

Wednesday--The Event An Omaha Has Been Awaiting GRAND CLEARING SALE IT SHATTERS ALL BARGAIN RECORDS!

The astonishing, unheard-of bargains in this sale will take the city by storm. A sale that is positively without an equal.



Not a yard or piece of winter goods will be spared. Hundred of things you need right now at less than it will cost you later in the season.

Clearing Sale of MILLINERY

All our fine \$5 hats must go--new desirable styles--at..... \$1
All our \$25 hats, elaborately trimmed with ostrich plumes, fine ribbons, breasts, feathers and flowers--at..... \$5
Choice of our \$2.50 and \$3.50 wool and fur felt untrimmed hats, velvet shapes and silk shapes--to clear them away--at..... 50c
Silk Chiffon--All our 50c and 75c double width silk chiffon, all colors of the rainbow--in millinery department, yard..... 10c
Veils--Our 50c embroidered net face veils, black and white--clearing sale price, each..... 10c

Visit Our Great Sale of MUSLIN UNDERWEAR Monday, January 7th

Wonderful Clearance of Imported Gowns, Costumes, Ladies' Furs, Cloaks, Suits, Waists, Skirts, Etc.

Our business for the past year in these departments has been enormous, but we have a large number of our finest garments which we wish to dispose of at once. We have reduced the prices far below the profit line. Imported apparel will be sold at only a fraction of its cost to land in America.

NO BARGAINS SUCH AS THESE WERE EVER OFFERED BEFORE IN OMAHA

Same of this apparel which has been on display in our show windows has created no end of wonder and comment. Sale begins Wednesday.

A \$300 Imported Gown.....\$89	\$35 Crepe de Chine Gowns.....\$16.50	\$5 Ladies' Skirts, at.....\$1.98
A \$125 Spangled Gown.....\$35	\$27.50 White Opera Coats.....\$9.98	\$200 48-Inch Blended Squirrel Coat.....\$125
A \$125 Spangled Gown.....\$25	\$29 Broadcloth Coats.....\$15	\$225 Persian Lamb Blouse.....\$125
A \$150 Imported Velvet Gown.....\$25	\$27.50 Fur Lined Coats.....\$14.85	\$98 Russian Pony Coat.....\$49
A \$125 Imported Tailor Suit.....\$39	\$29 Silk Persian Blouses.....\$13.85	\$98 Russian grey squirrel Blouse.....\$50
A \$95 Imported Tailor Suit.....\$25	\$27.50 Plain Silk Dresses.....\$9.98	\$67.50 Near Seal Blouse.....\$24.50
A \$150 Imported Velvet Carriage Coat.....\$50	\$15 Black Broadcloth Coats.....\$7.50	\$6.98 Children's Coats.....\$2.98
A \$150 Imported Real Lace Coat.....\$35	\$12.50 50-Inch Mixture Coats.....\$5.98	\$10 Children's Coats.....\$4.98
A \$250 Imported Evening Coat.....\$125	\$10 50-Inch Mixture Coats.....\$4.98	\$4 Children's Coat.....\$1.98
A \$85 White Broadcloth Coat.....\$27.50	\$8.50 50-Inch Mixture Coats.....\$3.98	\$3 Children's Coats.....98c
A \$50 Imported Waist.....\$9.98	\$15 Ladies' Tailored Suits.....\$6.98	Ladies' 75c Knit Underskirts.....35c
A \$35 Imported Waist.....\$9.98	\$25 Ladies' Tailored Suits.....\$5	Ladies' 75c Fleece Dressing Sacques.....29c
A \$65 Imported Petticoat.....\$22.50	\$25 Ladies' Tailored Suits.....\$10	Ladies' \$2.50 and \$2 wool and cotton Waist 98c
A \$50 Imported Petticoat.....\$22.50	\$35 Ladies' Tailored Suits.....\$14.85	Ladies' \$5 Lace Net and Wool Waists.....\$1.98
A \$35 Marabout Boa.....\$15	\$10 Ladies' Skirts at.....\$4.98	Ladies' \$2.50 Wool Sweaters.....98c
A \$39 Marabout Boa.....\$15	\$8.50 Ladies' Skirts, at.....\$3.98	\$2 Child's Wool Dresses.....50c
		\$3.50 Child's Wool Dresses.....98c

Great Clearance of SILKS

We have over 25,000 yards of plain and fancy silks, marked for quick clearance--all odd lines, no matter what they cost--plaid silks, fancy dress silks, messalines, black and colored dress and lining taffetas, pretty foulards--silks that have been selling from 50c to \$1.50 yard--divided into three lots--at, yard--

