

A GREAT CLEARING SALE.

The Grandest Sale Ever Held in Omaha Begins Monday, Dec. 29, at 8 O'Clock

Every department in the store united in the most sensational value-giving ever conceived.



All stocks will be sacrificed at this sale, goods at almost incredible reductions.

WE HAVE planned this sweeping reduction of stock on the most extensive lines ever attempted in Omaha. Conditions have aided us and we are able to announce a grand clearing sale of every line of goods in our store in qualities and assortments almost boundless. We find that our stocks are too large at this time and in order to make a great reduction in the quickest possible time we have slashed prices—cutting them far below the limit that others dare to go. Tomorrow we reassert our supremacy in the western mercantile world.

Clearing Sale Petticoats

- All of our \$1.00 moreen and mercerized sateen black and colored petticoats with ruffles and corded around the bottom—Clearing Sale Price **50c**
- 75c Wrappers at 25c**—All of our percale and other colored wrappers, also Indigo print wrappers, on main floor bargain square—Clearing Sale Price **25c**
- \$2.50 Wool Waists at \$1.00**—Our entire stock of French flannel ladies' waists, beautifully trimmed and appliqued, all of this fall's styles—Clearing Sale Price **1.00**
- 75c Wool Fascinators at 21c**—Our entire stock of strictly all wool knit and crocheted fascinators all colors—Clearing Sale Price **21c**
- 25c Double Knit Mittens 15c**—Ladies' and children's all Saxony wool double knit mittens, plain and fancy back, 25c quality—Clearing Sale Price **15c**
- 50c and 75c Golf Gloves at 39c**—Ladies' and children's all wool golf gloves in black and great variety of fancy colors, worth 50c and 75c a pair—Clearing Sale Price **39c**

Clearing Sale Underwear

- Misses', Children's and Boys' Fine and Heavy Ribbed Vests, Pants and Drawers, worth up to 35c, each **10c**
- Ladies' 75c Underwear at 29c—Heavy ribbed and extra heavy fleecy lined, in eum and silver gray, all sizes, each **29c**
- Boys' and Girls' Heavy Australian Wool Underwear—50c quality, at **25c**
- Infants' and Children's Heavy Fleece Underwear—in pink, blue and silver gray, small sizes, at each **5c**
- Misses' and Children's Heavy Weight Camel's Hair Underwear—all sizes—worth up to 35c, at each **15c**

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN CLOAK AND FUR CLEARANCE



- Most Remarkable Bargains in Popular Cloaks and Furs
THESE PRICES LAST DURING THE CLEARING SALE ONLY
- At \$5.00—Choice of 500 kersey jackets—Monte Carlo and 27-inch coats—popular colors—worth easily \$10 and \$12 each, at **\$5**
 - 19-inch, 27-inch and 30-inch long, kerseys, meltons, etc.—odds and ends, lots—all go at **1.98**
 - One big table of fine kersey coats—27-inch and 30-inch long, also 42 and 45-inch cloaks, well lined, high storm collar, many worth up to \$20, at **3.85**
 - At \$8.50—Choice of fine Monte Carlo, all the novelties of the year, any one in the lot worth \$13.50 and many as high as \$18, at **8.50**
 - Astrakhan Capes—Fully 30-inch long, rich glossy curl, genuine satin lining, worth up to \$20, at **9.50**
 - 24-inch Astrakhan Jackets—Good heavy furrier's satin lining, storm collar, worth as high as \$25, at **12.50**
 - American Stone Marten and Canadian marten scarfs—worth easily \$2.00, at **98c**
 - \$12.50 and \$18 Scarfs—Of fox, Siberian squirrel, etc., at **7.50**
 - All the Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs—Single and double, large brush tails that have sold at \$17.50 and \$19, at **12.50**
 - 200 Fine Golf Skirts—Odd lots, worth up to \$6.50, at **2.98**
 - Silk Skirts—Choice of all the odds and ends; sold as high as \$15.00, at **5.98**
 - Children's and misses' \$2.00 skirts at **85c**
 - All the children's coats, worth \$6.00, during clearing sale, at **2.98**
 - All the finer grades of Children's Coats, worth up to \$17.50 during clearing sale, at **6.98**
 - Black cloth skirts, worth \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, at **98c**
 - All the children's short and long coats, worth \$10, clearing sale, at **4.98**

