

A TUMBLING OF PRICES



At Baudendistel's, Kelso.

I have but a short time in which to close out my entire stock of Merchandise and if you will only come to my store you will soon convince yourself that these bargains are real. I must give up possession of buildings after harvest. Below I give prices on some articles:

Dry Goods.

Calicoes, per yard.....	5c
All 10c. percales go at from 6 1/2 @	8 1/2
Lawns that were 15c@25c now 10c @	15c
All bleached sheeting was 10c now only	7 1/2
Good Shirtings, per yard.....	9 1/2
A lot of cotton flannel, per yard.....	14 1/2 @ 15c
60 pairs men's good suspenders, pair.....	15c
All-worsted cashmere dress goods, reduced from 40c per yard to	25c
Best chiviot shirtings, was 10c per yard.	8 1/2
Finest cottonade pants goods, was 30c.	20c
Regular 20c per yd. fancy satreen goes at	15c
Best table oil cloth, per yard.....	15c
Men's Regular 35c suspenders go at.....	15c @ 20c
Coats' thread, six spools for.....	25c

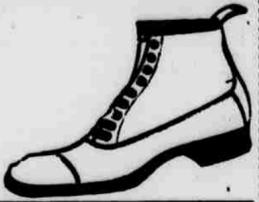


Hats!

Men's Dress Hats, were \$1.75@2.00 reduced to.....	\$1.25
Men's Dress Hats, were \$1.50, reduced to.....	.80
Boys' Dress Hats reduced from 75c@1.00 to.....	.50

Shoes!

Good Men's shoes were \$1.50..	\$1.00
Good Men's shoes were \$1.75... 1.35	
Misses' dress shoes were 2.50... 2.00	
Misses' dress shoes were 2.00... 1.35	
Ladies' dress shoes were 1.75... 1.35	
Ladies' medium wt. were 1.50... 1.20	
Ladies' medium wt. were 1.25... .85	



Groceries.

18 pounds Granulated Sugar for.....	\$1.00
10 pounds roasted coffee.....	1.00
Good Lard, per pound.....	8 1/2
Tomatoes and Corn, per can.....	.10
Good smoked bacon, per pound.....	.09
Syrup, per gallon.....	.35
Laundry Soap, 3 bars for.....	.05
Good roasted coffee, was 20c per lb., now	.15
Best Coal Oil, per gallon.....	.15
Arbuckle's Coffee, 3 packages for.....	\$1.00
Good Brooms.....	.20
Navy Beans, per pound.....	.04
Lye, per box.....	.05
Good Vinegar, per gallon.....	.15
Layton's baking powder, 3 cans for.....	.25



All Patent Medicines cut 20 per ct.

CLOTHING and Pants.

Full Suits worth \$10 to \$12 reduced to \$7.50 and \$8.50	
Full Suits worth from \$7 to \$9 reduced to \$6.50	
Mens' pants worth \$3 to \$3.4	2.50
Mens' pants worth \$2 to \$2.3	1.75
Mens' pants worth \$1.75 to \$2.00 reduced to	1.25
Boys' Knee Pants worth 75c@\$1, now	.65
Boys' Knee Pants worth 60c now.....	.45



Special bargains on John Deere plows and 2-horse Cultivators. Get prices.

Keep in mind the story about the early bird and the worm. These bargains cannot last. You will find it to your advantage to call early.



Hardware.

3 dozen good, long handle shovels, reduced from 85c to	\$.60
3 dozen ditto spades " " 75c to	.55
5 doz. good manure forks, " " 65c to	.45
3 doz. German garden hoses, " " 65c to	.45
3 doz. good garden hoses, were 50c now	.25
3 doz. good garden rakes, were 35c now	.20
2 doz. post-hole diggers, were 75c now	.50
2 doz. best cross-cut saws, were \$4 now	3.00
1 doz. turtle-tooth saws, were \$1.50	2.75
2 doz. good hand-saws, were 75c, now	.50
3 doz. Myer's hay-carriers, were \$5.00	3.75
3 doz. hay forks reduced from \$1.50 to	1.00
300 gal. Sherwin-Williams paint, was \$1.75@2.00 per gal. now \$1.40@	1.50
150 gal. good ready-mixed paint, per gal.	.80

It will pay you to lose a day and travel many miles to take advantage of this sale.

A. BAUDENDISTEL, KELSO, MO.

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STILL HOLDS THE BAG.

To a man up a tree it would seem that the politicians took their friend Albert De Reign out snipe-hunting, and that he was assigned the job of holding the bag. Ordinarily the Kicker can trail the politicians and figure out what is under cover, but the De-Reign-for-circuit-judge job is one too many for him. That Mr. De Reign was an "innocent purchaser" is not to be doubted.

The first we hear of opposition to Judge Riley is the local organ booming Marshall Arnold for circuit judge.

The next scene is at a meeting of the central committee. When the committee refuses to submit the names of candidates for congress, circuit judge and state senator to the people in the primary, Mr. Arnold denounces such action and indignantly leaves the room.