One lot of 36-inch heavy rustling black taffeta, which sold at \$1.25 yard--	79c
One lot of 24 and 27-inch satin meteor crepe de chine, which sold at \$1.50 yard--at.....	79c
One lot of 36-inch colored dress taffetas, about 15 shades, which sold at \$1.25 yard--at, yard.....	79c
One lot of 27-inch black dress taffetas, about 10 pieces, which sold at \$1.00 yard--at, yard.....	59c
One lot of about 950 yards of 45-inch all silk chiffons, nearly every shade, regular selling price 69c and 75c yd.--at, yd.....	15c

Linen Sale

\$1.50 ready-to-use all linen pattern table cloths, each.....98c
\$2.00 fine imported all linen pattern table cloths, each.....\$1.98
Napkins to match, dozen.....\$2.25
30c cream and bleached table damask, yard.....18c
50c bleached table damask, yard.....24c
\$1.00 extra fine all linen full bleached satin damask, yard.....75c
\$1.50 and \$1.25 72-inch very heavy all linen bleached Scotch table damask, yard.....98c
\$1.00 bleached napkins, dozen.....75c
\$1.50 dinner napkins, dozen.....\$1.00
Hemmed huck towels, each.....50c
Hemmed barber towels, each.....25c
25c dollies, each.....10c
25c hemstitched all linen napkins, each.....10c
35c and 40c hemstitched all linen towels, each.....25c

Watch for the Big Sale of MEN'S CLOTHING NEXT SATURDAY

A Grand Clearance of Carpets and Rugs

The bargains in this clearance sale will be remembered for years. In face of a sharp advance in all prices of carpets and rugs for 1907 we announce big cuts in all prices for immediate clearance. All the odd rolls of carpet, linoleum, oil cloth and matting--all the rugs and carpets, the patterns of which are discontinued at the mills, in short a great percentage of our best goods will be sacrificed without regard for original cost or real value.

Your choice of the entire stock of Wilton Rugs, 8-3x10-6, worth \$37.50--this sale..... 27.48
Your choice of our entire stock of Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, worth \$30.00, this sale..... 24.98
Your choice of all our 9x12 Roxbury Brussels Rugs, the finest rug made, worth \$22.50, this sale..... 16.98
9x12 All Wool filled Art Squares, worth \$9.00--this sale..... 4.98
36x63 Axminster Rugs, fine line of patterns, worth \$5, this sale..... 2.98

\$30 Rugs at \$18.50
Your Choice of a Splendid Line WILTON, VELVET and AXMINSTER RUGS A 11 are 9x12 Size and actually worth up to \$30, at..... **18.50**

Your choice of one lot of 9x12 Brussels Rugs, worth \$20.00--this sale..... 13.98
27x60 Axminster Rugs, fine floral patterns--worth \$3.00--this sale..... 1.79
CARPETS
All dropped patterns of Axminster Carpet, with and without borders, worth \$1.35 yard, this sale, yard..... 98c
Best quality Tapestry Brussels Carpet, with and without borders, worth \$1.00 yard, this sale, yard..... 75c

Great Clearance of Dress Goods

Great cut of prices to make radical clearing of all winter stock.

Wool plaids, waistings, Scotch flannel waistings, Scotch Sartans, etc, regular selling price up to 50c yard--at, yard..... 12 1/2c
French challies and fine imported waistings, stripes and small effects a 50c and 75c grades--at, yard..... 25c
Fine all wool dress goods, regular 75c values--Panamas, serges, albatrosses, veilings, plaids, etc.--at, yard..... 39c
The best we have sold up to \$1.50 yard, black and all colors, will go at, yard..... 59c

RAILROADS MAKE PROGRESS

Much Building, Retirements and Enlargements on Various Lines.

OMAHA GAINS AS RAILWAY CENTER

Enormous Increase in Volume of Traffic Necessitates Expansion of Transportation Facilities on Many Roads.

The enormous increase in the business of the railroads is but a reflex of the great prosperity which the entire country is enjoying at the present time. Millions are being spent by the Union Pacific, with two objects in view, to improve the main line and to provide feeders for what is already recognized as the finest main line in the country. To emphasize all the improvements would require mention of almost every line and town that goes to make up the great system. Omaha has come in for its share of improvements with the Lane cut off, costing \$4,000,000; new shops to cost \$1,200,000, a new commissary, a new headquarters site to be built this year and miles of additional track, considerable of which is in the newly made wholesale and jobbing district, made such by the foresight of Vice President and General Manager Mohler in securing the lower streets for freight purposes. Double tracking is being put in as fast as the steel may be had and the line is now double tracked as far as Valley, with hundreds of miles being built in Wyoming. The line from Lincoln to Marysville is being straightened out and a cut off built from Marysville to Topeka, which will give a good line from Omaha to Kansas City as soon as the line from Omaha to Lincoln, the survey of which has been made, is built.

Increased and received in accordance with the increase in business with some surplus engines. A large number of additional cars have been ordered, but few have arrived.

