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Laces and Embroideries

These are the luxuries in modern dress goods, just as they were in the olden time. Our lines are the most elegant and tasteful in these peerless materials of dress and bodice elaboration. They're all fresh, new, superb, and they include designs and patterns of such varied beauty and originality that their prices are O. K., always.

nowhere else will you find our showings outclassed. And our prices are O. K., always.

- Diamond and round mesh Val. edgings and insertions, worth up to 20c a yard. **4c**
- Embroidery edgings and flourishes of Nansook or Swiss, 9 to 15 in. wide, adaptable for skirts or dress flourishes and worth up to 75c a yard. **19c**
- Linen Embroidered Dress Flourishings 47 inches, worth 75c, Monday for. **39c**
- 46 inches, worth \$1.50, Monday for. **79c**
- Oriental All-Overs, 45 inches wide, worth 98c a yard, for. **29c**
- Dotted Oriental Dress Nets, 45 in. wide, in white or butter, suitable for evening dresses, \$1.50, yd. **69c**
- Embroidery Edgings, Insertions, Galloons and Bands, in Swiss or Nansook. All new patterns, 3 to 12 inches wide, worth up to 50c a yard. **15c**
- Five thousand yards of Cotton Torchon laces, all match patterns, worth up to 15c a yard, for. **5c**

Extra Specials on Harney Aisle

- Pearl Buttons, assorted sizes, one dozen on card, each card worth 5c, Monday, three cards for. **5c**
- Black Habutai Silk, elegant heavy quality for dresses or waists, washes fine—on sale Monday. **29c**
- Embroideries—18-inch Corset Cover Embroideries, that never sell for less than 25c, 50 assorted styles, on sale. **12½c**
- Silk Mulls, plain white, some colors as well, a limited quantity, worth 25c, Monday, per yard. **7c**
- Silk Thread, black only, worth 60c per dozen, on sale Monday, per dozen. **12½c**

Linen and White Goods

- Everything new, neat and nice; everything well displayed, ample room. It's a pleasure to show you our line.
- 72-inch Bleached Table Damask, good designs, worth 65c. **50c**
 - 72-inch Bleached Table Damask, all linen, worth 95c. **75c**
 - 72-inch Cream Table Damask, sells regularly for 50c a yard. **35c**
- SOME SPECIALS IN WHITE GOODS**
- 46-inch French lawn—ideal for graduating dresses—regular 45c quality. **30c**
 - 45-in. Persian lawn, a nice fine quality, suitable for summer dresses and readily worn 35c a yard. **25c**
- ON SPECIAL TABLES, MAIN AISLE—White Madras Waitings, Checks or party Checks, Lawn, Dotted Swisses, Figured Swisses etc., worth up to 85c a yd. **19c****
- BED SPREADS**—Full size, hemmed top of good patterns, worth up to \$1.25, Monday for. **\$1.00**
- Others for \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and up to. **\$6.50**
- All styles, hemmed, fringed, plain or cut corners—these are genuine bargains.

The Bennett Company

Silks! Silks!

Monday we offer some magnificent silk values. The rarest qualities, the choicest desirable colorings and the best long-wearing silks you ever paid money for.

- EVERY KIND OF SILK ON SALE MONDAY.**
- 27-in. China Silks in many different shades, this quality is worth 50c for slips, linings, etc., on sale **29c**
 - 85c Silk Crepe de Chines—in every shade, the new browns, light shades of all kinds, including white; this fabric is excellent for summer wear. On sale Monday **48c**
 - 36-in. Fancy Silk Suitings, suitable for street wear or dressy gowns, come in all colors. These silks have sold in Omaha this season for \$1.25; the styles are the best. **59c**
 - Fancy Silk Poplins, in new spring colorings, some have striped effects, others large woven dots. These silks are new and stylish, perfect in every way—on sale **58c**
- SPECIAL SALE OF BLACK SILKS**
- Every yard we sell, we guarantee—our written certificate protects you—we make every claim good upon request.
- Cleola Black Taffeta—The best wearing Taffeta in the heavy quality of Black Taffeta, comes 20 in. wide, sells usually at 85c—Our sale price **55c**
 - Monday, per yd **55c**
 - Every Yard Guaranteed. The best \$1.18 quality of Black Cleola Taffeta Silk, extremely lustrous and heavy. We positively know there is no better wearing Taffeta sold—On sale Monday **94c**
 - Every Yard Guaranteed. 27-in. Black Cleola Taffeta Silk that always sells for \$1.25, the most beautiful Silk taffeta in America, for suits, dresses or skirts—on sale **94c**
 - Every Yard Guaranteed. 36-in. Black Cleola Taffeta Silk, the old-fashioned quality, which makes the cloth superb; superior to any other 36-in. silk, heavy—worth \$1.39. **97c**
 - Every Yard Guaranteed. 80-inch Black Cleola Taffeta Silk that sells for \$1.65, one of the best silks we show, now. **1.18**
 - \$2.00 Black Cleola Taffeta Silk, equally as good as our competitors show for \$2.25. We offer the very best quality we have Monday. **1.39**