Downstairs, I am told, he meets Mr. De Reign and says to him, "Go ahead and run for circuit judge; I am out of it," and he appeared very indignant at the action of the committee.

Mr. De Reign stepped over to the organ and authorized his announcement.

The next we see of Mr. Arnold is in the township meeting. He had evidently recovered from his indignation, and was leading the fight for Marshall.

But he lost. The Farris forces had control of the convention, and it instructed for him. Mr. De Reign being a home man, he was indignant, as was also Mr. Russell, who was regarded as having no opponent.

Mr. DeReign received the endorsement of those whom he regarded as his political enemies.

At the county convention a few days later the Farris people had full control, and endorsed Mr. De Reign, while a handful of those whom Mr. De Reign supposed to be his friends, and with whom Mr. Arnold had aligned himself, stepped downstairs, organized a rump convention and endorsed Judge Riley.

Denial when a county has a "favorite son" residing in the nomination for a district office, the most powerful politician of that county go into a rump convention to aid him, and then use a single Scott County statement toward a rival for

Mr. De Reign, the Kicker failed to learn of it.

Another remarkable fact is that, aside from a clipping from a Republican paper in Cape Girardeau, the only favorable mention given Mr. De Reign by the organ is the one for which he paid ten dollars.

WORLD'S FAIR OPENED.

Well, the World's Fair got started off on schedule time Saturday, and everybody is having a huge time. An Iron Mountain train was dinged at Kimmswick, twenty-eight miles below St. Louis. Eight were killed and twenty or thirty more or less injured. The hurricane dock of an overcrowded ferry boat gave way and many were drowned or injured. Street cars are grinding people up and everyone is happy.

However, the snobs and grafters who engineer the big deal were disappointed. Francis, Wells and others expected to be able to slosh around with the royalties of Europe, Asia and Africa, but nobody showed up but a Chinese prince, and they had to make all their noise over a Chinaman who, under normal conditions, would have been excluded from the country.

But the President pressed the golden button to set the machinery in motion—just as if that would set things off better than if the man who planned the machinery had also put it in motion.

And the President's representative made a speech and Dave Francis made a speech, and Mayor Wells made a speech, and others of the special-privileged class made speeches and then they went to a cafe and drank champagne and discussed the unfortunate condition of the working males who built the huge show at starvation wages and are now looking for other jobs, while Francis voted himself fifty thousand a year for shooting off hot air.

But the working males want it that way. They just keep on voting for the candidates put up by such men as Francis, Butler & Co., and then blame Congress and the legislature for voting millions to aid their schemes.

ABOUT CIRCULATION.

In the earlier days of journalism in Scott county the average merchant kept a standing advertisement in the county paper, just to fill up space and help the publisher out. He never considered the price paid as an investment on which he expected to realize a profit.

Today it is different. The merchant advertises because it pays, and the first thing he wants to know is

"how many subscribers have you?" For this reason every publisher unblushingly claims the "largest circulation," and it is known that even men who make great claims to christianity obtain advertising contracts by misrepresenting their circulation.

The Kicker has no reason to misrepresent its circulation. It is read by more people than all the other papers in the county combined. Hence to place an advertisement in this paper will bring better results than if placed in all the remaining papers of the county.

The Kicker's subscription list can be seen any day by anyone desiring to see it. I will give ten dollars to any other newspaper in the county that can at this time come within three hundred of its bona fide circulation. I will give five dollars to any paper in the county that can come within four hundred of its bona fide circulation.

And in order to give the "time payment" publications a chance, I will permit the counting of anyone not more than twelve months in arrears as a bona fide subscriber.

This is not a wager—neither is it a bluff. I just want the advertisers of Scott county to know the truth, and am willing to pay for the time spent in comparing lists.

SOBER MEN FOR OFFICE.

It seems that the Fredericktown Tribune has had occasion to criticize the acts of the sheriff of Madison county, and the sheriff asked the paper to point out his weakness, to which the Tribune replied: "It is the drink habit—and but for that he is a good fellow." The Kicker hastens to assure the Tribune that Madison county has no monopoly on having a sheriff afflicted with the drink habit.

In the cities there is nothing that will relieve a police officer or watchman of his star so quickly as to be found under the influence of liquor. It is an offense for an officer to be caught in a saloon, except in the discharge of his duty.

And there is good reason for such precaution. A peace officer is permitted by law to carry firearms. For that reason, if for no other, such an officer should keep a level head—not muddled and overheated by alcohol.

In this regard the people in the country are too lax. Often a man is elected to the office of sheriff whose chief qualification is to make a home run for a saloon as soon as he strikes a town.

A sheriff should be a sober man. In fact, all public officials should be sober men.

Subscribe for the Kicker.

ABOUT THE RING.

Sam Cook has a big club. He is the boss of the banks, and his bank examiner, Dave Seibert, manages to examine banks in a county just about the time the people are to vote. Then he has that great big Constitutional Amendments club that he holds over at least one newspaper in each county. Says the Missouri Sharpshooter: "You newspaper gentlemen who will be tempted again this fall with a \$200 amendment publication for the supporting of Sam Cook for office, should remember that if you break your fortune you can put it together again, and no one will ever see the difference, but if you break your manhood and put it together again, the people will always see the crack."

