

OMAHA WEATHER FORECAST—Saturday, Fair, Colder.

BENNETT'S

GREEN TRADING STAMPS EVERY TIME

OUR DELIVERY SYSTEM!

It's our constant endeavor to improve our delivery system, which for years has been by long odds THE BEST IN OMAHA. Here's important news for nearby buyers—restaurants, boarding houses and those families resident within a mile radius of the store—we make FOUR DAILY DELIVERIES NORTH TO CUMING, WEST TO 27TH STREET, SOUTH TO PIERCE AND EAST TO THE RIVER. Phone your order if you cannot call—we prefer you to call, however—and you'll have delivery on the dot.

Dry Goods Stock Reducing

RED COMFORTS VERY CHEAP SATURDAY.
Children's Crib Comforts worth 50c, Saturday—each..... **29c**
50 very fine Silkoline Covered Comforts, very large size, filled with the finest white cotton, worth \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00, Saturday—each..... **1.75**
Heavy Sewed Comforts, lark colors—each, only..... **48c**
OREGON WOOLEN BLANKETS.
About 20 pairs left, in browns, grays and reds—they are worth to \$12.50 a pair—Saturday we will sell them at—pair—\$7.50 and..... **5.00**
FRENCH WAISTINGS VERY CHEAP.
All our finest imported French Flannels and Fancy French Waistings Heavy White Waistings—worth 50c to \$1.25 a yard, Saturday—a..... **29c**
FANCY KIMONO FLANNELS.
34 inches wide, worth 15c yard, Saturday—a yard..... **8c**
TURKISH TOWELS.
25 dozen Turkish Towels to go Saturday at each..... **5c**
20 pieces of bleached and cream Table Linen, worth 45c, to go Saturday—a yard..... **29c**

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH.
Watch and Wait for BIG LACE SALE, MONDAY, JAN. 8TH.
CUT PRICE SALE OF LADIES' UNDERWEAR.
Ladies' Half Wool Union Suits, fleeced lined, in black, gray, white and cream, including out sizes, worth to \$2.00 suit, sale price—a suit..... **\$1**
CUT PRICE SALE OF CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.
All of our children's 25c to 50c Shirts and Drawers, in gray and white, heavy fleeced lined, on sale Saturday—a garment..... **22c**
CUT PRICE SALE OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE.
200 dozen of ladies' and children's Hose, including wool, heavy fleeced lined and plain and ribbed cotton, Maco Hose, worth to 40c pair, on sale Saturday—a pair..... **22c**

LADIES' NECKWEAR AT CLEARING SALE PRICES.
A big lot of 25c to 50c Wash Stocks and Fancy Embroidered Neckwear—all to go Saturday—each..... **12c**
CLEARING SALE OF MITTENS.
All our fine Woolen and Silk and Wool Mittens for ladies and children, worth to \$1.25 pair, Saturday—a pair..... **10c**
75c, 50c, 25c, 15c and..... **10c**
GOLF GLOVES CHEAP.
About 50 dozen fine Imported Cashmere and Golf Gloves, in blacks and colors, worth to \$1.25 pair, Saturday—a pair—50c and..... **35c**
TWO GREAT SILK BARGAINS.
20-inch Black Swiss Taffeta, soft finish, excellent wearing quality, sold at 75c yard, Saturday, yard..... **50c**
27-inch Black Taffeta, oil boiled, chiffon finish, good, heavy quality, sold regularly at \$1.15 yard, Saturday..... **75c**
DRESS GOODS SALE STILL BOOMING.
\$1.00 Dress Goods—yard..... **39c**
\$1.50 Dress Goods—yard..... **50c**
\$2.50 Dress Goods—yard..... **75c**

