

# Grand February Clearance Sales

Our February sales were always time markers! February, 1908, will be our biggest February in sales totals. We have—in our long experience—learned how to improve on previous years.

Our efforts and successes and we undertake to guarantee our thousands of patrons in this city, its suburbs and throughout this state and adjoining states—that this February will be a February bargain month without a February parallel in Omaha's bargain-giving history. We will close out all winter merchandise, men's, women's and children's clothing, heavy rubber goods, boots, shoes, everything that can carry with it a recollection of winter, all must go. Prices made to make 'em go. New spring goods are arriving every day—right now—our crying need is room, room and more room! We promise you a February feast of bargains in all departments, such as you never enjoyed before.

**Sale of Taborettes**  
200 Taborettes, 12x12-inch top, 17 inches high, golden ash, mahogany, or weathered oak, finely finished. **68c**  
These are handsome parlor ornaments. Third Floor.

**EMBROIDERIES AND LACES**  
Fresh Lots for Monday's Sale  
Edges, Bands and Insertions in matched widths, embroidered on cambric, Swiss and Valenciennes, desirable for undergarment trimmings, from one to six inches wide, ranging in value from 8c to 40c—20c per yard. **4c**  
French and German Valenciennes, worth up to \$1.00 per yard, for, per doz. yards, **19c**  
An exceptionally desirable collection of Valenciennes lace, in various widths and widths, values from 2c to 20c per yard. **2c-5c**  
18-inch Corset Cover Embroideries, all this season's newest patterns, in Swiss and Valenciennes, 50c and 25c values, for, per doz. yards, **25c-12c**

**RUGS**  
Room-Size  
Compare our quality and prices before buying. We are offering some rare bargains for Monday only.  
Brussels Sample Rugs, 8x12, extra heavy, good quality and absolutely fast colors, sells for \$20, special, at **\$10.75**  
Amsterdam Body Brussels Sample Rugs, only a limited supply, the kind you pay \$30 for, while they last, at **\$18.75**  
Genuine Royal Wilton Sample Rugs, just 12 of these, extra fine quality, sells for \$44.50, while they last **\$25.00**

# The Bennett Company

## OMAHA'S GREAT STYLE STORE

**Dress Goods** February Clearance Sale on elegant collection of fine high class goods. We offer our extra line of novelties—including Broadcloths, Serges, Cheviots, Panamas, etc.—AT **LESS THAN ONE-HALF OFF.**  
50 and 54-inch choicest Suitings, chevot, serges in stripes, fancy broadcloths, Panamas in gait checks or stripe ideas, worsteds of all kinds, dress goods that we offered at \$2.50 and \$2.00, Monday **98c**  
44-inch black Voiles, the elegant fine quality, very fine mesh similar to silk voiles, perfect in every way, will not muss or wrinkle, fine for dresses or separate skirts. **69c**  
\$1.00 and \$1.25 fine Novelty Suitings, styles are good, checks or stripes, some plaids on sale now. **59c**  
Best \$1.50 and \$1.25 all wool Plaids, for children's dresses or waists, 44 inches wide, on sale now. **75c**

**SILKS**  
Black and Colored SKIRTS MADE FREE.  
We make specially low prices on all black or colored taffetas, various widths, suitable for petticoats. We make your petticoat FREE OF CHARGE. Styles of petticoats selected by you from latest models. Hundreds of our patrons have taken advantage of this FREE OFFER. Why not you?  
54-inch all wool all colors. **39c**  
Best 75c all wool Dress Goods, all colors. **25c**  
50c Serges, Honvictas, Batilles, Albertons, in all colors, c.r.e.m., etc., at **25c**

**Domestics** Domestic cheaper than elsewhere. Special price reductions in this sale include changes, all widths, cutting or shaker flannels, percales and gingham.  
Best 10c and 12c Flannelettes, pretty designs, checks, stripes and many neat figures, on sale Monday. **10c**  
26-inch choicest Flannelette, Persian style, best the day. **19c**  
10c and 12c Cotton Flannels, for dresses or waists. **5c**  
20 pieces of double fold cotton Plaid, the kind you buy for children's dresses, worth 20c, now **11c**  
**Blankets at One-Half Off**  
Monday we offer 27 pairs of white Blankets, regular prices from \$2.50 to \$12.50, slightly mussed, at One Half Off.  
12c and 10c Quilted Flannels, elegant styles, light colors, stripes and neat checks, Monday. **7c**  
Light and dark Quilted Flannels. **11c**  
Cotton Blankets in this sale, per pair. **29c**  
10-4 best half bleached Sheetings, the same as offered at 25c, sale price **21c**  
East American Prints, Monday, per roll **17c**  
25c Cotton Battling, Monday, per roll **11c**  
10c Cotton Battling, Monday, per roll **5c**

