20 PER CENT DISCOUNT SALE.

Beginning Saturday, June 9th, and continuing until July 5th, we will conduct one of the greatest bargain sales ever held in the Palouse Country—making a sweeping reduction of 20 per cent on every article in our store (excepting thread). We are overstocked in Spring and Summer goods—bought too many—our loss will be your gain. It has always been our custom never to carry anything over from one season to another, and in order to completely close out our entire line of this season's goods we are making this sacrifice.

Our stock at present is complete in all departments, and the first to come will have the advantage of elegant assortments to select from. Do not wait too long, for during this sale our store will surely be crowded with customers every day, and the sizes will soon be broken. So make out your list at once and come in and get some of the great bargains we are offering in all lines.

Everything is marked in plain figures and as catalogued. We deduct **20 PER CENT** from all catalogue prices. Our prices before this sale, you will acknowledge, were from 15 to 40 per cent lower than our competitors, so that during this big reduction sale you will save from 35 to 60 per cent on every article you purchase.

☞ Nothing reserved—everything must go.

READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS

Ladies' Tailor Made Suits

$2.98 Suit, 20% Discount Price $2 39
3.74 " " " 2.99
8 49 " " " 6 79
9 98 " " " 7.99
12.48 " " " 9 99

Ladies' Tailor Made Skirts

$1.24 Skirt, 20% Discount Price $1.00
1.47 " " " 1.18
1.99 " " " 1.49
2.98 " " " 2.39
3.98 " " " 3.19
4.98 " " " 3.99
.25 crash skirt, " ..... .20
.64 " " ..... .52
.99 " " ..... .79

Shirt Waists

$ .49 Shirt waists, 20% Discount Price... $ .39
.75 " " ... .60
1 00 " " ... .80
1.24 " " ... .99

Ladies' Wrappers

$ .74 Wrapper, 20% Discount Price..... $ .59
.99 " " ..... .79
1.38 " " 1.11
1.49 " " 1.19

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15c Suiting, 20% Discount Price, per yd. 12c
25c Cashmere, " " . 20c
30c Mixed Novelty, " " . 24c
50c Venetian Cloth, " " . 40c
75c Henrietta and Serges " " . 60c
98c " " " . 79c

Silks

$ .34 China Silk, 20% Dis. Price, per yd. 27c
.50 " " " . 40c
.50 Satin, " " . 40c
.50 Fancy Wash Silk, " " . 40c
.50 Taffeta " " " . 40c
.83 " " " " . 67c
1.00 " " " . 80c
1.18 Satin Douchesse, " " . 93c
1.19 Peau de Scie, " " . 93c
Twenty per cent discount on all wash goods. Send for samples.

Table Linens

$ .19 Table Linen, 20% Dis. Price, per yd $ .15
.25 " " " .20
.34 " " " .27
.50 " " " .40
.60 " " " .48
.75 " " " .60
1.48 " " " 1.19

Towels

5c Towels, 20% Discount Price, each... 4c
10c " " " ... 8c
20c " " " ... 16c
25c " " " ... 20c

Prints

5c Prints, 20% Discount Price, per yd . 4c
7c " " " .. 5¾c

Kid Gloves

$1.00 Kid Gloves, 20% Discount Price. . $ .80
1.50 " " " ... 1.20

Ladies, Misses and Children's Hose

5c. Hose, 20% Discount Price..... 4c
10c. " " " 8c
15c. " " " 12c
25c. " " " 20c

Ladies' Underwear

5c. Vests, 20% Discount Price..... 4c
10c. " " " 8c
15c. " " " 12c
20c. " " " 16c
25c. " " " 20c

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Twenty Per Cent Discount from our Catalogue price. Send for catalogue.
39c Jackson Hay Fork, 20 Per Cent Dis. 32c

New Home Sewing Machines

$24 Sewing Machines, 20% Disc. Price, $19.20
26 " " " " 20.80
32 " " " " 25.60
34 " " " " 27.20
36 " " " " 28.80

Ladies, Misses and Children's Shoes

25c. Shoe, 20% Discount Price... .....$ 20c
50c. " " " 40c
74c. " " " 59c
$1.00 " " " 80c
1.48 " " " 1.19
1.99 " " " 1.59
2.25 " " " 1.80
2 50 " " " 2.00
2.99 " " " 2 39

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

$ 4.98 Men's Suits, 20% Disc. Price.... $ 3.99
7.48 " " " 5.98
7.98 " " " 6 38
8.00 " " " 6.40
8 50 " " " 6.80
9.48 " " " 7.59
10.00 " " " 8.00
12.00 " " " 9.60
13 50 " " " 10.80
15.00 " " " 12.00

Men's Trousers

$1.00 Men's Pants, 20% Disc Price..... $ .80
1.48 " " " 1.18
2.00 " " " 1 60
2.48 " " " 1.98
3.00 " " " 2.40
3.48 " " " 2.78
4.00 " " " 3.20
5.00 " " " 4.00

Boys' Long Pants Suits

Ages 10 to 15 and 16 to 20.

