

Mathers' Plan of State Housekeeping Simple One

Bryan Code, by Contrast, Involves Multiplicity of Bureau Offices and Must Cost Much More in Operation.

By PAUL GREER.
 Lincoln, March 17.—Simplicity is the distinguishing mark of the Mathers plan of reorganizing the state government. This is in vivid contrast with the Bryan code, which not even the partisans of the governor can explain.

The citizen having business at the state house would be in no doubt at what office to present his case under the Mathers plan. But under the Bryan system proposed by the governor he would in all likelihood have to hunt from one office to another before finding the proper bureau. And even when he might have to deal with two or three different bureaus and commissions, so scattered would functions be under the Bryan code. Of course, the governor would be the titular head of all these bureaus, but he would have deputies everywhere from the attic to the cellar to do the actual work.

Natural Combination.
 Instead of splitting the finance department up between three different bureaus, as Bryan argues, Speaker Mathers would combine this department with the state auditor's office, as both perform bookkeeping functions.

The state auditor, G. W. Marsh, is an old and tried public official, related to the office by a good vote at the last election. He is capable of directing the business of the state's accounting. Always he has believed that consolidation of administrative functions under the constitutional officers would be less expensive. At present there are nine employees in the auditor's office. There are nine also in the finance department. If the two were combined a few clerks could be dropped off the payroll. "But not too many," says Mr. Marsh. "If I didn't get some extra help I would have to send part of the work out and get it hindered."

Marsh for Merit System.
 Under the Bryan code the auditor would be saddled with a multitude of additional duties, without any provision for so much as an additional bookkeeper.

One thing Mr. Marsh is not keen about is appointive power. "That merely means trouble from disapproving officers who feel that they have been discriminated against," he explains. He takes the view of the old French statesman who remarked that each time he made an appointment he made a dozen enemies and one ingrate.

Under the Bryan code the governor himself would hire all the employees of his bureaus. Whatever administrative plan is adopted, Mr. Marsh believes it should retain the merit system, a sort of modified civil service, in which political pull would be reduced to a minimum.

Treasurer Willing.
 The state treasurer, C. D. Robinson, is another official who would be given added responsibilities under the Mathers amendment. The department of trade and commerce would be combined with his office. Although he is a strong believer in the original code system, Mr. Robinson is willing to tackle this job. One has only to glance at his keen face to be convinced that he could handle the difficult work of supervising the banks and insurance companies. The state treasury has deposits in 600 banks and there would be some advantage in having him in closer touch with their condition. In the early days Mr. Robinson was a banker at Blue Hill.

He served as treasurer of Webster county for 12 years, and for four years was examiner of county treasurers for the state.

"Meeting responsibility is the main thing," says Mr. Robinson. "The head of a state office such as this must watch things closely. As for the actual work done here now, I can clean that up in a few hours each day." He has six employees, one of them a stenographer on half time. The trade and commerce department has 27 employees, of whom seven are in the blue sky bureau, which is planned to be eliminated. Several others would be dropped by turning fire inspection over to the joint inspection department, which would be established under the secretary of state.

State Secretary Diffident.
 At present the office of secretary of state is little more than a clerkship. There are five employees now. The Bryan code would turn over the handling of automobile licenses to this office in order to give it something to do, although this function now is performed by the department of public works, where all matters having to do with roads are centered.

Charles W. Pool, the secretary of state, is the only democratic state official elected to keep Governor Bryan company. The Mathers plan would combine the present departments of agriculture, labor and public welfare under Mr. Pool. This would group all the inspection forces and Mr. Pool would have a free hand to reduce their number as far as he sees fit. There are now six employees in the labor department, 33 in the department of public welfare and 79 in the department of agriculture.

Money Saved on Salaries.
 Some of the agricultural work, such as the inspection of potatoes and seeds, would be transferred to the college of agriculture. Several other functions would be dropped. Secretary Pool is cautious about committing himself, but declares that he is not seeking any new responsibilities, although he will meet any task assigned to him.

