$1.25 up.  
An endless variety of Dolls at prices never before offered in the city.  
Silverware, Lamps, Blacking cases, Collar and Cuff sets.

HERE

Also Smoking sets, Doll carriages and cradles, Pictures and Frames, Wall pockets, Japanese waste baskets, Ladies purses and hand bags. The most complete line of Artists material kept in the city. The largest stock of wall paper and best bargains ever offered. Come and examine my goods. Anything you don't see, call for it. School Books! School Books!

A complete stock of blank books and legal blanks on hand. Call in and I will treat you courteously.

J. H. HARPER.