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A MILLION DOLLAR LOSS.

Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Dry Goods [damaged by water] Saved by the Insurance Co's., and sold under the hammer to Spot Cash Buyers—Thousands of dollars worth of this merchandise

BOUGHT BY MR. SAMUELS

Who attended this sale, is now in transit to the Big Store. The bulk of this stuff was bought at 10 to 60 cents on the dollar and will be sold on the same terms.

A SPECIAL SALE.

Watch our Ads for Future Announcements.

C. SAMUELS.

We are... Having No Clearance Sale

Nor are we in the profit-dividing business, but are still hammering away selling good honest goods at as low if not lower prices than any of our competitors. A steadily increasing trade shows the people are appreciating our efforts to please in prices and quality.

Please Compare Our Prices With Others

And see if we are not selling goods as cheap as anyone, besides giving you good fresh goods—no old carried over stock.

GROCERIES.	DRUGS, OILS, ETC.
A No. 1. Granulated Sugar 5c a pound, 20 pounds for \$1 or \$5 per hundred, all you want.	Pure boiled Linseed Oil 50c per gallon
Arbuckle's Lion, XXXX, Javanisic or Breakfast Cup coffee 12c per pkgs 8 for \$1 or \$12.50 per case.	Good mixed House Paint \$1 per gallon
Hand picked Navy Beans 10lbs for 25c	Best Barn Paint 75c per gallon
Good clean Rice 6lbs for 25c	White Lead 5c per lb
Good Fresh Soda Crackers 5c per lb by the box	Castor Machine Oil 40c per gallon
Good Laundry Soap 10 bars for 25c	Black " " " 20c
Honey Drip Syrup 25c per gallon	Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription 65c per bottle
HARDWARE.	Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery 65c per bottle
Best Wire Nails any size 4c per lb.	Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets 15c a box
Good Garden Rake 25c	Carters Little Liver Pills 15c a box
Good Garden Hoe 25c	Hood's Sarsaparilla 70c per bottle
Poultry Netting 1c a foot	Castoria 20c a bottle
Wire Window Screening 5c a foot	
Good Screen Door complete 55c.	

We are also selling everything in the Hardware and Tinware line cheaper than any of our competitors. Please call and investigate, it will pay you.

CHAS. LUNDBLADE.

1896 HARTFORD Bicycles

Reduced in Price.

Patterns Nos 1 and 2. From \$80 to \$65

Patterns Nos 3 and 4. From \$60 to \$50

Patterns Nos 5 and 6. From \$50 to \$45

This is the best value for the money ever offered in medium grade machines.

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The Standard of the World

Address: 1010 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

if you can't buy a Columbia then Buy a Hartford

All Columbia and Hartford Bicycles are ready for immediate delivery. Sold by the

Great Bend Implement Co.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK.

Established 1880. CAPITAL, \$50,000.00. SURPLUS, \$6,500.00.

Individual Responsibility Over One-half Million Dollars.

We solicit your business, and will grant you every accommodation consistent with legitimate banking. Special attention given to collections.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Thomas Gilmore is assisting at C. B. Gillis.

Warm weather is wanted to bring up the corn.

How many people will go to the show on "prospects?"

Chas. Vanell, the mail messenger, has got him a neat new delivery wagon.

Saturday will be show day. Call and see the printer BEFORE you go to the show.

Frank Merten, of Clearence township, was a caller at the DEMOCRAT office last Friday.

C. B. Gillis spent last week up the Great Bend and Scott branch, in the interest of his poultry business.

The killing of the man Stewart last Tuesday night ought to be a terrible warning to tramps. But it will not.

A. A. Sharp, an insurance and real estate man of Larned, was down to Great Bend on legal business Thursday.

"Farm hand wanted" will soon be the cry in this locality if nothing happens to decrease the amount of wheat to be harvested.

L. E. Simpson and family removed this week to Illinois. They have many friends here who regret very much to see them leave us.

S. A. Young and wife, and Miss Bertha Crummack came out from Osage county last week, and will remain here indefinitely.

It costs over \$7,400 a day to operate Ringling Bros'. enormous exhibition. This is, in itself, a proof of the immensity of the institution.

Jim Keenan and wife, who have made their home in Cleo, Ok., for the past two or three years, removed last week to Trinidad, Colo.

Sewing Machines, warranted for five years, \$19. Drop head Machine at \$25. Come and see them—no pot metal.

THE GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Vern Russel last week had a house moved from the east side of town to the lot just north of Maggie Brinkman's and is fitting it up for a residence.

Don't try to read the Eastern war news to your wife; you are sure to get stomped on the proper pronunciation of half the names of people and places.

You may have caught onto a slice of "confidence," it has been "returning" lately we are told, but don't be too free with it around the vicinity of the show.

