

W. R. BENNETT CO.

Our new store has been a BIG SURPRISE to the people who have visited it; but there will be a FAR GREATER SURPRISE when our stock of Dry Goods, millinery, Clothing, Gent's Furnishings, Shoes, Wall Paper, Music, etc., etc., is exhibited. It will be the FINEST DISPLAY EVER SEEN IN OMAHA. Everything will be new, up-to-date in design and workmanship, and guaranteed, and the stock will come as near INCLUDING EVERYTHING as it is possible.

DON'T BUY YOUR SPRING AND EASTER GOODS UNTIL YOU HAVE EXAMINED OURS. If you do, you will be sorry. We shall not only have the finest stock, but we shall SELL CHEAPER THAN WE HAVE EVER SOLD BEFORE.

THE GRAND OPENING IS ONLY A QUESTION OF A FEW DAYS.

This week we offer Immense Bargains in our Grand Clearance Sales.

37 Departments
In our New Store

DRY GOODS,
MILLINERY,
CLOTHING,
GENT'S FURNISHINGS,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
SPORTING GOODS,
TRUNKS AND VALISES,
BOOKS,
STATIONERY,
DRUGS, TOBACCO,
TOBACCO,
JEWELRY, CIGARS,
SODA FOUNTAIN,
CANDY,
GLASSWARE,
WOODENWARE,
PAINTS AND OILS,
HARDWARE,
MUSIC,
PICTURES AND ART,
TOYS,
FURNITURE, CARPETS,
WALL PAPER,
TEA ROOM, DRAPERIES,
GROCERIES,
BAKERY,
TEA, COFFEE AND SPICE,
BUTTER AND MEAT,
STOVES, HARNES,
HOUSEFURNISHINGS, FISH.

Naval Oranges Special
A big supply just received. Nice, sweet, fine flavored Naval Oranges.
1c each
Sold in Bargain Annex

Spring Shooting is On. See our **Sporting Goods Department**
We have these goods—
IF YOU WANT A—
Hammerless Shot Gun—
Baltimore Hammerless—
L. C. Smith Hammerless—
Birmingham Hammerless—
Ithaca Hammerless—
Or any Hammerless Gun costing from \$20.00 to \$75.00, or any gun single, double or repeater.
Come and see us.
IF YOU WANT A—
Double Barrel Hammer or Magazine Gun, costing from \$75.00 to \$250.00. We have got them.
IF YOU WANT A—
Double Barrel caliber. We will be pleased to show them. Come early before they are all sold. Remember we show a complete line of strings.
IF YOU WANT—
Ammunition to fit any gun, rifle and revolver, we can hand it to you.
IF YOU WANT—
Foot balls, boxing gloves, Indian clubs, shooting clothes, coats, vests, pants and caps.
IF YOU WANT—
For sale on second floor.

Furniture Dept. Second Floor.
Profits disappear. Prices are cut to the core. A genuine feast of bargains for the money saving public.
Some of the bargains in Parlor Suits and Couches.
FIVE-PIECE PARLOR SUITE—Solid oak frame, golden oak finish, beautiful velvet covering. Worth \$22.50, at this cutting sale at, only **14.98**
FIVE-PIECE PARLOR SUITE—Nicely carved frame, mahogany finish, fine, burgundy covering, spring edge; very attractive suite, worth \$38.00; well cleaned, ready to go at **25.50**
THREE-PIECE PARLOR SUITE—Nicely carved frame, mahogany finish, well made throughout, best steel tempered springs, fine Damask covering, regular price \$18.50. Must go at this sale **11.49**
LEATHER COUCH—Quarter carved golden oak frame, finely carved polish finish, spring side and spring and steel construction, seven rows diamond tufts, regular price \$36.00. To go at this removal sale at, only **24.98**
PANTOFOLE COUCH—Richly carved frame, golden oak, steel construction, 23 springs of the best tempered wire; a beautiful couch, regular price \$25.00. To go at this sale **12.50**
COUCHES—Thirty inches wide, steel construction, eight rows tufts, frame made of selected quarter sawed golden oak, piano polish finish, covered in oak, piano or imported Belgian velours, regular price \$20.00, sale price **13.49**

Handsome Picture Free.
On Monday we offer a very handsome picture frame with every pound package of Bennett's Capitol Coffee.
1-lb. Pkg. 28c
Sold in Tea Dept.

