

Omaha "Santa" to Rail Passengers

Union Pacific and City Officials Spread Christmas Cheer.

"We'll always remember Omaha and the Union Pacific. No other city ever did anything like this. So long, Merry Christmas!"

That was the enthusiastic tenor of the last-shouted thanks Wednesday from travelers clustered on the platforms of Union Pacific trains Wednesday as they pulled out of Omaha loaded with the Christmas trees and stock of "fixins" for a big Christmas eve party amid greetings of Mayor Dahlman, Queen Emma Hoagland of Ak-Sar-Ben and prominent officials of the Chamber of Commerce.

The civic Christmas greeting started a travelers' Christmas celebration that will continue for 2,000 miles. Other cities at principal stops along the Union Pacific lines are staging other greetings that will continue until the last Christmas train pulls into its destination.

Gardner Is "Santa."
The patron saint of the occasion was Charlie Gardner, secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, who climbed over the observation car rails to the amazement of "kiddies" whose eyes were on his every movement. "You can't open the packs until Christmas eve," he instructed them carefully, but here's just a little sample of what's inside. And grins broke forth as he dived into his sack to pull forth a drum for a small boy, and a doll for a little girl.

"There's lots of everything. Have a good time," was barely heard as he disappeared into the car to see that the Christmas tree was properly set up.

Mayor Dahlman and Queen Emma Hoagland of Ak-Sar-Ben, with the Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Harley Conant, had Omaha's official Christmas greeting cards and in less time than it takes to tell strangers from all parts of the world were strangers no longer.

Even Australia and Canada were represented by Mrs. Ada Brown of Sydney and Mrs. J. A. MacGregor of London, Ont., respectively, and the travelers not only "got together" with Omaha, but as the trains pulled out, were acquainted among themselves.

The passengers' committee on the San Francisco-Oakland limited which received the Christmas tree and pack of "fixings" from "Santa Claus" Gardner was headed by Victor Aaron of San Francisco, Earl C. Vogelsson of Oakland and Miss Ada Brown of Sydney, Australia.

On the Los Angeles limited the passengers' committee which will trim the tree and put on the Christmas eve party for the "kiddies" and grown-ups who are traveling on the holiday was headed by Ray Bell.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 24.—A band of 21 Santa Clauses in full regalia will sing and play carols around a huge Christmas tree on the depot platform here to holiday travelers aboard Union Pacific trains today and tomorrow. It is announced by the North Platte Chamber of Commerce. The fire department's saxophone band, Elmer Tumbleson, president, and George A. Bolduc, director, has volunteered for the occasion. The musical Kris Kringle will serenade each of seven trains on which travelers' Christmas celebrations are being held during their stops here.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 24.—Christmas carols by the combined choirs of all Cheyenne churches around a mammoth living Christmas tree in the station park will supplement Christmas parties aboard Union Pacific transcontinental trains stopping here on Christmas Eve, when passengers of the Portland, San Francisco-Oakland and Los Angeles Limiteds will receive Wyoming's holiday greetings.

Milford, Utah, Dec. 24.—A municipal Christmas tree and celebration at the Union Pacific station here will greet the holiday travelers, who are holding Christmas celebrations on California-bound transcontinental trains.

Callente, Nev., Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree and special celebration of greetings to travelers on Christmas trains will be held by the Callente Homeowners club here to extend Nevada's holiday wishes to those who have to travel. All Union Pacific transcontinental trains on which Christmas parties are being held will be met.

TRAIN SERVICE CUT PROTESTED
Bloomfield, Dec. 24.—Representatives of the Bloomfield Commercial club will go to Wayne next Monday to protest against the removal of trains 50 and 51 on this branch. The state railway commission will hold a meeting at Hayne on that day at 11:45 a. m. All the towns on this branch will have representatives there and the same is true of the Crofton branch of the Minneapolis & Omaha, where the company has asked permission to cancel trains 40 and 41. According to the showing made by the railroad company, these trains lose money every month.

Those who oppose the move claim that the two branches are big money makers and the company owes something in the way of accommodation to the communities served by the two lines.