None of the constitutional officers to whom this new work would be given would receive any increase in salary. This would cut out \$30,000 a year now paid to the heads of the code departments.

The provisions of the Mathers plan are such that if the governor did not like the way in which officers conducted the consolidated departments he could relieve them and appoint secretaries to handle the departmental work at salaries to be fixed later. As long as the constitutional officers held the jobs, they would appoint their own assistants. If the governor saw fit to remove them, he would have power to name all the assistants.

Mathers Plan Popular.
 Six departments are combined into

four and consolidated with constitutional offices under the Mathers scheme. The one who would be assigned the hardest work, that of managing the department of public works, is the one who most willingly would undertake the added duties. This is Dan Swanson, commissioner of public lands and buildings. All land and buildings owned by the state are now under his care, and the highways seem to fit in naturally. Mr. Swanson is a business man, well able to attend to the letting of contracts, and would rely on an engineer for technical advice. He now employs four surveyors in the field and has six office employees. The department of public works has 105 employees paid by the month and several others, such as laborers, on part time.

Opinion of republican legislators is pretty well agreed that if the reorganization of Nebraska is to be recommended this plan is the most feasible, both from the standpoint of cutting taxes and from that of efficiency. Representative Oswin Keltner of Nuckolls county expressed the general view in his speech in which he warned against the danger of crippling the state through mistaken efforts to pinch the pennies which would in the end cost the people dear. There are many practical economies in the Mathers amendment to the Dystart bills, and there is no doubt that together they would materially reduce state expenditures.

Packer Merger to Be Announced

News of Morris Purchase by Armour to Be Made Public Next Week.

Chicago, March 17.—Purchase of Morris & Co. by Armour & Co., news stories published here today said, probably will be announced early next week, the transaction being effective as of the close of the former's fiscal year, October 25.

Class A common stock, figuring in the transaction, reports said, had been valued at \$85 a share, a price set by adjudicators in conference last week. Circumfluence of intervention was believed to have been accomplished by the method by which the deal will be consummated.

Armour & Co. will buy the physical assets of Morris & Co. through one of its subsidiaries, recently Armour & Co. of Delaware, probably organized. Of the \$30,000,000 purchase price, \$10,000,000 will be paid in cash; \$10,000,000 in preferred stock of Armour & Co. of Illinois at par and \$10,000,000 of Class A common stock of Armour & Co. of Illinois at \$85.

Morris & Co. then will liquidate, giving its preferred stockholders a dividend of 100 per cent in preferred stock of Armour & Co., its common stockholders a cash dividend and a dividend of \$10,000,000 of Armour & Co. common stock.

The \$10,000,000 Armour & Co. common stock will be turned over to Morris & Co. by J. Ogden Armour, chairman of the board.

No Morris & Co. stock will enter into the deal.

Exchange to Change Method of Quoting Prices on Bonds

New York, March 17.—(AP)—The method of quoting United States government bonds on the New York Stock Exchange will be changed within the next two weeks, so that the minimum fluctuation will be fixed at 1/32 of one point instead of the present decimal system with its minimum of 2 cents or 1/50 of one point. This will still permit of a much narrower movement than that in other listed bonds, which are quoted in eighths of a point.

The decimal system was instituted during the war at the request of the United States government, in order to provide the maximum stability in price during the distribution period. The need for this extremely narrow fluctuation is said to be no longer exist.

Shaving Brush Blamed for Sickness; Druggist Sued

The deadly anthrax germ, which W. H. Rose, 2114 Locust street, says jumped out at him from the bristles of a shaving brush he purchased in Norfolk, Neb., caused a \$100,000 damage suit in district court Saturday.

Rose, salesman for the Electrical Development company, filed suit against the American Safety Razor company of New York and George B. Christoph of Norfolk, a druggist.

He alleges he bought a shaving brush guaranteed germproof October 12, 1921, in Christoph's store. Six days later, he says, he became ill. He sent the brush to a bacteriologist, who, the petition alleges, discovered the germs in the bristles.