Salted Peanut Feast
These are fresh roasted and salted for this special sale Worth 15c pound
10c 1b.
Sold in our Candy Dept.

Great Bargains in our **Music Department** 2nd floor.
We positively must close out this stock this week, and Monday we place on sale at COST—
\$16.50 Mandolin, now only \$21.00.
\$5.00 Guitar, now only \$2.98.
\$7.25 Zither, now only \$5.00.
\$13.48 Banjo, now only \$9.98.
\$3.85 Violin now only \$4.98.
Other Viollins up from \$1.90.
This is only a sample of the bargains offered.

Crockery Department Annex Basement.
Closing Out Bargains
FINE ENGLISH DECORATED.
Sauce Bowls..... **15c**
Sugar Bowls..... **25c**
Tea Pots..... **25c**
Creamers..... **10c**
Steak Dishes..... **25c**
Open Vegetable Dishes **20c**
Sauce Dishes..... **3c**
Set of 6 Tea Cups and Saucers..... **60c**
Plates..... **6c**
SEMI-PORCELAIN.
White Meat Dishes... **10c**
Small Meat Dishes... **7c**
Odd lot of Bowls..... **5c**
Crystal 4-gallon Pitchers, 50c kind..... **30c**
Crystal Fruit Bowls... **10c**
Crystal Olive and Pickle Dishes..... **5c**

Bargain Room Annex Floor
No. 2 Rochester Lamps—complete, decorated, \$1.00.
Fine Parlor Lamps, 75c.
Fancy line of rich China Cups and Saucers, worth up to 75c, at 25c
General line of assorted fancy Plates, 5c.
Odd lots Glassware Pieces, choice for 2c.
Hanging Library Lamps, less than half price, \$1.50.

Jewelry Department
This sale inaugurates the final clearing out of all the merchandise remaining and which it has been decided must be sold at a sacrifice. The prices they bring. The prices are very low—in some cases ridiculously out of proportion with their value, as for instance—
10 AND 30 COUNTER—
2c Spoons, 1c—Table Spoons, 2c—Gold Plated Studs—Beauty Pins—Barretts—Collar Buttons—Odds and ends, etc., etc.—well worth seeing.
50 COUNTER—
Rogers' Sugar Spoons—Jeweled Hat Pins—Jeweled Brooches—Collar Buttons—Nickel Tea Spoons—Steel Knives and Forks, etc., etc.
100 COUNTER—
Sterling Silver Thimbles—Hat Pins—Buttons—Rings—Brooches—Pocket Knives—Brooches—Bracelets, etc., etc.
250 COUNTER—
Chain Purses—Filled Set Rings—Silk Fobs—Bracelets—Rogers' Dessert Spoons—Bristle Hair Pins—Napkin Rings—Hat Pins—Charms—Pens and Sals in box—Jeweled Stamp Box.
350 COUNTER—
Sterling Silver Coffee Spoons—Mustard Spoons—Wrist Sets—Button Sets—Eye Glass Chains—1847 Table Spoons, etc., etc.
600 COUNTER—
Sterling Silver Tea Spoons—Gold Front Cuff Buttons—Filled Gold Set Rings, etc., etc.
750 COUNTER—
Seth Thomas Alarm Clocks—Quadruple Plate Bread Trays—1847 Cold Meat Forks—Sterling Silver Bracelets—Sterling Silver Ladies—Sterling Silver Tea Bells, etc., etc.
1000 COUNTER—
Quadruple Plate Butter Dishes—Pickle Casters—Sterling Silver Dessert Spoons, etc., etc.

Ginger Snap Festival
Fresh, spicy, crisp and delicious Ginger Snaps—made specially for this special.
4c 1b.
Sold in Grocery Dept.

Special Sale in Annex Basement.
When you visit your friends at a distance, you won't want to tie your belongings in a bundle. You will want a nice respectable Trunk, Telescope, Suit Case, or Traveling Bag. We are making a special offer of these. Now is the time to buy.
Large Fancy Metal Covered Trunk, regular price, \$3.98—Special **2.68**
Large Fancy Metal Covered Trunk, regular price \$2.00—Special **1.48**
Canvas covered, flat top, regular price \$5.00— **3.75**
Special price **2.25**
Ladies' Club Bag, regular price **1.28**
Special price **48c**
Book of State Straps, regular price \$1.00—Special price **2c**
A discount on all Trunks, Telescopes, Suit Cases and Leather Goods in this Department.

