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Dist. Attorney, J. F. Cunningham.

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Presbyterian, (Cumberland) Every 2nd Sunday and Saturday before, No Pastor.
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THE PROTECTION MELON

Ohio Wool Growers Build to their Own Interest.

AN OUTSPKEN REPUBLICAN.

American Wool Can't be Used Without Admixture of Foreign—The More Foreign Used the More American Needed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The following appears in the Times of this morning. This is the day set for the meeting of the national association of the wool manufacturers in this city, at which they are to take action upon the tariff question as they believe it to affect their interests.

The executive committee of the association met in Boston Sept. 17, after a loud blast upon their little independence trumpet and brave declaration that the time had come to cut a tariff melon of their own, in which the wool growers should have no part. But the wool growers' association, from its intrenchments in the western reserve on the little Miami river in the state of Ohio, sent to them a notice that the tariff melons that grew this year were party melons in which the interest of the wool growers were equal if not superior to those of the wool manufacturers, and if the manufacturers should presume to cut a melon without inviting them to the feast they would tear up the vine so that there would be no more melons of the tariff species whatever.

The threat produced its desired effect. The executive committee met according to resolution and resolved that they would cut a melon but that they never had any intention to dispute the claims of the wool growers to the first choice of prices. All they wanted was that after the wool growers are satisfied enough melon should be provided by the American consumers of woolen goods, who are melon growers to provide them with a good square feast.

All their independence had vanished. Like Crockett's cow they came down as soon as the wool growers pointed a gun at them. They resolved they did not want the duty reduced on their chief raw material, raw wool, nor on the machinery used in its manufacture. But they did want the Chinese wall of tariff on manufactured goods built enough, higher, notwithstanding that it is now the highest point along the whole wall, to prevent any foreign-made goods whatever from getting inside.

There are some good and otherwise sensible people who hope, almost strong enough to believe, that the independent spirit will prevail in to-day's meeting; that notwithstanding the treachery and timidity of the executive committee, a sufficient number of the members of the convention will assert themselves, declare their individual interests paramount and vote for free raw materials to overcome the cowards and set themselves as an association from the espionage and dictation of the wool growers of the western reserve.

"Why should we encumber our business," said one of them, "with such an everlasting burden to support an unnatural industry? If the farmers of Ohio want to raise sheep rather than grain and fruit on their high priced land, for goodness sake let them, but when they want us to pasture their sheep in fields of greenback they are asking too much. Texas grows a much larger quantity of wool than Ohio,

and California most as much, but neither of them have asked for government protection.

"These Ohio growers don't know their own minds and they are blind to their own interests. They ought to know that we can't use their wool without an admixture of foreign wool, and that the more foreign wool we use the more of the Ohio wool we will need. They seem too blind to perceive this point and have allowed a lot of blamed mountebank politicians to organize them against their own interests. What can we do with such a lot of imbeciles?"

"They are just strong enough to control the situation and to do as they threaten, that is to remove the tariff from manufactured goods unless we consent to increase in the duties on raw wool. They will let the manufacturers fix the tariff on manufactured goods if we consent to their programme and that seems to be the only way out of the present predicament. I don't like the situation a bit.

"I believe we would have been much better off if the Mills bill had become a law. I had my misgivings about the matter last fall and felt very much like giving Cleveland a lift, but we were told that the whole protective system would go by the board if he should be re-elected and I yielded to the pressure around me and I contributed my share to the Harrison campaign fund. I never gave money to any cause so grudgingly as I gave then, although we heard the same old scare ringing in our ears—"if we attempted to meddle with the tariff on raw wool the whole protective system would go by the board."

"It seems as if our protective system had become to be a house of cards, and if we attempt to move a single card the whole structure will fall. I suppose to-morrow's meeting will swallow the Boston resolutions without a struggle. It does not look as if there were any other way out of the thing, but that does not settle the matter, although there is a republican majority in congress it is a mighty slender one, and out of so large a number of men there may be a few who are wise and independent enough to act upon this matter from a purely business standpoint. I certainly hope it will be so. But at any rate there are four years of high tariff administration before us, and according to my notion the western reserve, as well as the manufacturers, will get their stomachs full of it by that time."