Turkish Flag Is Displayed in Jerusalem Strike Parade

Jerusalem, March 17.—The Turkish flag was flown here Thursday during a procession held in connection with a strike called by the Arab leaders to celebrate the success of the recent Arab boycott of British legislative council elections. Arab students and boys scouts carried old Arab-Turkish banners in the parade.

During the demonstration disorder broke out and British troops dispersed the paraders, but not before several Arabs and a few native police were wounded, six wounded in the demonstration were arrested.

Sale of Reduced Rate Rail Mileage Books Authorized

Omaha railroads were notified Saturday that the Interstate Commerce commission had authorized the sale of reduced rate mileage books.

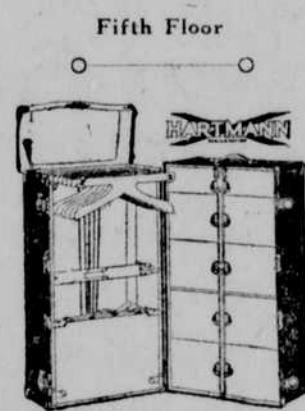
A mileage book to the value of \$90 may be sold for \$72, effective May 1, according to information received Saturday by W. J. Beck, passenger agent for the Milwaukee line.

The mileage book coupons may be exchanged for regular tickets and they will be accepted by all railroads.

Decorate for Spring

The modern woman realizes that spring decorating is something more than just good painting and wall papering.

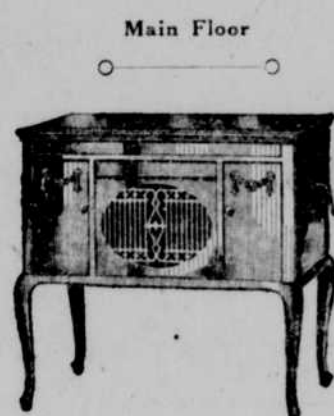
A scheme for each room and probably for her entire home is really what she is looking for. For this reason Orchard & Wilhelm Co. have a staff of highly skilled interior decorators, qualified in every way to advise her as to floor coverings, walls, draperies, furniture, enameling or wood finishing, upholstering or the re-creation of those furniture pieces she values and wishes to use in a rejuvenated home. Complete schemes of color, design and arrangement are submitted by our staff of interior decorators. Estimates are furnished without cost.



A Splendid Hartmann Wardrobe Trunk

Of all the trunks in the Hartmann line, there is one so fine that you will want to know about it. In the first place it is strong, but so light that it will never be overweight. It is equipped for a man or woman. The special cushion top prevents garments from shifting and creasing while in transit. An interlocking safety device is one that every traveler will appreciate. Price complete.

\$52.50



It Pays to Join Our Console Club

\$5.00 membership fee delivers any console to your home and constitutes a first payment on your instrument. Subsequently you make monthly payments to suit your convenience.

The great popularity of the console type phonograph is based upon the beauty of the instrument and its fine acoustic qualities. There has been a startling shortage of consoles due to the increased demand. Orchard & Wilhelm Co. are exceedingly fortunate at this time in having all the new type consoles in stock in both

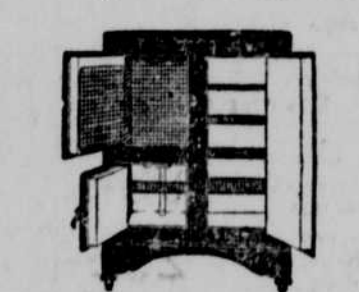
BRUNSWICKS

from \$150.00

and VICTROLAS

from \$100.00

Fifth Floor



Buy a Herrick Refrigerator

and save both ice and food. The genuine "dry air system" will keep food free from foreign flavors or odors. The easily cleaned, sanitary lining insures a condition appreciated by particular people. The solid oak outer case resists the wear and tear of a generation. A Herrick costs no more than many ordinary, inefficient ice boxes.

60-lb., 2-door Herrick (10-coat white enamel lined),

\$39.50

112-lb., 3-door Herrick (10-coat white enamel lined), at \$66.00.