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SOUTH OMAHA GETS BRIDGE

Bill Providing for New Structure Over the Missouri River Passes House.

NOVEL PLAN OF OMNIBUS RETIREMENT.
Captain Grimstead of Salem, Neb., Names a Lot of Soldiers He Wants Put in Regular Army and Then Sent Home with Honors.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The bill providing for the construction of a bridge and approach across the Missouri river at or near South Omaha was passed by the Missouri river commission, the bridge must be built with unbroken and continuous spans and the lower point of the bridge superstructure shall not be less than fifty feet above high-water grade line for bridges as established by the Missouri river commission, not to be weakened until after the Fifty-seventh congress adjourns.

Wholesale Retirement Proposed.
What may with entire propriety be called an "omnibus retirement" bill was introduced today by Representative Burkett, at the request of Captain Grimstead of Salem, Neb. The bill authorizes the president to appoint in the regular army and then retire the persons whose names are given with the rank they held in the civil war, Spanish-American war or Philippine insurrection.

Those who are to be benefited from this bill and the rank they are to take are: Robert W. Leonard, colonel; James E. Schlessenger, John R. Prince, William J. White, Morris C. Hutchins, James H. Hysell, Samuel O. L. Potter, Charles S. Burns, John D. Davis and James G. Sanders, majors; Reuben A. Whipple, Holman G. Farrington, Frank D. Newberry, John P. Grimstead, Jacob H. Culver, Henry A. Freed, David F. Allen, Richard J. Fanning, Elias H. Parsons, Thomas Downs, Eben B. Benton, Harlow L. Street, and Philip Mouten, all captains; James B. Clark, first lieutenant. The only other Nebraska included in the list besides Captain Grimstead is Captain Jacob H. Culver.

To Sell Part of Nobrara.
Senator Millard stated today that he would endeavor to secure the early passage of a bill authorizing the sale of a part of the Fort Niobrara military reservation, which has been pending in congress for several years and which was favorably reported by the senate committee on military affairs Friday. The bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to sell the village of Valentin certain lands now a part of the reservation, for \$1,450.

The commissioner of Indian affairs has received an application from the Indians in Thurston county requesting that a delegation of their tribe be permitted to come to Washington to aid in securing the payment

DECEIVED THE HOUSE.

The speaker held the whole subject had been disposed of no question of privilege was in order.

Later in the afternoon a resolution was introduced in the house by Mr. Hughes of West Virginia stating that it was the intention of congress in passing an act creating a permanent bureau to place in the classified service of the government all the employes of the census office above the grade of unskilled laborer, whose names were on the rolls of the census at the date of the approval of the act. The resolution further provides that this intention shall be carried out by the passage of the resolution.

At 4 o'clock the house adjourned.

LEADERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE
Republican Members of Congress, It is Presumed, Discuss Cuban Reciprocity Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Speaker Henderson and Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee and Senator Allison, member of the finance committee, called at the White House today presumably in relation to the pending Cuban reciprocity measure. There was the most positive declaration to discuss the purpose of the call. It was said, however, that the president had in no way changed his attitude favorable to reciprocity. In this connection there were renewed intimations of a special message which would clearly set forth the president's views on the subject.

The republican members of the ways and means committee favorable to Cuban reciprocity have held long conferences to perfect their organization for carrying forward the contest. In connection with these conferences the belief has gained ground that there would be a special message if it proved to be necessary. There was renewed talk of the complete today, one report being 12 per cent reciprocity might be substituted for 20 per cent. Both sides, however, denied the 12 per cent compromise story.

WILL TEST THE RATE LAW
Interstate Commerce Commission to Proceed Against Western Railroads for Wholesale Rate Cutting.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission stated today that the proceedings to be instituted against railroad officials, as a result to their recent admissions of wholesale rate cutting, would be civil actions in equity to enjoin the carriers from further violations of the law. The proceedings involve the principal railroads running between Kansas City and Chicago. Action against one or two of these, he said, would suffice for testing the question. The offenses admitted were that they had been cutting under the scheduled tariff on grains, dressed meats and packing house products.

