

# McLAUGHLIN MERCANTILE COMPANY,

# WILLMAR, MINN.

The great closing out sale of the McLaughlin Mercantile Co.'s Fine Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoe Stock has been something wonderful. Thousands of people, even from far off, responded and got the benefit of this tremendous sale, but the stock was too large to close out in one month and now the knife will be put into it still deeper. This next month it must all be closed out. Thousands of dollars worth of goods yet on hand, but they are going fast. Don't delay buying until they are all gone, as there may not be a chance to get goods as cheap again for the next ten years. This FINISHING SALE TO COMMENCE SATURDAY, FEB. 2, and will be pushed to the finish. Don't miss it.

### Cloak Department.

Large stock of Cloaks yet to close out, but our prices will sell them. They must go. Ladies' Jackets and Capes, Children's Jackets, Ladies' and Children's Cigarettes and Furs, all will be sold regardless of cost to close them out.

Ladies' \$5.00 Jackets in Beaver, latest style, now \$2.50 each.

Children's very fine Jackets sold at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

Ladies' Electric Seal Muffs sold at \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50, all go at \$1.00 and \$1.50 each.

14 inch deep Collarettes in electric seal, good strong lining, got to go at 95c each.

Children's White Muff and Collar to be sold at 50c each.

Ladies' \$6.00 and \$7.00 Jackets in black, blue, tan, etc., to be sold at \$4.00.

All our fine Jackets in tan, blue, brown, black, etc., sold at \$10, \$12 and \$15, all go at \$7.50 each.

Ladies' Capes, trimmed with fur and beads, sold at \$8 and \$10, now all

go at \$4 each.

Ladies' Seal Plush Capes trimmed with fur, now to close out at \$1.69 each.

### Shoe Department.

We have a very large stock of Shoes on hand yet, and they all have to be sold the same as everything else, in as short a time as possible.

Men's Calf Shoes, lace or congress, worth \$1.50, to close out at \$1.00.

Men's Calf Shoes, worth \$1.25 to \$1.35, all go at 83c a pair.

Children's \$1.25 Shoes, sizes from 8 to 2, to close out at 83c a pair.

Ladies' Oxford Shoes in kid, mostly small sizes, all go at 59c a pair.

Good Baby Shoes, sizes 2-5, in black and colored, on sale at 15 to 20c a pair.

Ladies' Silk Satin Slippers, black, red, pink and blue, worth \$2.25, to close out at \$1.10 a pair.

### Dress Goods Dept.

All our Dress Goods and Silks to be closed out at prices that will sell them fast.

50c Silks now go at.....35c.  
60c Silks now go at.....40c.  
75c Silks now go at.....50c.  
\$1.00 Silks now go at.....75c.  
\$1.25 Silks now go at.....90c.  
\$1.50 Silks now go at.....\$1.10.  
\$2.00 Silks now go at.....\$1.50.

Dress Goods and Velvets to be sold in the same way until they are all closed out.

### Linen Department.

Turkey Red Table Linen, full width, fast color, 15c a yard.

All-Linen Cream Color Table Linen, to close out at 25c a yard.

White Toweling, 15 in. wide, to go at 3c a yard.

18 in. Heavy Toweling, cream color, worth 8c, to close out at 5c a yard.

### Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing

Has gone fast, but still lots to close out.

Children's Suits as low as 60c.

Men's Good Wool Suits, \$3.50, etc.

Men's \$5.00 Suits.....\$3.50.

Men's 7.50 Suits.....4.00

Men's 10.00 Suits.....6.00.  
Men's 12.00 Suits.....8.00.  
Men's 15.00 Suits.....9.95.  
Boys' Overcoats, worth \$2, \$3 and \$4, now go at \$1.39 each.  
Boys' \$1.50 Overcoats to close out at 98c each.

We have on hand a full line of Ladies', Men's and Boys'

### Mackintoshes

all sizes, which we will close out at less than half price. Get them now and save money.

Ladies' dark blue latest style Mackintoshes, Serge with plaid lining and velvet collar, with cape, worth \$5.00, now to close at \$2.25 each.

Ladies' Steel Gray, invisible check and plaid lining, worth \$4.50, now on sale for \$1.90 each.

Ladies' small mixed check Mackintoshes with cape, velvet collar and plaid lining, worth \$3.50, now on sale for \$1.69 each.

Ladies' mixed tan color Mackintoshes, plaid lining, velvet collar with cape, worth \$10, now on sale for \$4 each.

Men's fine black Mackintoshes, velvet collar, worth \$4.50, on sale to close out for \$2.25 each.

Men's black Raincoats with cape, plaid lining, worth \$2.50, on sale at \$1.10 each.

### Our Corset Line

is yet complete in American and French shapes, and we sell them at prices that will dispose of them. They must go as well as everything else.

