

# End of the Century Specials!

Fully up to the Standard, but the prices are unusually tempting. There's a wish to clear them—to close them promptly while the season is on—in the proper buying time. As is always the case we make the prices clear

## UNDER THE CLEARANCE EDICT

But the season is well advanced and our wish to clear the surplus is fully attested by the prices. It's our plan—the way we write it quickly and such sacrifices on our part only result in special and interesting opportunities for our customers. That these offerings will move out quickly and to secure your portion must have your immediate attention is a foregone conclusion, for they represent values far out of the ordinary.



In our Shoe Department we are showing Men's Heavy Seal-skin, double taps at \$2.75, regular \$3.50 quality. Kangaroo Lace, heavy, at \$2.75—never sold before for less than \$3.50.

A Ladies' fair stitch, new style shoe, at \$2.00, regular price \$2.50. We have the largest and most complete shoe stock in Red Lodge.

We want to reduce this stock one-half before we take our annual inventory, and have made prices that will do it.

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**  
Notices of Church Services, Balls, Dancing Parties, Concerts, Sociable Suppers, etc., for which an admission fee is to be charged, or from which a profit is to be made from the sale of fancy articles, will be charged for at the rate of 15 cents a line.  
Cards of Thanks 10 cents a line.  
Obituary Notices 15 cents a line.

Patronize home industry.  
Calling cards at this office. 18c.  
Vaccination is all the rage.  
Don't forget to write it 1900.  
Best 5c cigars at Emmons' drug store.  
The days are growing perceptibly longer.  
Celar Gabo of Gebu paid the city a visit last Saturday.  
Complete line of blank books at Emmons' drug store.  
Hugh O'Donnell returned the past week from a visit to Gobo.  
J. J. Gallagher and O. Clapp of Gebu were in the city over Sunday.  
V. E. Meyer spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. F. Harris of Park City.  
M. W. Parker of Castle was autographed at the Spofford last Tuesday.  
Hi, there! The Billings Steam Laundry is out of sight for first-class work. 25c3  
The city schools, which were closed during the holidays, reopened last Tuesday morning.  
O. L. Henry has headed a placer claim of twenty acres on the Clarke Fork, near the Chance bridge.  
If you once have your laundry done at the Billings Steam Laundry you will never try hand work again. 25c3  
C. K. Southworth, one of the prosperous ranchers of Absarokee, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.  
E. S. Cunningham, cashier of the Carbon Coal company at Carbonado, was a business visitor in the city New Year's day.  
Those who go to the opera house next week will see some wonderful feats of legerdemain and hear some fine warbling.  
A daughter was born last Thursday at St. Vincent's hospital in Billings to the wife of Al Beem, the Sunlight basin rancher.  
Charles Richter of Forsyth was in the city last Saturday enroute to Red Lodge creek for a visit with his brother, Otto Richter.  
Mr. Allen, who recently arrived from White Sulphur Springs, is desirous of purchasing an improved ranch in the vicinity of Red Lodge.  
A pure whiskey agrees with any food, in fact aids digestion. It tones the stomach, increases the flow of the gastric juices and so promotes strength and flesh. A pure whiskey like HARPER Whiskey. Sold by Golden Bros., Red Lodge, Mont. tf

Latest Magazines at Emmons. \*

The delinquent tax sale will commence one week from next Monday.  
White shirts, collars and cuffs a specialty at the Billings Steam Laundry. 25c3  
For Rent—Five-room cottage in Red Lodge. Enquire of L. O. Caswell. 20c3  
H. E. Newkirk is this week driving his band of sheep to the Wyoming range.  
If you haven't a scab on your arm you ought to consult a physician right away.  
Deputy Sheriff Fred Bacholder of Gebu spent New Year's day with his Red Lodge friends.  
Attorney Sydney Fox returned on New Year's day from a professional trip to Big Timber.  
S. E. Indreland, James Hyem and Sven Homes were in the city Wednesday from their ranches.  
E. F. McCafferty expects to leave for Pennsylvania next week with a carload of horses to be marketed in that state.  
Dr. Carl Sebulin, the oculist and artist of Helena will visit Red Lodge professionally about the middle of this month. 1c  
Eleven passenger conductors on the Northern Pacific have been fired, presumably for failure to turn in all the cash fares that stick to the bell rope.  
If you want wedding invitations, programs for dances, soirees, concerts or banquets, or anything in the printing line, what's the matter with giving The Picket a call?  
Miss Agnes Matas, stenographer for the McCormick Mercantile company of Billings, spent the holidays with Red Lodge friends as the guest of Mrs. H. J. Armstrong.  
Bozeman Courier: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Provisse came in on Tuesday's train from Roberts, where they had been to spend Christmas. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Provisse's father, Mr. Magyard.  
J. E. Mushbach, exalted ruler of the newly organized lodge of Elks, yesterday received an invitation to attend the third annual charity ball to be given by the Helena lodge at that city next Tuesday evening.  
Hand laundrying is like all other hand manufacturing a thing of the past. Why not send your laundry to the Billings Steam Laundry. Mr. Antilla is their agent in Red Lodge. Goods returned in three days. Try it. Prices reasonable. 25c3  
Mrs. J. H. McMasters of Carbonado arrived in the city Tuesday on a visit with her son, Grant McMasters of The Picket force, and will leave next week for Fairfield, Iowa, to remain during the balance of the winter and perhaps all of next summer.  
The proceeds of the entertainment to be given at the opera house next week will be used for the benefit of the High school library. The press speaks in high terms of the character of the performance and as the money is for a laudable purpose the wizard and his wife will doubtless show to crowded houses.  
"A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic," writes B. F. Hess, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa. "He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I had used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I gave him a dose and it soon brought him out all right. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced." Sold by all druggists. \*