$3.98 Boys' Suits, 20% Discount Price... $3.19
4.98 " " " ... 3.99
5.48 " " " ... 4 38
6.00 " " " ... 4 80
7.50 " " " ... 6.00

Childrens' Clothing

Vestee Suits—Coat, Pants and Vest.

$1.39 Childs' Suits, 20% Disc. Price.....$1.12
1.49 " " " 1.19
1 64 " " " 1.32
2 00 " " " 1.60
2.48 " " " 1.99
2.98 " " " 2.38
3.48 " " " 2 78

Boys' Double Breasted

Ages, 9 to 15.

$1.48 Boys Suit, 20% Discount Price. . $1 18
1.75 " " ... 1.40
2.00 " " ... 1.60
2.48 " " ... 1.99
3.00 " " .. 2 40

Men's Furnishing Goods

$1.00 White and Fancy Shirts, 20% Dis. 80c
.50 White Shirt, unlaundried, " 40c
.49 Golf Shirt, " 39c
.64 " " 52c
.69 Stanley Shirt, " 55c
.75 All Silk Front Shirt, " 60c

Men's Working Shirts

25c Shirt, 20% Discount Price..... 20c
50c " " 40c
75c " " 60c
50c Double Back and Front, 20% Dis... 40e

Men's Underwear

25c Undershirt, 20% Discount Price 20c
45c " " 36c
50c " " 40c
63c " " 50c
Drawers to match. Same price.

Men's Hats

$ .39 Hat, 20% Discount Price..... $ .32
.50 " " ..... .40
.74 " " ..... .59
1.00 " " ..... .80
1.48 " " 1.18
1.98 " " 1.58
2.48 " " 1.99
2 98 " " 2.38
We have the above in all shapes and colors.

Men's Shoes

$1.49 Shoe, 20% Discount Price $1.19
1.64 " " 1.31
1.49 Norwood Shoe, " 1.19
1.99 Shoe, " 1.59
2 48 " " 1.98
3.00 " " 2.40
We have the above in all styles.

Men's Socks

5c Sock, 20 Per Cent Discount Price... 4c
8 1-3c Sock, " ... 7c
12½c " " ... 10c
20c " " ... 16c

Overalls and Jumpers

44c The Fair Overall, 20 Per Cent Dis.. 36c
50c Jumpers, " .. 40c

We are unable to list all the good things, but have this to say: if you miss this sale you will miss the grandest opportunity ever offered to buy merchandise away below what it is worth.

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WHEAT IS BADLY HURT

Vast Acreage in Middle West Which Will Be Total Loss.

Reports of Great Injury Throughout Several States Come From St. Paul.

St. Paul, June 10.—The crop situation has become critical. There are many localities where the grain could not be better, but there is a vast acreage where it ranges from fair to a total loss. In Minnesota the damage is estimated at 50 percent along the Northern Pacific, which practically covers the north half of the state. There has been no rain in the southern part of Minnesota worth mentioning and the condition of all grains there is even more discouraging. Corn, potatoes and flax are holding well, but making no progress.

In North Dakota south of the Manitoba boundary rain has fallen to a considerable extent, but followed by intense heat and the ravages of cut worms, the promise is not bright.

In Manitoba crops are making but little headway, the strong winds evaporating the little moisture that has fallen.

Every little shower revives the hopes of the farmers, but these are of little benefit. Grain is yellow and grass is drying up. Wheat three inches high is jointing already in some localities. In other places it is a foot to sixteen inches high and doing fairly well.

Judging the entire Northwestern states east of the middle of Montana, no other conclusion can be reached than that the damage will reach 25 percent. Rain within a few days would prevent further loss, but on the whole it is safe to say, although the acreage is larger than last year, the yield will fall short. Just how much depends upon future conditions. The Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Northwestern reports show a discouraging condition.

Considerable replanting has been done in corn and flax, giving place to wheat.