**Valentines**  
The gay festival is due on the 14th. We wish you to see our advance showing of Valentines rivaling in beauty and fantasy the best products for Christmas. All are clean. Everything in valentines up from one penny.  
**Books**  
A new book, "The Black Bag," by the author of the "Brass Bowl," beautifully gotten up in red and gold, prettily illustrated, a book of sustained interest, \$1.50 edition, for **1.08**

**LINENS AND WHITE GOODS**  
AT BIG REDUCTIONS  
72-inch bleached all linen Table Damask, worth 75c, now, **75c**  
72-inch bleached all linen Satin Damask, worth \$1.15, per yard, now, **89c**  
20-inch bleached all linen Damask Napkins, worth \$1.15, per dozen, **1.35**  
22-inch bleached all linen Damask Napkins, worth \$1.15, per dozen, **2.48**  
36-inch square Domestichs, worth 60c, now, **39c**  
Oiled Linen, Linens in Scarfs, Centers and Lunch Cloths, worth to \$2.50, now, **95c**  
White Waistings, in all new styles, worth \$1.00, yard, now, **19c**

**Knit Underwear** We will continue our knit Underwear sale. If you haven't taken advantage of this sale, it will pay you to purchase next season's supply now. See 16th street window.  
Ladies' fine cotton Vests and Pants, 65c value **39c**  
Ladies' wool Union Suits, \$1.50 value **98c**  
Boys' extra heavy fleeced Shirts, 25c value **17c**  
Ladies' wool Vests and Pants, \$1.25 value **73c**  
Ladies' fine cotton Corset Covers, 50c value **33c**

**Picture and Art Section**  
High grade Mirrors at low prices. Mirrors that sold at \$20.00, on sale at **\$13.34**  
\$10.00, on sale at **\$6.67**  
\$5.00 Mirrors at **\$3.34**  
\$2.00 Mirrors at **\$1.33**  
6c Mirrors at **46c**  
See Harney St. Window Display.

**China TOILET SET SALE** China  
35 Patterns Toilet Ware. Prices—\$3.98 to \$15.00  
New Open Stock Patterns in White and Gold  
**20 Per Cent DISCOUNT**  
**CUT GLASS**  
Vases and Art Brics-a-Brac, 20 Per Cent Discount Monday

**Hosiery** During our clearing sale this week we expect to have making prices never before heard of in Omaha.  
Ladies' hand embroidered Lisle Hose, 50c value **33c**  
Ladies' split foot cotton Hose, 35c value **23c**  
Ladies' Imported Lisle Hose, with split foot, 50c values, pair **33c**  
Ladies' wool ribbed Hose, 25c value **17c**  
No Mend Linen Knee Hose, 25c value **17c**

**BENNETT'S BIG HARDWARE**  
We are selling all our Hardware at a Big Discount. We are carrying the best make of Oil Heaters and Kerosene stoves at exceptional reductions. See our line of Peninsular stoves and ranges.  
Oil Heaters, No. 25, regular \$1.25, special **98c**  
Oil Heaters, regular \$1.75 value, special **\$1.25**  
Dust Pans, worth 15c, with hood, special **10c**  
Tack Rollers, regular \$1.00, special **75c**  
Stove Lifters, cold handle, 10c value, special **7c**  
Wardrobe Cleaner, the best thing made for cleaning bath tubs and sinks, **25c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Pancake Turners, 8c value, special 3c  
Wash Bolders, all size, from 60c to \$1.00, special **45c**  
And 40 Green Trading Stamps.  
Best quality 50-foot Clothes Line 24c  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Gasoline Cans, 30c value, **19c**

**Ladies' Spring Chic Suits**  
Monday we will place on sale one hundred new 1908 spring-tailored suits. These models are from the best New York designers and consist of all the new fabrics and colorings.  
**\$25.00 - \$35.00 - \$45.00**

**Ladies' Spring Chic Waists**  
New Spring Waists on sale for the first time Monday; net, lace and taffeta silk **4.95**  
One lot of Children's Wool Dresses for Monday's selling, dresses worth up to **98c**, at **\$3.00**, at **\$1.00**  
Sixteen handsome Evening Coats, worth Twenty-five and Thirty-five dollars, at **\$10**

