

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

518 and 152 Farnam Street.

CLOAKS - SUITS.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Plush Cloaks, Usters and Jackets.

The tremendous rush for our \$11.98 Plush Sacque has been kept up all last week and there are only a few left.

200 Plush Sacques

of the better grades—those that cost from \$35 to \$60, and have marked them away down—positively less than one-half their value.

If you cannot be suited by these prices you cannot be suited at all.

All other Cloaks, Jackets and Dresses have been reduced from 20 to 25 per cent.

Imported Wraps

Formerly \$40 to \$50, Now \$25 to \$35.

HOLDS HER PROUD POSITION.

As Queen City of the Great and Rapidly Developing West.

OMAHA'S YEARLY IMPROVEMENT RECORD.

An Increase in Realty Deals and Buildings—The Phenomenal Clearance Record—Plans for Building Next Year.

A review of the city's improvement record for the year just drawing to a close will furnish abundant cause for congratulation and satisfaction on the part of every person whose interests are identified with the growth, development and general prosperity of Omaha.

Conditions prevailed at the beginning of the year that made it doubtful whether the city would make any material progress in keeping with her past record and her promises of certain future greatness. The tendency of the prohibition issue and the depression in the financial markets of the east combined to make capital more than characteristically cautious and many improvements and enterprises that had been planned and promised for 1890 were held over or abandoned.

In the face of these unfavorable conditions however, remarkable progress has been made in every line that tends to the permanent advancement of the city in her onward march toward the goal of industrial and commercial supremacy of the Missouri valley and the great and rapidly developing west.

The depression that wrought financial ruin in other western cities, only proved that Omaha's growth has been on a legitimate basis, that her real values have not been inflated, and that her commercial and financial interests are protected by the conservatism that is essential to success.

With the happy disposition of the prohibition issue, and the indications of a better feeling in the money markets, the prospects are more favorable for the future, and an increase of the prosperity of the past and present.

The advancement has been made in every line of business during the past year. Millions have been added in private business blocks and residences; the corporations have invested largely in the enlargement and extension of their plants; the stockyards and packing house industries have been largely increased; bank clearings, real estate transfers and building permits pile up big percentages over the business of last year; the city has made material additions in every branch of its important improvements; its streets are better, its water supply is better, its parks are better, its schools are better, its streets are better, its water supply is better, its parks are better, its schools are better.

The Year's Buildings.

Omaha has reached the point where a great deal of building may be done without the general public being posted in regard to the improvements in progress. The record of the past year is a proof of this assertion. Accepting as true the current report and opinion that "times are hard" and "there won't be much done this year," the average citizen has gone along in the belief that building operations were very slack. When as a matter of fact the records show that fifty as much if not more money has been spent in building improvements during the present year than was invested in the same work in 1889.

Every one is familiar with the progress of the work on the city hall, the new opera house, the completion of Morse's block, McCague's new bank, Swamy's block on Sixteenth street, Dr. Mercer's hotel, and some of the big improvements that have been or are being made on the principal streets; yet there are but few, perhaps, who are aware that nearly \$2,000,000 have been expended during the year in business blocks, stores and manufactories. To this must be added nearly \$2,000,000 invested during the year in resi-

Dress Goods Dress Trimmings.

The handsome line in the city, and SUCH BARGAINS, just think, the latest novel styles and all ready to go on the dress or cloak. 25c yd, cheap at 75c.

Fine chenille trimming at 25 cents.

Ostrich feather trimming, 4 inches wide, 50 cents.

All shades in fancy feather trimmings for dresses and neckwear.

Silk cord zousse jackets, sleeve trimmings, etc., at greatly reduced prices.

Cords, loops and frogs for cloaks, jackets and dresses, also olives in all colors.

An Assortment of One Hundred IMPORTED FRENCH DRESS PATTERNS of the FINEST QUALITY and VERY LATEST STYLES.

