

## Omaha's Great Tornado Reaped Death and Destruction 11 Years Ago Today

Twister Left Lane of Tragedy Never Before Experienced Here; 150 Perish; 2,000 Buildings Destroyed.

Eleven years ago today Omaha was visited by a tornado which caused the most serious damage and loss of life ever recorded in this city. The disaster occurred on an Easter Sunday, following an afternoon of almost oppressive humidity.

At 6 p. m. the spinning column of death and destruction moved rapidly from the southwest to the northeast, leaving a lane of tragedy through the city, varying in width from less than 100 feet to nearly 1,000 feet in a few exceptional locations.

**Death Toll 150.** Nearly 150 were killed instantly or suffered injuries which resulted in death weeks and months later. It was estimated that 500 were injured.

More than 2,000 buildings of all classes were destroyed or damaged. There were instances of large houses being "blown to pieces." Many houses were destroyed of roofs or sides. A heavy rain after the tornado extinguished many fires which the fire department could not attend.

The stricken zone was placed under martial law, with the commanding officer of the state guard in charge. Military and relief headquarters were

established in the city hall. A relief committee began to function within 24 hours after the disaster.

**Generous Relief.** The news of the Omaha tornado was flashed around the world. Offers of relief were received from many American cities. Omaha's response in the hour of grim need brought the manhood and womanhood of the city to meet a great duty. The needy were housed, clothed, fed and hospitalized.

For days owners of destroyed homes searched through debris for articles they could salvage or for cherished keepsakes. Thousands of visitors from other towns came to view the devastation.

**Many Freaks.** The freaks of the storm were many. A postal card blown through the air was found at Perry, Ia., 150 miles away, and was identified as from an Omaha storm victim. A piece of 2x4 timber was thrust into a piano, leaving the point of entrance as even as if a word worker had cut the incision with his tools. A side of a house was blown away, leaving an exposed pantry with a row of unbroken eggs in a holder. A man was blown from a street through the glass of a front door, suffering only minor injuries.

Omaha quickly recuperated from its greatest disaster. Stricken home owners were financed. The men and women of Omaha were equal to a great emergency.

## Sleuth's Style of Laying Law's Hand on Violators Has Tamed With Years

Omaha Detective Who Once "Pulled Rough Stuff" Now Does Handshaking Act on His Victims.

Styles change even in the manner of arresting law violators. Consider the case of Fred Palmtag, detective.

Once, the approved manner of taking a wrong-doer into custody, in the eyes of Palmtag, was to lay a heavy hand, the heavier the better, on the shoulder of the selected victim and say, in a deep voice: "Young man, you are under arrest for violating the laws of this great country."

But with splendid motor cars parked conveniently near alleys and banks, with assets within reach of a clutching hand and many other things to make the life of a thief sublime, the style of arrest has changed.

**Identified by Picture.** Now the criminal is identified by means of a photograph in the Bertillon department of a police station

and the detective is sent out to find him.

On finding his man, the officer no longer grasps him by the shoulder in an effort at intimidation. The skilled detective greets the victim with effusion.

"Well, hello," is one greeting often used by Detective Palmtag. "I have been looking for you for hours. How do you feel? I want to take a walk with you and show you the exact location of our beautiful city jail."

All the time Palmtag is delivering this oration he is shaking hands with the man for whom he has been searching and is gently leading him away.

**Wealthy Uncle Dead.** Another method of greeting a suspect is to shake his hand and announce joyfully, as though imparting news of the death of a wealthy uncle who has only one heir, "The chief wants to see you."

To this is usually added an invitation to ride down "right now" in the car that the philanthropic detective has conveniently parked nearby.

No more does anyone need to fear the heavy hand of the law. Now one must fear the smooth tongue of the law's representatives.

## Boys' 2-Knicker Suits

Here is a selection of fine all-wool fabrics. Styles and patterns are tailored perfectly and reinforced at all strain points. The just what appeals to the boyish ideas. Every suit comes with two pairs of knickers, full lined to assure double service. Ages 6 to 18 years.