Fancy and plain colors in a good strong Corset, worth 38c, to close out at 19c a pair.

French shape Corset, blue and black, pink and blue, etc., worth 75c, now to close out at 38c a pair.

Jackson's \$1.00 Corset Waists in black and drab, to close out at 69c each.

Silk Satin \$2.50 Corsets in cardinal trimmed with black lace, to close out at \$1.90 a pair.

### Miscellaneous.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Gloves, Underwear, Hosiery, Calicoes, Gingham, Men's Neckties, Jewelry and Fancy

Goods, all have to go at prices never offered before in Willmar.

Ladies' fine Trimmed Hats as low as 50c.

Lancaster best Gingham, 5c a yard.

Men's very strong and good Winter Caps, 20c each.

Men's Silk Four-in-hand Neckties, 2 for 25c.

Men's Bow Ties, 2 for 5c, etc., etc.

Towels, small size, in white, to close out at 4c or 6c for 20c.

Table Oil Cloths, the best quality, worth 25c, to close out at 2 yards for 25c.

Lace Curtains, corded edge, strong quality, 10c a yard.

Good strong Bed Ticking, blue stripe, 5c a yard.

Calico Quilts, full size, heavy, to close out at 48c each.

Fine Satin covered Quilts, worth \$2.50, on sale at \$1.69 each.

Boys' Suits, small sizes, worth \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$1.50, to be closed out at 60c each.

All our best German Yarn, 4 skeins to the pound, worth this year 35c, to close out at 23c a skein.

# ZOROS

The New Breakfast Food

Contains No Corn.

IT IS AN ALL WHEAT PRODUCT.

All Grocers Sell It.

Made by

Willmar Milling Co.

## C. WIGDAHL, Dealer in WOOD AND COAL.

All kinds of Hard and Soft Wood. Office and Yard next block west of the Mill. Telephone 169. WILLMAR, MINN.

### DISTRICT COURT.

The grand jury met Monday morning and organized by electing A. E. Rice as foreman and Ne's Quam secretary. Three indictments were found: Two against Ben Waterman and one against E. R. Lyman, for "nitid pigging." The grand jury was composed of the following citizens:

Ole Halvorsen, Lake Andrew; Nels Transtrom, Atwater; W. F. Gratz, Willmar; H. J. Roelofs, Holland; Hans Owe, East Lake Lillian; Thos. Harris, Harrison; J. Haima, Edwards; Simon Simonson, East Lake Lillian; John H. Bowman, St. Johns; Nels Quam, New London; Torger Dittmarson, Irving; Joseph Felfarek, Roseland; Peter Gilskey, New London; J. S. Andrews, Burbank; M. A. Scholz, Edwards; C. L. Englund, Fahlun; Charles Berg, Kandiyohi; Thor Mikkelson, Colfax; Eans Flygare, Genessee; A. H. Gordanmer, Arntander; A. E. Rice, Willmar; Andrew Jorgenson, Norway Lake; Carl Syverson, Lake Andrew.

Ellefson, Irving; Oscar Mankel, Lake Andrew; Frank Magnuson, Holland; O. J. Gilbertson, Harrison; W. C. Maier, Harrison; August Klint, Fahlun; Ole Johnson, New London; Fred Clough, Roseville; T. H. Olson, Edwards; Olof Olson, Colfax; John Malmgren, East Lake Lillian; F. E. Morine, Kandiyohi; Henry Bomsta, Lake Elizabeth; J. J. Henderson, Green Lake; A. P. Almquist, Lake Andrew.

The jury was not given anything to do until this morning. The first case tried before it was Dr. Johnson vs. T. O. Flisen, in which the Doctor sues to recover an old doctor bill. Ben Waterman is being tried on an appeal from village court as we go to press.

E. R. Lyman, who had been bound over and was indicted, did not appear and his bondsman, M. D. Manning and A. J. Gorwell, will be called on to pay a forfeit of two hundred dollars.

Most of the cases have been continued, and the term will be very brief.

### Musical Instruction.

I wish to announce to the people of Willmar and vicinity that I have located at 317 Benson avenue, where I will be pleased to receive anyone wishing instruction in band music or on string instruments. Violin instruction a specialty.

O. ANDERSON.

### TO TEST GATHMAN GUN.

The Target to be Used Will Represent a Battleship of the Iowa Type.

All arrangements for the test of the Gathman gun at the Sandy Hook proving grounds have been made by the joint board of army and navy officers, and it remains now only for congress to provide the necessary money to conduct the experiments. Naval Constructor Bowles has succeeded in designing a target which will represent a battleship of the Iowa type in resisting power. This will be placed in shallow water so that the effect of each shot may be ascertained without delay.