Grand Clearing Sale of Silks

- SILKS ON BARGAIN SQUARE
- 4,500 yards of plain and fancy silk novelty velours, 27 and 36-inch fine lining silks, Roman stripe silks, black pearl de soie, black taffetas, black armure brilliant, pretty four-ords, and a lot of fine lengths in waist- ing and trimming silk, worth up to \$1.50, during this clearing sale, yard **49c**
 - Black Taffeta Silk Department—We have about 3,000 yards of fine black guaranteed taffeta, all widths from 22 to 36 inches—They are not remnants but good lengths up to 25 yards of one kind—We want to close out the entire lot at quick selling price, worth up to \$1.25—during this clearing sale, at, a yard **59c** and **69c**
 - Every yard of our silk velvet waistings, coronation velvet cords, 2 and 3 tone hair line novelty velvets, plain and check velvets, printed warp velvets that sell at \$2.00—during this clearing sale, at, a yard **75c**
 - 3,500 yards of every kind of high class silks, consisting of dress silks, waist silks, beautiful printed warp silks, fancy dress grenadines, swell Lyons silk for party gowns, etc. and a fine lot of velvets, antique and facem in silk department—during this clearing sale, at **75c**

- Clearing Sale on Dress Goods.
- 25c Dress Goods at 10c a Yard—Plain and all wool plaid dress goods, all them a yard wide—clearing sale price, at, a yard **10c**
 - 75c French Flannels at 25c**
 - Black French Flannels, also triqued French Flannels in colors, clearing sale price, at, a yard **25c**
 - 54-in Golf Skirting and Suitings, regular price \$1 yard, during this clearing sale at 29c**
 - \$1.00 and \$1.25 Dress Goods—Camel's hair serges, zibelines, canvas, etamines, granites, chevots, serges, etc., black and all colors—clearing sale price, at, a yard **50c****

CLEARANCE OF WINTER CAPS

- and Odds and Ends of Men's Furnishings.
- All the 50c Caps at 25c—All wool caps in the Brighton, golf and golf yacht styles, just in for cold weather, during this clearing sale **25c**
 - All the 75c and \$1 Caps at 50c—Made of beaver, covert cloth, chinohilla, and silk plush, in this season's popular styles for men and boys' wear, during this clearing sale at **50c**
 - All the \$1.50 and \$2.50 Caps at 98c—Our very finest caps made of choice kerseys, broadcloth, finest chevots and heavy serges, in the styles most popular this year, during this clearing sale at **98c**
 - Children's Wool Tams—200 dozen, camel's hair, assorted colors, at **19c**
 - Children's Wool Toques—300 dozen, in fancy stripes, at **15c**
 - All our 75c and 50c Underwear at 25c—All the broken lots of fine fleecy lined, derby ribbed underwear, at **25c**
 - All our 89c and \$1 Underwear for 45c—In all the wool and wool fleeces, at **45c**
 - All our 35c and 50c Neckwear at 25c—Puffs, four-in-hands and tecks, all pure silk, at **25c**
 - All our 75c and \$1 Gloves at 50c—Genuine cordovan, calfskin, dog skin, and fur back, **50c**
 - Way's 50c and 75c Mufflers at 25c—200 dozen all wool sweater neck mufflers, at **25c**

GRAND CLEARANCE SALE OF

\$150,000 Stock of Men's Suits and Overcoats

A Clothing clearance of the greatest magnitude ever known in Omaha. We must clear away our huge clothing stock and

We are Selling Regardless of Cost or Value

Choice of our entire stock of Men's \$15 and \$18 OVERCOATS and SUITS at **\$8.75**

Choice of our entire stock of Men's \$10 and \$12.50 Overcoats and Suits at **\$5.00**

These elegant garments all come from our recent purchases from the east. Every Suit and Overcoat a model of beauty. Not a garment of our recent purchases escapes the cut. Prices all Slashed to Close Out the Immense Stocks.

NEVER SUCH A CLOTHING OPPORTUNITY IN OMAHA.