PALOUSE WHEAT ALL RIGHT.

Nothing More Serious Than Rust On the Blades.

Notwithstanding the reported great damage—amounting to almost extinction—to the wide winter wheat acreage of nearly every state from the eastern base of the Rocky mountains to Ohio, the wheat crop of the Palouse country never promised better than in these ideal growing days of middle June. This is, indeed, true of all that great grain belt of the inland empire embracing eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and western Idaho.

While alarming reports of red rust and immense damage have been floating up from the fields of portions of western and southern Whitman county; this scare now seems to be over. Investigation has disclosed that the rust has so far attacked only the blades or leaves of the wheat and has not spread to and weakened the stalks. The earlier fall wheat only seems to have gathered this rust. The most competent authorities agree that this leaf rust is the only thing to complain of, and that it will cause insignificant, if any, damage. In the southern and western portions of the Palouse country fall wheat is well headed out and in full bloom. Barring the rust, a better crop has not promised since the first furrows were turned on Palouse hills.

This rust at first caused great alarm and the gloomy predictions which have been heard since the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary," that the entire crop was ruined. Calamity howlers have every year found something over which to spread crop failure reports which have never yet come true. It is not probable that they will this year.

The rust is considered to have been caused by the unusually wet weather of May; but the past three weeks have been dry and reasonably warm. Grain has been greatly benefited by it and the danger from rust overcome.

Best Prospect Ever Known.

The country generally north and east of Colfax, which is somewhat later than south and west, reports but little rust, even on the blades of fall wheat. From every direction comes the cheerful report that the country never had a finer crop prospect than now. Only a fair price is wanted to bring a golden stream into the Palouse which will make it one of the most prosperous sections of an already prosperous nation.

J. M. Baker, a farmer of experience in the Palouse country since its earliest days, and who this season rejoices in 1500 acres of grain said to The Gazette:

"I drove out to look at my 1500 acres of growing grain a few days ago. It lies near Sunset, on Cottonwood creek, 20 miles north of Colfax. I was over all but 90 acres of it, and can truly say that, in all my experience as a Palouse farmer, I never before saw so magnificent a crop growing. It was finely headed and struck me then waist high, with a splendid stand. I was up and down Cottonwood for 11 miles and across the country from Colfax. Everywhere is the same cheering prospect and the same story to tell—simply the most magnificent crop this region of great crops has ever shown early in June. There is no rust nor anything else the matter with it."

From Farmington Down.

Hayfield Brothers, agricultural implement dealers at Farmington and farmers with an experience in the Palouse country since wheat first grew on its hills, spoke enthusiastically a few days ago. Walter Hayfield said:

"We drove down from Farmington to Colfax, 25 miles across the wheat fields. The crop is simply splendid all the way. I never saw a better one, and it is much farther advanced than is usual at this early season of the year. Grain has a splendid color, and nothing whatever is working damage. The present bright weather is precisely what is needed and I look for really the best crop throughout this country yet known.

"Reports of considerable damage by Hessian flies in the vicinity of Farmington I consider baseless. Both spring and fall wheat present the appearance I like to see."

Outside of the southern and western localities afflicted by leaf rust—considered practically harmless—just such cheerful reports as those above come from all portions of the great wheat belt of the Palouse—from Hay Station to the Coeur d'Alene mountains and from Snake river to the northern scab lands.

Rye haying is over in the extreme west, and it is expected that the wheat harvest will begin a few miles west of Colfax as early as July 10.

CROP REPORT FOR JUNE.

Decline in Winter Wheat Condition of Six Points.

Washington, June 11.—The monthly report of the statistician of the department of agriculture states that as a result of the special investigation relative to the winter wheat acreage plowed up or cut for forage, the department's estimate of the area remaining under cultivation has been further reduced by 1,676,000 acres, the area abandoned, in addition to that announced May 10, comprising 581,000 acres in Ohio, 79,000 acres in Michigan, 220,000 acres in Indiana, 348,000 acres in Illinois and 448,000 acres in California. This brings the area for winter wheat remaining under cultivation on June 1 down to 24,908,000 acres, a reduction from the area sown in the fall of 5,240,000 acres. Notwithstanding the further reduction of acreage by the elimination of all land entirely abandoned, the condition of winter wheat declined during May 6.2 points, the condition on June 1 being 82.7, against 88.9 on May 1, 67.3 on June 1, 1899, 90.8 at the corresponding date in 1898, and a 10-year average of 80.7.

Spring Wheat Acreage.