Priced 11.75

## 600 Boys' Percalé Blouses

A new, fresh stock; all full cut; made up in guaranteed fast color percales in neat striped and checked patterns; with collar attached; sizes 6 to 16 years; regular value 85c; A new blouse if one fades, special at, 68c

Fourth Floor

## New Spring Blouses

For Wear With the Tailored Suits

The boyish suit of today calls for a smart tailored blouse. Our stock is complete with styles as individual as they are new. Models tailored or semi-tailored with dainty touches of lace. Fashioned of Lucille crepe, imported broadcloth, crepe de chine, printed crepes and wash satins. The colors are bluish pink, blue, Pablo, Carmen red. Many featured with the Bobby, the Bryn Mawr and Club collars.

Priced:

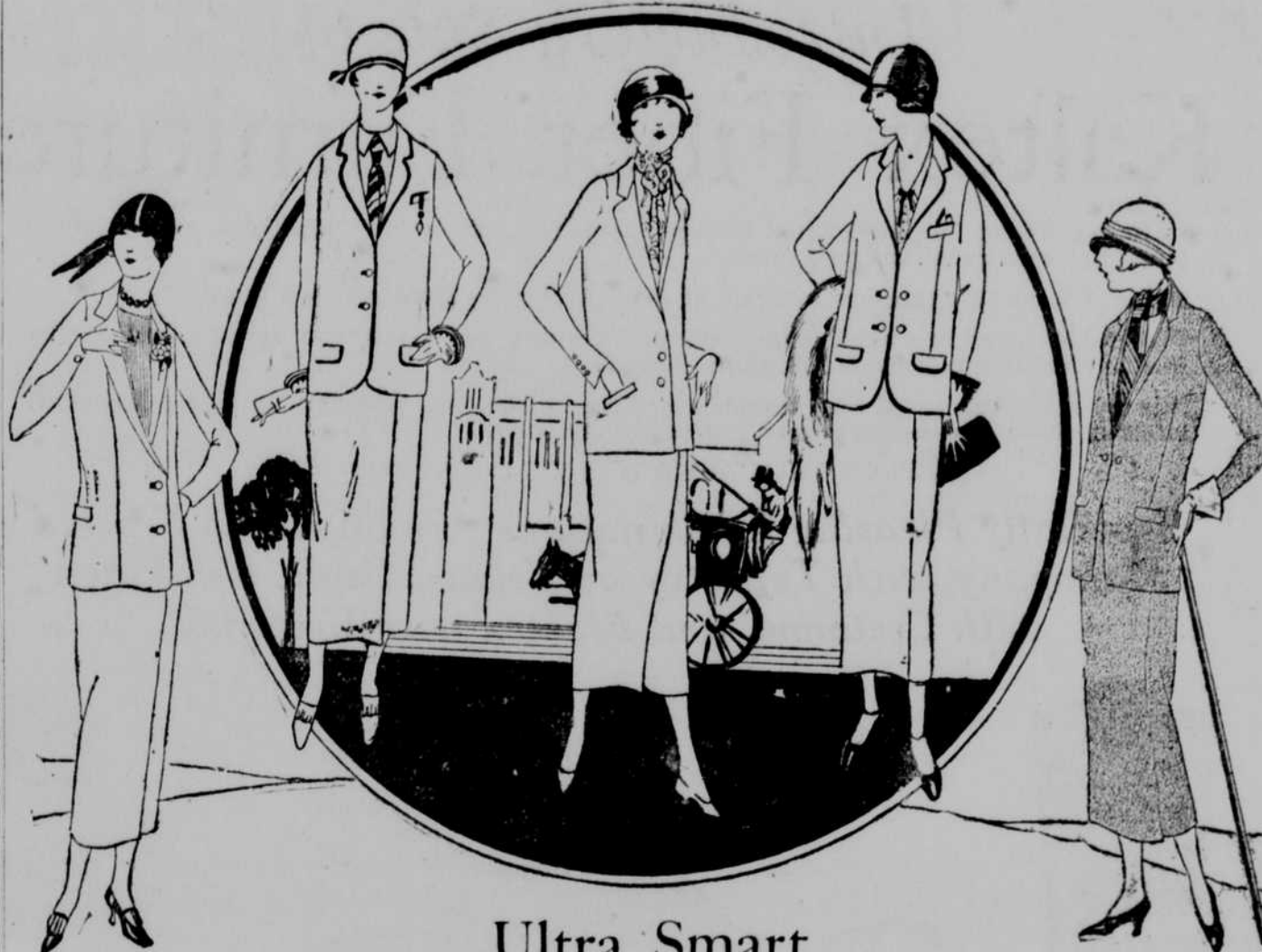
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Second Floor

# THE BRANDEIS STORE

## Monday---An Exceptional Showing of



## Ultra Smart Tailored Suits for Spring

Novelty checks, twill cord stripes and checks, charmeen, tweed. Colors of navy, black, gray, tan. Sizes 36 to 42.

