

**Saturday Next we Invite You to Attend  
the First Day of Our  
BIG FEBRUARY SHOE SALE!**

There is no use in stating that among them will be the greatest and best values at the lowest prices ever offered you in shoes. ITS THE TRUTH but by simply reading this you can get an idea of the values. We want you to see them EVERY PAIR WILL SELL FAR BELOW THE USUAL COST.

We do not mean that we will sell them for what they cost us but what we do mean is this, Mr. Samuels has made a cash purchase of,

**498 SAMPLE PAIRS OF SHOES, 498**  
(Men's, Ladies and Boys')

And at such a ridiculously low price as to be able to retail them at a price beneath what we usually pay wholesale.

**Sale Commences**

**Saturday  
Morning,**

And lasts until every pair is  
**SOLD:**

**Lot 1.**

97 pairs of Boys shoes, lace, coin toe, sizes 2 to 5, usually sell at \$1.50. This sale \$1.00 a pair.

**Lot 2.**

135 pairs Men's Calf Shoes, lace, coin toe, solid leather, inner sole and counter, regular price \$1.75 to \$2.00. This sale at \$1.25 and \$1.35 a pair.

**Lot 3.**

29 pairs Men's Bicycle Shoes made of best Kang. calf, solid leather, inner soles and counter, regular price \$2.00. This sale at \$1.25 a pair.



**Lot 4.**  
54 pairs Men's, extra quality shoes. Kang. upper, solid leather throughout, retails at \$2.00. This sale at \$1.45.

**Lot 5.**  
48 pairs Mens Fine, tan, box, calf, bals. coin toe, a neat dressy shoe, retail price \$2.50 sizes 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2. This sale at \$1.75.

**Lot 6.**  
50 Odd pairs Mens Shoes in bals. and Congress. coin toe and Broadway toe, every pair solid leather throughout retail price from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Any pair in the lot at 25 per cent less than regular price.

**Lot 7.**  
82 pairs Ladies fine kid shoes, common sense heel, wide and narrow toe, These shoes in regular stock retail at \$2.50 a pair. The sizes are broken and in order to move them out quick they will go in this sale at 98c a pair. Sizes, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2.

Every pair of shoes that we sell has merit and worth. No matter how low the price you can depend on it that better value cannot be found for the money.

**10 Days more in this month to BUY Blankets and Jackets**

**At Wholesale Prices!**

If you have any intention of purchasing a Fine Wool Blanket you can save 25 per cent. in buying now. What's left in Children's and Misses Jackets is still going at 50 cents on the dollar.

**"THE OLD RELIABLE"**  
New York Store. C. Samuels.

**Preached His Own Funeral.**

Rev. August Stewart, an aged minister of Paola, died Wednesday under most peculiar circumstances, and was buried Saturday. On Wednesday Rev. Mr. Stewart preached his own funeral sermon, and at his own request there were no services over his remains Saturday beyond a short prayer. Wednesday morning Rev. Mr. Stewart who was in robust health for a man of his age, announced to his wife that he had done his last day's work, and that he would not live the week out.

His wife tried to persuade him out of the notion, but he clung to it and prepared for the end, disposing of all of his personal property and making his will. Wednesday afternoon he called in his neighbors and made the same

announcement that he had made to his wife. Then he announced a hymn, which was sung, and following it Mr. Stewart preached his own funeral sermon, closing with a prayer for the repose of his soul. Immediately afterward he went to bed, and when a doctor was called he sent him away, saying that he had been called by death and that medicine would do no good. He requested that his body be taken directly to the cemetery, and that no funeral sermon be preached, as he had attended to that. In the evening he died, and his wishes were observed. Physicians say that he had no physical ailment, and that his death was due entirely to his presentiment and his refusal to combat.—Ossawatomie Globe.

**An Expensive Luxury.**

The present state legislature is an expensive luxury—expensive to the tax payers of the state, and a luxury for those whom it was supposed the people voted to go to Topeka and enact much needed legislation. All that has been done so far has been the killing of several bills that would have been a benefit to the state, the passage of a few private bills which interest only a few people, principally concerning Topeka and Shawnee county, and the drawing of salaries by the senators, representatives and their employees.

There are 394 people on the payroll of the legislature. Of these, 125 are members of the house and 40 are members of the senate; 77 are house employees and 57 are clerks and stenographers of senate committees. All members and employees of the legislature receive \$3 a day, except pages, who receive \$2. Both the senate and house last week adopted a resolution to pay employees from the beginning of the session, although many did not begin work until more than two weeks of the session had gone by. Several committees with clerks have not had a bill to consider and probably will not have any during the session. The daily expenses of the legislature, including salaries and supplies, aggregate \$1,250.

