

There is one consolation regarding the dwindling of the Kansas militia—the Missouri militia has decreased in numbers even more rapidly.

Another "reliable clue" to the murderer, Tascott, has been found. That means that his whereabouts are as much a mystery to the detectives as ever.

The papers seem to worry a good deal about Senator Plumb's tariff views. Those persons who heard his excellent speeches in the last campaign know that "h. a. r."

It will be news to many to know that the State constitution of Texas provides for the division of the commonwealth into five States whenever it shall have a sufficient population.

M. W. Reynolds, one of Kansas' prophets, says that there will be a good crop of peaches next year. Milt is so "ornery" that his prediction makes it almost certain that the peach crop will be a total failure.

Ben Hogan, the Republic county politician is disposing of his Belleville property preparatory to locating in Washington Territory. He will no doubt make a stir on the Pacific coast as all "formerly of Kansas" men do.

Secretary Adams of the State Historical society has just completed a compilation of the Kansas publications received by the society. There are 721 weeklies, 6 semi-weeklies, 49 dailies, 45 monthlies, 1 bi-monthly, 4 quarterlies, and 3 occasional prints. There are in the State nineteen other periodicals which do not furnish copies to the society, making a grand total of 849 publications in Kansas.

McPherson is enjoying a little post-office fight and the business men are sending to Kansas City for their stamps. "What fools these mortals be."

David Eccles, a long-winded psychological scientist who used to inflict the people through the K. C. Journal, is devastating the Arkansas Valley by means of some of his endless ramblings in the Hutchinson News.

The Philadelphia Press puts it about right when it says: "The South is still in the saddle, but she shows a strong inclination to dismount. We hope she will put her horse in the stable and come back into the Union."

Two weeks from today is Christmas and in view thereof the Sunday schools are said to be increasing in size rapidly.

Alfred Tennyson believes there is something in spiritualism. A few years more and the poet will be able to see for himself.—(State Journal).

We call especial attention to the advertisement of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette in another column. It is well-known as one of the best papers of the Central States and no better paper can be placed in the family for winter reading.

A meeting of the Representatives and Senators of Northwest Kansas will be held in Beloit this evening to take some action regarding a united stand for a Northwest man for Speaker. This is right; and if the movement is properly entered upon, the meeting can undoubtedly name the next Speaker.

But twenty days more before the annual swearing-off time. By the way, if there is a greater farce than this same New Years swearing-off we have yet to hear of it. If a man has strength of character enough to leave off a bad habit he should have enough to do it any time, and the sooner the better.

The Topeka Democrat is getting scared. This is the way it sounds the alarm:

Business men of Topeka! There is one cloud no bigger than a man's hand hangs over this city. It is the danger of capital removal. That cloud may darken the sky and the bolt fall at any time.

About the best reason we have seen for a paper's turning up its toes to the blizzards is given in the State Journal as follows:

A Delphos paper died last week. It was one of the kind that says: "Bill Ruggles was down from Big Prairie last week to see his best girl. Hal hal Willie we are on to you."

# OUR DRUMMER, NO. 3!

## SAVE ME FOR REFERENCE AND TAKE ME WITH YOU

WHEN YOU GO TO THE EXCLUSIVE CASH AND BARGAIN HOUSE OF

# J. B. CASE.

We take pleasure in being able to come before the good people of this vicinity again with our MONTHLY PRICE LIST. We feel proud in saying that our efforts to keep the ball of Low Prices rolling is appreciated, because our SLEDGE-HAMMER PRICES bring crowds of customers to our large Double-Room Business Emporium every day to exchange their cash or produce for our goods. We can hardly complain of dull times. Our motto has always been KEEP THE GOODS MOVING, no matter whether we make a profit or not; we would rather WEAR out than RUST out.

Please Give the Prices and Suggestions Given Below Your Closest Inspection, and We Will Willingly Leave the Decision with Yourselves.

### DRESS GOODS.

We have had an excellent trade in this department. How could it be otherwise with the prices we are making? No person, wanting anything in this line, can afford to buy elsewhere before looking over our large and complete assortment. Nothing but hard-time Prices goes. Our line of 4-cent Dress Goods is complete. Standard Prints at 5 cents per yard; standard Check and Dress Gingham at 8c and 10c per yard, other houses ask 10c and 12c for them; elegant line of Plaids at 19c per yard, worth 35c; line of 40-inch Dress Goods at 28c per yard; line of 36-inch all wool Tricots at 35c per yard; line of 38-inch all wool Flannels at 45c per yard; line of 54-inch Flannels and Broadcloths at 60c and 75c per yard; 54-inch imported Broadcloth in navy blue and black at only \$1.50 per yard; 7 pieces of double width goods at 20c per yard; 10 pieces of Dress Goods in all shades at 10c per yard, worth 12c and 15c. Space will not permit me to enumerate all, but come in and see for yourself that we are leading in Low Prices not only in this line alone, but in all departments.

