

OMAHA WOMEN SLOW WITH THEIR SURGICAL WORK

Mrs. John Glass of Chicago Appalled at Lack of Results in the Making of Dressings.

Omaha women have failed thus far in their duty to the Red Cross surgical dressings department. "I am appalled at the lack of work accomplished in Omaha," said Mrs. John Glass of Chicago, chairman of the surgical dressings committee for the Central division, embracing five neighboring states. Mrs. Glass is attending the state Red Cross conference.

"Omaha women give but two days each week for making surgical dressings. This work should be carried on every day in the week with not a chair in the workrooms vacant. The Red Cross society has promised three million dressings each month, and it is up to the women to furnish them."

More Speed or Disgrace.

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"The high standard of work must still be maintained and we must still be careful where and who makes the dressings, but we must not stop to measure one-sixteenth of an inch in the making of these needed supplies while our men abroad die for lack of them," said Mrs. Glass. "We still want the perfect work Omaha has turned in, but we must have more."

Women as Instructors.

Mrs. Glass emphasized the fact that certified directors are not necessary for each workshop. Any woman who has taken the surgical dressings course may qualify for an instructor in the workshops to make the simpler dressings.

A manual has been issued for use in small towns where there are no instructors. Only the instructors can make the special dressings, however. They must still be careful of raw edges, ravelings and the counting of dressings.

"Encourage women of all classes to help in this work. Extend a welcome to the woman who comes to the workshop and volunteers her service," Mrs. Glass advised the women in charge.

Omaha has 84 Red Cross auxiliaries which make hospital garments and supplies, but only five which make surgical dressings.

Program Changed.

The morning program of the Nebraska Red Cross conference was sharply altered to give prominent Omahans an opportunity to address the conference.

Gurdon W. Wattles, state food administrator, and Randall K. Brown,

Mystery of Missing Tobacco Puzzles Omaha Red Cross Women

Where, oh where, is a carton of tobacco? Mrs. E. T. Swobe and women of the Red Cross Christmas packet committee for our boys in France would like to know.

The carton of tobacco was one of several donated by a local house. The drayman delivered it to the First National bank, the elevator "girl" carried it up to the sixth floor, where the Christmas packet packing is going on—and there are only women who don't smoke in the committee rooms. But one carton of tobacco is missing.

"The meanest man in the world took it," some one ventured.

introduced by Chairman Judson as the only unmarried man on the Ak-Sar-Ben board of governors and on the Commercial club directorate, were impromptu speakers at the morning session.

Clarence Hough, millionaire Chicago newspaper man and director of publicity of the Red Cross, central division, made the principal address. Mr. Hough concluded his stirring remarks with an offer of \$100 reward for evidence that any Red Cross official had sold Red Cross supplies.

Mr. Hough sharply condemned what he termed "sinister whisperings of an early peace in the world war" declaring that this rumor was doing more damage in throttling the Red Cross and in holding back money and

"I think it was unpacked by some of our workers earlier in the morning and the contents are already safely inside some Sammie's packets," is the solution offered by Mrs. Glenn Wharton.

But no one knows.

The first installment of 500 of the 2,000 packets to be prepared was ready for shipment today. Expert wrappers from the local stores are doing the final wrapping.

Six dozen pipes were given by Gallagher-Nelson company and packages of playing cards by Mrs. W. R. Johnson. Bars of chocolate candy are needed now.

men than any other single factor of the war.

He characterized the Chicago publicity bureau as being one of the pulse strings of the organization which laid its fingers on everything that passed through the Chicago office. He urged Nebraska chapters to oust publicity agents who had grown lax in their methods and install "real live wires."

The trip to Nebraska with his colleagues, Mr. Hough declared, had been a real education in Red Cross work for them. Mr. Hough dwelt also on the fact that Nebraska has the largest Red Cross unit of the United States per capita.