**Union Defender's Day Services.**

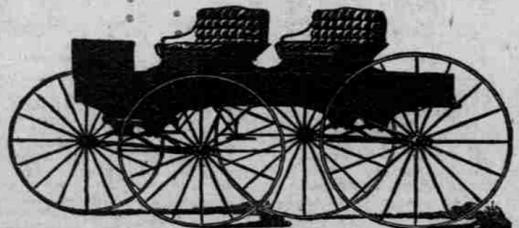
Union Defender's Day exercises are held annually by the Sons of Veterans in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on the 12th of February. This year the 12th comes on Sunday and appropriate services will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. Rev. J. C. Berger will preach the sermon. A special invitation is extended to the G. A. R. and Ladies Circle and a cordial invitation to the public in general.

The Beacon man takes exceptions to being called the "Deacon." Peanut politicians should not kick at being "roasted."

**Another Great Achievement!**

**In the Vehicle Line.**

Call and examine this short turn spring wagon



**Strongest and easiest**

Riding wagon made. Guaranteed to carry 1 1/2 times as much as any ordinary spring wagon.

**G. N. & E. R. MOSES.**

**BREVITIES OF FUN.**

She—"Why don't you talk more when we are together?" He—"I'm too polite to interrupt you, my dear."—Melbourne Weekly Times.

"I would like a coffee cup with the words 'To my dear mother-in-law' on it." "We have none—there's no call for them."—Fliegende Blaetter.

Minister—"Do you love truth, my little man?" Tommy (doubtfully)—"Well, I dunno—I hate awfully to get caught in a lie."—Boston Herald.

"Jack says this new horse he has bought is a bargain." "Then it is a safe lady's horse." "Why?" "Because a woman can always drive a bargain."—Judy.

"I understand the old poet is living in poverty. Is nothing being done for him?" "Why, yes; they are collecting funds for a monument in his memory."—Cornell Widow.

"You've been a fool all your life!" exclaimed the excited husband. "You seem to forget, dear, that I refused you three times before we were married," said the wife, quietly.—Town and Country Journal.

"Ye're not goin' into that public house, are ye, Tim?" "Sure, OI am, ye're riverince." "Then do you know the devil is goin' in wid you?" "Faith, thin, he'll have to pay for his own drink, for OI've only got the price of wan."—Sketch.

"Now, Thomas," said granny, "there are only two apples left, and they shall be for you and your little brother. One is small and the other is large. I know that you are not a greedy boy—which shall I give you?" "Well, granny," said the artful one, "I'm like you, I always hope for the best."—Pick-Me-Up.

**SHAKESPEARE IN GERMANY.**

Has Had an Immense Influence on the Popular Mind.

At a well-attended meeting of the Mason College German society—Prof. Fiedler in the chair—Dr. F. H. Pugh, M. A. Oxon, lecturer in the University of Breslau, read a paper on "Shakespeare's Influence on German Literature, and the Position Held by Him in the Intellectual Life of the German People."

After some introductory remarks on the comparatively late development of the German drama, the lecturer proceeded to point out how, in the classical period of the last century, no more powerful agent was instrumental in emancipating German literature from the yoke of French pseudo-classicism, and in creating a national drama, than the vigorous influence of the poetry of the kindred English race. As early as 1728 Bodmer had held up to the Germans English poetry, especially that of Milton, as their literary model; but a still more important influence was that exerted by the "wild genius" who is now regarded as the greatest dramatist the Germanic race has produced. It was Shakespeare's artistic method that Lessing appealed, vindicating his claim to be considered a truer artist, according to Aristotelian canons, than the much-admired French dramatists themselves. It was Shakespeare's incomparably poetical genius that so powerfully inspired Goethe, who closely followed the Shakespearean drama in his "Goetz von Berlichingen," and gave the well-known masterly analysis of Hamlet in "Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship"; it was in Shakespeare's plays that Schiller found a confirmation of his belief in the moral educational mission of the stage; and it was in Shakespeare's name that the writers of "Storm and Stress" found their watchword.

So great, indeed, became the enthusiasm for Shakespeare among all classes of the nation that we might safely assert the great British dramatist now occupied a position in German intellectual life comparable only to that enjoyed by such leaders of thought as Luther, Goethe, Schiller or Kant. After giving a resume of the activity of German translators and literary critics, the speaker referred to the valuable service rendered to the cause of Shakespearean study by the participation of German scholars in refuting the theory of the Baconian authorship of Shakespeare's plays, which, with Ten Brink, he described as a mere "literary epidemic." Referring to Shakespeare on the German stage the lecturer remarked that of the 37 plays ascribed to Shakespeare 28 were in the regular repertory of German theaters, and that in 1895 no less than 706 performances of 25 plays were given on German stages. "Troilus and Cressida," which has never been seen in England, was, he added, performed for the first time in Vienna in the present year.—Birmingham Post.

