

Second Week of White Carnival Begins Tomorrow—Greater Bargains Than Ever

Linens and White Goods

Fancy Linens, all Center Pieces, Scarfs, Tray Cloths, Lunch Cloths, worth up to \$1.50 each at... \$1.49

A Handkerchief Sensation

Sacrifice lot of Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs in very special sale...

Our Green Tag Furniture Sale

Monday and Tuesday are the last two days of this big annual furniture clearance sale...

January Sale Black Silks Less Than Cost—Begins Monday FREE

The Bennett Company Omaha's Great White Store

A Great Black Silk Sale Starts in on Monday Morning

Every Piece of Black Silk Greatly Reduced Monday Important During this sale we'll make you a Petticoat from any black silk...

Domestics

Discount on all Sheets and Pillow Cases 15% Discount on all White Wool Blankets 25%

A Great SHOE Special

Women's Auto Boots, patent calf laced and button and gun laced—\$3.29

Fine China, Etc.

Good White Porcelain Plates in four, five and six inch sizes, the very best ware made...

New Embroideries

Just fresh from St. Gall. Think of 21 New Embroideries at these low prices right at the opening of the season...

Carpets

We will add to our carpet sale Monday two remarkable specials in English Carpets...

Lace Curtains

Such bargains in Lace Curtains have never been offered you before. You can save fully from 33 1/2 to 60% on every pair...

GREAT BLACK SILK SALE

Black Taffeta Silk—A good wearing grade, very pretty lustre, deep rich black, during this sale, yard... 48c

Remember—Free of Charge

We Make You a Petticoat of Any Black Silk Regardless What Price You Buy it for—Much or Little During This Sale.

UNDER-MUSLINS

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Garments for 98c

Monday Extra Special

Drawers and Corset Covers, worth up to 48c made extra full and trimmed in lace, embroidery and tucks, Monday 19c

Big Sacrifice Sale of Skirts

33 1-3 Per cent Discount Every skirt in the house, Voiles, Panamas and Taffetas are in this sale...

Bath Robes and KIMONAS

98c flannelette short kimonas... 49c \$1.48 flannelette long and short kimonas... 74c

CORSETS

Another Great Sale Closing out large parcels to secure room for new spring goods.

Bargain Table Specials—

Hundreds of fine Corsets, some leading brands, all sizes and modes, are regular \$1.50 values... 69c

Great Dress Goods Sale

Thousands of genuine bargains of desirable merchandise; sale of high grade dress goods at less than HALF PRICE

COAL

50 Extra Green Trading Stamps With Each Ton of Coal \$7.00

Pictures

Your Choice of Any Framed Picture Monday ONE-THIRD OFF

Bennett's Big Hardware

Big Clearing Sale on slightly damaged Enamel ware, pieces worth up to \$1.25, will go at prices from 25c to 50c

Feature of Farnam Street Sky Line

Between the parlor and living room and between the living room and dining room of this house there is practically no wall at all.

The Working Man's Condition

is greatly improved if he has an account that is drawing a good rate of interest; his earning power increases, while his expenses decrease.

Chicago Leads in Building Operations

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FREE A/1/1/een Cent Pattern with Ladies' Home Journal, Winter Quarterly... 20c Women's Exchange Cook Book, By Minnie Palmer... 69c

NEWS OF THE BUSY HOME BUILDERS

HOME BUILDING IN WINTER

Number of Houses Started This Month Greater Than Ever Before.

LUMBER STILL ON DOWN GRADE

Lack of Skilled Labor Only Bar to Banner Year for Construction Work in 1908.

Builders in Omaha are preparing for a record-breaking year in building and it is anticipated the activity will "break loose" with the earliest sign of gentle spring.

The prices of all materials needed in building a house are at the toboggan. The recent financial flurry is responsible for this pleasant situation from the standpoint of the man who is building.

The same is true of lumber. Prices on northern pine stock have gone off about \$2 a thousand and there is a corresponding reduction on several other varieties of commonly used woods.