Store Cleanings

It's From Bennett's It's Good

When you see our new sofa fountain and parlors you'll say we've sent 'em all to sleep.

When you've tended mattress and worn home again you won't be down-right certain whether it was the show or the sundae you liked best.

The Ladies' Home Journal Pattern Style Book comes out monthly, and it's free for the taking. It's always ahead of all competitors in the pattern publishing business. You get it sent you with any trust or hooked up in any way. Ladies' Home Journal Patterns belong to one separate, independent and gigantic concern.

The Summer Style Book will be out about May 15.

Probably the most appealing of all departments is our gigantic Crocker and Cut Glass Section. No other store, outside Omaha generally, are copying our plans.

Our Art Galleries on the second floor are very originally laid out and hung—so much so that other great stores, outside Omaha generally, are copying our plans.

Remind the boys and girls that we are to give away fifty dollars in prizes for a name for a boys' and girls' shoe. We've gotten a great many replies; we want a great many more. Every boy and girl should try it. Get back at those counters.

Monday we begin a big sale of House Cleaning and Refurbishing Goods. Everything from a carpet tack to an oil painting will be specially priced for your annual house refurbishing days.

Mail order buyers are urged to make these bargains here advertised. To conveniences the order wherever the paper reaches you, and provided goods are unsold, the goods at bargain prices are yours.

Get your Screen Doors Monday. Prices are 'way down and the assortment is 'way up. Buy now.

Dress Goods

The newest and most up-to-date Dress Goods Department in Omaha. This means the newest fabrics, the right colors and at the right prices. We have the fabric or color you want, at the price you desire to pay for it. A grand showing of brown fabrics. We can show you about 225 pieces of brown dress materials, from the swellest tan shades to the dark seal brown.

- For instance, 46-inch new Clifton Panama in the late leather shades; this fabric is exceptionally desirable for skirts or suits; soft but still firm. **89c**
- Swell Brown Silk Voiles—These beautiful fabrics come in golden browns, or leather colorings, either plain or fancy weaves, little striped or over-check effects. On sale. **1.69**
- French Novelties, as fancy Pastel Broadcloth, in plaid or check effects. They are exclusive and exquisite in every way, the colorings are grand; see these new creations—Prices from **4.50**
- Marquessita, the latest Palms, are here in abundance. Prices from 75c to. **3.50**

Domestic Bargains

- Unusually Good Bargains in Domestic Goods**
- Extra large bleached Sheets, Monday. **59c**
 - Beautiful new Denims, 36 inches wide, on sale **15c**
 - 9-4 bleached Sheetings, on sale. **25c**
 - 12c light Percels, new styles, on sale. **7c**
 - 10c fancy Prints, fine styles, on sale. **5c**
 - 10c Men's Shirting, all colors, on sale. **6½c**
 - Cotton Challis, fine pattern, on sale. **1c**
 - Heavy fancy Tickings, double fold, on sale. **15c**
 - Large Feather Pillows, on sale, per pair. **98c**
 - \$6.50 Down Pillows, on sale, per pair. **\$4.75**
 - Good live Feathers, per pound. **59c**

Very Artistic Millinery

Millinery with just a touch of daring extravagance in each specimen—these we make a special display of Monday.