Mr. Hough promised the Nebraska chapters an early opportunity to use

Red Cross moving pictures which are now being prepared in Chicago.

Hard Row for Speculators.

"The men who speculate and endeavor to make money on the blood of young Americans are destined to find a rocky road to travel," declared Food Administrator Wattles.

"The food of the country was re-tarded this year, and it will be more so next year," Mr. Wattles said.

"With all our boys joining the colors we can't hope to raise as much as heretofore. That is the very reason we have been undergoing this gigantic task of having every woman in Nebraska sign a pledge card to conserve food."

Incendiary Fire Destroys Belgrade Depot and Store

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the Union Pacific depot at Belgrade, Neb., and damaged jewelry valued at \$20,000. The jewelry is the property of a Lincoln wholesale jewelry firm. The station was valued at \$1,000.

Officials of the railroad company believe the fire was started by sympathizers of Fay E. Philamalee, 16 years old, who forced entrance Sunday afternoon to the depot and was sentenced Tuesday at Fullerton, Neb., to serve six years in the state reformatory at Kearney, Neb.

The case was bitterly contested because of the prominence of the boy's father. Many friends of Philamalee's attended the trial at Fullerton. The railroad company is conducting a thorough investigation.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

POSTOFFICE IS SWAMPED ON LAST DAY OF OLD RATE

Avalanche of First-Class Mail Pours in As Thousands Hurry to Get Under Wire.

An avalanche of first-class mail poured into the Omaha postoffice yesterday.

It was the last day on which the 2-cent rate for letters was in force. Letters mailed after midnight last night must carry 3 cents postage. Post cards must have 2 cents postage. The only exception is letters and cards addressed for delivery in Omaha, which will continue at the old rates.

A long line was formed at the stamp windows. Part of the day three clerks were kept busy selling stamps. Many business houses sent out circular letters by the hundreds to save the 50 per cent of increased postage which will be necessary after today.

Numerous signs in the postoffice corridors call attention to the fact that increased postage is now in effect. The local office has 3,000,000 3-cent stamps on hand and these go on sale

Friday morning. There is still a large supply of 2-cent stamps and these will be disposed of in the ordinary course of business. There will be considerable demand for them for post cards and parcel post.

Word was received from Washington of a special ruling regarding letters bearing insufficient postage. Under the postal regulations first-class letters which do not bear at least 2 cents in postage are not forwarded. They are returned to the sender or, if the sender is not known, they are sent to the dead letter office. Under the new ruling letters will be forwarded to destination if they contain insufficient postage and the amount due will be collected upon delivery.

This will save the inevitable accumulation of letters sent by forgetful people who will continue to put on the old 2-cent stamps.

Complain of the Relative Price of Hogs and Corn

Otoe county farmers in convention register their dissatisfaction with the relative prices of corn and the packers' new prices on hogs and have passed resolutions calling the situation to the attention of the food administration at Washington.

With breeding time only 30 days distant the hog raisers complain that the packers have "forced the hog market down to \$3.50 per hundred pounds," while corn has gone up. If they do not get a satisfactory adjustment of the situation from the packers through the food administration they threaten to erect their own packing plant.

OMAHA PASSES ITS RIVAL FOR NEW MEN

Leads Des Moines For Last Two Months in the Number of Enlistments for the Army.

Omaha went far ahead of Des Moines in army enlistments for the month of October. This is the first time in months that it has happened. At the beginning of the war Omaha and Des Moines were neck-and-neck, then Des Moines forged ahead and kept so for four months, till October. Then the Nebraska farm boys were freed from crop duty and began to pour into the Omaha recruiting office.

Omaha enlisted 299 men last month while Des Moines brought in 232. The Omaha record was even higher than that of Des Moines for September, when 297 were brought in.

The whole Omaha district made a fine record for October, enlisting 986 men. At the recruiting office it was said the district would come near the top in the report of enlistments all over the country.

Wants Speed Regulated.