29<sup>75</sup>

Boysish jackets, novelty vests, braid trimmed, in black, navy, tan, gray checks, in sizes 36 to 44.

45<sup>00</sup>

Covert charmeen, oxford twills in sand, cocoa, gray, tan, navy and black. Sizes 36 to 44.

39<sup>75</sup>

Plain tailored. Long jackets. Beautiful, youthful lines. In larger sizes. All spring shades and new materials. Sizes 36 to 46.

55<sup>00</sup>

The trim smartness of the strictly tailored suit is excellently portrayed in this comprehensive showing. Suits of severe plainness speak their quality through the medium of exquisite materials, faultless cut and skillful workmanship—the perfect tailor.

Other Tailored Suits 57.75 to 145.00

Second Floor

## Beautiful and Fashionable

## Spring Hats

Spring Moods as interpreted by Bruck-Weiss, De Marinis, Hyland, Curtis, Belart and other leading designers.



Priced 18.50 to 35.00

Here in our Millinery Department, Second Floor, is a collection of hats of distinction from America's leading designers. The same makers who supply the exclusive Fifth Avenue shops. Hats of quality and smartness you may wear with grace and poise in the presence of the most critical. Fabrics and straws of beautiful quality, trimmed in flowers, ribbons and embroidery in designs of exclusive character.

Second Floor—East



## Showing of Spring Models in "Nelly" Don Wash Frocks For Home and Informal Wear

Specially Priced 1.95 and 2.95 Extra Sizes 2.50 and 3.50

Nellie Don Wash Frocks for Home and Informal Daytime Wear

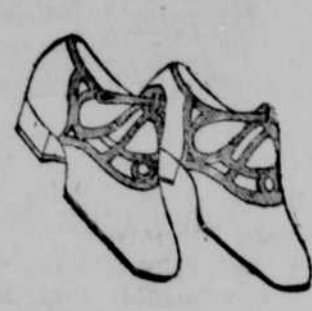
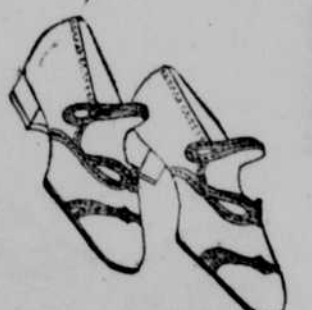
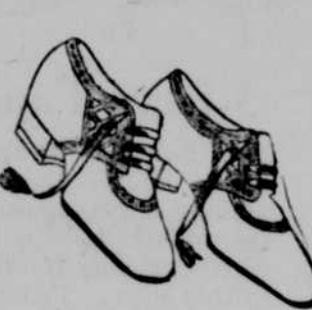
To dress one's self in a charming Nellie Don frock is to have a delightful feeling of "smartness." Fast colors insure perfect laundering; simple but clever lines mean easy ironing, as well as good appearance.

These dresses are made up in Kalburnie and Braeloch ginghams and Windsor prints. Regular sizes, 18 to 44.

Third Floor—South

## Come in and Inspect Our Wonderful Line of New Spring Novelty Shoes

6<sup>50</sup> Values. to 10.00



This innovation sale is planned to meet the growing demand for smart slippers at a moderate price, and we want our customers to know that this is not just a special lot of shoes, but a standard stock in which this unusual variety and a complete range of sizes are maintained.

Fancy Strap and New Sandal Effects

Such models as the new "Zev" sandal, the "Polly Prim," the "Patsy Ruth," which were formerly priced much higher, can now be had in regular stock at this low price. Suedes and finished leathers in all shades are included.

Third Floor—East

## Do You Wear a NEMO Corset?

Or do you wear some makeshift which is permitting your figure to spread and lose all its normally good lines? Spoiling the beauty of your dress and, above all, making you feel ill at ease and uncomfortable.



Nemo Kop Service Corset No. 514 is designed for the medium figure. It has the desired low top with elastic inserts. Excess thigh flesh is effectively controlled by the elastic bands at the sides.

