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J. M. LATHIM

THE PEOPLES' STORE

General Headquarters For

Farmers, Miners, Railroaders,--Everybody

WE SELL EVERYTHING Dry Goods, Groceries, Furniture, Stoves, Hardware, Farming Implements, Saddles, Harness, Boots and Shoes, Carpets, Mattings, Rugs, General Household Furnishings, Flour, Feed-stuffs, Guns, Pistols Ammunition, Barb Wire, Poultry and Lawn Wire Fencing, Queensware, Clocks, Glassware, Cutlery. In short, we are "The Peoples' People", and carry in our store and warerooms about everything the people need or want. Our name and reputation are your guarantees for honest treatment, and our references are any of the reliable people who have been doing business with us for years.

Furniture and Stoves On Installment Plan.

We have in our store, west side Katy track, a large line of Furniture, Cook and Heating Stoves to select from. Come, inspect these goods, get prices and let us sell you what you need on the easy payment plan. Our prices are right.

South Front **J. M. LATHIM.** North Front
Stonewall-Avenue Park Avenue

A Temple Of Fashion.

Miss M. Myers' mammoth millinery display on Choctaw avenue, South McAlester, is attracting crowds of out of town shoppers as well as the at-home customer. The big show windows with their artistic arrangement first attract the shopper, who, seeing so much beauty outside cannot resist seeing the whole display. Inside the big busy department is aglow with new autumn tints and shades. Of course the most interesting subject at present is ready to wear and between season hats, and here they are in endless variety. One of the favorite novelties in this line is the new tailored-hat of handsome smooth broad cloth. These are exquisitely made and in a variety of "fetching" shapes, the "Napoleon" probably being the most popular. The smart little "Polos" are shown in felt, velvet, and cloth. The new fall and winter shades are lovely and come in pale and delicate colors. The "Alice blue" is prominent both in hats and their decorations. Soft creams bordering upon yellow, moss green and brown are all shown. Brown still holds its own despite its last season's run, but reddish browns are more in evidence than the wood-browns of last winter. Visitors to Miss Myers' parlors declare the fashions in hats were never more beautiful, and of unusual cheapness in price, considering their beauty of design and richness of trimming. Handsome street hats range in price from \$3 to \$5, and handsome pattern hats at an astonishingly low figure. Miss Myers invites the Old Town ladies to inspect her stock before

buying. Parties on Choctaw avenue where you can rest and wait for your car.

The following people from here attended the Twentieth Century Club dance at Krebs last night: Misses Jennie Hopkins, Grace Webster, Keturah Hopkins, Ada Richards, Maggie Hopkins, Ethel Young, Mrs. Coppage Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pendarvis, Messrs Ed McAlester, Blain Harris, Lincoln Pierce, Morgan Hopkins, Bob Walker, John Dusenberry, Roy Webster. They say it was an elaborate affair, and express themselves highly pleased the hospitable manner in which they were entertained.

About twenty-five or thirty people went over from here last night to see "A Texas Romance" at the Langdale. It was a high-class performance and was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. The same company will present "A Russian Spy" tonight, Saturday matinee "Lost For A Day," and Saturday night "Deadwood Dick." Manager Estes, besides being a most clever gentleman, is thoroughly well versed in his business, and theater-going people have learned that he only books for his play house the most high class attractions.

Coal \$2.50 Per Ton.

In the advertisement of the Galveston mine last week the printer made the figures read \$3.50 per ton when it should have been \$2.50. Mr. J. S. Felps, the owner of the mine, sells to all alike at \$2.50 per ton at the mine, which makes coal delivered to any part of McAlester cost from \$3.00 to \$3.25 per ton.

Pay Your Debts.

Palmyra, Mo. Herald.

A gentleman in the city, having extensive business interests, needed some one to fill a good position, with opportunities for promotion. A certain young man of this city attracted his favorable notice, but made inquiry concerning him before offering him the position. The young man was highly recommended as sober and industrious, but it was discovered that he had run a bill with a grocer in this city, and when asked for payment had not only refused to pay but thereafter avoided going near the man he owed, always buying his groceries and spending his money with other merchants. That settled it. He does not know how near he came getting a paying position. Probably there are many such cases as this. The dishonest man, who, after securing credit, imagines he is just that much ahead, but is he? In the first place he must have a mighty mean opinion of himself. And then he gets a reputation that is a powerfully poor business recommendation. Many a good man gets in debt and finds it hard or impossible to pay out. But he does not repudiate the debt, nor

does he dodge his creditor. When he has money to spend he spends it with the man who accommodated him, and tells him that he has not forgotten him or forgotten the old debt and will pay it if he is ever able. No merchant ever harbors ill will toward such a man. Pay your debts, young man. There are very few business openings available to men who have the reputation of running bills and then failing to pay.

One Way Colonist Rates

To the east and northeast. Tickets on sale daily until Oct. 31st, via the Frisco. Through tourist sleeper from Monett, Carthage, Webb City, Joplin and Columbus to Los Angeles without change. Only two nights on the road. For rates, sleeping car reservations and time of trains address

L. W. PRICE,
D. P. A., Joplin, Mo.

B. F. COOK, UNDERTAKER.

Coffins, Caskets, Hears.

North Main Street, McAlester.

The Bon-Ton Bakery,

SAM EDWARDS, Proprietor.

BREAD IS THE STAFF OF LIFE.

Therefore you should eat the best bread to be had. We make the best bread and are anxious to serve you. Delicious pies and cakes.

McAlester,

Ind. Terr.

The Threatened Coal Strike.