The increase has been in all commodities as well as in passenger traffic. Statistics show that 40 per cent more people were handled at the state fair than during any previous fair. New lines have been built from Ashland to Sioux City and from Franconia to Worland and immense gravity wards are being built at Lincoln.

Building of Northwestern.

The Northwestern is building what will eventually be a \$1,000,000 freight depot in the heart of Omaha and building feeders all over the west. During the year the Wyoming & Northwestern line, from Casper to Lander, a distance of 148 miles, has been completed and twelve stations opened, and daily passenger and freight service inaugurated. The Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern line has been constructed from Rapid City to Wasta, a distance of forty-five miles, and further work is progressing at the rate of one mile a day. From the eastern portion of this line there is approximately sixty miles of track laid, which is also being operated. An extension from Bonesteel to Gregory, a distance of twenty-six miles, is completed to within two miles south of Burke, or sixteen and one-half miles north of Bonesteel, and work is progressing at the rate of one-half mile per day. This work, as well as that on the Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern railway, will be continued so long as the weather will permit. Twenty more locomotives are in service on the Northwestern line west of the Missouri river now than during the same period a year ago, this exclusive of engines in construction. During the year local service for accommodation of Omaha business has been installed between Omaha and Oakdale, arriving at Omaha in the morning and returning after the day's shopping. The daylight train from Omaha to Long Pine has been extended through to Chadron, and the probabilities are it will be extended on through to Lander this year.

Changes on Wabash.

Under the new management of F. A. Delano, who succeeds Joseph Ramsey, the Wabash is paying more attention to Omaha. Numerous side and storage tracks have been built in Council Bluffs to accommodate the increase in freight and the road is being steadily rehabilitated and shortened to make a better passenger road. The passenger business from Omaha has nearly doubled during the last year. The Missouri Pacific has made few improvements in Omaha during the last year, although the officials say the business has

Increased enormously. Two new passenger trains have been put in service, which will be a great help to the people living along the line in getting into Omaha.

The Missouri Pacific has been noticeable largely by its extension to the Pacific coast. The line to Omaha has shown an increase in business of over 30 per cent. This line has recently put in reduced rates to South Dakota points, which will give Omaha jobbers a chance to compete in that territory and by other adjustments a large territory has been opened for the grain men.

Rock Island Expands.

During the year 1906 the Rock Island has made extensive improvements in roadway equipment, train service and extensions, the main line, Chicago to Colorado Springs and Denver, having been practically rebuilt and in connection with several thousand cars of rock ballast were used; the Illinois and Colorado divisions roiled with new and heavier steel. The Missouri division between the Mississippi river and Kansas City has also been rebuilt with new ballast. This work is being continued during the winter months on the Oklahoma divisions, the company using all the laborers they can secure. One hundred and twenty-five locomotives, 150 passenger coaches and several thousand freight cars were added to the equipment during the year. Two new passenger trains in each direction between Omaha and Belleville, Kan., one new passenger train in the direction between Fairbury and St. Joseph; one new passenger train each direction between Kansas City and Dallas, Tex. A new extension between Little Rock, Ark., and New Orleans, La., is now under construction, 200 miles of which have been completed and in operation. The Illinois Central has been in the limelight because of the acquiring of that road by Harriman and depositing of President Fish. Two moves of importance to Omaha have been made during the year. The freight terminals at Birmingham have been acquired. Birmingham is one of the three gateways from this territory to the southeast and with the operation of the line to Birmingham in the spring another outlet for Nebraska grain will be established. By the purchase of the Tennessee Central the Illinois Central has come in possession of the line from Hopkinsville to Nashville, which gives the Central its own rails from this territory to Nashville, another gateway and basing point for rates. Hundreds of cars of grain go each month to Man-

ville. The impetus of New Orleans hauled by the Illinois Central to this territory have increased over 600 per cent and the rebuilding of the wharves at New Orleans gives that road some of the best wharves in the world.

The tonnage from the east to Omaha was 21,327 tons for 1906 and 27,756 tons for 1907. The tonnage of all eastern roads from Omaha was 620,560 in 1906 and 706,020 in 1907. This does not include grain.

ARMY EXPENDITURES LARGE

Over Two Million Dollars Spent for Supplies and at Fort Omaha.

The growing importance of Omaha as a military headquarters and disbursing point for army supplies is no better demonstrated than in the office of the chief quartermaster of the Department of the Missouri at Omaha. In the further view of the fact that practically all of these supplies and payments for transportation are purchased and made in Omaha adds additional interest to the matter. The total amount of money expended during the year 1906 up to December 25, was \$1,320,538.04.