Weber & Son, proprietors of an old mill at the north end of Florence, wrote to the city council requesting that the speed of army automobile trucks and passenger motor cars be regulated.

Thirty-First Anniversary 1886-1917

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The House of MENAGH ANNEX
302 SOUTH 16TH ST.
The Store That Always Sells For Less First.

Mid-Winter Sale

Friday and Saturday Coats, Suits, Dresses, Waists, Skirts

\$40 Garments	\$25.00
\$30 Garments	\$17.50
\$20 Garments	\$12.50
\$15 Garments	\$9.85
\$5.00 Blouses	\$2.98
\$3.00 Blouses	\$1.69
\$2.00 Blouses	89c

Friday's Prices Will Not Prevail On Saturday

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

The Fashion Center for Women

Merchandise Conditions Considered, These Values Are Nothing Short of Wonderful

Women's Cape and Pique Gloves--- Friday 98c a Pair

White Cape and Black Pique in all sizes Friday, the last chance to buy them for 98c a pair.

Comfort Kits New Friday Prices

Khaki toilet kits, adjustable—\$1.25 regularly, Friday, 98c.

Comfort kits with scissors, file, comb, thread, trench mirror—\$1.50 regularly, Friday, 98c.

FOR THE SOLDIERS—
Khaki photograph case, 50c styles for 35c.

Trench mirror (unbreakable) in leather case; 75c value for 60c.

Notion Section.

Anniversary prices on Hudson Seal Muffs are— \$16.25 and \$19.25.

On Hudson Seal Scarfs—\$33.25 and \$60.75.

Special values in Mink Furs are offered Friday.

THE FUR SHOP,
Second Floor.

Corset Covers 39c

Lace and embroidery-trimmed corset covers in all sizes—sold regularly for 50c, 60c, 65. Friday, 39c.

Third Floor.

All-Wool Blanket Robes For Women

You may select any blanket bathrobe as follows:

\$5 Robes, for	- \$3.95
\$6.50 Robes, for	- \$4.50
\$7.50, \$8.50 Robes,	\$5.00
\$10, \$12.50 Robes,	\$6.95

Friday—Second Floor.

Talcum and Soap At Very Low Prices

Mennen's, Williams', and Lazell's Talcum, 12½c.

Woodbury's Facial Soap—19c a cake.

For Friday Only.

Notice

There is no difference in the quality—that's just the same as usual. The important feature is the price. You can save dollars on every purchase. Not a yard bought for "sale" purposes.

PLAID WOOLENS FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL WEAR.
\$1 and \$1.25 qualities go Friday for 85c a yd.

\$3 CHIFFON BROADCLOTH, \$1.98.
52 inches wide, of beautiful texture.

These Substantial Price Reductions On the Best of Silks and Woolens

BELDING'S SATIN PANNE, REDUCED FROM \$2 TO \$1.49.
A rich fabric in black, and a good assortment of colors.

BELDING'S CHIFFON TAFFETA REDUCED FROM \$2.50 TO \$1.95.
The best fabric for wear—twenty-five colors and black.

NOVELTY SILKS, TAFETAS AND SATINS—FRIDAY, \$1.49. SOLD REGULARLY UP TO \$3.
A fine pattern will cost you much less than ordinary. Come in Friday.

A TABLE OF CHOICE WOOLENS ON SALE.
Excellent qualities in favored weaves and fashionable colors. Sold regularly up to \$2.50 a yd. Friday, your choice, \$1.49 a yard.

HASKELL'S BLACK SILKS, FAMOUS FOR QUALITIES AND RICHNESS OF COLOR.
Pure dye taffetas, \$2.50 quality, \$1.65. (35 in.)
Taffeta moderne, 36-in. \$2.50 quality, \$1.95.
Satin de Chine, 36-inch, \$1.75 quality, \$1.39.