DO YOU WANT A COAT AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE? SATURDAY SALE.
Nearly 50 Ladies' Coats, 27 to 30 inches long, splendid kersey, beaver and cheviot, were sold at from \$5.00 to \$15.00, all at..... **2.98**
Ladies' Long Coats, the very latest styles, black and colors and mixtures, \$15 coats at..... **7.95**
Ladies' Long Coats, all our \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00 styles at..... **12.50**
Girls' School Coats, all our stock sold from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in three lots—\$5.95, \$4.95 and..... **3.95**
Young Ladies' Coats, ages 14, 16 and 18—our entire stock sold from \$7.50 to \$15.00, in three lots—\$7.95, \$6.95 and..... **5.95**
LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS.
Blacks, grays, dark mixture and navy—values from \$5.00 to \$7.50—\$3.25 all at..... **3.25**
LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS.
This is a lot of Skirts sold last Saturday at from \$10.00 to \$25.00, many have silk drops (worth \$6.50)—we must clean them out, and to make quick work we make the price..... **4.95**

First Saturday of Our Great Stock Reducing Sale

Saturday Shoe Sale

Men's Kangaroo Calif. double sole, union made, work shoes..... **2.00**
Men's Tan or Black high cut Lace Boots, welt sole, viscolized tops and bottoms, at..... **5.00**
Men's High Cut Beaver foxed and lined shoes, at..... **2.50**
Men's High Cut Calif. fur lined Bluchers, at..... **3.00**
Ladies' warm lined patent tip beaver foxed lace shoe at..... **2.00**
Ladies' plain soft beaver foxed easy shoes at..... **\$1.50**
Boys' and Girl's School Shoes at..... **\$1.50**
All Kinds of Arctics, Overshoes and Rubbers at Lowest Prices.

In the Big Hardware

Food Choppers—The Universal—nothing better for all purposes—Saturday a big special—
No. 1 family size, regular..... **90c**
\$1.08—Saturday only..... **1.15**
No. 2 larger size, regular..... **1.15**
\$1.38—Saturday only..... **1.00**
If you cannot come, phone your order in order in.
"Rest on Earth" Sad Irons—These Irons are one of the best on the market—regular set of three Irons, stand and handle, \$1.24—Saturday only..... **1.00**
Snow Shovels—Good, strong, well made—buy before it snows again—be prepared.
Saturday the small size..... **25c**
12-inch..... **48c**
Large size..... **48c**
And Twenty Green Trading Stamps.

China and Glass Section

Stock Reducing Going On Every Day. Note Saturday Offers. Best Grade of Table Tumblers, fine lead glass, pretty patterns—any of those marked up to 90c a dozen Saturday—dozen..... **50c**
Japanese China Salt and Pepper Shakers, different shapes, Saturday 10c a pair—each..... **5c**
Extra Fine Thin China Cups and Saucers, beautiful decorations, have been cheap at 2 for 25c, Saturday—each..... **10c**
Dozen..... **\$1.20**
One Dozen to a Customer.
DINNERWARE AT CLOSING OUT PRICES—20 PER CENT OFF—Four of our best Haviland patterns—just four, but all good ones—20 PER CENT.
100-Piece American Porcelain Dinner Set, a delayed lot of goods that must move quickly—full set, a \$12.00 value for..... **7.98**
French China Dinner Set, finest of china, good shape, pretty spray decorations and stippled with gold—a \$25 value—100-piece sets for..... **19.50**
OTHER DINNER SETS AT CLOSING OUT PRICES WORTH INVESTIGATING.

Bennett's Great Meat Section

THE BEST AND CHOICEST MEATS AND POULTRY. SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY.
CHICKENS. CHICKENS.
Fresh Dressed Springs or Hens—pound..... **11 1/2c**
Strictly Fresh Dressed Turkeys, Geese and Ducks. Prices guaranteed the lowest, considering quality.
Pork Shoulder Roast—pound..... **7c**
Spare Ribs—four pounds for..... **25c**
Choice Rib Roast, rolled, all bones out, lb..... **12 1/2c** and 10c
Fresh No. 1 Leaf Lard—twelve pounds for..... **\$1.00**
Hams and Bacon
The Largest Stock in the city.
A Large Shipment of Morrell's (Iowa) Hams—Every ham is selected and guaranteed—a pound..... **13 1/2c**
And Thirty Green Trading Stamps With Each Ham.
Morrell's Selected Bacon—Narrow strips, choice and lean, well trimmed—a pound..... **17 1/2c**
And Thirty Green Trading Stamps With Each Strip.
LARD. LARD. LARD.
Fresh Lot of Bennett's Special Lard—Guaranteed pure kettle rendered—in five-pound pails for..... **35c**
And Thirty Green Trading Stamps With Each Pail.
Watch out for a great "ODDS AND ENDS" Sale Canned and Bottled Goods