Tramps are becoming too numerous. The city authorities should provide some way to run 'em up against a job of work and thus make them shy of the town.

The five long trains of double cars used for transporting Ringling Bros'. Worlds Greatest Shows from city to city have a floor space of over 130 ordinary railway cars.

Senator John Armstrong says that when he meets with his friends of the populist central committee to answer their questions, he will have a few questions to ask, himself.

The Larned Optic says: "Everybody is talking about going to Great Bend to the circus, on the 15th." Of course. When the Larned people want anything good, from zuei lager to a circus, they come to Great Bend.

MUSICIANS.—I want a class to take instructions on the violin. Prefer to have six to start with. Ask for particulars of Fred Zutavern, or at DEMOCRAT office. Address, Ambrose Baier, Seward, Kansas. 8 11

"Shamus" O'Brian returned last Thursday from Mexico, where he had been the past two weeks. He expects to go back onto the Santa Fe, at Newton, in a couple of weeks. He says Harry has a job down in Mexico.

Five pair of twins have been born in the vicinity of Pawnee Rock the past three months.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Nothing very strange about that. The vicinity of Pawnee Rock is solid for free silver, and don't you forget it.

On last Thursday forenoon the remains of Mrs. Daniel Jordan, of Larned, were brought down to Great Bend for interment in the Catholic cemetery here, there being no Catholic church or burial place at Larned. Deceased left a husband and two small children.

The Great Bend Fire Department will receive, as its proportion of the fund collected from the New York insurance companies doing business in Kansas, \$111.85. At present the department carries, for its members, an accident policy of \$1,000 on each member, expiring September 10, 1897.

On last Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, at the home of George Boshell in this city, Mr. Jonce Byers and Miss Lydia Weltmer, both popular and well known residents of near Heizer, were joined in wedlock, Probate Judge Bredson doing the legal work in the latest approved manner. The DEMOCRAT hastens to extend congratulations.

STOCK HOGS WANTED.

Will pay the highest market price for the right kind of stock hogs. Call on, or address me at THE HEIZER CREAMERY, Heizer, Kans. W.M. SCHWIER, Manager.

Elsewhere will be found the professional card of Bartle Bros., physicians and surgeons. We are glad to note that this enterprising firm has decided to locate in Great Bend. Dr. Ira B. Bartle has been located at Pawnee Rock for a number of years, and his brother, Dr. E. J. Bartle, at Hoisington, each of them enjoying a good practice in the two localities.

A school teacher recently lectured his students about the folly and bad practice of overgrown imagination and unreasonableness of exaggeration of statement, and during the next hour told them a true (?) story about a man he (the teacher) once had hired who was so small he had to climb up the stalks to cut the heads off of broom corn. The lecture of course made a lasting impression—nit.

Brehm's Thier Leben, the great German scientific authority, says: "Albino or white elephants very rare; light colored specimens are rarely seen. In Siam, where Albinos of all kinds of animals are much esteemed, as they are believed to be the rulers of their kind; where the white elephant is held sacred as the most powerful of all animals, and where one title of the king is 'Lord of the White Elephant'—it appears that the people have been able to obtain but few light colored specimens, notwithstanding all possible efforts have been made." As a matter of fact there were only five in all Siam, and one of these the famous Ringling Brothers have secured, after months of negotiation and the expenditure of a fortune. The Scientific American, an undoubted authority, declares that this beautiful white elephant, known as Keddah, is the only genuine specimen ever brought to America.

Just while you think about it send us a bundle of your laundry work and be convinced that our work is as good as the best. Our prices are for shirts any kind 10c; cuffs per pair 6c; collars 3c; ladies shirt waists 15c or two for 25c. At River Side Steam Laundry. PRITCHARD & SONS, Props.

DR. MATCHETT'S INDIAN TOBACCO ANTIDOTE will cure any one of the tobacco habit in 72 hours. It is compounded by a celebrated physician, and is the result of a life-time study. Guaranteed harmless. Price, only 50 cents for a big box—enough to cure any ordinary case. All druggists, or by mail postpaid. Circulars free. DR. MATCHETT, Chicago, Ill.

[First published in the Democrat May 13, 1897.]
Notice of Final Settlement.
The State of Kansas, ss.
Barton County, ss.
In the Probate Court in and for said county.

In the matter of the estate of Henry C. Gilbert deceased.
Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said county sitting at the Court House, in Great Bend county of Barton State of Kansas, on the 19th day of June A. D. 1897, for a full and final settlement of said estate.
D. R. L. GAN, Administrator of the estate of Henry C. Gilbert, deceased.
Great Bend May 6 A. D. 1897. 8-11

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Notice of Final Settlement.
The State of Kansas, ss.
Barton County, ss.
In the Probate Court in and for said county.