Made of strong pink coutil and priced at

7.00

Our stocks are complete. You may choose a model at a price to suit your purse. We are happy to fit your figure exactly and we know that your satisfaction will only begin with your fitting.

Third Floor—North

## Wails Outdoing Those of Banshee Raised as Tech Pupils Bow Fiddles

A wailing that would arouse the envy of a banshee is heard at Technical High school.

"Aha!" ejaculates a student control member. "The old musical strains again haunt this institution of higher learning."

The wails are in a multitude of different keys.

A smile crosses the face of a visitor as he enters. For standing before him are two scores of youthful faces contorted even as the bodies, while bows are swung across two score new and shining violins, violas, cellos and base viols.

The smile disappears as he notes the seriousness of the young men and women in their efforts to learn the rudiments of playing stringed instruments.

Some of the ambitious students already are displaying talent, according to Will Heatherington, violin instructor at Technical High school.

Entrance into this class is open to any Technical High school student.

Students in the violin class are: Gertrude Anderson, Rose Baun, Ella Barker, Mabel Beldt, Maxine Beerup, Marie Blankenfeld, Eva Cohn, Evelynne Dietrick, Alton Dolinsky, Fred Elsassner, Gordon Ekstrom, Ruth Glassman, Ida Greenhouse, Elizabeth Gimple, John Gravett, Helen Gross, Ida Gendelman, Violet Harwood, Minnie Haspel, Evelyn Johnson, Virgil Johnson, Hazel Ladsee, Frank Manue, Adelia Mynstic, Miriam Permentor, Edna Swanson, Verda Bilger, Arvid Carlson, Violette Deutch, Jessie Farlee, Sylvia Faredel, Dorothy Gimple, Robert Hartman, Gretchen Kirch, Esther Jensen, Alice Miller, Arthur Meyer, Melama Sivirinski, Florence Taminosian, Marjorie Taylor, Edna Williams, Exel Willey, Leona Washick, Edna May Walker, Helen Wheeler, Lyle Youngman, Theda Bogue, Byron Nelson, Rosie Germandt, Nollman Hansen, Marvel Johnson, Gertrude Peterson, Raymond Plummer, Myrtle McDonald, Lenn Monroe, George Stribling, Rae Shuze, Max Stoller, Alice Sorenson, Harold Siegel, Pauline Sexton, Minnie Singer, Tillie Sigal, Ruth Sagard, Millard Shrage, Velma Schuz, Doris Stein, Lucille Whitely, Brunette Leach and Lenn Monroe.

cottontail, offers more opportunities for stage lines to make a profit than would be the case on the Lincoln highway, as no transcontinental railroad parallels the Meridian.

Lack of night travel doubles the time required for the trip, but it costs only half as much as railroad fares, according to figures compiled by the Meridian Highway association.

Already, it is said, through passengers have traveled over stretches by auto stage all the way from Norfolk to Belleville, Kan., and from Belleville to Oklahoma City.

## Distress Warrants Issued Against Road

Table Rock, Neb., March 22.—County Treasurer M. L. Flannigan has issued distress warrants against the Kansas City & Northwestern railroad for unpaid taxes and has delivered the warrants to Sheriff Avery. The road passes through the west part of Lawrence county. The warrants were issued to recover taxes which have not been paid for several years.

The warrants are not collectable at present because of pending litigation over the road, but will serve as a necessary step toward foreclosure, which will be taken by County Attorney E. F. Witte. The total amount of unpaid taxes due the county is \$123,600. The road has not been in operation for several years and various unsuccessful attempts have been made to put it back on its feet.

Everybody has at least one favorite joke. That's the one to send to the Local Laf Editor, The Omaha Bee. It may be a prize winner.

**Only One Gap.** Herbert Hahn, secretary of Columbus Chamber of Commerce, indicates that as soon as the bridge is opened between Yankton, S. D., and Knox county, Nebraska, it will be possible to make the entire trip from Winnipeg to the gulf by automobile stage. There are now a series of automobile stages operating that make it possible to travel the 627 miles from Winnipeg to Yankton by automobile stage. The only stretch on which there are no stages in operation is between Norfolk and Yankton.

**Opportunity for Profit.** Plans already are under way to operate stage line from Norfolk and Columbus to Yankton for passengers and freight. The Winnipeg to Galveston route, being a north and south transcontinental highway through the more thickly populated regions of the central west and the