Smaller or larger sizes in proportion. Side, top or back icings to special order. Convenient terms.

Downstairs

Orchard & Wilhelm Co.

SIXTEENTH AND HOWARD STREETS.

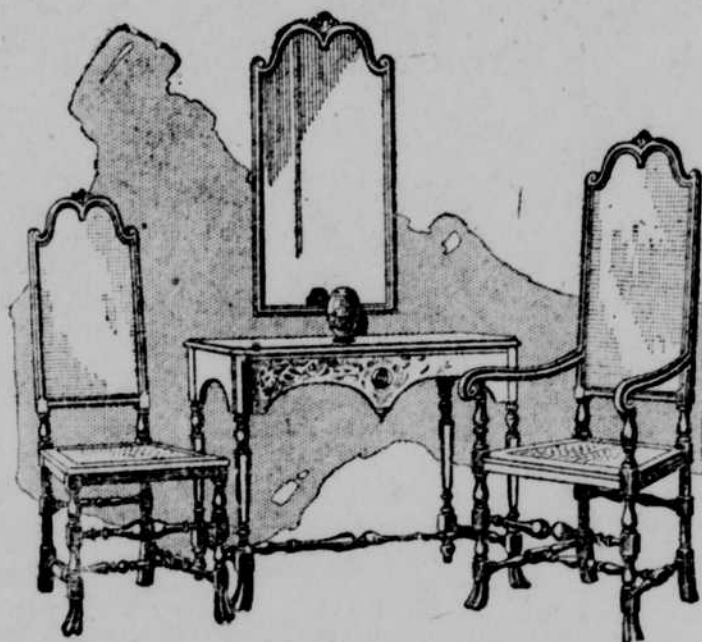
Good Furniture

To serve well, to wear gracefully, to endure long and to always please, is to entitle a piece of furniture, a rug, a drapery fabric, a stove or even a refrigerator to the title GOOD! The title should not be lightly bestowed, but after time, and a multitude of people have delivered this verdict on any article of merchandise, it would be a shame not to bestow it.

Orchard & Wilhelm Company have for a generation had the exclusive retail sale in this territory of a number of the very finest furniture lines, and Omaha people have had a real opportunity of passing their judgment year in and year out upon the thousands of pieces of furniture sold by the company.

Today a second generation of Omahans are getting married and starting homes, and we are inclined to wonder if the first generation is advising and guiding them in their purchases.

From the looks of business, they are.



This Shopmark is inset in every Berkey & Gay production. It is the customer's protection when buying and his pride ever after.

We have carried Berkey & Gay Furniture for a generation.

The Home of Berkey & Gay Furniture

This nationally advertised console group is a notable value.

Dome in genuine all American walnut, embellished with fancy burl mouldings; turnings, corners and edges softly fashioned by hand; an old-time shellac and wax finish gives to these pieces a mellow color, such as is attained through years of careful usage.

Prices are the lowest at which this character of furniture can be bought anywhere.