**BENNETT'S BIG GROCERY**  
NAVAL ORANGE SPECIAL—Just purchased a large quantity of large California Naval Oranges, only 12c to the box, a regular 35c size, 20c as long as the supply lasts, per dozen  
Bennett's Golden Coffee, pound, **25c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Santos Coffee, pound, **18c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Tea, all kinds, pound, **15c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Tea Siftings, pound, **10c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Meniere's Chocolate Powder, can, **20c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Marshall's Kipped Herring, can, **20c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Wheat Wax for Waxing, **10c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Australian Valence Raisins, lb., **15c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Ravaul Corn Starch, per pkg., **15c**  
Assorted Pure Fruit Jam, large jar **30c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Jelly (pure fruit), glass, **25c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Galliard's Imported Olive Oil, large bottle **80c**  
And 50 Green Trading Stamps.  
Diamond 8 Cocktail, bottle, **25c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Puffed Corn, can, **10c**  
And 20 Green Trading Stamps.  
Corn (Red Clover), can, **6c**  
Asparagus (Beauty), can, **6c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Bennett's Capitol Baking Powder, pound can, **24c**  
And 30 Green Trading Stamps.  
Jellies, assorted, three pkg., **25c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Dixie Split Sweet Pickles, **10c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Sweet Pickled Tomatoes, quart, **20c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
H. J. Heinz Sweet Pickled Onions, pint, **25c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.  
Three Crown Loose Muscatel California Raisins, lb., **18c**  
And 10 Green Trading Stamps.

**TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP**  
Omaha Dealers Lead in Urging State Guarantee of Deposits.  
**MOVE AGAINST POSTAL BANKS**  
Real Estate Men Declare Prices of Property Have Not Declined During So-Called Depression in Business.  
In Nebraska the Omaha Real Estate exchange is taking the lead in urging some legislation looking toward the state guaranteeing the deposits in financial institutions chartered by the banking board. Next to the outlook for spring and summer business, the question of the state guaranteeing the deposits is the most absorbing topic with members of the exchange, and Governor Sheldon's visit to Kansas at the time the bill was before the legislature of that state for guaranteeing deposits is thought to be the result of the agitation of the Omaha Real Estate exchange.  
The actual condition is that some dealers, fearing the postal savings bank bill in congress will become a law and injure the savings and loan associations and the business of the state banks, seek to get state laws passed guaranteeing the deposits of state institutions, which will put them somewhere near on a par with the postal savings banks, should such institutions be established by congress. Another object sought is to be able to use the state laws guaranteeing the deposits of the postal savings bank measures, by arguing that the postal banks are unnecessary, as the state stands behind the deposits of state banks, which they propose to claim is "just as good as" the federal government being behind the deposits, as it would be if postal banks were established.  
The interest of real estate dealers in the question centers about the fact that when there is no mortgage money in the state banks and savings and loan associations the business suffers, as a large per cent of the city sales are made wholly on the condition that a loan can be secured and the purchaser given an opportunity to pay out on the installment plan. The real estate dealers want the money in the state banks and trust companies, where it can be loaned on the securities in which they deal. In the national banks it is comparatively useless to the real estate world, and they believe the best way to have millions of money which can be loaned on real estate is to invest in the west have real estate instead of bonds, which are held in the east and used with all banks.  
The Kansas bill which proposes to give a feeling of security to depositors in banks, by permitting the organization of "bank deposit insurance companies," is ridiculed by Omaha real estate dealers. A. P. Tukey, who started the agitation in Omaha, by writing to Governor Sheldon asking if it is possible to get a special session of the legislature to pass bank deposit guarantee laws, said concerning the Kansas deposit insurance bill: "That will not serve the purpose at all. It would cost the depositor something to carry insurance on his bank account, and then the insurance company might not be so good as the bank

