

The Bennett Company

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY--New Year's Day

DRESS GOODS

COLORED AND CHOICE BLACK GOODS
AT ABOUT HALF PRICE

One lot elegant plaid or striped effects, worth to \$3, fancy chevot serges, broadcloths, etc., nearly every shade, Monday **95c**

54 and 50 inch Novelty Suitings, beautiful colors, elegant weights, choicest styles, worth \$1.00 to \$1.25, Monday **59c**

Choicest all wool Waistings, exquisite styles, stripes or plaid effects, offered usually \$1.00, Monday **48c**

SILKS

PLAIN OR FANCIES--TAFFETAS, ETC.
AT ABOUT HALF PRICE

Swell exclusive novelties, bought by our own buyer in Europe, elegant French styles, bordered chiffons, all over designs, striped fabrics, the most exquisite collection of all foreign materials for fancy evening gowns, mostly 46-in. to 60-in. wide regular price up to **1.39** \$8.50 per yard, Monday, **1.39**
In many instances we offer dress patterns, not more than seven to eight yards of one design in this sale.

One lot of fancy Silks, fancy Crepe de Chines, plaid Taffetas, worth \$1.25, fine qualities of Peau de Cygne, plain colors, lengths of black silks, plain taffetas, 27-inch and 19 inches wide, this entire lot **59c**

Inventory Bargains
Sales in Linings
Wash Goods Flannelettes
Cloakings, Etc.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Suspenders at Half Price.
Every Style and Idea Included.

Men's Neckwear at One-Third to One-Half Off.

Men's Holiday Half Hose at Almost Half Price.

Men's Reefers and Mufflers Greatly Reduced.

Our Inventory Sales will be pushed with excessive bargain vigor Monday, preparatory to store being shaped up for our great January White Carnival. Hold off on your "White Purchases" till we announce our sales extraordinary.

Six Attractive Specials from Six Attractive Counters

FANCY TORCHON LACES, Insertions and Edges to match, from one to four inches wide, worth up to 10c a yard, at **3c**

18-inch Corset Cover Embroidery, worth up to 35c a yard, at **15c**

Fancy mesh and chiffon Vellings, in all colors, worth up to 25c a yard, at **5c**

6-inch all silk fancy plaid ribbon, worth up to \$1.00 a yard, at **19c**

Black spangle and cut jet trimmings, from two to six inches wide, worth up to \$2 a yard, at **8c**

Fancy Stamped Pillow Tops, worth 50c, for **19c**

TWENTY % OFF
NICKEL WARE
AND HOLIDAY
BRASS AND
COPPER WARE
AND
SKATES

Women's Fine Tailored Suits

EXACTLY HALF FORMER PRICES

High grade suits of broadcloth, in all new colors, and the latest mid-winter styles.

\$69.50 suits for 34.75	\$39.50 suits for 19.75
\$59.50 suits for 29.75	\$29.50 suits for 14.75
\$49.50 suits for 24.75	\$25.00 suits for 12.50

Bargains in Coats and Furs

87 Caracul 25-inch and 36-inch walking coats and 52-inch auto coats--one half price.

AT ONE-HALF PRICE

\$15.00 coats for 7.50	\$19.50 coats for 9.75	\$25.00 coats for 12.50
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Three Hundred Fifty Kersey and Broadcloth Coats

\$15.00 coats for 9.75	\$19.50 coats for 12.75	\$25.00 coats for 14.75
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Furs, Scarfs, Throws and Ties

\$4.95 Furs for \$2.48
\$7.48 Furs for \$3.99
\$10.00 Furs for \$5.00

BIG FURNITURE, RUG and LACE CURTAIN SALES

Lots of Things at Prices Impossible to Duplicate



Quarter sawed Oak Dresser, polished French beveled plate mirror 22x28 inches, **16.89**

Solid Oak Chiffoniers with 12x20 French plate mirror, case is 19 inches deep by 33 inches long. The only thing cheap about this Chiffonier is the price. It is made of solid oak and strong and substantially put together. Our price, only **8.29**

TWENTY-FIVE % OFF ON OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF BRASS BEDS

Monday and Tuesday Special Values in China Closets and Buffets.

LACE CURTAINS

Bonne Femme Curtains with long, full flounce at bottom, trimmed with large Battenberg medallions, 40, 50 and 60 inches wide, only one to a window. Sell from \$4.00 to \$12.50 each, in two lots for Monday's Special:

All Curtains selling up to \$5.00, at **\$2.75**
All Curtains selling up to \$12.50, at **\$4.95**

GREAT RUG SALE

Big Reductions on Room Size 9x12, Sample Rugs
Brussels Rugs, room size (9x12), in floral or conventional patterns, all colors, tan, red, or green, sell for \$18.50, Monday, **12.75**
Axminster and Wilton Velvet room size Rugs, (9x12), in artistic designs, rich shades of tan, green or red, worth up to \$30.00, Monday, **18.75**

Come early and make your selections while we have a big variety.

COAL! COAL!

We deliver Capitol Coal [Colorado], Golden Ash, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Cherokee Coals to points in South Omaha, Dundee, Benson and Florence in addition to Omaha.
CAPITOL COAL, once tried always used. Per ton \$7.00
Sample Sacks **30c**
Green Trading Stamps with all coal.