SEEKS INFORMATION FROM HAY
Resolution Introduced in House Asking Secretary for Facts of Thomas Passport Request.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Representative Burleson of Texas today introduced in the house a resolution of inquiry calling upon the secretary of state for information as to whether he declined to request the British government to grant passports to Rev. Hiram W. Thomas and wife, who are alleged to have requested permission to go to South Africa for the purpose of the distributing funds raised in the United States for the relief of non-combatant prisoners,

PLANS BIG AIRSHIP VOYAGE

Santos-Dumont Is to Try Trip from London to Birmingham.

THIS IS GREATEST FEAT YET ATTEMPTED
Would Like to Become a Citizen of United States if He Changed Nationality—Hopes to Visit America Next Year.

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LONDON, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—M. Santos-Dumont has been received here with extra cordiality because he appears as a victim of alleged French jealousy and unfairness. Speaking to your correspondent, he says: "I don't intend to become an English subject, but if I were to change my nationality I certainly should become either English or American. I am anxious to go to America, but probably shall not now until next year.

"Interest is taken in aeronautics here by a limited circle, but it is not cultivated to the same extent as in France and the United States. Still I hope the Aero club will be able to provide a prize which will tempt competition, to enable me to demonstrate the superiority of my balloon.

"My new No. 7 has forty-five horse-power, being nearly three times as powerful as No. 6 was. The increased power is secured without a proportionate increase in weight, owing to improvement in construction. It has cost nearly \$5,000, so it is expensive business when a balloon gets smashed up.

"I had expected to ascend from the Crystal Palace, but the weather was so unfavorable that it was not possible. However, that difficulty can be easily arranged if the Aero club can fix up a suitable price.

"I shall return to Paris immediately to wind up my affairs there. I hope that by April I shall be experimenting here.

It is doubtful if any equivalent to the Deutsch prize of \$20,000 can be secured here, as Englishmen rarely offer inducements for experiments, unless they see an immediate prospect of practical and profitable results.

LONDON, March 8.—Through the Aero club C. A. Pearson, publisher, has offered Santos-Dumont a prize of \$4,000 for an airship voyage from London to Birmingham. No time limit is fixed. The distance is 100 miles. This will be the greatest feat yet attempted by Santos-Dumont has yet attempted. By request of Santos-Dumont the competition is open to all aeronauts.

DOGS ON RURAL FREE DELIVERY
Military Authorities of Bavarian Alps Send Post and Provisions by St. Bernards.

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MUNICH, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The military authorities in Bavaria are employing specially trained dogs to carry letters and provisions to the snowed-up garrisons among the Bavarian Alps. These dogs are of the St. Bernard breed.

The mountain garrisons are often snowed in three or four weeks at a time, cut off from all communication with the outside world. A bi-weekly post has been established, ten dogs traveling together. All provisions of a heavy kind are in store in the garrisons, but lighter delicacies are often lacking, and these, together with letters, are carried around the dogs' necks.

When the snow is frozen hard enough six dogs are hitched to a small cart piled with things. Occasionally the dogs are

GOOD PLAYS INSTEAD OF STARS

Shareholders Vote—Rejane Out of Theater for Sake of Giving Public More Variety.

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PARIS, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Mme. Rejane was practically expelled from her theater by a vote of shareholders, who deposed her husband as manager of the Theater du Vaudeville. This action came like thunder from a clear sky to the theatrical world of Paris, where Mme. Rejane is considered the greatest comedienne living.

The shareholders published a statement intended to refute the accusation that they treated Rejane too abruptly. In this statement they say in substance that nowadays capable actors are so plentiful that the public has tired of seeing certain personalities given undue importance by relentless advantage; that good plays are wanted, not stars; that in those places where the star prevails good plays are impossible, but authors are cramped by the insane pretensions of the star. To sustain their position the shareholders point to Reinhardt, Coquelin and Hading, who cannot pay expenses, while well-balanced companies of practically anonymous players are doing excellent business.

EPIDEMIC OF LESE MAJESTE
Hard Times in Germany Drive Laboring Men to Desperate Means of Sustenance.