In the matter of the estate of Andreas Wisce deceased.
Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said county sitting at the Court House, in Great Bend county of Barton State of Kansas, on the 20th day of May A. D. 1897, for a full and final settlement of said estate.
E. L. HORNGRASS, Administrator of the Estate of Andreas Wisce deceased.
Great Bend, Kansas, April 21, A. D. 1897.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
The State of Kansas, ss.
Barton County, ss.

J. R. Hays, Plaintiff, vs. Phillip Peter Damm, Willie Damm, and E. M. Gray, Defendants.

By virtue of a Special Execution to me directed and delivered issued out of the 20th District Court of the state of Kansas, sitting in and for Barton County, in said state, I will, on Monday, May 25th, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the Court House west door in Great Bend city, in the county and state aforesaid, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property to wit:
The south-east quarter (1/4) of section seven (7) township twenty (20) range fourteen (14) west of the 6th P. M., in Barton county, Kansas. Said property to be sold as commanded by said special Execution.
L. P. ABER, Sheriff.
Sheriff's office April 27, 1897.
JAMES W. CLARKE, Att'y for Plaintiff.

CHEAP TICKETS.
A Few of the Points to Which the Santa Fe Route will Sell Cheap Round Trip Tickets.

Leavenworth Kansas and return one fare, on sale May 17th and 14th final limit, May 17th. Commencing Tuesday evening.
Ottawa, Kansas and return June 12th and 17th final limit June 21st. Chataqua Assembly.
Santa Fe trains stop within half a block of grounds.
Hutchinson and return, rate \$1.54, on sale May 15 to 19 inclusive, final limit May 30th, for Musical Jubilee.
Winfield and return, one fare, on sale June 15th to 25th, final limit June 27th, for Chataqua Assembly.

Wichita, Kansas and return, one fare, on sale May 17th to 19th, final limit May 25th, for A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge etc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, rate one fare plus \$2.50 for the round trip, on sale July 3, 4 and 5, final limit July 12th with privilege of an extension to and including August 31st, for National Educational Association.

For further particulars of these and other excursions call upon or address
W. TORREY, Agt. Santa Fe Route.

The DEMOCRAT, with all the county news, for \$1 a year.

W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3.00 SHOE

The Style, Fit and Wear could not be improved for Double the Price.

W. L. Douglas \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes are the production of skilled workmen, from the best material possible to put into shoes sold at these prices. We make also \$2.50 and \$2.25 shoes for men, and \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.75 for boys, and the W. L. Douglas \$3.50 Police shoe, very suitable for letter-carriers, policemen and others having much walking to do.

We are constantly adding new styles to our already large variety, and there is no reason why you cannot be suited, so insist on having W. L. Douglas Shoes from your dealer.

We use only the best Calif. Russia Calf (all colors), French Patent Calf, French Kid, etc., graded to correspond with prices of the shoes.

If dealer cannot supply you, write
W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.
CATALOGUE FREE.

For sale by
C. SAMUELS.

FURNITURE!

The war is over, and peace declared
For the good of the people of Barton and adjoining counties.

I have shipped in a car load of Furniture, consisting of Bed Room Suits, Bedsteads both wood and iron, High back Dining Chairs of all descriptions, Rockers with leather, cane or wood seats; Springs and Mattresses of all sizes and styles; Children's High Chairs and Rockers; Center Tables, extension Tables; Cook and Gasoline Stoves.

CLARKE'S STEEL RANGES.

Warranted against Warping or Breaking for a period of Five years.

Remember! I have not quit dealing in Second Hand Goods also. Come, take your choice—I WON'T BE UNDERSOLED.

MY GOODS ARE FIRST CLASS.

I wish to congratulate my many Friends and Customers who have given me their patronage through my past nine years of business in your midst, thanking you for the appreciation you have shown me.

YOURS FOR BARGAINS.

J. W. McMican
Forest Avenue, Great Bend

OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.

ESTABLISHED IN 1874. COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL, \$50,000.00. -- SURPLUS, \$15,000.00.

J. V. BRINKMAN, President. LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier.
GEO. BRINKMAN, Vice Pres't. CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Ass't Cash. Interest Paid on Time Deposits

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THE BIG NEW SHOW POSITIVELY WITHOUT A REAL RIVAL IN THE WORLD THIS YEAR DOUBLED IN SIZE

ONLY GREAT BIG SHOW ON EARTH

ALL NEW AND NOTED FEATURES

NOTHING LIKE IT EVER SEEN BEFORE

Will Surely... Exhibit in Great Bend Sat. May 15.

Reserved seats and admissions show day without extra charge at Allen Drug Co's store.