The speaker was the president of one of the largest wool manufacturing institutions in Connecticut. He is a republican and voted last fall for Harrison. He gave the Times reporter this expression of his views only under the pledge that his name should not be used.

BROUGHT BACK.

A Fugitive from Parker County Caught After Four Years.

Wetaherford, Tex. Oct. 2.—A telegram received from Sheriff H. S. Sisk announces that he has Ed Anderson in jail at Portland, Ore, and will return him to Texas inside of ten days. Anderson was a fugitive from justice, having escaped from the Parker county jail in 1885 while under ten-years sentence to the penitentiary. The crime of which he was convicted was a most brutal one. The court record shows that the 3rd of February 1885, about midnight, Anderson deced little Julia Francis Knig, aged 9 years, to a room in a hotel near the depot, where she was wait-

ing for a train to go to Fort Worth having run away from home on account of ill treatment. The testimony of the child discloses a depth of depravity that was inhuman in its brutality. Three times he assaulted the helpless child while he had her in his power. Anderson was indicted three days after the commission of the crime, and the court being then in session he was tried, convicted and sentenced for ten-years in the penal service. The testimony showed he was under the influence of liquor at the time, which probably mitigated his sentence. His case was appealed and confirmed on the 25th of April, and he escaped from custody on the 15th of May following. Sheriff Sisk recently learned of him in Oregon and as usual got the man he went after.

EXPLODED A WHISKY BARREL.

Mishap of a Humorous man—Threw the gun away.

Meridian Tex. Oct. 2.—Yesterday, in front of a saloon, Bob Fossett, to frighten some negroes, held a lighted match to the open bung of a recently emptied whisky barrel. The negroes, fearing an accident, ran, and Bob looked after them laughing, but forgot to take his hand from the barrel. The match burned in two, the blazing end dropping through the bung into the barrel. An explosion followed, the barrel was rent in twain with a report like thunder right at you, and according to Fossett's statement, with a flash of vivid and intense lightning, but the only injury he sustained was a terrible fracture of the left forearm.

Lotis Wilson, the 14 year-old son of V. B. Wilson, was out gaming yesterday with a fine breech-loading shotgun. The gun was accidentally discharged, taking off several toes from Lotis' right foot. Lotis threw the gun down and hobbled home. The gun has not been found.

UTICA CHOR EPISODE.

The Female Organist, aged 24 Married the pumper aged 14 Years.

Utica, N. Y. Oct 2.—Society circles in this city are greatly agitated over the marriage of Annie Louise Cushing, a pretty young woman of 24, and Eddie Frey, a boy of 14. Miss Cushing has for many years been an organist in the churches of Utica, and it was while acting in that capacity in St. George's Episcopal church that she became acquainted with young Frey, who was a member of the boy choir. When Miss Cushing rehearsed in the church Frey was always around pumping the organ. On Saturday, Sept. 7, Miss Cushing told parents she was going to West-Bloomfield, a little village near Rochester, to visit relatives. Frey disappeared at the same time, and went to Boston and from there to Canadaigua, where he met Miss Cushing and they set out to get married. The woman looks old enough to be the boy's mother. Several ministers in Canadaigua refused to marry them on this account. A Congregational clergyman finally consented to perform the ceremony. The bride gave her age as 20 and Frey said he was 18. The marriage created a great deal of gossip when the news of it leaked out. Mrs. Frey played the organ in St. George's church Sunday. Frey attended the public school in the city.

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THE first steam whistle that ever sounded in Haskell will be that of Messrs. Jones & Smith. They will grind corn to-day at their new mill.

THE FREE PRESS has no room for politics. We hardly have space to report land transaction and the many new enterprises on foot.

THE Dallas News came to our table the other day with 20 pages illustrated with cuts of many of the pallacial residences of Dallas and its suburbs.

If the politicians of Dallas have the interest of their city at heart they will drop the St. Louis Republic and do what they can for the News. Gov. Gibbs is the man who tried to lay the foundation of the Republic in Texas by trying to have it indorsed by the last State Democratic convention, but we do not think his little scheme will work.