or at least no better. The resources of the great states of the union must be placed behind our banks, which are considered now semi-public institutions."  
Many of the real estate dealers who opposed the endorsement of the postal savings bank bill are urging the guarantee of deposits by the state. They explain that the state guarantee laws are but stepping stones to the postal savings banks system, but they believe the state banks should have the advantage of a state guarantee before the government opens banks with a guarantee behind deposits which would not be equalled anywhere in the world.  
Real estate dealers are on record as opposed to the proposition before the park board to use any part of the fund created in Douglas county from the inheritance tax to improve the parks. The fund is to be used for the improvement of country roads, outside the city limits, and it is believed that any attempt to secure permission from the legislature to use the fund for parks will be met with such opposition that the inheritance tax fund will go to the state and be distributed equally among the counties of Nebraska, as railroad taxes have been distributed regardless of the value of railroad property in the counties. The real estate dealers desire that the inheritance tax fund, sure to be larger to Douglas county than in any other county of the state, be kept at home and used for the improvement of Douglas county roads outside the limits of Omaha.  
That Omaha does not share the general "depression" in the real estate world throughout the United States is the testimony of the leading dealers:  
"Not a dollar's worth of property has been sold by our office since November 1, at a discount. We are getting even better prices than last year.—C. C. George of George & company.  
"I could not tell you how large our business has been during the month of January, but it was better than last year and the values the same as we asked before the financial trouble."—D. V. Sholes.  
"Just the same. Selling lots at the same prices and just as many of them."—Byron Hastings of Hastings & Heyden.  
"Don't see a dollar of loss in sight for those who invest in real estate, but rather a tendency to advance in prices."—H. G. Jordan of the Byron Reed company.  
"The demand for city property for investment is evidence that the prices are not on the decline."—President W. T. Graham of the Omaha Real Estate exchange.  
Such expressions and positive statements have been made in reports published in eastern financial papers, giving the summary of the real estate situation in the country as follows:  
"Throughout the United States all classes of real estate have suffered losses in value as a result of the existing business depression. These losses are as real and in many cases as great as the losses recorded in stocks and bonds listed on the New York Stock exchange."  
The general situation in Omaha is summed up as "entirely satisfactory," by almost every member of the real estate exchange. A number of large tracts have been thrown on the market and the prices asked for lots and acreage tracts would not indicate that anyone had lost money as a result of investing in Omaha real estate. Other tracts may be opened later,

which will scatter the buying, but there is no large addition to the city which will open and cut prices. The Kountze fire addition was opened on the south side some time ago and closed out within a week at prices of lots in the neighborhood. The Creighton addition will be opened in the early spring southwest of Hanscom park. The prices placed on the lots are "big" from "bargain" prices, but are fair prices for property located as the lots in the Creighton addition are. Some real estate dealers will oppose any move to open large tracts until the "down town" property is cleaned up in better shape.  
**MANDAMUS TO TEST FEES**  
Suit Filed by W. H. Herdman to Contest Right of District Clerk.  
A mandamus suit to test the right of the clerk of the district court to refuse to file court decrees without the payment of the cost was filed in district court Saturday morning by W. H. Herdman.  
Several days ago Mr. Herdman presented a decree of divorce for filing in the case of Mollie Roy against James W. Roy. District Clerk Smith refused to file it until the filing fee was paid. As the costs under the decree were assessed against Mr. Roy, Herdman refused to pay them. The case will be a test of the most important of the questions in controversy in relation to the collection of fees in advance in the clerk's office.  
A test on another phase of the same question will come up before Judge Redick Wednesday morning. W. W. Sibaugh is seeking an order of the court to compel District Clerk Smith to file a motion for the defendant in a case in which the deposit fee of \$2.50 was not paid. The fee is authorized by an order of the court, but Judge Sibaugh contends the clerk cannot charge more than the statutory filing fee of 10 cents for each document filed.