**As Proud a Record.**

O'Brien—And so Jaykers is proud of his descent, is he?

McTurk—Yes; he is terribly stuck up about it.

O'Brien—Well, begorra, OI've a bit of a descent meself to boast about. OI descended four stories wanst when the ladder broke and niver spilled a brick!—Baltimore Sun.

**"We are The People."**

In other words, this store is owned and managed by the people, and its prices on goods are not made with a view to gaining large profits, but rather

**To benefit the people**

By furnishing them goods at almost cost. We have lately added a line of Dry Goods, including a complete assortment of Calicoes, Ginghams, Muslins, Suitings, Linens, Flannels etc. We can

**Save you money**

on anything we carry. The best proof of this claim is an examination of our goods and prices. "Seeing is believing."

**BLANKETS**

A few more yet in stock. They will go, to close out before spring, **AT ACTUAL COST!**

See them, and avail yourselves of an extraordinarily fine chance to get good Blankets CHEAP.

**Consult your own interests**

By calling and investigating goods and prices at the

**Exchange Store,**

J. W. Downey, Mgr.

First door East of Postoffice.

**Not So Foolish, Either.**

We have a fool idea that taxes ought to be laid equally on all classes of property, in which event so much of the weight would be transferred from land and homes to stocks and bonds that we would experience something of a flood on account of the water that would be squeezed out of the latter. We have also another idea that an income tax is the fairest tax in the world, and the easiest paid, because the "income" has the cash in hand to pay it with. The fact of the matter is, we are full of fool ideas, another one of which is, that when a man makes more than a million of dollars in a single life time, his business is not legitimate, and that in getting his millions he has robbed a lot of people to whom he should be compelled to make restitution, by having the tax screws pressed down on him so tight that all of his subsequent accumulations would go to the benefit of the public. This is no doubt the fooliest of all our fool ideas, but there are lots of other fools in this country who are thinking

the same kind of ideas. —Journal of Agriculture.

Story of an indiscreet youth from the White Cloud Globe: A maiden fair, with sun-kissed hair, came tripping down the street; with face serene—her age sixteen; but see whiz! wasn't she sweet! On a banana peel slick she came down quick, with a jolt that shook out her curls; but the words she used must be excused, for she's one of our nicest girls. The naughty young chap who saw the mishap, and smiled with fiendish delight, will regret the same, when he finds his name is "Pants" next Sunday night.

Creamery patrons in Barton county will do well to keep up their interest in dairy cows. The dollars that come in each month go a long way to keep many hundreds of families in this county out of debt. Even with good wheat crops for a few years you will find it will not pay to let up on the milk supply for the creameries. Sure cash is a whole lot better than uncertain "prospects."



**FILLING UP WITH NEW GOODS Which will interest you.**

SOME PEOPLE may imagine that we cannot buy Furniture etc. as cheap as our competitors. We assure you we can. In the first place we buy of the manufacturers direct, therefore saving the profits of the jobber. We buy furniture in quantities and ship it in car loads, thus getting the very lowest freight rates. We pay cash for everything we buy and that means a great saving. By selling at a small margin of profit we make quick sales and in this way our stock is turned often, and nothing stands around until it gets old and out of date.

**A CENTRE TABLE BARGAIN FOR THIS WEEK. Heavy Oak Table for \$1.50.**

**Some new additions to our stock.**

Finding we must have carpets and matting to complete our stock, we have added a nice line of each.

We can sell you a good carpet with pretty figure in Fast colors for 30c a yard. We guarantee this carpet not to wash colors.

We also have cheaper and higher priced carpets of the latest pattern. The prices are right and quality guaranteed.

We also have the felt lining for carpet.

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We carry both the China and Japan goods. Good Grade Matting for . . . . . 13c and up.

With our stock of LINOLEUMS and OILCLOTHS we can please you and save you money. We have also added a line of Curtain Poles and Trimmings in different sizes. If you want to get the baby a new Carriage please remember that we can make it pay you to buy here.

**We carry a Full Line of UNDERTAKING GOODS**

In connection with our stock. Give us a trial when you have to have anything in this line.

With a Certainty that we can merit your patronage by Right Prices and Fair Dealing, we are, Yours truly,

**The Great Bend Furniture Co.**