CHIROPRACTIC
Rheumatism, lumbago and sciatica respond quickly to our methods as well as liver, stomach, kidney and bowel troubles.

For CHIROPRACTIC Service see member of Omaha Atlas Club. Page Ad in Telephone Directory.

Two Candidates for Free Shoes; Many More Are on Waiting List



Introducing, kind-hearted friends, Kenneth Bennington, 10, and his brother, Boyd, 7. They are just two of the hundreds of poor children who are candidates for shoes from the Free Shoe fund. Another boy and three girls are in the family and their home is down by the river. Kenneth is wearing an old pair of men's shoes. Boyd's have no soles worth mentioning.

If you can help put shoes on the feet of such children, send your check, cash or money order to "Free Shoe fund," care of The Omaha Bee.

Readers have been generous, but still there are many poor children who have not been supplied with shoes they so greatly need and long for. Most of them are fatherless, living in wretched homes, where in many cases a widowed mother wages a ceaseless struggle with poverty.

No other established way of providing shoes for such children but the Free Shoe fund, provided by readers of The Omaha Bee.

Each case is investigated by school teachers without cost. Children are provided with orders on a store. They are fitted in the store. The bill is sent to The Omaha Bee Free Shoe fund. No "overhead" in this fund. Every cent for shoes.

Previously acknowledged \$1,557.63
Mrs. Myron L. Leonard, 1.00
Junior Johnson, Fairfax, S. D., 1.00
Total \$1,560.63

—an announcement of particular interest to the shrewd woman shopper

1/2 off

Exclusive Silk Dresses
Afternoon Dresses
Evening Dresses
Tailored Dresses
Coats
Wraps

Do not confuse this announcement with the usual "sale event." We extend a bona fide price reduction of one-half off on every garment in our carefully selected stock. We urge early attendance.

McGuire Dress Shoppe

Mezzanine Floor, Paxton Bldg., 16th at Farnam

It is always our policy to maintain a competent laying and carpet sewing department, with workmen who work the year around. To keep them busy during January, we are holding a

Special Sale of Carpets

that will include all odd rolls, short lengths and remnants.

Hard service Hair-Faced Carpet, 27 inches wide in novelty weave, taupe and blue color 1.35

Wool-faced mottled Velvet Carpet, 27 inches wide, fine for covering halls and stairs; red, green and brown 2.25

Heavy Saxony Axminster Carpets, soft nap, excellent for hard service. Five patterns for covering rooms. Special, per yard, at 2.75

Extra heavy, plain Axminster and Wilton Carpets in odd rolls. Splendid values in taupes, grays, browns, rose or blue, all 27 inches wide, some large enough for big rooms; others large enough for rugs. Specially priced, yard 3.95

Some of the special values we have already made up from remnants of carpets, all neatly bound by hand and sized, are listed.

45.00 Seamless, Heather Mixture Broadloom, 6-3x11-3 37.50

50.00 Seamed, Green Moroccan Vel, 8x11, 31.50

33.75 Seamed, Plain Blue Velvet, 6-9x9 24.75

59.25 Seamed, Jade Green Wilton, 6-9x12, 47.50

61.00 Seamless Broadloom Taupe Wilton, 7-8x8-10, at 49.00

45.00 Bordered Two-Toned Green Vel, 9x12, 29.50

100.00 Seamed, Chintz Body Brussels, 9x14-6, 57.50

Linoleum Bargains
—designed to crowd our layers with plenty of work during January.

Three good patterns in Printed Linoleum, all 6 feet wide on a hurlap back with well covered surface. Special, sq. yd., at 95¢

Many short lengths of splendid Inlaid Linoleums suitable for bath rooms, closets and small rooms. Special, sq. yd. 1.25

Good patterns in extra quality Inlaid Tile Linoleum, 6 feet wide. Special, sq. yd. 2.75

Good grade plain Brown Linoleum, sq. yd., 95¢

Green and Gray Jasper Inlaid Linoleum, sq. yd., at 1.75

Extra quality Taupe Battleship Linoleum, square yd. 2.00

Let us measure and give an estimate.