### SILK DEPARTMENT.

We must call your attention again to this line. Christmas is nigh at hand and you could not please your wife, daughter and, above all, your very best girl, any better than to buy them something in this line. The Low Prices we are making will surprise you. Come in and select a nice Silk Dress for your best girl and you will find that it was the best money you ever spent. Nothing but smiles and submissive answers will you receive in return for at least a—well you know best how long. Here is only a few of our low prices: Black Gros Grain at 60c, worth 85c per yard; black Gros Grain at 85c, worth \$1.00 per yard; black Gros Grain at \$1.40, worth 1.65; black Gros Grain at \$1.69, worth 2.00; black Gros Grain at \$2.15, worth 2.60; dark slate Gros Grain, 14 1/2 yds., to close at 85c per yard; dark brown Gros Grain, 22 yds., to close at 85c; dark green gros grain, 16 1/2 yds., to close at 85c; dark bronze gros grain, 18 1/2 yds., to close at 85c; dark smoke gros grain, 20 yds., to close at 85c; new garnet gros grain, 17 1/2 yds., to close at 85c; new copper gros grain, 21 1/2 yds., to close at 85c; new royal purple gros grain, 16 yds., to close at 85c; dark blue gros grain, 16 yds., to close at 95c; deep cardinal gros grain, 19 1/2 yds., to close at 95c. Choice assortment in Surah Satins at 85c to \$1.25.

### PLUSHES AND VELVETS.

We can show you as good a line in this department as you perhaps have ever seen and at prices to meet the lowest competition. 5 pieces of 22-inch Velvet in bright red, wine, dark green, black and brown at 50c per yard. Plushes and Velvets in plain or stripes from 15 to 19 inch, at only 60c per yard.

### CLOAKS.

Having decided to quit this line, owing to lack of room, we have made up our mind not to carry over, if prices will do it, a single garment into the next year.

### HALF PRICE

And no more shall we ask for any of our Cloaks and Short Wraps. You will find them all marked in plain figures. Do not miss this opportunity to procure a garment cheap.

### YARN AT 10 CENTS.

Per skein. Our entire stock of Germantown yarn at 10c per skein; other yarns, such as Midnight, Spanish, Saxony at reduced prices.

### STAPLE GOODS.

This means goods that are absolutely necessary for everybody to have, therefore you should keep your eyes open where you can buy them the cheapest. We have, saying this without hesitancy, the reputation of carrying the largest and best selected assortment. If you want anything good in this line at a reasonable price, go to Case's.

If you want the best Cotton Flannel in town at 6, 7, 8 and 10c, go to Case's.

If you want the best Muslin, bleached or unbleached, at 5, 6, 7 or 8c, go to Case's.

If you want the best No. 1, full weight Cotton Batt, at 10, 12 1/2, 15 or 18c, go to Case's.

Crash Toweling for 5c per yard; best floor Oil Cloth at 40 and 50c; best table Oil Cloth at 35c per yard. In fact everything that is kept in a first-class dry goods house, you will find at lowest prices at Case's.

### FLANNELS, BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

Often have we been complimented by outside customers for carrying the best and cheapest goods in these departments. Why should they not? Where can you get a heavy twilled, scarlet, all wool Flannel, 26 inches wide for

20c PER YARD?

A better one for 25, 30, 35, and 40c. We call special attention to our line of white and colored Flannels for children's wear. Our Blanket trade has been far beyond our expectations. We have sold more Blankets and Comforts this season, up to the 1st of December, than any year previous. Why is it when everybody is crying hard times that we have been so successful? Because we have sold them at hard-time prices. We started in when the trade demanded them and did not wait until the season was over. We admit that other houses offer you goods, claiming them to be as good and as cheap as you can possibly get anywhere; but do not buy until you have been in to see our line. We are positively LEADERS of low prices in this department. See our special bargain Blanket at \$2.50 per pair. We have them in all grades and prices, from \$1.00 to \$9.45, and let us assure you every pair away Below Value. A good comfort for 50c; other houses ask 75c. A better one for 75c, \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50, worth from 25 to 50c additional.