Although the existing agreement between the coal trust and its employes will not expire until the first of next April, both sides appear to be actively preparing for a strike beginning on that date. It will be a fight between organized labor on one side and organized capital on the other.

That there will be a strike seems practically a foregone conclusion. President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' association, has notified President Baer, of the association of operators, that certain demands will be made at the expiration of the present agreement. The Baer person has given no official reply but for some time past the trust has been making active preparations for a long period of inactivity at the mines. It figures that it can take care of its coal better than the mine workers' union can take care of the labor which will be thrown into idleness when the strike comes. It has vastly more money than the union, and it costs more to keep idle miners than idle coal.

The fool killer is taking a lay-off and the annexationists are running rampant, but when the fool killer resumes work again the annexationists will look like "90 cents."

Logic of Steady Advertising.

An advertiser in the Abilene Reporter has reasoned it out this way: "If I want to get well acquainted with to whom I have been introduced, I speak to him every time I meet him. If I spoke to him but once and then passed him without recognition the next time I saw him, and continued to pass him without speaking, or perhaps only speak to him two or three times a year, we wouldn't know each other very well. That's the way I look at this advertising business. When I want the dealers of a certain territory to become so familiar with me that they will think of me when they are in need of goods in my line, I want to speak to them in every issue of the paper they get."

He that is ignorant let him be ignorant still; he that is filthy let him be filthy still; he that is for annexation let him be for annexation still; and he that is for captivity into captivity he goes.

Proposed Legislation.

A. P. Murphy, member of congress from the Sixteenth Missouri district is taking quite an active interest in the legislation for Indian Territory. Murphy lived here three years and is thoroughly familiar with Indian Territory conditions. He has drafted a clause which he proposes to introduce into Congress this winter, possibly in the Indian appropriation bill which looks to the complete removal of restrictions from Indian lands, except the homesteads of full-blood Indians. The draft of the bill follows: "Be it enacted by the senate and the house of representatives, that the restrictions on the alienation and tax-

ation of Indian lands in the Indian Territory, except as to the homestead of those as shown by the Commission to the five civilized tribes to be of full Indian blood, be and the same are hereby removed."

An exchange strikes a homely truth here: "If you want to make an all-round, good for nothing tough out of your boy, just but in and take his side on every question that comes up between him and his teacher, and if you want to give him a good start toward the penitentiary, be sure to let the boy know that he can always depend on your help, no matter what kind of trouble he gets into at school."

Equestrian Art.

In the many new equestrian acts offered by Ringling Brothers' World's greatest Shows, there is a distinction of style and beauty to be found with no other show. The nerve-quickening bare-back riding of circus tradition is there in its most perfect expression; there are also many innovations in the art of masterful equestrianism. Shapely horses and delicate breeding are directed through the rhythmic movements of fashionable dance, and at the simple word of command are made to do amazing tricks, illustrating in marvelous ways the almost human understanding of the educated horse. There are 400 specimens of these pure-blooded animals with the big shows. Pre-gminent among the male and female riders of distinguished reputation are the four Bedlins, premier riders of the world; Gilbert Eldridge, champion rider of England; Orrin Davenport, America's leading equestrian; Reno McCree, an Australian favorite; the Hobsons, Albert Crandall, the De

Venes, Rhedo Royal, Lula Davenport. In this company of remarkable artists that justify the title of "the world's greatest shows," are sixty acrobats, sixty aerialists, forty riders, forty leaders and vaulters, fifty clowns, thirty equilibrists and sixty gymnasts of different ground specialties. All to be seen in Ringling Bros. World's Greatest shows, Friday, Oct. 13.

An Indian Carrie Nation.

Tonkawa has an Indian Carrie Nation. Charles Foster was sitting in front of the postoffice there recently, smoking a good cigar, when an Indian squaw snatched it from his mouth and threw it on the ground, uttering at the same time a guttural exclamation of disgust.

Growing Black Locusts.

J. H. Ludlow, living near Leedey in Day county, Kansas, has a flourishing crop of black locust trees which he has grown from the seed this summer. They are planted in rows about as far apart as corn rows. Some of these trees, six months after planting,

are from six to eight feet high, and two inches thick. Many of them will make good posts in three summers. In planting these trees Mr. Ludlow poured hot water over the seeds one morning and let them stand till the next morning, when he poured more hot water on them and let them stand till the next morning, when the seeds were ready to plant. His success with the trees speaks very strongly for his methods.

Warning Order.

In the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District: George Phillips, Plaintiff, vs. Eliza Phillips, Defendant, No: 4399. The defendant, Eliza Phillips, is warned to appear in this court at South McAlester in thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, George Phillips. Witness my official signature and seal this 14 day of Sept., 1905. E. J. Fannin, Clerk. By W. C. Donnelly, Deputy. (SEAL) Arnote & Lester, Att'ys. for plaintiff. C. H. Hudson Attorney for non-resident defendant.

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The Time To Buy FALL GOODS Is Now Here.

Why Not Buy First As Well As Last?

The stocks of Fall Dress Goods, Cloaks, Tailor-made Suits and Skirts, and Carpets are now complete. The best and biggest we have ever shown and at lower prices. We have a new style Rain Coat at \$10.00 that you can not buy in the big cities for less than \$15.00. All sizes and styles.

Come early and let us show you.

Ben Durfee & Co.

SOUTH McALESTER.

Coal \$2.50 Per Ton.

Coal for domestic or household use for above price at the Galveston mine in north part of town. Cash must accompany order. Clean coal and full weight. See W. B. England, agent, at mines.