The target will be a steel barge covered with 12-inch Krupp armor, much better, in fact, than that on the Iowa. The sides will be braced and supported to add to the resistance qualities of the structure. In providing for the use of such a target the board's purpose is to test the effects of projectiles thrown from the Gathman gun on an armor of the first class under conditions approaching as nearly as possible to actual battle at sea. To test the destructive energy of the gun on land a modern-armored turret will be used as a target.

The board has arranged to fire 20 shots, which will determine the destructive energy, accuracy and safety of the gun. To conduct the tests more than \$100,000 will be needed, and it will be necessary to secure a special appropriation from congress. Six tons of wet gun cotton will be used.

### AMERICA'S CUP IN DANGER.

Yachtsmen on This Side Atlantic Realize New Challenger Will Be Formidable Foe.

The conviction among yachtsmen on this side of the Atlantic that Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's cup carries with it real menace to the continued residence of the famous trophy in this country has grown with the cable reports from abroad concerning the elaborate preparations being made for the building of the new challenger, Shamrock II. The reason for this fear is set forth in a letter by Designer Clinton H. Crane, of New York city. He says in part:

"The fact that the Shamrock II. is building at Denny's yard at Dumbarton does not seem to have excited the interest of yachtsmen in this country that it should have done, perhaps, because it is not known that this is the first sailing yacht that the Dennys have ever built, and that the Dennys have the only private model testing tank in the world—two very suggestive facts. It is known that the speeds of warships and merchantmen of unusual model have been predicted with absolute accuracy, after experiments in such a tank."

W. Butler Duncan, the prospective manager of the new defender, when shown a copy of Mr. Crane's letter, declined to comment on the comparative thoroughness of the preparations made by the challenger and defenders of the cup.

### HAS FAITH IN HIS BOAT.

J. P. Holland Says the Day of the Submarine Boat Has Come—Available for Passengers.

J. P. Holland, inventor of the submarine boat, gave before a large gathering of students and friends of Manhattan college, New York, the introductory lecture to a course in naval architecture which is being established in that institution. Speaking of the submerged boat, he felt sure that its day had come. Six of his submarine boats had been ordered by the government and, though inadequate in number for the protection of the long coast line, they would, however, promptly and efficiently deal with any attacking fleet. Other nations were also equipping their navies

### OUR ISLAND TRADE.

Shows a Big Increase During Last Year Over Previous Year.

Exports to Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines, Hawaii and Samoa Will Aggregate Over \$50,000,000 for the Year 1900.

Exports from the United States to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine, Hawaiian and Samoan islands will aggregate \$50,000,000 in the year 1900, against \$14,000,000 in 1899, \$19,000,000 in 1898, and \$17,000,000 in 1897. This enormous growth is shared by each of the islands named, but is especially apparent in the case of Porto Rico, to which the exports in the year 1900, under the new Porto Rican act, will show an increase of about 50 per cent., as compared with last year, and 100 per cent. as compared with preceding years.

The above figures are necessarily estimates so far as they relate to November and December of the present year, but a study of the actual figures of the preceding months of 1900 and the corresponding months of 1899 and 1898 justifies an estimate which brings the exports to Porto Rico in the calendar year 1900 up to \$5,400,000; to Cuba, \$26,000,000; to the Philippines, \$3,300,000; to the Hawaiian islands, \$15,000,000, and to the Samoan islands and Guam, \$200,000, making the grand total of \$50,100,000 of exports to these islands in 1900, compared with \$41,551,084 in 1899, \$19,171,342 in 1898, and \$16,922,205 in 1897. In every case our exports to these islands in the year 1900 will exceed those in preceding years.

To Cuba the exports of the year will be double the average annual exports to that island, except during the fiscal years 1892, 1893 and 1894, when the reciprocity treaty with Spain largely increased our sales to that island. To Porto Rico the exports of the year will be double those of any preceding year, except 1899, and will exceed that year by 50 per cent. To the Hawaiian islands, estimating figures of the closing months of the year upon those of the earlier months and other obtainable data, the exports of the year are more than double those of any preceding year except 1899. To the Philippines the figures for 1900 will be double those of 1899, and more than ten times the highest figure in any earlier year. To the Samoan islands the total will be double that of any preceding year.

Comparing our exports to the islands above mentioned with those in the great reciprocity year 1893, when our exports to Cuba were double those of years immediately preceding the reciprocity act, it will be seen that our total in 1900 greatly exceeds that of the greatest of the reciprocity years. The total exports to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian and Philippine islands in 1893 were \$28,094,047, and, as above indicated, will in 1900 amount to \$50,000,000 in round terms.

### RAILROAD LINE IN ARCTIC.

Remarkable Road Which Has Just Been Built to Develop Swedish Iron Mines.

Samuel Hill, son-in-law of James J. Hill, and himself prominent in railroad circles, has just returned from abroad with remarkable accounts of the new railroad being constructed in northern Sweden under the arctic circle.