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—Capt. E. M. Posey has returned from Sulphur Springs.

—Call at W. H. Parsons bath room and scrub yourself.

—We are glad to learn that Mr. Mason's little boy is convalescing.

—Kyle Smith and Ed Wray of Albany were in Haskell this week.

—W. H. Parsons has added a bath room to his barber shop.

—J. N. Fields and J. A. Carlisle of Kaufman were in the city this week.

—\$10,000 Worth of real estate changed hands in Haskell this week.

—Mr. Shelby has the lumber on the ground to build a two story residence.

—A. N. Seaton has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Calahan county.

—Dr. McGregor and his son-in-law Chas. Fordstrand have returned to Waco.

—J. L. Dewees and J. C. McLaren Sheriff of Stonewall county were in the city this week.

—We would say to delinquents that our wood is about out and winter is nearly here.

—A. H. Henry of Kaufman is visiting his daughter Mrs F. G. Alexander at this place.

—Foster & Sanders have sold 640 acres of land on paint creek to E. D. Jefferson of Bosque County.

—Mess. Miller & Riddle have contracted to build an addition to Capt. C. P. Killoughs residence.

—Wm. Glass of Bosque county has bought of Mess Foster & Sanders 320 acres of land on Paint-creek.

—Parson Brown and family of Ellis county have arrived, and will soon be established in their new residence.

—Haskell now has five nice Pianos, three good organs and a string band, when can we have a brass band.

—S. M. Hammons has sold his saloon property to his partner J. S. Ketter who in turn has sold to C. W. Ballow of Wills Point.

—Dr. J. P. Borton of Rockwall county is in the city prospecting. He is well pleased with this county and will probably buy land here.

—Dr. E. A. Anderson and D. R. Gass have formed a copartnership and consolidated their business. These gentlemen will make a strong business firm.

—Mess Morgan & Scott have contracted a sale of 320 acres of land situate in the southeast portion of the county to H. B. Potts of Jones county.

—One of the best places to buy School Books, Slates, Pens, Ink, and Paper is at Bass Bros Abilene Tex.

—Dr. G. C. McGregor and his son-in-law, Chas. Fordstrand both of Waco, are in the city visiting the Dr's. son Frank McGregor.

—Ye scribe would like to purchase a pig, who has one for sale? We would also give one year's subscription to the FREE PRESS for half a dozen hens.

—Mr. Moonyham and wife have returned from Forney where they have been visiting relatives. Mr. Moonaham says they both had chills whilst they were visiting.

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—A few of the young ladies accompanied by their beaux went serenading the other evening, and treated many of the sleeping people in the city the some rare vocal and instrumental music. Ye scribe will never for get the pleasure he had in listening to the peices rendered at his window. We hope the young ladies will call again.

—Parties trading with us on time would do us a favor by examining their accounts once or twice a month and see that they are correct, and then you will not be so surprised at the amount when it is presented on the 1st of each month.
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—Judge W. M. Key of Austin was in the city this week. He is a brother-in-law of S. W. Scott Esq. and the District Judge who rendered the famous decision in the Val Verde land case where suit was brought by Attorney-General Hogg to recover an enormous amount of land for the state.

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—While in Abilene we visited the dental parlor, operating and mechanical rooms of Dr. F. N. Brown. The parlor was handsomely furnished and artistically decorated. The operating rooms was furnished with a fine plush dental chair, cabinet of instruments and an engine run by water power conducted through a hose.

COUNTY COURT.

The following was the action had in the county court this week in the case mentioned:

Ed J. Hamner vs J. P. Berryhill continued; Ed. J. Hamner vs. Sil Stark, continued, State of Texas vs C. E. Joel charged with disturbing the peace, acquitted; the State of Texas vs John Humphries, charged with gaming, continued; State of Texas vs Bud Smith, gaming, continued; State vs James Dillahuntty gaming, continued; State vs E. M. Posey, gaming, continued; State vs J. M. Sherman, charged with failing to notify sheep owners that has flock were inflicted with scab, fined \$100.00; State vs Elgin Spears, using abusive language continued; State vs Jim Bogan simple assault fined \$5.00; State vs John Widdle, simple assault, fined \$5.00; State vs S. B. Judson, failing to dip his sheep, dismissed.