Fine Key West and Domestic cigars at Emmons' drug store. \*

The city council will meet in regular monthly session next Tuesday evening.  
Fred Freiman, the Gebu merchant, was a Red Lodge visitor the first of the week.  
The United Workmen of Laurel gave an enjoyable dance at that place New Year's night.  
Metier is headquarters for carpets. He has 100 samples, covering nearly every kind of pattern. 9c  
Cashier B. E. Vaill of the Carbon County bank spent Sunday with his family at his Carbonado ranch.  
The Ladies guild of the Episcopal church will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. Dean Hays.  
W. W. Eads of Billings arrived in the city Wednesday with a stock of reasonable goods and has opened up in the Davis building, opposite the Spofford.  
Misses Nora and Maude Hogan of Red Lodge creek accompanied their brother to the city Saturday and attended the masquerade dance at the opera house.  
Laurant, the famous magician, will appear at the opera house in this city next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, under the auspices of the Red Lodge High school.  
J. S. Robbins has resigned his position as secretary of the Red Lodge & Wyoming Telephone company and J. H. White, civil engineer with the Rocky Fork Coal company, has been appointed in Mr. Robbins' stead.  
Bozeman Chronicle: While there have been no cases of small pox reported in Bozeman during the past week a severe epidemic of backache is prevalent among householders who have thoughtlessly exposed themselves to the snowshovel contagion.  
J. A. Harry, who recently disposed of his jewelry business in this city, Tuesday departed for Old Tacoma, Wash., to reside. He was accompanied by his family. Mr. Harry has a host of friends in Red Lodge who wish him well wherever his lines may be cast.  
The agency for Irwin's Hygienic Bath cabinet, a vapor without an equal, has just been taken by C. C. Jeffrey of this city. This cabinet is very simple in construction and those who have used it pronounce it a grand, good thing. It is cheap and durable and should be in every home. It can be seen at the O'Shea brick block, second floor. 21c  
George T. Lamport received a telegram Tuesday morning from Judge A. Fraser of Billings announcing the death at that city New Year's night of Charles A. Dewar, who fell a victim to diphtheria. The deceased was a civil engineer and had lived in Billings from the time of the advent of the Northern Pacific. He was generous to a fault and his friends were legion.  
It has been demonstrated repeatedly in every state in the Union and in many foreign countries that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain preventive and cure for croup. It has become the universal remedy for that disease. M. V. Fisher of Liberty, W. Va., only repeats what has been said around the globe when he writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for several years and always with perfect success. We believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that is a sure cure for croup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sale by all druggists. \*

Tom Collins of Joliet paid a business visit to the city Saturday.  
Alex Huntley, the Carbonado rancher, was in town Tuesday.  
J. L. Burns, the Hig Horn basin woolgrower, expects to move his family to Cody this week.  
Batista Cina and Miss Mary Bastagnoli were married Sunday evening by Justice L. O. Caswell.  
Rev. Joseph Pope has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational churches at Columbus and Absarokee to accept a call from the church at Big Timber.  
The masquerade party given at the open house last Saturday night by the Finland Temperance society was a conspicuous social and financial success. The characters represented covered a wide range and many of the costumes were quite unique.  
Extensive preparations are in progress for the first annual ball to be given on the evening of Jan. 25 by the Red Lodge Labor union. The cake walk itself will prove a great drawing card and spectators who arrive late will doubtless find standing room at a premium.  
I want to let people who suffer from rheumatism and sciatica know that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me after a number of other medicines and a doctor had failed. It is the best liniment I have ever known of. J. A. Dogans, Alpharetta, Ga. Thousands have been cured of rheumatism by this remedy. One application relieves the pain. For sale by all druggists. \*

