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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

# 'THE FAIR'

Second Annual Ten-Day Genuine  
Cost Price Sale.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 20th to Dec. 30th, inclusive.

Something you can't do without, at actual  
cost price.

15 lbs. White Sugar	\$1 00
5 lbs. Green Apples	0 25
Shelled Almonds and Walnuts, per lb.	0 35
Raisins, Muscatels, and Valencias, per lb.	0 10
Cleaned Currants, per lb.	0 10
Cranberries, per lb.	0 15
Walnuts, Almonds, and Peanuts, 2 lbs. for	0 35
Icing Sugar, per lb.	0 10
Tomatoes, per tin	0 15
Peas and Corn, per tin	0 10
Large Navel Oranges, per doz.	0 45
Jap Oranges, per box	0 75
Grapes, per lb.	0 25
New Asia Figs, per lb.	0 15
Jellies, all flavors	0 10
Choice Creamery Butter, per lb.	0 30
Glycerined Eggs, per doz.	0 30
Full Cream Cheese, per lb.	0 17
Ham, per lb.	0 17
Breakfast Bacon, per lb.	0 17

All our Groceries at actual cost--no old stock.

## BARGAINS!

Boys' Boots marked \$1.50 and \$1.85, at \$1. Boys' Boots marked \$1 and \$1.25, at 75c.

Hurry up and get the best. All lines leather Footwear, Men's, Ladies', and Children's, at actual cost price for 10 days only.

### Sheep Lined Coats

All sizes. They must go before the year's out, \$6.25. Deal with us the balance of this year, and save 25 to 50 per cent.

### Saturday's Special

BOX OF APPLES - \$1.75.

# A. B. LeBlanc,

PHONE 81.

### CURIOUS BLUNDERS.

The Anachronisms That Crowded a  
Once Famous Poem.

The medieval romances are full of blunders, making contemporaries of men who were separated by thousands of years, but as historical criticism had not then a being and the general information of the age was not superior to that of the novelists, their plans do not amount to much from a literary point of view. Such an instance is the case of Ariosto, who might be supposed to know something at least of the truth of a story, but whose once famous poem, "Orlando Furioso," is a tissue of historical absurdities from beginning to end.

In this poem Charlemagne and his peers are joined by Edward I. of England, Richard, first of Warwick, Clarence, and the Duke of York and Gloucester. Cannon are employed hundreds of years before the time of Monk Schwartz, and the Moors are represented as established in Spain, in spite of the historic fact that 300 years elapsed after the death of Charlemagne before they crossed from Africa. In one place Prester John, who lived 400 years after Charlemagne, and Constantine the Great, who died five centuries before him, are introduced and hold familiar converse with the great Charles, while in another Saladin and Edward the Confessor are joined by the Black Prince.

**Wet Weather and Camels.**  
Camels are very sensitive to moisture. In the region of tropical rains they are usually absent, and if they come into such with caravans the result is fatal. The great humidity of the air explains the absence of the camel from the northern slopes of the Atlas and from well wooded Abyssinia. This sensitiveness expresses itself in the character of different races.

The finest, most noble looking camels, with short, silky hair, are found in the interior of deserts, as in the Tuarek regions, in north Africa, and they cannot be used for journeys to moist regions. Even in Fezzan, south of Tripoli, the animals are shorter and fatter, with long, coarse hair, and in Nile lands and on coasts it is the same. These animals, too, are less serviceable as regards speed and endurance.

**Birds Plant Trees.**  
An old time Arizona woodchopper says the bluejays have planted thousands of the trees now growing all over Arizona. He says these birds have a habit of burying small seeds in the ground with their beaks and that large numbers of the small pine nuts in the ground, many of which sprout and grow. He was walking through the pines with an eastern gentleman a short time ago when one of these birds flew from a tree to the ground, stuck his bill into the soil and quickly flew away. When told what had happened, the eastern man was skeptical, but the two went to the spot and with a knife blade dug out a sound pine nut, from a depth of about an inch and a half. Thus it will be seen that nature has her own plan for forest perpetuation.