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IDELLA.

Mr. Zeb Marcey is sick—over-heat from wok.

Little Hallie Clifton, four-years-old daughter of W. H. Clifton was badly though we hope not fatally burned on last Saturday morning by an over turning kettle of water.

Cotton picking, corn gathering and wheat sowing gives quite a hum to the agricultural department of Idella.

I suggest that Messrs Jones & Smith attach a big bell to their engine and ring it just after the whistle blows, least some of us take fright at the approaching train.

We wish the printer of the Free Press would be more careful for Idella's Grammar and autobiography. From the last issue the critic would not take us to be authority on these branches.

Your correspondent is blessed with plenty of turnip greens.

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AN EXCITING TRIAL.

A Priest Being Tried for His Life on a Heinous Charge.

RALEIGH, N. C. Oct. 2.—What may be considered the most exciting trial on the charges of rape ever known in the stat began here to day. The defendant is an ex-priest John J. Boyle, a native of Pottsville, Pa. It is alleged on the 11th of last May he outraged his organist, a 17-year old girl named Geneve Whittaker, in his room over the Roman Catholic church of the Sacred Heart here. He narrowly escaped lynching after his arrest. The crime with which he is charged is a capital offense in this state, punishable by death. Interest in the case prevades all classes, and to-day when the trial began the courtroom was crowded. A jury was secured in two hours. There are some twenty-five witnesses, among them the victim and her father, together with the girls who were her companions, and a negro boy who was Boyle's servant. Boyle will be an important witness in his own defense.

Miss Whittaker was strong on both examination and cross-examination. She testified that her age was 17, though apparently she is not over 15 and is undeveloped and very delicate. She said the priest sent her a message by a boy while she was in church, saying he had a note for her and she should go to his sitting-room after it. She went, and to-day testified that he at first took liberties with her. At that time she rebuked him, and he told her it was no-one's business if a priest chose to love and marry. She struggled to get away and screamed as loud as she could, whereupon he threatened her with death, taking her by the throat and saying he would shoot her. He urged her to marry him, promising her all the money she wished if she would run away with him. She refused and he assaulted her with great brutality. The ordeal to-day was a very trying one for the young girl. She said on a former occasion the priest had taken her on his lap and when she left had kissed her on the forehead, but she thought it an honor to be thus noticed by the priest, whom she regarded as her spiritual adviser. Her evidence was completed at a late hour this evening. The trial will occupy all the week.

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Topography, Water, Soil, Products, Shipping Points, Railroads, Public Schools and Mail Facilities.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west, from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county, kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming begun in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so bountiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The acreage in farms have been increased to at least 10,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The county is an undulated plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers, but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Southwest to Northeast by Lake

and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porous and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite gnubs and stumps, which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows, and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Johnson and Colorado grasses grow to great perfection and the hay made from these grasses form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year '88—a dry year ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 20 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. There is a some shipping done to Albany, a town 45 miles southeast, on the Texas Central Railroad, but not so much as to Abilene, because of rougher wagon roads.

RAILROADS.

There is one road being built from Dallas to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or for its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 60 miles north of the T. & P. R. and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is

situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Land, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$8.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is only one post office in Haskell. It has a daily mail, over the line from Abilene via Anson, which line also brings express freight, and proves very satisfactory to our people.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is four years old and has a population of 600 to 700. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet, also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has four drygood and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and drygoods and groceries as cheap as can be bought any where. Also has two drug stores one notion one hotel and one restaurant, both first class; one blacksmith shop; two cabinet and wood shops; one exchange bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; one meat market; two livery stables; three doctors; 10 lawyers and land agents; one first class county newspaper and job office, and only one saloon, all doing a very good business. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of curs words and Mulhatten mixtures, but rather that we are a peo-

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At 10 cents per yard we are showing a splendid line of Satteens. Colored Challies at 7 cts per yard, worth 10 cts. Cream ground Challies, fast colors, at 5 cts per yard. Half wool Beige at 10 cts per yard, worth 15 cts. Half wool Beige, the latest and most novel, at 15 cents per yard.