It's a grand opportunity for studying the latest conventional designs in just-received imports.



Thirty new modes, magnificent conceptions, all from London, Vienna and Paris.

Twenty-five to Seventy-five Dollars Each

Beautiful display of styles from our own workrooms—designs which show up charmingly beside those imported.

Best value hat on the market for **FIFTEEN DOLLARS**

Our Challenge Five Dollar Hat

Its equal—not suggest its peer—hasn't yet been produced. It's a rich copy of the most popular foreign designs and is made by our own artists.

\$5.00

Children's Hats, Caps, Bonnets, and Toques in wild profusion.

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Sale of Great Interest on Second Floor

Three-Quarter Length Black Silk Coat

Elegant display of new spring models, made up of semi-fitting and loose coat styles, some are plain tailor made others are hand-somely braided or trimmed in lace and braid—

25.00, 19.50, 15.00, 12.50

Silk and Lingerie Dresses

Over one hundred handsome Silk Dresses and more than two hundred dainty Lingerie Dresses.

For the most part these are made up of one of a kind, every new cloth and shade is represented. Monday's special display—

39.50, 29.50, 19.50

TRIMMED LINGERIE DRESSES which go on their feet have deep play Monday are pre-eminently beautiful. Full of charmingly set off with dainty trimmings of baby Irish, filet net and Val. lace—Monday's special display—

35.00, 25.00, 15.00

Silk Petticoats

Made of good, heavy taffeta silk, extra wide, have deep accordion pleated flounce with two ruffles, black and all colors and tone shades—

4.95

Lingerie and Linen Walists

One thousand Walists for Monday. Linen Walists, highly tailored, some also embroidered collars and cuffs—

\$4.95, \$3.95, \$2.95 and \$1.95

Lingerie Walists of Fine Jap Mull

Prettily trimmed in Val. lace and insertions or handsome medallions—

\$2.95, \$1.95, \$1.48

SPECIAL SALES OF LADIES' SUITS

SEE WINDOW SHOW

Ladies' **\$25.00**

Tailored Suits for **19.50**

Ladies' **\$35.00**

Tailored Suits for **29.50**

Omaha's Biggest Crockery

Big closing out sale of Gainsborough and Holland Sunset ware. Jugs, Vases, Steins, Fern Dishes, values up to \$2.93, while it lasts, each. **49c**

GERMAN CHINA DINNERWARE

Pretty pink decorations. **AT HALF PRICE**

English Rock Teapots

Several colors and shapes, worth up to 60c, on sale Monday, each. **29c**

A discount of 20 per cent off all Pilsed Glassware—Tumbler, Bowls, Jugs, Water Sets, Table Sets—

20 PER CENT OFF MONDAY

NORTH PLATTE'S GALA DAY

Engineer Brotherhood Celebrates Silver Anniversary of First May Party.

EVENT ONE OF HISTORICAL IMPORT

In the Wake of This Organization Comes Great Train of Empire—Building Coincidents and Factors.

Western Nebraska is prepared for the silver anniversary of the first May party of division 85 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which will be held at North Platte Wednesday. This will be the twenty-fifth annual May party given by this order, and so popular have they become that they are looked forward to by the western section of the state with as much interest as the whole state looks forward to Ak-Sar-Ben or the horse show. No expense is spared to make this affair of the highest order, and especially this year, which is the silver anniversary. Up and down the line of the Union Pacific the women have been preparing since the first of the year for this party, and dressmakers have had a busy time. Some of the women, in order not to be crowded out in the rush of the last days, had their gowns made two months ago and laid on a shelf waiting for the big day. The town will be crowded worse than Omaha is on its gala days, but the good people of North Platte will meet that emergency by throwing open their homes to accommodate the visitors. The opera house will be gaily decorated, as will the entire city for that matter.

An elaborate souvenir has been printed as a memento of the occasion, giving a history of the construction of the Union Pacific in that section, a history of the order and sketches of some of the leading men and founders of the order.

Origin of the Locomotive.