Skilled laborers are, however, still rare birds and much sought after by the builders. On account of the open weather of the winter, much of the work requiring skilled laborers has been cleared away and things are pretty well cleaned up, ready for the great amount of work which will be started with the opening of spring.

Something "different" is the dining room of a house which has been completed recently in the West Farnam district. Instead of following the old lines of regular four walled rooms with four right angle corners and the ceiling forming a monotonous right angle with the walls, this room has been made octagonal, four of the sides being larger than the other four.

Moreover the ceiling at a distance of about three feet from the wall line slants downward meeting the wall at a large angle. The effect is peculiarly beautiful and the room is rendered much more light by the arrangement of the slanting space between

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What is the sense of putting walls between the parlor and the sitting room?" said a man who has just completed a home of this type. "I asked myself that question when I started to make my plans. I could not get a satisfactory answer on the part of the architect, and so I threw them out. The only thing I could see an inside wall was useful for was to make profit in the pocket of the plasterer and the wall paper man, and possibly to hang pictures on. Outside of these, uses it only took up room and made the house seem cramped and small and stifling."

A notable feature of plans made in new homes built in Omaha within the last few years is the absence or at least the curtailment of interior walls. That is, the several rooms in which the family live, move and have their being are thrown as much as possible without the violation of tradition into one.

Between the parlor and living room and between the living room and dining room of this house there is practically no wall at all. There is only a slight adjustment from the walls and at a distance of about two and a half feet further into the room stand pillars of wood, beautifully and harmoniously stained and polished. The effect is that of roominess, the lines are much broadened and what might seem a very small house becomes a roomy and comfortable one.

The building of apartment houses will be pushed with greater activity during the coming summer than ever before, say the architects and builders who are posted on the subject. Plans are being drawn for several large and thoroughly modern houses of this type. On Sherman avenue work is being pushed on a house that will cost \$20,000. Plans are being drawn for one at Twenty-seventh avenue and Farnam to cost \$15,000.

A Little Help for the Poor.

One of the famous characters of St. Louis is Matthew Kiely, for years chief of police. Every St. Louis man knows a few stories about the former chief. One of them tells of the time he sent over to the office of Chief Desmond, head of the detective bureau, for twelve of his best men.

The men came. Kiely lined them up in front of his desk, and after looking them over, said: "Did you men hear the message I sent to your boss?"

"Yes, chief."

"Well, I told him I wanted twelve of the best men he had. So he sent you fellows over. He must think pretty well of you, doesn't he?"

"Yes, chief."

"He didn't tell him I wouldn't send you. Now, I'll tell you what I want you men to do. I want you to go home, shine your shoes, put on a clean collar and tie and come back to my office. In the meantime I'll go down and see Harry Townsend at the Missouri Pacific office and get you transportation to Russia. I want you fellows to go over there. Stop that trouble and come right back. Do ye hear me?"

It will be observed that decrease predominated. Out of the thirty-seven cities there was an increase in nine, the others showing a loss of anywhere from 2 to 22 per cent, which is not so bad, taking everything into consideration. It is significant that St. Louis has an increase of 44 per cent. St. Paul is, Buffalo 9, Omaha 2, Salt Lake City 25, Chattanooga 10, San Antonio 5, Fairport, N. J., 12, Brooklyn and Philadelphia, in both of which building has been going on at a remarkably rapid rate, show decreases, the first 41 per cent and the last mentioned 50 per cent. It is singular that the cities of Baltimore, Cleveland and Denver each show a decrease of 81 per cent. Kansas City was also materially affected by the tight money.

There having been a decrease of 87 per cent. The prevailing impression is that a moderate let-up in building operations was due because of the long continued property and resulting high prices, and that it will now afford an opportunity to readjust things preparatory to beginning upon a new basis and building up. High in the building trades as well as the cost of materials have reached the highest price ever attained, and it is believed that with a readjustment of affairs it will be discovered that there are a large number of people who are anxious to get ahead with building prospects just as soon as prices and conditions are upon a more nearly normal basis.



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