**MORE APARTMENT HOUSES**  
Omaha to Get Additions in the Line of Buildings.  
**ADVANTAGE OF FLATS TO RENTER**  
Tenants Secure Better Accommodations and Owner Gets More Revenue from Same Ground Area by This Means.  
An Omaha architect, who has designed more flats and apartment houses for this city than any other local architect, declares that the present year will see still more building of houses of this type than ever. He bases his prediction upon facts and figures, and also upon the fact, which he says is true, that Omaha has now reached that stage of growth where land yards are expensive luxuries and people demand homes reasonably near to the business center at moderate rent. The result is inevitably the apartment house, that device of modern civilization to house people in small spaces and yet give them the conveniences and the luxuries demanded by the people of the present day.  
"The demand for this class of buildings is steady and the present demand far exceeds the supply," said the architect.  
"This is the case in spite of the fact that rents for desirable flats and apartment houses are high. For the man who wants an investment for his money there is nothing more attractive than a well situated and thoroughly modern flat or apartment house. A building of this kind is never vacant. Often it is occupied before the plaster and paint are fairly dry. It is built of fireproof materials and these materials lend themselves better to a building of this type because of its nature. It is built on a small lot without looking cramped. An ordinary dwelling house seems to be crowded if placed between two other houses without a liberal space between them.  
"Ordinarily three families can be housed on the same ground space in an apartment house that would be required for one in an ordinary frame dwelling. This is an important consideration when values of city real estate rise as high as they are now in Omaha."  
These are some of the reasons why Omaha is going to follow the course of other metropolitan cities and become a city of many apartment houses. The attractiveness of the apartment house as an investment will make the number to be built great in this year of the somewhat abbreviated financial possibilities.  
While handsome residences are being erected all over the city, while the board of park commissioners is making plans to extend and to systematize the parks and boulevards of the city, and while improvements are inaugurating all sorts of betterments in the residence parts of the city, there is a sure work going on which will add to the beauty of the city by subtracting from its ugliness and will at the same time make living safer and cheaper. This work is being done by the city building inspector and the work is that of condemning and demolishing old, worn out buildings.  
The ordinances regulating buildings in the city are to be strictly enforced. The work of getting at the really unsafe buildings, as well as unsafe portions of other buildings, such as porches and balconies, is being done by photography. The city council had made an appropriation for this work and a professional photographer takes pictures of buildings for the building inspector. It is a sort of Bertillon system for buildings. Those which are vagabonds among the homes of people are photographed, their measurements taken and they are brought into the office of the building inspector which is thus converted into a sort of roguery's gallery. The buildings are tried according to the laws regulating them just as criminals are tried according to the human laws. Those which are convicted get the sentence of destruction.  
By the wedding out of these shacks and worn out buildings the city will be rendered more beautiful and the safety of the good dwellings will be rendered greater. Insurance companies will also eventually be lowered and Omaha will occupy a still higher rating than her present very creditable rating with the insurance companies.  
A man has just completed a house on North Twentieth street which is the result of study on the problems of how to have a neat house on an ordinary lot and still have a place to keep chickens and enjoy the fruits of a garden in the summer time. The lot on which the house is built is thirty-seven feet wide. The house stands back from the street about twenty feet. It is two stories high and about thirty-five feet in length, exclusive of the ten-foot porch. It has a large porch at the front and part of one side as well as a rear porch.  
Instead of the usual bare back yard found in the average house the yard is artistically laid out. An arbor runs from the rear door, back curving as it goes, thus cutting off a view of the chicken yard and horse shed on the extreme rear of the lot. The arbor is to be covered with a grape vine when the vines have grown. Outside the arbor trees are planted. They are not useless shade trees, but trees which will be useful as well as ornamental by bearing fruit of various kinds. There is ample space for a garden in the summer. A seven-foot driveway runs from front to the rear along one side of the lot.  
"I have all the comforts of the city, all the good things of the country and I'm in walking distance of my business," says this well satisfied man.  
And an inspection of the house convinces one that he has made much of his opportunities and wishes wonder that more city people do not solve the problem in like manner.

**WHEAT TRAFFIC MUCH LARGER**  
Receipts Gain 100,000 and Shipments 250,000 Bushels in January.  
**SMALL CROP HAS ITS EFFECT**  
Decreased Volume of Production Naturally Causes Shrinkage in the Total Grain Traffic in Omaha.

Receipts of the Omaha market during the month of January were 100,000 bushels more than during the same month last year, while the shipments were 250,000 bushels larger. Both shipments and receipts were greater than during the month of December 1907.  
But the total grain receipts at the market were 2,000,000 bushels less than during January of 1907, the decline in receipts of oats and corn being the heaviest since the grain market was established in Omaha. Shipments declined 1,500,000 bushels as compared with the same month a year ago.  
"Receipts are less because the crop was less for one reason," said a grain buyer. "The injury done the grain trade at all the primary markets by the financial trouble can never be estimated. But the prices are better than last year, and the actual amount which is being received by farmers for this 1907 crop is not so much below what they realized last year."  
The report of the Omaha Grain exchange for the month of January makes the following showing:

	1908.	1907.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	37,000	34,000
Corn	1,425,000	1,424,000
Oats	25,000	23,000
Rye	30,000	22,000
Barley	34,000	17,000
Total	1,551,000	1,480,000
SHIPMENTS		
	1908.	1907.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	387,000	428,000
Corn	1,250,000	1,250,000
Oats	1,425,000	1,382,000
Rye	55,000	32,000
Barley	35,000	35,000
Total	3,132,000	3,132,000

**CITY WORKERS WAIT FOR PAY**  
Only Delayed Till Monday Because Acting Mayor Has Sabbath on Saturday.  
The city council met Saturday morning for the purpose of allowing the salary warrants for the month of January of the various city officials and employees. The question of the introduction of the telephones of the Independent Telephone company into the several city departments was discussed informally, but no action was taken. No other business than the allowance of warrants was transacted.  
The warrants will not be paid until Monday afternoon owing to the absence of Mayor Dahlman from the city and the further fact that Saturday being Acting Mayor Johnson's Sunday he is not acting any business.  
**Building Permits.**  
The total number of building permits issued during the month of January, 1908, was 23. The number for the same month last year was 75, valued at \$73,775. The increase for January, 1908, is \$7,375 over that of the corresponding month of last year, or about 10 per cent. Of the total number of building permits for January, 1908, 22 of them were for dwellings.

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