Men's \$3 and \$4 Pants at \$1.50—Fine casimere, worsted and chevots, sold all season for \$3 and \$4. Now at **1.50**

Men's \$5 and \$6 Pants at \$2.98—Made of the newest fabrics, cut in the latest fashion. at **2.98**

Boys' \$3 Knee Pants Suits at \$1.25—Ages 3 to 8, fancy larger sizes up to 15 years, with double breasted coats. All worth up to \$3, at **1.25**

Cape Overcoats—from ages 4 to 12, wool materials and sold for \$4 and \$6, basement, at **1.29**

Accumulated odds and ends in children's vestee suits ages 3 to 8, in the basement at **85c**



Great Basement Clearing Sale

Monday we begin to close out our entire stock on hand of all kinds of winter goods at about one-fourth their regular value.

- All the balance of our stock on hand of light and dark outing flannels, goes at a yard **5c**
- All the balance of our stock on hand of cotton and shaker flannel, in remnants, go at, a yard **3c**
- All the imitation French flannels— at, per yard **6c**
- All the swansdown flannels— at, per yard **7c**
- All the mercerized and plain black sateen— at, per yard **5c**
- All the high class heavily mercerized Italian cloth, worth 40c, at, per yard **10c**
- All the balance of stock on hand of comfort calico, at, per yard **3c**
- Choice of our entire stock of comforters, worth up to \$2.50, go at, each **1.25**
- Closing out all the wool blankets, former price was more than double, go at \$4.98, \$3.98 and **2.98**
- Closing out all the odds and ends of lace curtains, all in one big lot, only 1, 2, 3 and 4 pair of a kind, worth up to \$2.50, go at, pair **98c**
- Hundreds of other bargain lots in the basement.

REPLY TO PRESIDENT NASH

Andrew Rosewater Adds Another Chapter to Power Franchise Controversy.

DENIES SOME PUBLISHED STATEMENTS

City Engineer Admits that Opposition Has Gained Its Point for Present, but Promises to Continue the Contest.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—To the Public: Under date of December 23 Mr. F. A. Nash, president of the local electric light company, has for the third time within the past six days appeared in print in protest against allowing competition in the sale of electric light and energy in the city of Omaha. What he says may be summarized as abuse, personal calumny and downright deception. I am assailed at the outset because I have served the public during the greater part of thirty years in the professional capacity of engineer. I fail to understand that it is any less creditable to honestly and faithfully serve a municipal corporation than a railway or other corporation. The natural presumption being that the length of public service is a measure of reputation honestly earned, more so even in public than private life.

By way of diversion I am charged with responsibility for all the rotten wooden pavements of Omaha. Considering that I was not city engineer during the period when wooden pavements were laid in Omaha and that I publicly advised against wooden pavements prior to that period, all of Mr. Nash's calumnies, though having not the remotest bearing on the cheap power question, fall of their purpose.

Mr. Nash intimates that I violated confidence in referring to the contents of his engineer's confidential reports on his plans.

The fact is that I gave publicity to a part of Mr. Nash's report, only after Mr. Nash's attempt at willful misrepresentation through a published interview citing my plans as inferior to the others in point of magnitude and merit. Mr. Nash's reference to my infidelity to the Fremont and Columbus projects is equally untruthful. I never was employed on the Columbus project. I went there on a telegraphic call of its president and looked over the field a part of one day, receiving no pay nor making any report thereon. As to the Fremont canal promoters, I did not seek them; they sought me, and so far I have yet to get one cent for anything I did for them, although I prepared reports, profiles, maps and estimates from time to time for all the investigators of their project, including even Mr. Main.

As to the Seymour Park project, if Dr. Miller can truthfully show where I have ever done any underhand work against it, I will be pleased to have him do so. More than that, if he can show that I ever violated any obligations, professional or personal, to him or his company, I will be pleased to have him say so. My public reports, as well as the files of the press, bear testimony to the fact that without pay or hope of pay I did as much as any dozen people in Omaha to advance that enterprise, not blindly, but conscientiously, looking to the public and not my individual interest.