Part of these goods are displayed in our west window and the selling prices marked on them.

There is not one among the entire lot which is not the very Cream of Fashion!

And there is not one among them that is not a

Positive Bargain.

CORSETS. CORSETS.

We carry all the leading makes in all colors. P. D., C. P., R. & G., Dr. Warner's, Thomson's Glove Fitting, J. B., P. & N., Etc., Etc.

Ferris' Waists

For Ladies and Children.

Infants' Wear.

An odd lot of infants' white cashmere vests, 50c.

COATS

In plaid and camel's hair cloth, from \$4 up.

Black surah silk cloaks at very low prices.

Novelties in cloaks trimmed in angora, etc.

The largest variety and the lowest prices on infants' and children's caps.

Our line of infants' goods is too well known to require much puffing.

CHRISTMAS, 1890.

DEAR SIR:

As usual we have taken special pains to help the gentlemen out of their dilemma. We know every gentleman has been racking his brains for weeks to think of something that would gladden the heart of his lady for Christmas; something at once delicate, useful and ornamental; something of which Madame Stael said that she could tell the wearer's taste by its pattern, her habits by its color, her station in life by the way it was displayed.

And in fact there is not an article in the ladies' toilet, in the manufacture of which more taste, more skill or more refinement is displayed than in the HANDKERCHIEF. If you come and inspect our line you will find everything possible in Silk and Linen Plain Hemstitched and Embroidered Real Lace Handkerchiefs. It is a regular art exhibition.

Furs, Furs.

Nobby shoulder capes in seal, beaver, Persian monkey, wool seal, astrachan and combination furs, such as seal and astrachan; seal and Persian, v. col. seal and astrachan.

Fur Trimmings

by the Yard.

In beaver, Martin, lynx, monkey, angora, in white, black and colors for infants' cloaks.

Seal Garments.

We can only refer to our numerous customers who have bought their seal cloaks from us, as the quality of seal furnished us does not equal anything but the best. Having a few of these garments in stock which have been bought before the advance we are able to give you special inducements on first qualities. Call and learn our prices.

Knit Fascinators,

Divided skirts, quilted skirts, satin and silk skirts, in black and colors, satteen and mohair skirts, \$1.35 to \$3.75.

Knit underwear for children, natural wool pants and vests. White all wool sets.

Scarlet all wool sets, pants and vests, 75c set.

We have made a sweeping reduction on all our underwear.

Embroidered Gowns

Ladies' fine embroidered lace trimmed gowns reduced from \$8 to \$4.50.

Lace Trimmed

Formerly \$3.25, now \$2.25.

Embroidered Skirts

Formerly \$6, now \$4.00. Formerly \$4.25, now \$3.00. Formerly \$1.75, now \$1.00.

Knit - Underwear

In cotton, for ladies in white and gray, 50c.

Red Wool Vests,

75c, worth \$1.25. Black Vests and Pants, all wool, \$1.50.

Collars, Ruchings and Other Neckwear.

All the latest novelties in Collars and Cuffs, such as Lord Fauntleroy sets for children.

Ladies' and Children's Lace Collars and Cuffs.

A handsome assortment of Windsor Ties and Scarfs in rich plain colors and high novelty plaids, 25c, 30c, 35c.

Ladies' Lace Chemisettes, the latest out,

From 25c to 60c.

KNIT GOODS.

For the Christmas time we offer you the most surprising bargains ever shown:

Ladies' Black All Wool Knit Fascinators, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.

INFANTS' ALL WOOL KNIT Jackets, In all colors, 25c, 31c, 49c, 55c, 65c.

Infants' and Children's Knit Wool Hoods, With silk in white and colors, 25c, 28c, 35c, 38c, 45c.

Misses' All Wool Knit Jackets, 69c, worth \$1.50

Child's All Wool Knit Leggings, 35c, worth 75c

SUNDRIES For Christmas.

A FINE LINE OF Ladies' Silk Mufflers FOR CHRISTMAS.