The saloon of Callagher & Clapp at Gebu was closed on Thursday of last week by virtue of attachment proceedings instituted by attorney W. F. Meyer on behalf of a wholesale cigar house of Watertown, Wis. The attachment is only for \$65, but it is understood that the firm is otherwise involved and will not reopen their saloon.  
Billings Gazette: This is leap year and if some Billings young ladies have their own way the ranks of the celebrated Montgomery club of Billings will be thinned out before the year passes. Consternation has already appeared on the faces of several of the would-be bachelors as they face the impending doom. They are "dead up against the proposition."  
The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dunn was Sunday afternoon the scene of a quiet wedding, when Arthur Viers and Catherine E. Poyer were pronounced man and wife by Judge L. O. Caswell, in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties. After the ceremony the party sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Dunn, sister of the groom. Mr. Viers holds a lucrative position in S. D. Metier's furniture store in this city, while the bride is a recent arrival from Marysville, Cal.  
James O. Terrell of Rockvale and Miss S. C. T. Miller of Billings were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at the Magic city on Thursday evening of last week by Rev. G. C. Stull. The wedding presents were beautiful, numerous and costly and the congratulations hearty and felicitous. The groom is a nephew of Henry Terrell, ex-city marshal of Billings, while the bride is the lovely and highly accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Miller and a sister of Mrs. M. B. Rademaker. The happy couple will make their home at Rockvale and have the best wishes of a legion of friends, in which The Picket heartily joins.

The present week is being observed in the Methodist Episcopal church as a week of prayer.  
Mrs. J. W. Chapman and her nephew, Ed Chapman, drove in from the Chapman Heart Mountain ranch Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Hank Chapman of Red Lodge creek, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Wyoming for several days.  
L. H. Van Dyke, the well-known guide and tourist outfitter, came in yesterday from his ranch in Crounall creek basin, between Sunlight and Cooke. He says W. A. Lewis is located on a ranch in the basin and that there isn't a particle of snow in that section of the country.  
Samuel Taggart of Butcher creek oil well fame, who intended to leave two weeks ago for his old home in Illinois on an extended visit, has been detained in the city on business connected with the survey and contemplated patterning of claims, but expects to start on his journey within a day or two.  
The date of the Catholic church fair to be held in this city has been fixed for Wednesday and Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 22. Great preparations are being made for the event by the ladies of the church and a grand display of fancy articles is certain to be made. Supper will be served each evening.  
W. A. Talmage has sold an interest in his hardware business to F. W. Rodgers, until recently connected with the Detroit Stove Works as traveling salesman. The gentleman, who is now in the city to remain permanently, is an energetic, thorough-going business man and a ruster almost equal to Mr. Talmage himself.  
M. W. Dickey of Rockvale, one of the enterprising ranchers of the county and a pioneer of Montana, was a city visitor on Tuesday. Mr. Dickey stated that the Carbon county brewery being erected at Silesia by Julius Lehrkand of Bozeman, is being pushed rapidly to completion. The stone walls for the main building are up and the roof on, and work on the interior is now going forward.  
County Treasurer Davis reports the collection to date of delinquent taxes to the amount of \$1200, which reduces the total delinquency to \$2800, of which some \$500 is assessed against the Red Lodge Townsite company for the Hymer addition. This addition is to be sold at sheriff's sale in this city on Jan. 13 under an execution issued out of the district court in favor of O. E. Mills of Billings.  
San Gebu last week circulated a subscription paper throughout the city and secured nearly \$200 in cash for the widow and children of the late Edward Kent, who were left in straitened financial circumstances. In addition to the cash contributions, several receipted bills were presented to Mrs. Kent. W. R. Hall, the merchant, very generously gave a receipt in full for the entire amount of his grocery bill, aggregating \$36.40, and also made a cash contribution. Among the other receipted bills was one of \$17 from the I. X. L. Clothing house and one of \$11 from the Red Lodge Lumber company. The solicitation of aid for the widow was undertaken without her knowledge and when presented with the evidences of the generosity of the people of this city the bereaved lady could hardly find words to express her feelings of gratitude for the timely aid so liberally proffered.

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