Mr. Nash states that in fixing the maximum price for street lighting I deliberately named \$55 per year for arc lights of present standard of 662 watts, twelve hours each day, intending to charge twelve times that amount. Mr. Nash doubtless understands more about table d'hoting aldermanic municipal excursions, hunting and fishing parties, etc., than electrical matters. I profess to understand the English language and insist that my ordinance is clear and unambiguous, and if not, why has Mr. Nash's aldermanic quietest, which reported on a new ordinance after consulting him, used the same language in his last ordi-

nance? Mr. Nash states I am trying to sell light by the horse power kilowatt. Strange that all the electricians and card rates of electric corporations specify a rate per kilowatt hour based upon the extent of horse-power energy consumed. A consumer of average one horse-power energy pays more per kilowatt hour than if he consumes an average of ten horse-power. The difference between Mr. Nash's company rates for power and light is that it charges 15 cents for electric energy used for light, whilst it charges 19 cents for the same energy if used for power. In my ordinance rates, 3 1/2 cents is made the charge for the same energy, regardless whether applied to lighting or for power. In this, as in the case of arc lamp, Mr. Nash's conciliant quietest has followed my language in its last ordinance nurtured into life by the aid and support of Mr. Nash's company.

In conclusion, I deem it proper to state that the power controversy has not been of my seeking. Ever since I have sought the solution of the power problem, independently of others, I have been beset by every species of curish attacks, instigated by a central source, the location of which is so manifest that it is entirely needless to point out.

In undertaking the gigantic task of putting life into a power enterprise that if successful would lift Omaha out of a slough of despond and set it on a progressive pace once more, I soon discovered after attempting to do so through certain organizations, that I would share the fate of all others, unless I broke away from the old moorings and put the enterprise on a footing independent of the local electrical company and its allied owners. This required an independent franchise to sell power in Omaha. I had a right to expect the assistance of Omaha citizens in this effort. Instead, a number of dependents of certain corporations, backed up by a solid five of the city council, at once set out to sandbag my enterprise, and so far they have succeeded. Mr. Nash, like Mephistopheles, may gloat at the success of his seductive influence—he is

welcome to his bosom companions, but let him remember that crooked deeds like curses come home to roost. Free junketing excursions, special locomotive trips, fishing trips, hunting trips, profitable investments in contracts, cash loans, cash advances and "dark horse" gifts are among the alluring and seductive devices which always succeed in securing the measures which the electric ward directs to be passed or deemed to defeat.

The curtain has gone down on the first act of "The Powers Behind the Throne." The second act is yet to be played. In the meanwhile the public will be asked how it likes the performance. The play it must be conceded, is exciting, though it has elements of danger both to the public morals and public safety as well as to the performers themselves.

ANDREW ROSEWATER.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Sunday School Teacher—Now, Harry, can you tell me who Adam was?

Harry (aged 5)—Yes, ma'am. He was the fellow that discovered the world.

Teacher—Can you explain the difference between a king and a president?

Small Pupil—A king is born and a president has to get himself elected.

"Say, pa?"

"Well, what?"

"If the shortest days of the year are in December how can February be the shortest month in the year?"

Mother (sternly)—Willie, you took some of those preserves from the pantry.

Willie (shrewdly)—Oh, who told you that?

Mother—No one told me. I suspected it! Now, tell the truth, didn't you?

Willie—Ma, "children should be seen and not heard."

"See my new shoes!" said little Alice, displaying them proudly to the man who lived next door.

"Yes, indeed," he said, admiringly. "They're daisies."

Alice looked a little disappointed.

"I don't think Mr. Robinson knows much," said she to her mother when she was going to bed that night. "He doesn't know the difference between shoes and flowers."

An intelligent looking boy walked into a grocer's shop the other day and, reading from a paper, said:

"I want six pounds of sugar at 5 1/2 cents a pound."

"Yes," said the shopman; "that will be 33 cents."

"Eleven pounds of rice at 6 cents a pound."

"Sixty-six cents."

"Four pounds of tea at 50 cents a pound."

"Two dollars."

And so he continued: "Five pounds of coffee at 25 cents, seven tins of milk at 10 cents, four tins of tomatoes at 9 cents and eight tins of sardines at 15 cents."

The shopman, made out the bill and handed it to the lad, saying: "Did your mother send the money or does she want them entered?"

"My mother didn't send me at all," said the boy, seizing hold of the bill. "It's my arithmetic lesson and I had to get it done somehow."

So They Harried Him Along.

Chicago Post: "You must have enjoyed the comments of that country cousin of yours. He's a stranger to art, isn't he?"

"Of course."