### UNDERWEAR

Space will not permit us to enumerate all we have in this department, but we want you and everybody to come in and see for yourself. A man's all wool Scarlet Shirt for 50c, 98c and \$1.48; a full line of cheaper grades on hand. Ladies' all wool Vests in different shades at 95c; these are the same quality as we sold last year at \$1.75. Ladies' ribbed Vests at 45c each. Children's Merinos at 20c each, upward; children's all wool Scarlets, in all sizes, at sledge hammer prices.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Nobody merits a better trade in this department than we have had this fall. It shows that people will appreciate good goods at low prices. During this month we will make special low prices. Examine our Men's solid full vamp Shoes at \$1.50, cheap at 2.00; every pair of Men's \$2.50 Dress Shoes we will offer during this month at 2.00; all our fine \$3.50 Calf Dress Shoes at 3.00.

In Ladies' and Children's Shoes we can show you the best values in the market. During this month we will offer our Ladies' \$2.50 fine Shoes at 2.00; our 3.00 and 3.50 fine kid shoes at 2.50. \$2.50 will buy the best full-stock Kid Boot in the market. We have about two dozen pairs of Boys' Boots that we are closing out at 35c per pair, we have too many of them. In fact everything in the Boot line will be sold at a decided reduction.

### CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, HATS AND CAPS.

The rush still continues. Low prices and honest goods will make trade, no matter how hard times are. We have decided to continue our 30 per cent discount Sale in this department until January 1st, and by that time we don't expect to have a single Overcoat left unsold in our house. Come in and get a first-class Suit, Overcoat, Hat or Cap at a comparatively small price.

### NOTIONS.

It would be useless to try and enumerate all the articles and bargains we have in this line. A 7-inch Rubber Dressing Comb at 5c; a better one for 10c. Ladies' Bustles at 15c; 1 box good Writing Paper at 8c; one 10-inch Feather Duster at 40c; Crape Lace Ruches at 5c and 7c each; Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 5c, a good one for 2c; two rubber tipped Lead Pencils at 5c; 12 fancy Slates for 5c; embroidered school Satchels for 5c; gents' and ladies' 4-ply Linen Collars at 5c and 10c each; a large white bedspread for 65c; children's Sailor Collars at 12 1/2c each; Slates 5c and 10c each, &c., &c.

### CHRISTMAS GOODS.

We have open for inspection and purchasing the nicest line of Toys and Holiday Goods ever displayed by any one house in Abilene, consisting of nearly everything to make a Christmas home happy. Not only do we have nice Toys and Dolls of all descriptions for children, but we have also suitable presents for grown persons. One of these articles is

### BOOKS

Of all kinds, such as Scott, Dickens, Historical Novels, Poems and a splendid collection of Story Books to sell at 10c. Be sure and look over our complete assortment and you will certainly buy some. We will also have other nice Presents suitable for your husband, wife, brother, sister or sweetheart, such as a nice Silk Dress, Wrap, Shawl, suit of nice Underwear, Table Linen, Lace Curtains, Lace Bedspread and Pillow Shams, Towels, Hose, Mittens, Blankets, Shoes, Slippers, Felt Shoes and Slippers, Overshoes, Autograph Album, Cuff Boxes, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, Suspenders, Hand Satchels, Pocketbooks, etc., etc.

### FOR CHILDREN.

China Dolls, Wax Dolls, Negro Dolls, Large Dolls, Small Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Doll Chairs, Doll Cradles, Doll Wagons, Doll Rockers, Large Rockers, complete Stove and Kitchen sets, Marbles, Jumping Jacks, Soldiers, Monkeys, Horses, Cats, Dogs, Blocks of all sizes and kinds, Tops, Trumpets, Harmonicas, Clowns, Carts, Wagons in all sizes, Boats, Wind Mills, Trains, Engines, Camels, Rattles, Birds, Watches and Chains, Balls, Banks, Nuts, Candies, Apples, china Toy Dishes, etc. In fact we have everything to make your children and yourself happy for very little money. This is the place to buy your Presents.

### GROCERIES, CHINA AND TINWARE.

50c and 60c

It takes only that amount to buy a Bushel of choice Apples or Iowa Potatoes of us. These prices are lower by 25 cents than you can get them for any other place. 20 bars of Kirk's White Russian Soap for \$1.00. One barrel fine Michigan Salt at \$1.75. Fish by the kits at 65c and 80c. Good Japan Tea at 25c per pound, worth 40c; Sugar and Coffee at the lowest figures. Everything at the lowest live-and-let-live prices. Come in and you will find it to your interest to trade with us.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID for CHOICE PRODUCE of ALL KINDS; POOR STUFF NOT WANTED.

With many good wishes for a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," we remain

# The Great Bargain House of Abilene. J. B. CASE.