And again it says: "No Folk Democrat can afford to vote for State Auditor Albert O. Allen. Albert O. Allen and Governor Dockery are members of the state board and principally responsible for the taking off \$200,000,000 from the corporations and saddling it on the farmers of the state by a thirty per cent rate. The farmers will search Allen whenever he bobs up."

Says the Missouri World of last week: "New York Republicans yesterday in state convention instructed for Roosevelt for President. Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central Railroad, is one of the delegates at large. The people will sure get reform by voting the same ticket such men as Depew vote." This is almost equal to the Democrats of Missouri sending Bill Phelps, chief lobbyist for the Missouri Pacific, as a delegate at large to their national convention four years ago.

The Missouri World puts a pointed question to farmers, mechanics and merchants in this way: "You fellow—you farmer, mechanic, merchant—wouldn't it be nice if you could borrow money at one-half of one per cent? Just think of it—only fifty cents a year interest on a hundred dollars. The government loans money to the national banks at this rate, and the banks can have it as long as they want it. You vote for these loans to the banks every time you vote to uphold the old parties. How would it do for you to vote for government loans to the people by voting the People's party ticket?"

The original Folk men are bobbing up everywhere. While they never talk it in my presence, yet I am quite sure that any farmer can go over to the courthouse and find men who have "always" favored Folk for governor. But this is only so since that 1,400 majority at the primary.

It is at Uncle Ben Curd's, at Morley, Where you get the greatest values FOR YOUR CASH MONEY.

Highest Patent Flour, per bbl., \$5.75	White Rose Flour, 50 lb. -	1.10
Highest patent flour, 50 lb. sk., 1.45	White Rose Flour, 25 lb. -	.55
Highest patent flour, 25 lb. sk., .75	Dry Salt meat, 7c to 10c per lb.	
Straight patent flour, per bbl., 5.20	Smoked bacon, per pound, 8c to 11c.	
Straight patent flour, 50 lb. sk., 1.30	Breakfast bacon, per pound,	14c
Straight patent flour, 25 lb. sk., .65	Cottage Hams, per pound, -	10c
White Rose Flour, per bbl., \$4.40	Lard, kettle-rendered, per lb.	10c
Finest parched coffee, per pound, 15c.	Choice Rio, (green) Coffee, 12 1/2c.	

Don't take 10c per dozed for your eggs when I pay 12c in trade at cash prices. Above are a fair illustration of my prices throughout. Come to see me. It will profit you. Yours.

B. S. CURD, - MORLEY.

Investigate! Compare!

A Dollar in value--and sometimes more-- for every dollar spent, is the rule at our store.

LUTES' DRUG STORE, ORAN.

If you get it at Lutes' Drug Store it needs no other guarantee.

The Senatorial Convention will meet at Charleston on May 25. The delegates from this section of the county will find it convenient to take the Frisco train at Oran at 9:36 a. m., and change to the Cairo line at Sikeston. In this way they can get back to Oran at 6:25 p. m. the same day. It's all over but the shouting; and Mr. Farris writes that he wants the Scott county delegates to be in on that.

Local option carried up in Madison county and the saloon-keepers of Fredericktown fled papers to contest the election. But the town authorities retaliated by increasing the license to \$2,000, and the saloon men quit. Evidently the saloons in Fredericktown were not so successful in the selection of town authorities as the saloons of most towns in Scott county—and especially in Benton.

The most interesting exhibit at the World's Fair opening was the speech-making of Taft, Wells and Francis. Gov. Dockery was on the platform but not on the program. Poor old Dockery.

Missouri democrats this year will not support a mongrel ticket. The fight has been made along the lines of reform. Corruption in office and its riddance has been made the paramount issue by the ordinary voter, so far, and the good work will continue the same way. The people will demand that from governor down the line the nominees shall be free from any suspicion of wrong doing. Their records must be clear. The party cannot afford to nominate a single individual whose official character has been assailed, and it is not believed the convention will do it.—Charleston Enterprise.

The Democratic voters should keep in mind the fact that they are nominating members of the State Board of Equalization when they are nominating candidates for State offices. The board is composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General. The railroad corporations and franchise interests would like to

be able to control the Board of Equalization. They would like to have the members of the board be men who, when the matter of setting valuations upon their property for taxation purposes comes up, will knock down the valuation a few millions in return for a liberal contribution to the campaign fund. The president of the board for the next four years will be Jos. W. Foll, and it is to be hoped that the Jefferson City convention will see to it that the other members of the board will be men whom the corporations can not dominate.—Cash Book.

This is a boy's account of his father's entrance into politics: "Dad has took the stump. I don't no who ran him up—but he's up it, just the same. Dad is runnin' for office. One newspaper says he is a natural born liar; another says he run off with a widow. When ma heard all these things, she said she thought she knowed him before, but she's glad she found him out at last, and just wait till she ketched him again!"