Art Reduction Sales—Big Discount Prices

20 Per Cent Discount on Picture Framing
Remnant Moldings—We're rushed and it will pay you to call early. 20 per cent discount off the marked price of Framed Pictures in our three large galleries. The greatest values at money saving prices, and the best merchandise ever offered in Omaha.
Now is the time to get a wedding present cheap for future use.
PIYROGRAPHY BARGAINS.
\$1.40 Deep Photo Boxes..... **\$1.10**
\$1.50 Pyrography Points..... **\$1.18**
90c Tie or Glove Boxes..... **60c**
Novelty Weather Birds, carved out—a good den article..... **23c**
Dutch Boy and Dutch Girl Panels, 20c value—sale price Saturday..... **15c**

CLOTHING!

Great Money Saving in Boys' Clothing
BROKAW BROS., HIRSH, WICKWIRE & CO.'S
THREE-PIECE, SHORT TROUSERS SUITS,
ages 10 to 16, they sold up to \$7.50—
ABOUT 200 SUITS, TO CLOSE SATURDAY, only at.....

2.95

Men's and Young Men's Suits
\$ 7.50 Suits at..... **\$3.98**
\$ 8.50 Suits at..... **\$4.98**
\$10.00 Suits at..... **\$6.98**
\$12.50 Suits at..... **\$8.88**

OVERCOATS AT THESE PRICES HAVE NO EQUALS—
\$14.98, \$12.50, \$9.98, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.00 and..... **\$5.00**

SHIRTS—Our annual clean-up on shirts is now in progress. You can buy a Fancy Shirt, either soft or stiff, collar attached or detached, cuffs attached or detached, or coat front—sold as high as \$2.00, at.....

Also a few White Shirt Shirts.
MEN'S WOOL UNDERWEAR—Just the lot to fill in a Shirt or Drawer from—goods from the \$1.00 and \$1.50 grades—
at..... **75c**
Small lot of Men's Fleeced Lined Underwear at..... **39c**
And Twenty Green Trading Stamps.
Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear at..... **15c**
Boys' Outing Flannel Night Shirts—worth 50c and 75c—
at..... **25c**
All men's and boys' Outing Flannel Pyjamas—worth up to \$2.50, at..... **1.00**
Men's Wool Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves and Mitts and Scotch Gloves, worth 75c, at..... **50c**
35c K. Trousers, 15c.
25c Boys' Shirts, 15c.
50c Men's Sweaters, 29c.
MEN'S AND BOYS' ODD TROUSERS AT ODD PRICES

DUTCHESS TROUSERS

are advertised persistently because they are uniformly "Dutchess Quality"—absolutely the best that money can produce in material, finish and workmanship.
We sell them under the well known Dutchess guarantee—
10c a Button \$1.00 a Rip
Wool Kinds, from \$6.00 to..... **\$2.00**
Cotton Kinds, \$1.75 to..... **\$1.00**
HATS AND CAPS AT SPECIAL CLEARANCE PRICES

THIRTY THOUSAND CUT OFF

Reduction of Apportionments to Various Departments Made by Council
EIGHT THOUSAND UNDER CHARTER LIMIT
Every Request for Additional Employees in City Offices is Summarily Rejected—Heardings' Force Paid.

tribution by the council among the departments. The latter asked for an aggregate of \$28,484, requiring a reduction of \$28,484. The cut was made principally by eliminating an item of \$5,000 for one-half the cost of grading streets; reducing the judgment amount from \$10,000 to \$5,000; that for repairs to unpaved streets from \$42,000 to \$35,000; cutting out the printing of annual reports altogether from an estimated cost of \$2,500; reducing estimates of electrical department from \$5,220 to \$4,220; city clerk from \$30,000 to \$25,500; maintaining city hall from \$30,000 to \$27,000; health department from \$10,275 to \$9,275, and \$50 for abstractors' supplies.