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BERLIN, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The cold weather, the slackness of work and bad times generally have caused an epidemic of lese majeste.

The latest case is that of a laboring man in Hamburg named Schmidt, who, driven to despair by hunger, went up to a policeman and denounced the Kaiser. Schmidt was immediately arrested, promptly tried and sent to prison for three months. Schmidt said he preferred that means of obtaining free quarters in jail, as his conscience would not allow him to commit assault or break widows.

REBEL SUCCESSSES IN CHINA
Capture Government Officials, Release Prisoners Who Join the Rebels.

HONG KONG, March 8.—The Kwang Si rebels have reached Kai-Chou, a town thirty miles from Kwang Chan Wan. They surprised the local mandarins, captured the garrison and released the prisoners, who joined in the rebellion.

It is reported that the members of the Triad secret society have joined the rebels and are burning and looting villages.

EXPLOSIVE BULLET IN HIS LEG
Count Who Lost Heavily at Gambling Is Now Dying from Brother-in-Law's Bad Shooting.

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VIENNA, March 8.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Count Joseph Potocki, who lost more than \$400,000 gambling in the Jockey club six weeks ago, has been unfortunate again. He was hunting wild boars on his property near Leberg when his brother-in-law, Prince Mathias

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COSTS TO SEE THE PARADE
Big Prices Offered for Seats for Day of Coronation Spectacle.

LONDON, March 8.—This city is already flooded with illustrated literature pointing out the advantageous view points from which the coronation parade may be witnessed. Widows opening on balconies at such points as Ludgate Hill have been let for £43 each. Single seats in the strand have been sold for £3 to £5. Single windows with exceptional approaches on the Surrey side have fetched £73.

Equally elaborate plans for viewing the naval parade are already in full swing. The demand for high-class steamer is said to exceed the supply. These steers will include a four-day cruise about the channel. From 10 to 18 guineas are now asked for single berths.

TWO MEN FOR DIAZ'S PLACE

General Reyes and Jose Limantour Become Mexican Presidential Possibilities.

FORMER IS BACKED BY AMERICAN PRESS
President Diaz, It is Believed, Will Retire from Office at the End of His Constitutional Period.

MEXICO CITY, March 8.—Recent telegrams from points on the American frontier to journals of weight and prominence in the United States deal with the important matter of the succession to the presidency of war, General Bernardo Reyes. American papers have widely commented on this dispatch, praising the minister as a valiant soldier and as governor of the important state of Nuevo Leon, where his administration gave satisfaction not only to the Mexican people, but to resident Americans, and it was properly argued that so capable an administrator would be certain to carry on the wise policy of President Diaz, who has created wide-spread sympathy generally called "Modern Mexico."

Advocates of Peace.
American editors, also noted the fact of sympathy existing between Americans and General Reyes, who it was said, would be certain to maintain the peace of Mexico unaltered.

It is known on unimpeachable authority that General Reyes is one of the presidential succession being for the year named, would give his cordial support to the candidacy of Minister of Finance Jose Ives Limantour, a statesman of demonstrated aptitude for the highest administration in the government and a strong able man. People unacquainted with Mexican affairs have some times regarded Senator Limantour as being merely a financier, which is an error, and it is believed, apparently in the United States, that only a soldier can maintain the present satisfactory state of things in this country and thus it has come about that the American press has spoken enthusiastically of General Reyes as the successor of President Diaz, but it is known here that General Reyes is himself one of the elements of strength behind General Limantour, as General Reyes has publicly on various occasions expressed himself.

Thus it is believed that Minister Limantour, supported by General Reyes and other leading personages here, will meet completely the need of Mexico, which is peace with progress, and once occupying the presidency would base his acts on the firm foundation laid by President Diaz and having that necessary prestige resulting from the president's recommendation of that political convention as it seems probable he will recommend.

Judging from talk in highest political circles in this country, this statement of the situation in high politics of Mexico will make clear how harmonious are the relations of high personages for the present administration and will assure investors in all forms of Mexican securities of the continuance of those conditions of peace and progressive enterprise so superbly established by President Diaz, who has harmonized all parties and factions and created an era of political good feeling unparalleled except during the presidential term of James Monroe in the United States.

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