"And so original in his remarks. Did he see that copy of 'The Temptation of St. Anthony'?"

"Yes."

"What did he say about it?"

"He said it was the first time he ever wished he was a saint. After that I hurried him along."

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RELIGIOUS.

Rev. "Joe" Jones, brother of Rev. "Sam" Jones, is dead.

The late Dr. Parker's first sermon was preached from a crossbeam spanning a saw pit in a village in Northumberland in 1838, whom he was 18 years of age.

Mrs. John Murray, who was sent to the interior of China twenty-six years ago from New York by the American Board of Presbyterian Missions, has just died at 81-Nan-Poo, China.

Father Fisher, Eaton of Farmington, England, who has been in this country soliciting funds for a memorial church to the memory of Cardinal Newman, announces that he has already received \$62,500.

Bishop Partridge of Kyoto, believes that there must be an Oriental type of Christianity, just as there is an Occidental, and that the Protestant Episcopal church of America cannot be transplanted to Japan.

The pope is an enthusiastic philatelist, and the priests of Cashmere are intending to present to him next year, on the occasion of his silver jubilee, a unique collection of obsolete stamps of Jemima and Cashmere.

Rev. D. S. McCurry of Gainesville, Ga., is 72 years old and has done active work in the Baptist church for forty years. At this time he delivered 950 sermons, married 62 couples, baptized 4,023 persons and conducted 241 funerals.

By the will of the late William Pitts of Tazewell, Va., \$25,000 is to be expended for the erection of chapels and conducting missionary work in order to spread the Episcopal faith among the negroes of Georgia and other southern states.

A hitherto unknown portrait of Martin Luther, painted by Lucas Cranach, the celebrated artist and burgomaster of Wittenberg, has been discovered in the town church of Wittenberg. It is pronounced to be the best portrait of Martin Luther in existence.

Rev. John L. Scudder, the Jersey City Congregational preacher, still continues to run a boxing club in the basement of his church and has now started a skating rink in a big tent. The reverend gentleman strongly advocates the idea that the mission of the church includes the cultivation of muscle as well as morals.

Rev. Thomas McDermid of Bufile, Mont., has left the ministry of the Catholic church on account of disagreement with his bishop on the question of socialism. Father McDermid had been for some time outspoken in advocacy of socialist ideas, and refused either to retract or remain silent at the mandate of Bishop Mac.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

The number of laborers required to cultivate the tea crop of India is 695,000.

Within the past five years the labor organizations of New York have increased in membership 75 per cent.

It is estimated that 90 per cent of the employes of the cigar trust are females, and the great majority are minors.

The compensation act gives full rights to Canadian working men to sue and collect. This law being better for the workers than any similar laws of the United States, New Jersey bureau of labor, union carpenters in that state average \$2.50 a day for fifty-three hours a week, and non-union painters \$1.12 a day and fifty-eight hours.

The new All-American railroad in Alaska will be 650 miles long, and will cost \$10,000,000. The Central Venezuelan, cause of the present difficulty in South America, cost \$15,000,000 and is only 110 miles long. The engineering difficulties in Venezuela can hardly be greater than in Alaska.

There are great possibilities in the steel plates, or wide rails for general use, which have been laid on a high street in New York City. Tests have been made showing that it requires less power by 3 1/2 per cent to move a load on the new main on Belgian blocks, and in starting the wheels of power cars 10 per cent or more. These rails can be laid in any street. They obstruct nothing, and if they make it possible to move loads more rapidly they will increase the capacity of the street.

The great Bessemer engine, which a few years ago was the largest in the world, has been laid on a high street in New York City. The new design is called the "Shay" geared locomotive. It is now in use on the El Paso extension of the Rock Island. In the division extending from Alamogordo, N. M., to Cox Canyon, 110 miles, there is a total elevation of 6,900 feet. The grade ranges from 3 to 8 1/2 per cent. The last part is coupled with very heavy curves. Where to find an engine which would operate economically under such conditions would be puzzling alone. To all water along this part of the line is strongly alkaline, and the engine must carry a tank large enough to supply itself for the round trip. It weighs 280,000 pounds. It is now hauling up the 6 1/2 per cent grade at an average speed of five or six miles an hour, with the same amount of fuel as the old engine had required before to do the same work.