**How He Lost \$1,000,000.**  
Colonel Ochiltree used to tell a story of how he once lost \$1,000,000. "It was at a banquet," he would say, "and Senator Hearst of California sat beside me. Hearst told how years before he and his party had once been helped across the Platte by a brave red haired boy. The boy to do this deed had risked his life. Senator Hearst as he talked on got enthusiastic in his gratitude to the lad. "Why," he said, "if I could only find that boy tonight, I'd make him a present of \$1,000,000." "I could restrain myself no longer at this point," I burst into tears. "Senator," I said, "I am that red haired boy. Behold the boy in me!" "But Hearst said, 'Ochiltree, you lie! And thus I lost a million.'"

**The Pale Yellow Kind.**  
There is a double joke in this story which the New York Mail and Express relates. A little girl, riding with her mother in a street car, was much attracted by an amber necklace worn by a lady who sat opposite. "Mamma," she exclaimed, "are those beans that the lady has on a string around her neck?" "No, no, my dear," said her mother in confusion. "They are very pretty beads." "But, mamma," persisted the child, "they look just like those beans papa wouldn't eat last night!"

**Superfluous Implement.**  
"Here, madam," said the peddler at the back door, "I have a most useful little household instrument. It is a combined screwdriver, buttonhook, can opener, latchkey, lamp cleaner, letter opener, paper cutter, pipe fixer and penknife. Can I sell you one?" "Sell me one?" repeated the housekeeper. "What do I want with one?" "Can't you see that I wear hairpins?"

**A Business Man.**  
"Excited Neighbor--What do you let that boy of yours build a bonfire in my back yard?"  
"Placid Neighbor--Isn't your yard insured?"  
"E. N.--No, it isn't."  
"F. N.--That's all right. I'm an insurance agent. Here's my card."

**Before and After.**  
The Adverser--It's wonderful, old man, what love will enable a fellow to see in a girl that he never saw before.  
The Onlooker--No doubt, but it's equally wonderful what it won't let him see that he'll see later.

## The Medicine Hat Trading Co., Ltd.

### Gift Suggestions.

Our large and well-assorted stock offers you great variety in Xmas buying this season, and our values are speaking for themselves. Come in and get some prices.

<p><b>Curtains</b> Lace Curtains, from the pair up. Chenille Curtains. Tapestry Curtains. TABLE COVERS in Linen, Tapestry, Chenille, and Fancy Silk. Rugs, Mats and Squares. You will find some SPECIAL VALUES in this Department.</p>	<p><b>Neckwear and Belts.</b> The ladies tell us they are the prettiest in town and NOT expensive. New lace tabs just opened this week. BLOUSES FURS SKIRTS HATS COATS At Prices to Clear.</p>
<p><b>Gloves.</b> All our Kid Gloves are guaranteed. White Washing Kid Gloves, 2 buttons, white elbow, unadorned kid, only \$2. Real American Mocha, silk lined, \$2 in black &amp; brown. Fur Lined Kid Gloves, best quality. Cream and White Silk Gloves, two lengths.</p>	<p><b>Cushion Tops.</b> Fancy Cushion Top, with back to match, from 45c. up. We show a large variety in Linen, Denim, Silk, and Flax. Embroidered Silk Mantle Drapes and Table Covers. FANCY LINENS. Mexican Work in Tenseille and Battenberg. DOYLIES CENTRE PIECES TRAY CLOTHS TEA CLOTHS etc.</p>

## Men's Department.

The stock is comprehensive, well-selected, and of undoubted Quality.