Blankets
of dependable quality at Special Prices

6 only, 5-lb., all-wool Amara Blankets, size 70x84. Reg. price 18.50. On sale Friday, 9.85

10 only, 4-lb., all-wool Amara Blankets, size 66x80. Reg. price 14.50. On sale Friday, 9.85

35 only, all-wool Lebanon Blankets, size 70x80, sateen bound. Reg. 11.50. On sale Friday, 8.95

42 only, Mixed Wool and Cotton Blankets, size 70x80. Reg. price 7.50. On sale Friday, 5.85

34 only, Mixed Wool and Cotton Blankets, size 66x80. Reg. price 6.50. On sale Friday, 4.95

30 only, fine All-Cotton Nashua Blankets, size 72x84. Reg. price 6.95. On sale Friday, 5.50

Cozy, Warm Comforters
Filled with fine white cotton and some with pure new lambs' wool, ranging in price from 3.75 to 18.50

Silk Comfy's
A very few fine high grade Silk Satin Comforters at greatly reduced prices. Formerly 27.50-47.50. On sale Friday, 19.00 and 29.00

Orchard-Wilhelm

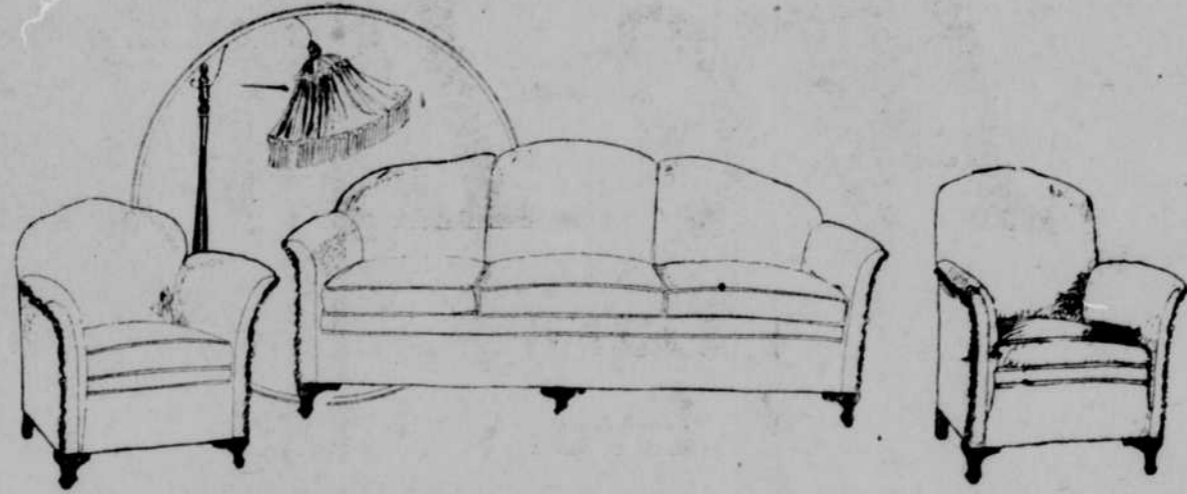
SIXTEENTH AND HOWARD STREETS.

Year-End Sale of Orchard-Wilhelm Made Living Room Furniture

To keep our big Ralston furniture factory busy during an otherwise quiet month, we will take orders, beginning Friday, December 26th, for a limited number of our splendid overstuffed living room suites for DELIVERY IN JANUARY ONLY.