SATIN METEOR, \$2.50 INSTEAD OF \$3.
A choice weave that's very fashionable this season. Among the shades shown are plum, myrtle, taupe, brown, sand, etc.
These thousands of yards of new fabrics are from regular stock. Their new prices make them the most desirable purchase of the year.

hand tailored suits

At Anniversary Sale Prices

Quality suits for less money than one could possibly expect were it not for an extraordinary sale, such as this Anniversary event:

\$25 Suits	- \$16.50
\$35 Suits	- \$23.50
\$39 ⁵⁰ Suits	- \$29.50

A small charge for alterations.



Notice the Price on Japanese Cloths

Attractive Jap cloths in various patterns, size 50x50 inches. For the Anniversary \$1 Cloths, 59c.

Linen Section.

Colored Madras 50c Regular Price \$1

For window drapes and portieres, desirable shades, 50 inches wide. The price is always \$1 a yard, except Friday, when it's 50c a yard.

Basement.

\$4 Wool Nap Blankets, \$3.50 a Pair

Only a limited number of pairs will be sold at this price, and these for Friday only. Wool nap blankets in gray, tan and black plaids, large double bed size, \$3.50 a pair.

Basement.

Fine Underwear For Women Friday Savings

Fine ribbed silk and wool union suits, low neck, no sleeves, ankle length; anniversary price, \$2.69.

Mercerized cotton union suits, Sterling make, high neck, long sleeves; low neck, elbow sleeves; ankle length. Friday's special price, \$3.39.

Savings worth investigating.

Basement Sales

Sateen Petticoats, 98c.

Flannelette Petticoats, 59c.

Flannelette Kimonos, 98c.

These last are slightly soiled.

Basement.

Auto Veils \$1 Regularly \$1.75

Made of chiffon in black and colors.

For the Anniversary these \$1.75 veils will be \$1.

Crepe Chiffon 98c

A fine quality in all colors, 45 inches wide. This special price is for Friday only—98c a yard.

Fancy Tea Aprons, 45c, 50c Values, for 39c

Round and diamond shapes in a number of very dainty styles, with lace and embroidery trimmings.

Third Floor.

MEN!

Woven Madras Shirts, \$2 and \$2.50 Qualities, For \$1.50

Beautiful fast colored patterns, in woven madras. Soft and stiff cuff styles. Sizes 13½ to 18. The savings are so unusual that a purchase of several would be good judgment.

Kneipp's Linen Mesh Underwear, a limited quantity of \$2.50 and \$3 values in the sale, Friday, \$1.50.

Two-piece garments of Kneipp's Linen Mesh, warmer and healthier to wear than wool, in ecru and white. Shirts 34 to 48. Drawers 30 to 46. \$1.50 a garment instead of \$2.50 and \$3.

Camisoles For Less

\$1.75 values, \$1.29
\$2.00 values, \$1.45

Daintiness is the word applicable to these camisoles of mesh—some hand embroidered, others lace trimmed, to be worn under sheer blouses. Two unusual values.

Third Floor.

A Serviceable Hose For Children— 25c a Pair

Lay in a supply for school wear. The price is so low. These are made of black lisle, fine ribbed with double toes and heels.

Wearers of Lily of France Corsets Will Appreciate Friday's Reduced Price

The Lily of France is one of the highest grade corsets made. The style offered is a low bust model, with fairly long skirt. It is made of fancy brocaded material in flesh and white. The top trimmed with satin ribbon to harmonize.

This particular model is ordinarily \$7

For the Anniversary, Friday, it's—

\$5.75

Third Floor.

Eight Hundred Pairs of High Shoes

Lace and Button Styles

Friday \$4.65 a Pair

Women will certainly appreciate such a low price, especially when they know that the shoes offered are new, fashionable models, in up-to-date leathers and lasts.

At this price these are black, bronze and blue kid, patent leather with black buckskin tops, brown kid shoes with cloth tops (to match), black kid with kid tops.

Regularly Selling From \$6 to \$9
Friday \$4.65 a Pair