Console Table	\$64.50	Hall Chair	\$43.00
Mirror	\$37.65	Arm Chair	\$64.50

Among New Berkey & Gay Bedroom Suites

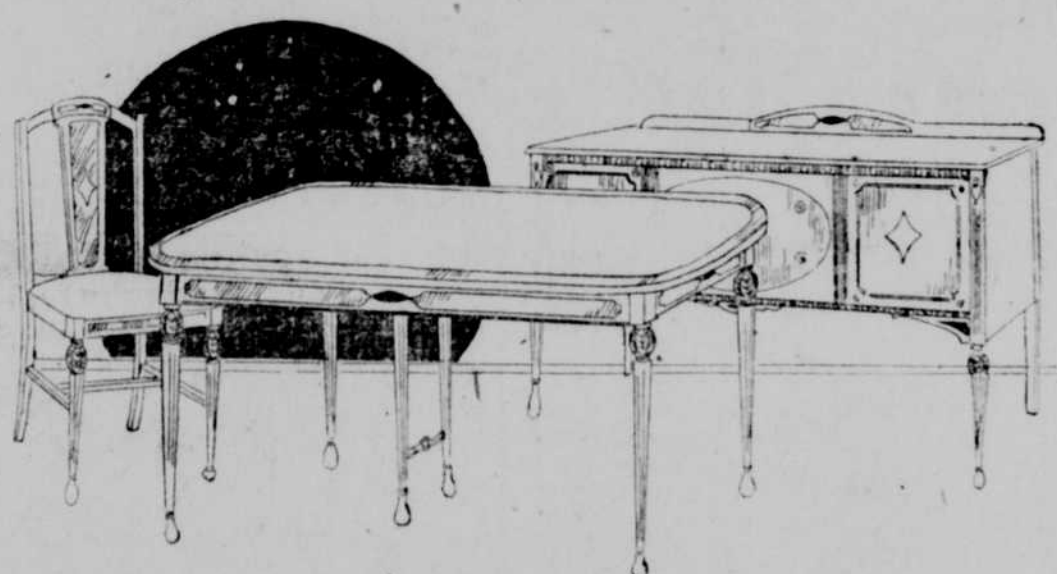
A straightline bedroom suite in mahogany, delightful in design, construction and finish.

Bed, full or twin size	\$54.00
Vanity Dressing Table	\$84.00
Chiffonier	\$73.50
Two sizes of Bureaus	\$89.00, \$105.00
Desk	\$37.00
Chair	\$17.50
Rockers	\$19.50
Bench	\$16.00

Among New Berkey & Gay Dining Suites

A Span-Umbrian dining suite in American walnut without a peer in any furniture stock. Shown with various sized buffets and tables.

50-inch Buffet	\$89.00
66-inch Buffet	\$115.00
72-inch Buffet	\$142.00
Oblong 8-ft. Extension Table	\$98.00
Oblong Rectangular Drawout Table	\$126.00
Gate Leg Table	\$79.00
Chairs in sets of five and one, tapestry upholstered	\$148.50
China Closet, wood door type	\$97.00



Hepplewhite Dining Suite---Churchill Walnut

This is an exceptionally good looking suite in Churchill two-tone walnut at a very modest price. Just another example of thoroughly good value without immoderate "price cut" claims.

45x60-inch Oblong Table, extends to six feet	\$59.00	60-inch Buffet with convenient accommodations	\$76.00
Full Boxed, Slip Seat, Tapestry Covered Chairs (five side and one arm chair), set complete	\$88.00		

The Well Known Emmerich All Feather Pillows

These pillows are built to our order and are in every way desirable, being sanitary, light, durable and comfortable. Tickings are bright and attractive.

"Frontier" Pillows, per pair	\$2.50
"Rex" Pillows, per pair	\$3.75
"Rex" (larger size)	\$5.00
"Special" Pillows, per pair	\$6.50
"Rustwell" Pillows, per pair	\$8.50
"Imperial" Pillows, per pair	\$10.00
"Or-Wi-Co.", all down	\$13.50

Fifth Floor

Bedding

You'll Probably Need This Springtime

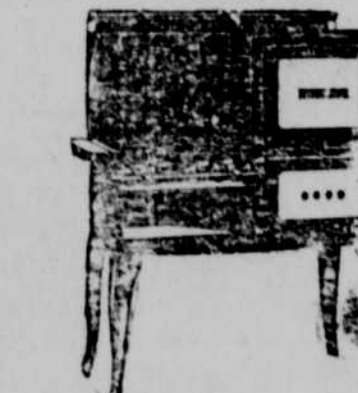
Orient Sheets and Cases

63x99 Sheets	\$1.70 each
72x99 Sheets	\$1.80 each
81x99 Sheets	\$1.75 each
81x99 Sheets	\$1.85 each
42x36 or 45x36 Pillow Cases	45c each

Dwight Anchor Sheets

63x99 Sheets	\$1.75
81x99 Sheets	\$2.25
42x36 Pillow Cases	50c each
45x36 Pillow Cases	55c each

Main Floor



Detroit Jewel Gas Ranges

Every woman who purchases a Detroit Jewel Gas Range this coming week will receive a white porcelain top kitchen table, value \$8.50, or its equivalent in aluminum ware FREE.