<p><b>Cardigan Jackets.</b> Black or Brown Cardigan Jackets, with two pockets, mohair lining, \$1.25, button cuffs, single breast, \$1.75, extra heavy, double breast, \$2.25.</p>	<p>Men's and Boys' Winter Caps, in all styles, in Fancy Tweeds, Blue and Dark Cloth, Beaver Drop Bands, and Fur Lined, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.</p>
<p><b>Men's Body Belts.</b> Natural Color, felt belts, three straps and buckles, steel supports in back and side, size 34 to 42 inch, 55c. Natural Wool Knitted Belt, close rib, top and bottom, in small, medium, and large sizes, 55c.</p>	<p><b>Neckwear, Collars, and Cuffs.</b></p>
<p><b>Hats and Caps.</b> Men's Felt Hats, in black, brown, fawn and greys, from \$1.50 to \$5.</p>	<p><b>Mufflers.</b> Wool Mufflers, wool and fine Cashmere, in navy and black grounds, white, blue, red, stripes and figures, 75c, 85c, \$1. Silk Mufflers, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25.</p>
<p><b>Hats and Caps.</b> Men's Felt Hats, in black, brown, fawn and greys, from \$1.50 to \$5.</p>	<p><b>Fur Caps, Wedge Shape.</b> Plucked Beaver, Electric Seal, French Otter, Black Persian Lamb, prices, from \$5 to \$10.00. Grey Lamb Caps for children, \$3 and \$4. A special XMAS DISCOUNT of 15 per cent on all fur caps over \$5.</p>

## Boot and Shoe Department.

<p>Infants' Felt Shoes, fur bound tops, romo shape, colors red and green, 7c and 8c per pair. Women's Colored Felt Slippers, Green, Red, Brown, Black, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. Men's Felt Slippers, leather sole, \$1.00. Men's Felt Slippers, felt sole, 85c.</p>	<p>Ladies' Fine Lace Boots, Shoes, and Sandals, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3. Men's Fine Lace and Elastic Boots, \$2.50, \$3, \$4.50. Men's Felt Boots, lace and elastic, \$2.00. Women's Felt Boots, Lace and Button, \$1.75 to \$3. Boys' and Misses' All-Felt Boots, \$1.50 to \$1.75.</p>
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## Earthenware, China, Glassware

We have made a special display of Crockery on the second floor, to meet the growing demand for serviceable articles that would be appreciated as a Xmas Gift.

44 piece Dinner Set, various decorations \$7.95 to \$75 00	
44 piece English China Tea Set--	
white and gold gilt	\$8 25
blue and gold gilt	8 00
green and gold gilt	6 25
pink and gold gilt	6 25
blue and gold gilt	6 25
blue and gold gilt	6 25
Jugs decorated in sets of 3	1 25
Jugs separately, 1/2 gallon 55c, quart 45c, pint 0 35	
Jugs, Glass 1/2 gallon	0 75
Jugs, Glass quart	0 50
Berry Sets, royal blue and gold	2 50
Berry Sets, white with pink and gold	1 50
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Vases 5c up to	5 00
Jardiners \$1.50 to	3 00
Large range of Cups and Saucers each, 10c to	

**Good Cut Glass at Toronto Prices.**

Water Bottles, each	\$ 6 00
Bowl, 8 inch, \$14.00, 9 inch,	15 00
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Bowl, 7 inch	10 00
Wine Decanter \$8.00 and	17 00
Vases \$1.00, \$4.00, \$7.00	6 00
Nappies \$4.00, \$4.50 and	4 00
Cream and Sugar	4 00
Vinegar Bottle	4 00

Large selection of odd pieces to choose from. Full stock of staple lines.

## Grocery Department

This department is well stocked with high grade staple and Fancy Groceries. And prices are no higher than the best quality sells for.

Oranges have arrived, nice stock, per doz n	\$ 50
Lemons have arrived, nice stock, per doz n	0 40
Malaga Grapes have arrived, per doz n	0 25
Apples 4 lb for	5 75
Apples by the barrel	0 10
Cranberries per lb.	0 15
Currants per lb.	0 10
Raisins per lb.	0 35
Creamery Butter per lb.	0 25
Dairy Butter Prints per lb.	0 25
Choice Tub Butter per lb.	0 45
Fresh Eggs per dozen	0 30
Glycerine Eggs per dozen	0 30

### Flour.

If you have trouble with your baking try our OLD WHEAT FLOUR. We couldn't afford to disappoint our customers by recommending it if it wasn't just what we claim for it--the best at the price. Only a limited quantity left.

Potatoes 85c a bushel.

Carrots and Parsnips in stock. Order early avoid the rush. And get better delivery.

## VALUES TELL