This May party, like its predecessor, is given by Grand Island division 84, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which was organized at Grand Island July 13, 1867,

when the charter was granted, and it was the first division of the order organized on the Union Pacific. Warren Lloyd, Joseph Cleburne, L. W. Rollins, L. O. Farrington, John Riley, Lafayette Schaffer, John B. Wells, W. H. Whitney and Robert Waugh were the nine charter members. W. H. Whitney was first chief engineer of the division. The headquarters of the division remained at Grand Island until 1873, when a discussion arose as to whether the headquarters should be moved to North Platte or Omaha. Adroit work on the part of two North Platte engineers won the day and the headquarters were moved to North Platte. The division, however, retained the name of the town in which it was organized until December, 1891, when it was changed to George W. Vroman division 85.

Two of the founders of the order are still alive, L. O. Farrington of North Platte and L. W. Rollins of Grand Island. The latter still in active service.

First May Party.

At a meeting of the division March 11, 1893, W. J. Stuart moved that the division give a dance early in May of the same year. The chair appointed W. J. Stuart, Thomas Terry, George W. Dillard, H. J. Clark and James McDade a committee to arrange for the party. At a later meeting, upon motion of J. J. Sullivan, the name of the proposed dance was changed to May party and May 1, 1893, designated as the date. The initial party was held at what was then known as Keith's opera house on Front street, and the tickets were \$5, which included supper at the Pacific hotel. The music was furnished by the Twenty-first United States Infantry band, then stationed at Sidney. Superintendent W. A. Deuel, the division superintendent of the Union Pacific, issued orders for the transportation of the band from Sidney to North Platte and return without cost to Division 85. An engine and three cabooses were started out at Sidney with the band, and the train stopped at all stations and picked up all employees of the company who desired to attend the May party. The train returned to Sidney the following day. This courtesy on the part of Superintendent Deuel was greatly appreciated by members of Division 85, as well as by those employees who had been picked up at the various stations.

The initial May party was a great success, and each year since then it has afforded the pleasure and assistance a yearly opportunity to enjoy themselves.

Good Work Done by Order.

Magnificent work has been done by the order since its founding and assistance has been lent to the engineers and to other branches of the service. On request of George W. Vroman in 1877 Division 85 took the initiative steps to organize the general committee of adjustment in accordance with the laws, and local committees met in Laramie in April, where the general committee was organized with G. W. Vroman as chairman and H. J. Clark as secretary.

The story of the work of the organization, as told by George W. Vroman, after whom the order was named, is interesting. "On June 30, 1887, just before noon, there was an order by wire posted all over the Union Pacific system, that a reduction of from 5 to 10 per cent in the wages of all employees would take effect July 1," says Mr. Vroman. "At that time there was no Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and very few Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and a few Firemen's union men, but 90 per cent or more were nonunion firemen. By request of divisions, General Chairman Vroman called the general committee to meet in session at Omaha as soon as could be done, the firemen joining as firemen only. We first met at I. H. Congdon, general master mechanic, and requested that the order for reduction be rescinded so far as related to engineers and firemen. Mr. Congdon tried to prevail upon us not to go home and try the reduction and, if not satisfactory, two or three of us could come back and he would adjust it satisfactorily. We told him we wished to have it settled while we were there. We told him we would see S. H. H. Clark, general superintendent. Mr. Clark then invited us to meet him at his house the evening following, where we discussed the question from 7 until 10 o'clock. Mr. Congdon being present. We asked Mr. Clark if he would rescind the order at that time and he said he desired to consider it a little farther and invited us to meet him the following Monday morning. (This was on Saturday evening.) The next day, Sun-

day, the great riot and fire occurred at Pittsburg, Pa., several million dollars worth of property being destroyed. Some time during Sunday night an order came to Mr. Clark from the directors, ordering the rescinding of order of reduction on all employees. The promptness of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in meeting this emergency was beneficial to all other employees.

First Regular Schedule.

In 1887 engineers of the system formulated the Kansas regular schedule of pay and conditions under which they worked. The firemen were not represented at this meeting, but were carried along and received proportionate benefits. At this conference S. T. Smith, general superintendent, at Mr. Vroman's request, included the firemen. They found that division master mechanics at many places were establishing a classification of pay for young men just promoted, running from six months to a year, at the discretion of division master mechanics, before they paid standard pay. Just before this schedule was made the Kansas Central, Western, and Leavenworth, Kansas & Western, came into the system. This road was paying very low wages, but was also brought up to standard.