There have been extensive discoveries of iron ore in that region, he says, and the new road now extends 250 miles from the iron range to the Baltic sea. In the other direction a railroad is being graded and will be finished within a year that will enable this ore to be shipped to Atlantic tide-water. Mr. Hill says that, unlike the Minnesota ore, which is as coarse as gravel, the Swedish ore is

### Reptiles in Alaska.

There are no snakes or frogs in Alaska, but there are toads.

### The Richest City.

Relatively to its population, Hartford, Conn., is the richest city in the union.

### The Silent Premier.

James Dunsuir, of Victoria, B. C., the new premier of British Columbia, threatens to be known as "The Silent Premier." He has been a member of the provincial legislature for two years, and in that time his voice has never been heard in debate on the floor of the house.

### Characteristic of Gouid.

A New York spirit medium has been interviewing Jay Gouid. Jay's reply was sent collect, says the Chicago Times-Herald, which leads some people to believe it is genuine.

### RETURNS TO INDIAN KIN.

Years of Civilization Fail to Destroy a Pretty Girl's Love of Savage Life.

Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has received a letter from her sister Mrs. Emma De Knight Sleeth, of Arkansas City, Ark., telling the strange story of Belle Givens, a Ponca Indian who after 20 years of refined civilization went back to her tribe. The girl was put into the Ponca school in Indian territory at the age of six years, when Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Sleeth were teachers there. At 15 Belle was promoted to the Haskell seminary at Lawrence, Kan. She became a teacher in Sunday school, leader of the Young Women's Christian association, organizer in the chapel and an expert typewriter.

In her last letter to Mrs. Robinson, written last spring, she told of her engagement to a young white man. One day Belle disappeared. "I have gone back to the Poncas. Don't look for me," is the message she left. Empty-handed and bareheaded she traveled about 400 miles until she heard the cry of her kindred. Her fiancé followed her to the reservation and begged her to go back with him to civilization. Heartbroken he returned alone to Lawrence and told the story.

### SKELTON OF A WOMAN.

Crime Committed Over Half a Century Ago Revealed by Find on the Shore of Salt Lake.

Portions of a woman's skeleton, white with glistening salt, and a salt-incrusted chain still encircling a rock at the edge of the great Salt Lake have been found. They tell the story of a ghastly crime committed over half a century ago, when Utah was wild and Mormon pioneers, except when killed by the Mormons, were scarce. The skeleton was that of Agatha White.

The White family settled near Black Rock, on Salt lake, but, tiring of the hardships of pioneer life, the husband deserted his family and left the country. One June morning Mrs. White came plodding into Grantville, then a walled fort, and reported the theft of several of her cattle and a team of horses. A few days later a man from the fort found near Black Rock the mangled body of the little White girl, but the mother had disappeared.

Mrs. White never was seen again. Weird stories were told by the settlers of shrieks heard about Black rock, and the place was avoided as haunted, but no trace of Mrs. White's remains could be found.

## This Offer is Good Until Feb. 5, 1901.

- Sugar, Granulated, 20 pounds,
- Rolled Oats, 15 lbs.,
- Pepper, 1-4 lb.,
- Rice, 10 lbs.,
- Soap, Best Grade, 15 bars,
- Allspice, 1-4 lb.,
- Syrup, Sugar Drop, 4 gallons,
- Mustard, 1-4 lb.,
- Apricots, 5 lbs.,
- Kerosene, 5 gallons

# \$5

## The Rodlun Shoe & Clothing Co., Willmar, Minn.



### FEW PEOPLE Have Eyes Alike.

Fully nine-tenths of those who wear glasses have different vision in each eye.

Sometimes it's a decided difference—in others only a slight variation.

A careless examination will fail to bring out this defect—the same lenses will be adjusted to both eyes—and headaches and eyestrain that medicine fails to relieve are the result.

We test each eye separately and select the proper lenses and adjust glasses to suit both eyes.

Examination Free.

### Wennerlund, JEWELER and OPTICIAN.

Red is a danger signal on the railroad, on a fellow's nose and a woman's face. Men and women use Rocky Mountain Tea and get genuine rosy cheeks. 35c. A. E. Mossberg.

LOST—A gray fur robe, between Olof Wallin's place in Roseland and Willmar, the 14th of January. Finder will please call on, or write Sam Nelson, Willmar, Minn., at Court House. 504

Having disposed of my business interests in town, I will sell my Real Estate at bargain prices.

50x150, with residence, on Lithfield Ave., next west of Catholic church. A FINE RESIDENCE LOCATION.

150x150 with residence, on 10th St., northwest of Park. FINE RESIDENCE LOCATION—EASY RENTER AT \$10.

25x150, with flat house, on Pacific avenue, between 7th and 8th streets. AN EASY RENTER AT \$14.

These must be sold at once, and the first reasonable offer takes any or all.

W. D. WIGGINS.