List of Estimates.

Department	Asked For	Set Aside
Mayor	4,887	4,887
Market master	1,200	1,200
Council	16,185	16,185
Clerk	11,950	11,950
City Treasurer	14,720	14,720
Legal department	12,500	12,500
Tax commissioner	1,500	1,500
Engineer	30,000	25,500
Electrician	4,225	4,225
Police chief	3,250	3,250
Building inspector	3,250	3,250
Boiler inspector	1,250	1,250
Plumbing inspector	1,740	1,740
Licenses inspector	1,520	1,520
Gas inspector	1,520	1,520
Weights and measures	1,250	1,250
Emergency hospital	2,500	2,500
Reflection expenses	7,500	7,500
Removing dead animals	4,100	4,100
Meals for prisoners	2,000	2,000
Prison expenses	7,500	7,500
Premium on official bonds	1,225	1,225
Advertising	3,000	3,000

Printing annual report..... 2,500
Health department..... 5,225
Voting machines..... 4,250
Aik-Sar-Ben Lighting..... 5,000
Miscellaneous items..... 5,000
Grading (one-half)..... 8,000
Judgments..... 10,000
Repairs to sewers..... 15,017
Repairs to unpaved streets..... 42,000
Electricians' drains at..... 35,000
Ducts..... 4,000
Street crossings..... 10,000
Inspector public works..... 5,000
Inspectors street cuts..... 4,440
Maintain city hall..... 30,000
Laboratory analyses..... 2,000
Totals..... \$28,484

No Additional Employees.
Applications for additional employees which were stricken from the departments of city clerk, electrician and health commissioner. In the latter is desired an additional inspector, as was requested in the electrical department. The council promised to authorize the latter office, to be paid for by increased fees collected. The clerk announced he would request the council to increase the hours of clerks in his office from 8:30 to 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock, in order to catch up with work in which he is far behind.
City Treasurer Hennings appeared and demanded an understanding that from the amount set aside to pay the cost of collecting taxes by the county, his office force be paid until the supreme court has ruled whether the treasury merger is legal or not. His request was granted him.
City Engineer Rosewater explained that higher salaries were necessary for men in his office if men were to be retained; also that \$800 would have to be spent on new instruments in the office, the first in eighteen years. He consented to a cut of \$2,000, but after he was gone the council jacked out \$1,500 more from his allotment.
At first it was agreed the miscellaneous items or unapportioned allowance be abolished, as the clerk said it was a cloak for all sorts of expenditures. Comptroller Lobeck and the attorney made strong pleas for it and won out. To scrape together \$4,500, \$2,500 for the printing of annual reports, now demanded by the charter, was stricken off altogether; \$1,500 was taken from the engineering department, \$3,000 from the city hall maintenance fund and \$1,500 from the repairs to ungraded streets.

PUZZLE OF CLARK DRAFT

Legal Conundrum Presents Itself As To Who Is Responsible
COMPROMISE NOW SEEMS PROBABLE
Postoffice Authorities Are Not Blamed for Delivering the Letter Containing Draft to the Wrong Man.