The range illustrated is a very popular model at

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Fuel line and connections FREE.

A liberal allowance made on your old stove.

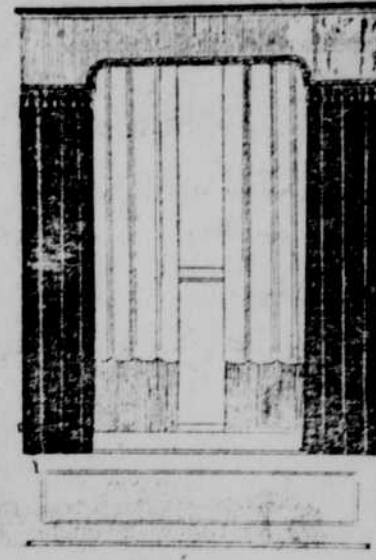
Accounts opened for those who wish to defer payments to the first of April, and thereafter at the rate of, per month

\$5.00

Downstairs

Sketch No. 241

This simple lambrquin treatment can be executed in almost any material. It is here shown in two-tone velour with plain velour side drapes to harmonize. A trim of galloon and the fringe on the ends of the lambrquin serve to make this a very handsome treatment. The curtains are of casement net, fringed.



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Correct Curtains

and Curtainings for the Spring and Summer Seasons

Referring generally to the new curtains, curtain materials and draperies.

Fringed Curtains

will be the most popular for living rooms, dining rooms and in fact for all rooms except bedrooms and we are even showing a few styles for bedroom use. These fringed curtains are shown in various styles of net.

The coarse weave nets of Tuscan or Tuscan variety. Ranging from	\$4.25 to \$8.00 per pair
Filet Fringed Curtains at	\$8.00 and \$8.50 per pair
Fringed Casement Net Curtains from	\$12.75 to \$19.00 pair
Fringed Shantung Net Curtains at	\$16.75 per pair
Filet Grandee Curtains at	\$18.75 to \$22.50 per pair

Curtainings

We also carry in many instances the same style nets by the yard for the curtaining of small or extra large windows, or for those who prefer to make their own curtains. These range, according to their quality and style, from 65c per yard to \$1.35 for the coarser and Tuscan weaves; from 50c to \$2.00 per yard for the Filet styles and from \$2.00 to \$2.75 for Casement Nets.

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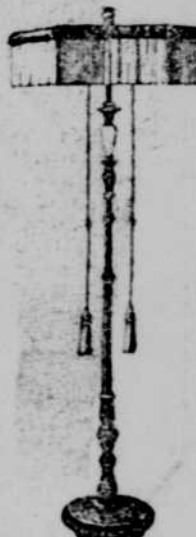
New and Beautiful Styles in Lamps and Shades

We are showing wonderful creations in metal leaf finish and wrought metal. Shades are Georgette in colors to go with new furniture coverings and drapes. For the woman who is looking for a truly lovely lamp, our displays will have a real thrill.

A Special Junior Type

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These rugs are seamless and can be had in desirable shades of blue, taupe, gray and brown.

8-3x10-6, price

\$68.50 9x12, price

\$73.50

Chintz Body Brussels Rugs

Made of splendid wool yarns, having a hard surface which is easy to clean; the patterns match the wall papers and cretonne now so much used for bedrooms.

8-3x10-6 for

\$53.50 9x12 for

\$57.50

Bundhar Wilton Rugs

They are a standard for hard wear. In wonderful color combinations and a large range of sizes. We quote only a few:

4-6x7-6

\$36.00 8-3x10-6 for

\$96.50

6x9

\$64.50 9x12 for

\$103.50

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Second Floor

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Second Floor

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Electric Sweepers

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Hoover Beater, Sweeper and Cleaner, at

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Hamilton-Beach Suction Sweeper and Cleaner

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Bee-Vac Suction Sweeper and Stationary Brush

\$39.75

Do It Electrically—Downstairs