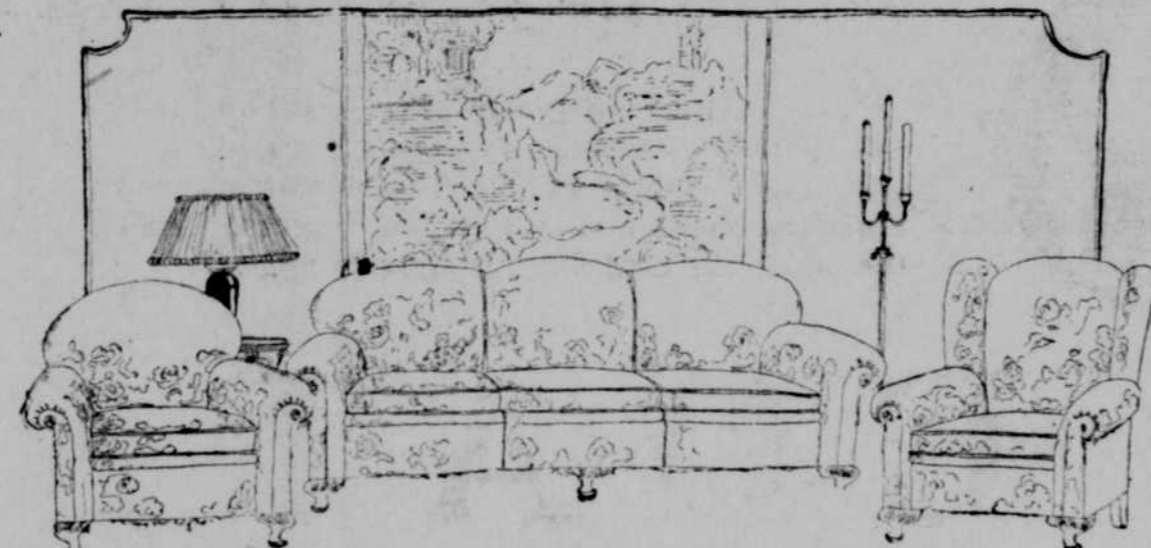
at Liberal Price Reductions

This is a sale, especially noteworthy, in view of the fact that the regular prices of our living room furniture are conceded to be very low indeed by the most careful of shoppers. Our established high standard of construction, quality and finish will be maintained in every particular. Get your order in early, as deliveries can only be made commencing one week from the opening of the sale.



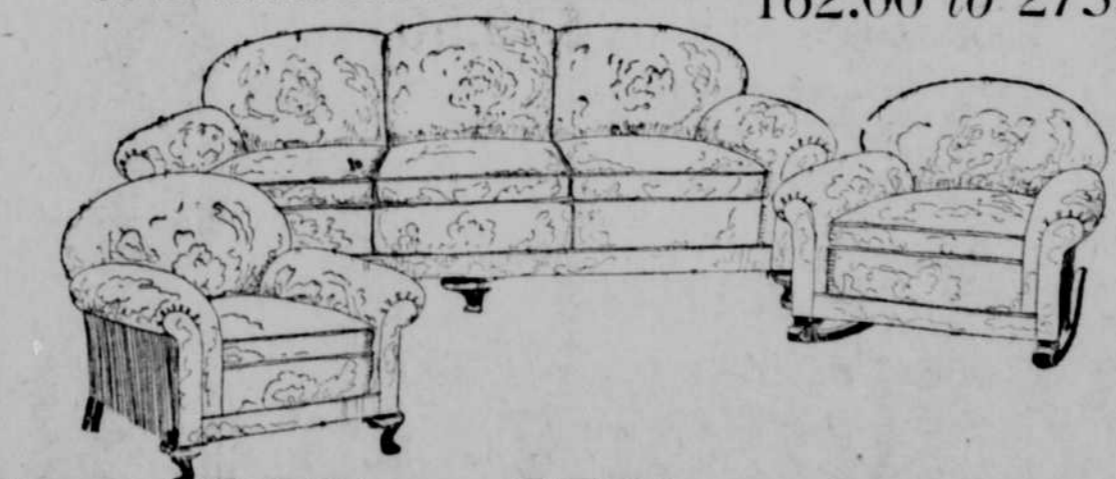
Save 36⁷⁵ to 57⁵⁰

by ordering the exceptionally attractive overstuffed suite pictured, tomorrow; the variation in savings depending upon the kind of upholstery selected, viz.: velour, cut velour, jacquard velour, tapestry or mohair. Regular prices 245.00 to 382.50. Reduced prices, subject to delivery within one week 208.25 to 324.00