These expenditures were extended over the several months of the year as follows: January, \$130,355.45; February, \$125,864.01; March, \$196,528.61; April, \$153,492.94; May, \$122,367.45; June, \$137,297.25; July, \$134,416.37; August, \$123,282.97; September, \$297,483.61; October, \$168,188.86; November, \$150,469.80; December, \$196,295.64.

Omaha jobbers and embrace food purchases not alone for the troops of the department, but for meats and miscellaneous supplies for the United States army in the Philippines.

During the past year the quartermaster's department has been in charge of Major M. G. Zalinski as chief quartermaster and Captain David L. Stone as constructing quartermaster. However, Major Zalinski was relieved as chief quartermaster November 1, being succeeded by Major Thomas Cruise, who is now chief quartermaster of the department. Major Zalinski being transferred to Washington as post quartermaster.

BAD YEAR FOR BAD MONEY

General Prosperity Held Responsible for Small Amount of Counterfeiting.

Only three arrests have been made in the Iowa and Nebraska district during the year 1906 for counterfeiting. Two of these cases were on the Iowa side and are still pending in the federal courts there. The solitary case on this side of the river is of relative unimportance and may not be brought to trial, the case being where a party had a raised note in his possession, which it is evident he came by innocently and made no effort to pass. The total amount of counterfeit money recovered and destroyed during the year in the district was about \$100. Captain John Webb, who is in charge of this special department of secret service work, said: "I attribute this condition of affairs to the general prosperity of the country, and the facilities afforded men of all kinds who can get good money for honest work. Counterfeiting is most prevalent during dull seasons. The further reason is that the government has made it so warm for counterfeiters that they have practically been compelled to go out of business."

STREET RAILWAY MAKES JUMP

Does Much Actual Work and Plans More for the Coming Year.

To keep abreast with the great growth population in Omaha the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has had to make great strides during the year. President Wattles announces the company intends to go into the suburban areas and construct two additional lines, the adjoining cities, one of which is

to be twenty-five miles in length. From six to ten extensions in Omaha will also be built.

Last year two principal new lines were built, one to Fort Crook and one to Forest Lawn cemetery. In addition to these new lines the company has had a large force of men at work at all times rebuilding lines already down and double-tracking some. Missouri avenue has been re-laid, as well as West Leavenworth. The Harney street line was rebuilt for a part of the way. About fifty new cars were received during the year and still there is need for more.

FEW REPAIRS ON BUILDING

Less Than \$5,000 Expended on Federal Structure During Past Year.

The substantial character of the Omaha postoffice building is shown in the fact that during the year 1906 less than \$5,000 has been expended on it. These expenditures do not really represent repairs, but merely necessary improvements. For miscellaneous improvements of a minor character \$190 was expended. Three thousand four hundred dollars was expended for retouching the plastering and revarnishing the woodwork of the old east half of the structure. New windows were placed over the main doors of the Sixteenth street entrance at a cost of \$50, and a complete new equipment of window shades during the year cost \$50. Most of this money was expended in Omaha, and the work was all done by Omaha artisans.

twenty-five years, but there were some large departures from the normal; April averaged 4 degrees above, September averaged 8 degrees above, while March averaged 3 degrees below the normal, the lowest was 27 degrees below, on August 16, and the lowest was 3 degrees below zero, on February 14. The total precipitation during the year was 26.1 inches, or a deficiency of five inches below the average annual precipitation in this city. The monthly deficiency in rainfall was insufficient in May and July, the deficiency during those two months being 3.7 inches. To offset this, September showed an excess of 1.39 inches. The precipitation during the crop growing season was fairly well distributed, except in the first half of June, during which period no rainfall was insufficient. The heaviest rainfalls during the year occurred on June 15 and 19, when 2.57 inches fell in nineteen hours and thirty-nine minutes, and on June 25, when 1.39 inches fell in thirty-five minutes. The highest wind velocity recorded was at the rate of fifty-two miles per hour, from the north, on June 30, with an extreme velocity of sixty miles per hour.

The following table shows the normal and monthly mean temperatures and the normal and total monthly precipitation:

Month	Normal Temp.	Precipitation.
January	19	0.62
February	20	0.73
March	25	1.59
April	51	2.12
May	62	4.87
June	72	6.27
July	76	4.75
August	74	2.24
September	65	2.91
October	53	2.47
November	38	1.06
December	28	2.01

*For 24 days. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Deane to Try Schmitts. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31--Presiding Judge Graham today denied the motion drawn on behalf of Mayor Schmitt to withdraw from Judge Deane's court the cases now pending there on the indictments brought by the grand jury and to reassign them to another department.

Issue Ralnes Wanted. UKIAH, Cal., Dec. 31--Sheriff Gibson of Mendocino county wants Isaac Ralnes, the fugitive recently arrested at Spokane, Sheriff Gibson says Ralnes has sent bogus checks to the Commercial bank at Ukiah for over \$1,000.

See Want Ads produce results.