A Stylish Hand Bag for shopping, in black broadcloth or velvet, with leather trimming, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF LACE CURTAINS AND DAMASK TABLE COVERS from an importer, to be sold at once. We offer them at Half Their Value. Open evenings until 9 o'clock.

RELIGIOUS.

Jacob's well and the plot of ground surrounding it have been sold by the Turkish government to the Greek church for \$4,000.

The marriage of Queensberry, of prize ring fame, approves "Queen" Becker's scheme for darkest London and gives him \$500. He describes himself as a "revertent agnostic."

Bishop Galloway is reported to have said before the Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, that the International Lessons are ransacking the bible out of the children's heads to ruin the faith.

Every state in the lower and spire of St. John the Baptist's Catholic church, on West Thirtieth street, New York, was hoisted to its place by a cable. The motive power of which was an old white horse. The congregation is going to see that its last days are its best days.

On account of the differences of opinion on the social question which exists among the various Catholic bishops the pope has decided to create a special commission of cardinals of every nationality to study the problem and formulate rules for the attitude of the episcopacy.

Frederick Locies, the assistant of a protestant pastor, who had converted a Greek Catholic into a protestant, was tried in court at Igha and condemned to imprisonment for two months and to the loss of his ministerial quality and title. His superior, the pastor himself, was excused to Siberia on a previous trial.

The sufferings and death of Osiris were the great mystery of the Egyptian religion; and the social question which exists among the people of antiquity. His was the abstract idea of god, his manifestations upon earth (like an Indian god), his death and resurrection, and his office as judge of the dead in a future state.

An Italian nun, Sister Maria Caprini, has just returned to Verona after eight years' imprisonment at the siege of El Obed by the Mahdi, together with several companions and some missionary monks. Two of the sisters and one of the monks died from want and ill-treatment.

Among the most successful women preachers in this country are Rev. Florence Kalkoff of Chicago, Mrs. G. L. Jackson of Greenport, N. Y., Mary L. Morehead of Waynesville, N. C., Maggie M. Eddy of Arrowsmith, Ill., Ella M. C. Eddy of Arrowsmith, Ill., Rev. Anna Oliver and Rev. Phoebe Hanford.

The holy synod of Russia has appointed a special commission to draw up regulations for the Sabbath. The principal aim is to deprive regulations which the laborers of manufacturing districts and the crowds of people at municipal and local assemblies should be prevented from drinking too much liquor.

The Salvation Army has money and property in the different countries where it is established, valued at \$2,183,000. The trade effects, stock, machinery and goods on hand are valued at \$50,000. Some idea of the trade department may be gathered from the fact that they sold 22,000 army bouquets every year to the female soldiers.

Some of the priests of the diocese of Ontario, Canada, have decided to appeal to Rome against the acts of Bishop Lavigne, who, they say, punished them for refusing to support the political party of which the bishop's brother, Sir Hector Langevin, is one of the leaders. The appeal has been sent to forward the complaint to Rome.

The chief religions of the world may be classified according to the number of adherents as follows: Christianity, 450,000,000; Confucianism, 350,000,000; Hinduism, 100,000,000; Mohammedanism, 1,000,000; Fetichism, 15,000,000; Buddhism, 10,000,000; Spirit Worship, 5,000,000; Shamanism (the ancient religion of Japan), 2,500,000; Jews, 8,000,000; Parsism, 1,000,000; Total, 1,142,000,000.

The Pittsburgh Courier has been tabulating criticism from the Methodist Episcopal churches in the territory around Pittsburgh, upon the proposition to admit women as lay delegates to the general conference. The figures show the trend of opinion in the Pittsburgh, Erie, east Ohio and West Virginia conferences. Thus far the vote from seventy congregations has been received. Of 15,811 members entitled to vote 3,314 exercised the privilege. Of these 2,517 voted in favor of the admission of women and 1,983 against.

Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.