Preliminary reports on the spring wheat acreage indicate a reduction of about 567,000 acres, or 2.9 per cent. Minnesota, Wisconsin and Oregon report a reduction of 4 per cent; North Dakota and Nebraska 5 per cent and Iowa 6 per cent. In South Dakota and Washington there is an increase of 1 per cent.

The average condition of spring wheat on June 1 was 87.3, as compared with 91.4 on June 1, 1899; 100.9 at the corresponding date in 1898, and a 10-year average of 93. Minnesota falls 10, North Dakota 7, South Dakota 11 and Wisconsin 9 points below their respective 10-year averages.

On the other hand the 10-year averages are exceeded in Nebraska, Iowa, Oregon and Washington by 15, 1, 4, and 9 points respectively.

The total reported acreage in oats exceeds the average harvested last year by 3.9 per cent.

The acreage reported as under barley is 6.10 per cent greater than the area harvested last year.

The acreage under rye shows a reduction of 4.1 per cent from that harvested last year.

The average condition of rye is 87.6 as compared with 84.5 on June 1, 1899; 97.1 at the corresponding date in 1898 and a 10-year average of 89.9.

Wants to Plead Guilty.

Daniel Santry, arrested two weeks ago upon complaint of Postmaster Ewart at Colfax for cashing illegally a $5 money order belonging to Mrs. M. P. Nickerson, has signified a desire to plead guilty and an effort will be made to have him taken soon before the United States grand jury now in session at Seattle, Santry had a hearing early last week before United States Commissioner Inman and was held to the United States grand jury. He was taken to the Spokane county jail by Deputy United States Marshal Pugh Tuesday of last week.

Cattle and Hogs.

Johnston & Johnston shipped three carloads of fat hogs to Seattle, Monday. The shipment was accompanied by R. M. Johnston and Henry Myers. The above firm has shipped 10 car loads of hogs within the last 60 days, for which they paid in the neighborhood of $9000. They have also shipped about the same number of cars of cattle to various markets.

F. A. Blackstone sells Mason & Hamlin pianos and organs. The best is the cheapest.

INSURE with H. W. GOFF.

CONVENTION JUNE 27

Republican County Ticket Will Then Be Named.

Primaries To Be Held Wednesday, June 20, Day After National Convention.

The convention of the Whitman county republicans will be held Wednesday, June 27, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the primaries on Wednesday, June 20, the day following the national republican convention. In city precincts primaries will be held from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m., and and in the country precincts from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m. All expressing an intention of supporting republican principles in the November election, and who are otherwise qualified as electors, may vote at these primaries.

The republican central committee held a meeting at Colfax Saturday afternoon for the purpose of setting convention and primary dates and to fix the representation of the various precincts. The meeting was more than ordinarily well attended, 32 of the 57 precincts being represented. Chairman J. N. Pickrell presided.

The convention and primary dates were easily determined upon, it being the general desire to get through with the work before the opening of the haying and harvesting season.

After some discussion of the basis of representation, I. W. Shearer of Pullman moved the appointment of a committee of five to determine the matter. The following were appointed: I. W. Shearer of Pullman, chrirman; S. S. King of Tekoa, I. B. Harris of North Colfax, O. E. Young of Pullman and J. R. Cunningham of Turnbow.

The committee decided upon a basis of one delegate at large for each precinct and one for each 20 votes or major fraction thereof of 10 or more cast for Congressman W. L. Jones in the election of 1898. The new precinct of Hay, organized since the last election, is allowed one delegate. This makes a convention of 163 delegates.

Dr. John Benson moved the adoption of the report, as read by Secretary King of the committee, and this was done.

New precinct committeemen, it was decided, should be elected at the primaries, and it is especially desirable that this important matter be attended to in all precincts.

The committee then adjourned, warmly enthusiastic over the outlook for republican success in the great national, state and county contest approaching. Nearly every committeeman had words of cheer in reports of accessions to the ranks in various precincts. They say they never knew a time heretofore when republican prospects for a great victory were so bright as now, but ask that the strong encouragement of the times be made an incentive only to harder and more enthusiastic work on the part of every well wisher for republican principles and republican success.

Habeas Corpused a Chinaman.

Ching Chong, a Chinese member of the county chain gang, breathes free air once more. He was released from the county jail Monday by virtue of a writ of habeas corpus procured by Attorney M. O. Reed. Ching Chong a few weeks ago hacked another Chinaman in the face with a hatchet and was convicted in Justice Kirkland's court of assault and battery and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and costs and serve 30 days additional in jail. The jail sentence had been served when the attorney raised the point that the justice had exceeded his authority in assessing both fine and imprisonment. Upon this showing he was released by the superior court.