WHITE DRESS GOODS.

A splendid line fine cross bar muslin 12 1/2 cts per yard, worth 20 cts per yard. Plain White Dress Goods 10 to 15 cts per yard, worth 15 to 25 cts. These goods must be sold at once.

SILK GLOVES AND MITTS

25 Dozen Silk Mitts at 20 cts per pair, worth 35 cts. 20 Dozen Pure Black Silk Mitts at 25 cts per pair, worth 50 cts. 10 Dozen Pure Black Silk Mitts at 40c, cheap at 65 cts. Our 50c Silk Mitts are cheap at 75 cts per pair.

HOSIERY! HOSIERY!!

Our 10c Ladies' Hose can't be duplicated for less than 15 cts per pair. 50 Dozen Ladies' hose at 15 cts, worth 25 cts per pair. Our 20c and 25c hose are usually sold at 30c and 40c per pair.

MAMMOTH SHOE BARGAINS.

Ladies' fine button shoes at \$1.00, worth \$1.50. 250 Pairs Ladies' fine button shoes at \$1.25, worth \$2.00. 200 Pairs Ladies' extra fine button shoes at \$2.50 reduced from \$5.00. 3 cases Men's brogan shoes, 30c to \$1.25, worth \$1.25 to \$1.75. Boy's brogan shoes, strictly first-class, at 90c and \$1.00. Men's fine dress shoes at \$1.50 reduced from \$2.00. Men's fine dress shoes at \$1.75 and \$2.00, former price \$2.50 \$3.00. 200 pairs Men's dress shoes at \$2.50 reduced from \$3.50.

BARGAINS IN HATS.

Men's black wool hats at 50c, cheap at \$1.00. Men's black wool hats at 75c, cheap at \$1.25. 10 Dozen Men's black fur hats at \$1.25, worth \$2.00. 10 Dozen Men's black fur hats at \$1.50 and \$1.75, worth \$2.50 to \$3.00. Men's fine clear nutria white hats at \$2.00, worth fully \$3.00. 5 Dozen Men's Derby hats at \$1.35, worth \$2.50. 10 Dozen Men's Derby hats at \$2.00, worth \$3.00. 10 Dozen Boys' wool hats at 25c, worth 50c. 10 Dozen Boys' wool hats at 40c, worth 65c. 25 Dozen Boys' fine wool hats at 75c, worth \$1.00. Men's white fur hats at \$1.50, worth \$2.50.

Men's white fur hats at \$2.50 worth \$3.50. There is no market that can beat us on these goods.

MEN AND BOY'S SHIRTS.

At 25 cts we have men's work shirts worth 40c. At 50c we have a variety of work shirts, worth 75c. Men's fine white dress shirts at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. 10 dozen men's unlaundried white shirts at 80c worth 50c. 20 dozen men's unlaundried white shirts at 50c worth 75c. 10 dozen men's unlaundried white shirts at 75c, worth \$1.00.

BED SPREADS.

White bed spreads at 50c worth 75c. White bed spreads at \$1.00 worth \$1.50. Fine white bed spreads at \$1.25, worth \$1.75—Our \$2.50 white spreads are a model of beauty.

PARASOLS!

We have a fine line of parasols and they will be old regardless of cost.

TABLE CRASH.

Turkey red table cloth in bolt at 25c per yard, worth 35c. At 40 cts per yard we can sell you Turkey red table crash, worth 65c. At \$1.00 we are selling some fine table cloths worth \$1.50. Extra large and fine at \$1.35.

WINDOW SHADES.

Elaborately bordered shades, fringed, 75c. Very heavy bordered shades, fringed, \$1.00. Fine Lace Curtains \$1.50 per pair, worth \$2.00. The foregoing shades are first-class material, good springs, and we deliver and put them up in your house.

SLIPPERS! SLIPPERS!!

Come and buy slippers of us, for our former cost prices are greatly reduced in order to close them out.

LADIES UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Vests at 20c and 25c, worth 35c to 50c. Ladies' Gowns, Skirts &c., at about half price.

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