Save 29⁰⁰ to 48⁰⁰

by ordering the elegant overstuffed suite pictured, tomorrow; the variation in saving depending upon the kind of upholstery selected, viz.: velour, cut velour, jacquard velour, tapestry or mohair. Regular prices 191.00 to 321.00. Reduced prices, subject to delivery within one week 162.00 to 273.00



Save 23⁵⁵ to 37⁵⁰

by ordering the splendid overstuffed suite pictured, tomorrow; the variation in savings depending upon the kind of upholstery selected, viz.: velour, cut velour, jacquard velour, tapestry or mohair. Regular prices 157.00 to 248.50. Reduced prices, subject to delivery within one week 133.45 to 211.00

A Sale of 1000 Mattresses

Affording Values Without Parallel

Our mattress factory was given instructions to produce two of the best mattresses possible for special sale between Christmas and the new year. The result is two mattresses on which you can realize.

Savings of Fully 33 1/3%

Fairyland

A 50-lb. All-Cotton Mattress with fluffy cotton center surrounded by thick layers of felted cotton. Made up in roll edge style and covered in a good grade of fancy art ticking in three different patterns. Sale price—

\$10

Imperial

Built of 50 pounds of selected cotton, felted into filmy layers of unusual resilience. Splendidly tailored and covered in high grade fancy art tickings. Built with Imperial four-row stitched edge and flush handles. Sale price—

\$15

To keep our drapery work room busy we are offering a number of things that mean work for this department.

Drapery Materials

Just at this time we have many very attractive drapery materials that we wish to close out and from which beautiful window treatments can be made. We list a few of the reductions:

3.95 Drap. Materials, 1.48
5.00 Drap. Materials, 3.25
7.50 Drap. Materials, 5.85
6.50 Drap. Materials, 3.95
3.75 Drap. Materials, 2.50
4.50 Drap. Materials, 2.75
8.50 Drap. Materials, 5.75
5.90 Drap. Materials, 2.95
6.50 Drap. Materials, 4.75

Tinto Tex Window Shades
Now is a good time to purchase shades made from "Tinto Tex," the super quality unfilled shade cloth, mounted on Hartsborn rollers, because they cost no more than ordinary filled shades.

500 Odd Shades

Made from remnants of hand oil opaque shade cloth, some slightly imperfect, mounted on good rollers. Several colors. 26 to 36 inches wide, 4 ft. to 6 ft. long—

50c

Remnants

of upholstery materials such as mohair, velvet, tapestry and damask, suitable for chair seats and backs, also curtain and drapery materials in lengths up to five yards at

HALF PRICE or even less.

We have assembled all our discontinued patterns in

Lamps

and upon each one placed a very low price.

Wrought Iron Bridge Lamp with Georgetown shade, ball swivel socket adjustment. Colors, black and orange or taupe and orange. Complete 12.50

Handsome Spanish Brass Junior Lamps 25.00

Haeger Pottery Vase Lamps in blue, rose, gold or black, with applique shade. 9 inches high, at 3.95
12 inches high 6.75

The Following Patterns of English China are offered at attractive reductions.

Royal Worcester 96.00 Service Plates, at 80.00

Minton 89.00 Service Plates, at 75.00
58.00 Service Plates, at 44.00
112.50 Service Plates, at 95.00

Crown Staffordshire Tree pattern, 50.00 Service Plates 45.00

Doulton 62.00 Service Plates, at 50.00
And many others. Small plates to match proportionately reduced.

The following single DOZENS in fine

Stemware
are reduced in price to a point where you will be pleased to buy them at once.

Gold Encrusted Crystal 24.00 Goblets, per dozen, at 20.00

Amber Stem with Crystal Bowl, 19.50 Goblets, at 14.50

Green 30.00 Goblets, at 24.00
Crystal Optic with cutting, 28.00 Goblets, at 19.50
20.00 Bridge Sets of Plates and Sherbets, per dozen sets 14.50