In March, 1889, the Kansas Central was segregated from the system and allied to under a separate management, under Mr. Baldwin, Jr., whose father was a director of the Union Pacific system. Mr. Baldwin proposed a reduction of wages of engineers and firemen before his official chair was hardly warm, to take effect April 1. The engineers and firemen conferred with Mr. Baldwin, asking a restoration of their wages in accordance with the engineers' schedule, but he declined to make any concessions, when the men called General Chairman Vroman, who met Mr. Baldwin at Leavenworth and after a very short conference offered to restore a portion of the reduction, which was declined by Chairman Vroman, as he had no authority to vary from the established schedule. Mr. Baldwin declined to restore the wages and Mr. Vroman informed him that the case would be taken up at Omaha with Thomas L. Kimball, then acting general manager of the system. Mr. Baldwin stated that he would be there to meet the men. The general committee

of adjustment was called and about June 15 met in Omaha and conferred with Mr. Kimball, who made an arbitrated. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Vroman agreed upon Captain Rustin, who was at that time general manager of the Omaha cable street car lines. Mr. Rustin was one who stood very high in the estimation of all business men of Omaha. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Vroman met Mr. Rustin at the Millard hotel on the 26th day of June and presented the men's documentary evidence and made their oral argument before the arbitrator, the whole being taken down by a stenographer. On the next day, June 27, after thoroughly reviewing the evidence, the arbitrator rendered his decision in favor of the Brotherhood, restoring the wages of the Kansas Central. This was a remarkable victory of organized labor, as this was the first case of a difference between railroad employees and railroad officials being adjusted by arbitration.

Panic Ties Up Things.

During the years 1888-89, through the acquisition of contiguous lines, the Union Pacific system had a mileage of 8,000 and the men and officials were moving along harmoniously, until October, 1893, when the panic caused the system to pass into the hands of a receiver. In February, 1894, the receivers proposed, by advice of the United States court of the district of Nebraska, new schedules of pay, making a reduction of all labor working under schedules, and a reduction of all unorganized labor. This reduction to take effect April 1. All the United States courts of the several states and territories covering all lines of the Union Pacific system declined to enter the order of the Nebraska United States court without a hearing, except the United States court of Oregon.

The representatives of all working under schedules filed answer to receivers' petition in United States courts for Colorado and Wyoming, Judges Hallett and Riner, where the men had a hearing and won their case. Whereupon the receivers appealed to the

Indians would tear out a section of the track, which would greatly delay matters, as the facilities were not at hand to repair as they are today. Such were the hardships of the early railroaders on the Union Pacific and many of these pioneers will meet at North Platte at the May party and talk over old times.

North Platte Western Metropolis.

North Platte has a population of 5,000 people and is the most thriving town in western Nebraska. It is the division point of the Union Pacific and the branching off place for the Union Pacific and Burlington extensions into Wyoming. Eighty per cent of the married men of the Union Pacific who reside there own homes. The Union Pacific will spend \$50,000 in terminal improvements at North Platte. Between 20,000 and 25,000 cars are lead at North Platte each year. It was stated by the committee while in Omaha last week that the banks of the town were bulging with the deposits of the thirty men who reside there.

The success of the May party is assured. The committee has done its work well and the souvenirs will be beautiful and well worth preserving.

CHURCH DIGNITARIES BUSY

Beatification of Pius IX and Preparation of New Syllabus Interests Vatican.

ROME, April 27.—(Special.)—At the present time two events of great importance to the church are occupying the attention of the Vatican. These are the beatification of Pope Pius IX and the publication of a new "Syllabus." As regards the first, the beatification commenced in the diocese of Bologna, where Pius IX was born, and at Imola, of which he was bishop. After long and patient inquiries have been made the process will be brought before the congregation of rites, where the procedure always lasts for several years.

The new "Syllabus," in which are enumerated all of the theological and political errors condemned by the church, has been completed by the holy office. It has been examined by the Irish monk, David Fleming, to see if any technical or typographical errors can be found.