School Officers Again Chosen.

The annual school election Saturday afternoon came into competition with the meeting of the republican central committee and interest in it was at a discount. There being no greater issue in the election than the re-election of Rev. H. P. James and Chas. Van Schoick as directors and E. K. Sheldon as clerk, there was no fight and no opposing candidates, the people being entirely satisfied with the work of these school officers in the past. Thirty-one votes only were cast. Rev. H. P. James received every vote for the three-year term as director, and Mr. Van Schoick 29 for the one-year term. Mr. Sheldon also received 29 for clerk.

WOULD KILL HIS FAMILY.

A Tekoa Man Made Murderous Threats and Was Arrested.

For threatening the lives of his wife and children and announcing an intention of then committing suicide, Oliver Antle, residing in the edge of Tekoa, was arrested Monday morning by Constable Sparks, according to a newspaper correspondent of that town. The family but recently came from Missouri and have made things hum with family quarrels ever since their arrival. The husband and father raised serious objections to his wife attending religious meetings. In defiance of his commands in this regard, Mrs. Antle went to Spangle Saturday to attend the meeting of the Baptist association. During her absence Antle told his son Roy that he intended to kill her and the balance of the family when she returned and then commit suicide. The boy had him arrested before his mother's return.

The matter was settled by an agreement for separation and division of the property. Antle deeded his wife the real estate, worth $2500, took $1300 in cash and left the same evening for California.

Was in Oregon.

W. P. Conaway of Moscow passed through Colfax Saturday on his way home from Oregon. He was in the Webfoot state during the exciting election days and says it was the greatest republican victory Oregon has ever known. What the fusionists of that state or Washington can find in the result with which to console themselves, Mr. Conaway says he is entirely unable to figure out.

A Good Cough Medicine.

It speaks well for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy when druggists use it in their own families in preference to any other. "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the past five years with complete satisfaction to myself and customers," says Druggist J. Goldsmith, Van Etten, N. Y, "I have always used it in my own family both for ordinary coughs and colds and for the cough following la grippe, and find it very efficacious." For sale by all druggists.

If you would have the best liniment, get Stone's Pain-Not. Good for colic, sprains, bruises and all sorts of pain. 50 cents only at The Elk Drug Store.

Hulin Bros. manufacture their own Bee Hives and can afford to sell them cheaper than elsewhere.

TO CHEAPEN GRAIN RATES.

Work Progressing Favorably On the New River Line.

The new portage railway and steamboat system, for transportation of the grain of the inland empire down the Snake and Columbia rivers, is progressing most satisfactorily according to recent reports from The Dalles.

The grading for the ten miles of road around the dalles of the Columbia has been completed and tracklaying is now in progress. Steel and ties are arriving daily and there promises to be no delay in the immediate completion of the rail line. The grading was done by contract, but the track was being laid under the direct supervision of the company. There now appears to be no obstacle that will prevent the company commencing operations within six weeks and one of their boats may be put in service at a much earlier date. The steamers Billings, Umatilla and Klickitat will at least be in service during the summer and before fall, if the business justifies, it is said the company will add other new boats to the line.

This is the transportation line which has been making three-year contracts with wheat growers of Whitman county within reach of Snake river to haul their grain to an ocean port for $3.20 a ton, where the charge is now $4 25. The company also agrees to meet any reduction which may be made by transportation lines already in existence.

Demolished the Buggy.

While returning from the Diamond neighborhood Sunday afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Ferguson, narrowly escaped serious injury in a runaway. They had just crossed the railroad near the big trestle west of town, when they stopped to gather ferns, the doctor remaining in the buggy. When Mrs. Ferguson returned to the road the horses became frightened and ran up a bank, throwing the doctor out and making their escape. The top was torn from the buggy and the dashboard knocked into kindling wood. The team stopped at Prof. English's barn near the college. The doctor escaped with a few bruises.

Mr. W. S. Whedon, cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, in a recent letter gives some experience with a carpenter in his employ, that will be of value to other mechanics. He says: "I had a carpenter working for me who was obliged to stop work for several days on account of being troubled with diarrhoea. I mentioned to him that I had been similarly troubled and that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy had cured me. He bought a bottle of it from the druggist here and informed me that one dose cured him, and he is again at his work." For sale by all druggists.

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