Owing to the absence from the city of Postoffice Inspector Moore the matter of W. H. Clark of 2333 Rees street appropriating a draft for \$1,000 from the Gainsville (Mo.) bank that belonged to W. H. Clark of 304 Binney street, no formal proceedings have been instituted against the former as yet.
It is learned the proper owner of the draft has been reimbursed \$100 by the other Clark, and that the latter will turn over the property he recently acquired from part of the proceeds of the draft, which is located on North Twenty-fourth street, as a compromise settlement of the affair.
In the meanwhile the payment of the draft at Gainsville has been ordered stopped by its proper owner, and now the question has arisen as to who will be the loser by the transaction—the bank at Gainsville, Mo.—Hayden Brothers of Omaha, who cashed it, or W. H. Clark of Binney street, who was its proper owner.
Some Puzzling Questions.
Another question is, can the W. H. Clark who got the draft and cashed it, be arrested or held amenable for obtaining money by false pretenses, or can he be charged with forgery through endorsing the draft, which was made to his own name and delivered to him at his own residence?
There is also a question as to whether it is a case for the postoffice inspectors to look into at all. The postoffice authorities maintain the letter was delivered to an address, though there were two persons of the same name and initials, but that the postoffice authorities had no means of knowing which was the right Clark.
Three or four attorneys who have been consulted on the matter hold the postoffice cannot be held for neglect, nor can W. H. Clark of Rees street be held amenable for receiving a letter, but that the only action that can be instituted against him is for receiving money by false pretenses. It has not been determined yet whether such action will be brought and it is now thought the matter will be settled by compromise, without recourse to the courts.

COAL CONTRACTS FOR STATE

Favoritism is Charged Against Board by Member of a Leading Omaha Firm.
In the letting of the state contracts on coal the Board of Purchase and Supplies awarded nearly every contract to the Whitebreast Coal and Lumber company of Lincoln, notwithstanding the fact that there were other bidders on the same grade of coal whose prices ranged from 5 to 16 cents per ton lower. During the last year it has been the custom of the superintendent at the different state institutions to specify in their bids Cleveland and Whitebreast coal—the latter of which would indicate they prefer these brands.
A member of the coal firm of C. B. Havens & Co. of Omaha says that as a matter of fact the northern Missouri coals show in the United States government tests to be stronger steam producers than the Cleveland (Pa.) coal tests 3,200 pounds, equal to a cord of oak wood, and that the Novinger (Mo.) coal—the coal bid on tests 2,950 pounds, equal to a cord of oak wood. This, he points out, shows the Missouri coal almost one-eighth stronger.
This gentleman proceeded to show that in the last letting of coal contracts by the state board, January 2, the insane asylum at Hastings contract was awarded on Cleveland mine run coal at 12 cents per ton higher in price than the board could have contracted Missouri mine run for. This is only one case out of four or five.
On the Millford contracts, he says, where there was a tie between the Whitebreast company and another bidder on the same identical coal, the board awarded the contract to the Whitebreast people without giving the other party his chance of win-

LEAVENWORTH STREETS

There will be music and refreshments. The county commissioner has been invited to be present.

J. R. LYNCH FILES DEMURRER

Army Paymaster Resists Suit in Washington on Grounds of Insufficient Facts.
Major John R. Lynch, paymaster in the United States Army, has filed a demurrer to the suit of John Kidout and others of Washington, D. C. The suit grew out of some banking transactions at the national capital several years ago, when Lynch was an officer of a bank. The demurrer sets up that the plaintiffs have no legal capacity to sue and that the petition does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.
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Build upon the theory of general intelligence, this piano business courts investigation and solicits comparison. We do not ask you to come here first and buy. We prefer that you should go elsewhere first; then come here and make comparisons. Those who do this become our staunchest friends.
If you meant to pay \$300 or \$350 for a piano, inspect all the \$300 and \$350 pianos in the city; then come here and see and hear such old, reliable, well known pianos as Kimball, Bush-Lake, Hallett & Davis and Cable Nelson, ranging in price from \$275 to \$300. Pianos equal or superior to those offered for \$300 to \$350 elsewhere. They will save you \$50 or more.
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The ONLY Infant's Food receiving the GRAND PRIZE at St. Louis, 1904, Gold Medal, Highest Award, Portland, Ore. 1905.
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