Inventory Sale of Shoes, Slippers

Pink, Blue, Red, White and Lavender, Kid and Calfskin

Brown and black Castor Suede, patent leather and vic kid, Theo ties, pumps, Gibson ties, sailor ties and strap slippers; all included in this sale.

\$4.00 dainty pink, blue and white calf skin and brown and black Castor suede Gibson ties, hand turned soles **\$3.09**

\$3.00 patent leather Theo ties and Pumps, hand turned soles, Cuban and French heels **\$2.29**

\$2.50 velvet kid and patent vic kid, three and four strap slippers, hand turned soles, Cuban and French heels **\$1.89**

\$2.00 blue and white sea island pumps and Gibson ties, hand turned soles, Cuban heels **\$1.59**
See Window Display--Harney St. Window.

BENNETT'S BIG GROCERY

MONDAY'S SPECIALS. EXTRA VALUE. NEW YEAR'S LIST.

Bennett's Best Coffee, 3 lbs. \$1.00
And 100 Green Trading Stamps
Bennett's Best Coffee, 2 lbs. \$1.00
And 50 Green Trading Stamps
Bennett's Excelsior Flour, per sack **\$1.65**
And 60 Green Trading Stamps
New Table Sugar, Raisins, per pound **20c**
And 12 Green Trading Stamps
Diamond C Soap, nine bars **50c**
Bennett's Capitol Baking Powder, per pound **24c**
And 40 Green Trading Stamps
Sweet California Raisins, per box **25c**
Oranges, dozen **45c**
20c and **15c**
Finest Quality Mixed English Walnuts, Mixed Pecans, Almonds, Brazil, Filberts, per pound **85c**
10 Green Trading Stamps
New Nuts, English Walnuts, Mixed Pecans, Brazil, Filberts, per pound **90c**
Dr. Price's Food, 4 pkgs. **85c**
Basket Fried Japan Tea, pound **95c**
And 60 Green Trading Stamps
Australia Raisins, pound **15c**
And 10 Green Trading Stamps

New Cooking Raisins, pound **19c**
New Cleaned Currants, pound **10c**
Table Raisins, new, pound **15c**
Olives, large imported, pint **25c**
And 10 Green Trading Stamps
Diamond S. Preserves, large jar **50c**
And 20 Green Trading Stamps
Men's and Women's Toilet Powder, can **25c**
And 20 Green Trading Stamps
Australia Raisins, 1 lb. **15c**
And 10 Green Trading Stamps
Bottle for **25c**
40 Green Trading Stamps
New York Full Cream Cheese, pound **25c**
20 Green Trading Stamps
Fresh Bonated Potatoes, per quart **5c**
Bonnets' Capitol Ham, 10 lbs. **50c**
meat, 3 pkgs. for **50c**
10 Green Trading Stamps
Granulated Sugar, Double Green Trading Stamps
Lincoln Butterine, two pounds **37c**
And 10 Green Trading Stamps
Jersey Butterine, two pounds **36c**
And 10 Green Trading Stamps

CORSETS

All reliable brands, some of them are regular \$2.50 goods, including every style; long hip, short hip, high bust, with or without hose supporters, all colors, Monday **23c**

ALL 1908 FANCY CALENDARS WILL BE CLOSED OUT MONDAY REGARDLESS OF PRICE CLOSING OUT LEADING COPYRIGHT BOOKS AT 49c

WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING?

Want to Write a Paper or to Make a Speech?

UNCLE SAM WILL FIX IT FOR YOU

Here's a Government Bureau Which Will Put You on the Track of Almost Any Information and for Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25--Opening into one of the corridors of the Congressional Library there is a wide door over which the following inscription might well be placed: "National Bureau of Information." If there is anything you want very much to know, write to the man behind that door.

Pretty soon you will receive a neat typewritten note telling you what books have been published on the subject of your inquiry. They may even answer the question outright.

In view of the fact that the man and his assistants are already besieged with people who want to know things, it may not be a good turn to them if the news of their helpfulness is passed along. But the work they do is so astonishing that it simply demands description.

The man behind the door is A. P. C. Griffin, and his title is as long as his name. He is chief of the division of bibliography.

Through his name and his title are long, his memory is longer still. The reporter asked him offhand for the best authority on half a dozen absurdly inconspicuous topics. It was furnished as promptly as if Mr. Griffin had been a slot machine of out of the way information.

When the reporter marvelled Mr. Griffin dug up a list of a part one of the topics on which the American people have hungered the last year for information. These inquiries come from every nook and corner of the land.

Who Ask and What.

Writers, lawyers, politicians, lecturers, editors, teachers, club women, students, merchants, people of all occupations and of all conditions, write to the library for information on all probable subjects and at it seems, on a good many of those which seem improbable. Turning over to a few letters on the chief's desk there was found this group of inquiries: For sources of information about the slave insurrection in Santo Domingo in 1791-1792, for the names of firms engaged in the manufacture of excelsior in certain states, for material to assist in the preparation of a biographical sketch; for information on the best way of etching milk.

The last request was from a southern trapper and was answered specifically, although it is not strictly in line with the work of the bureau. Of course, the excelsior inquiry was turned down. The library does not distribute information so much as it tells where to find information.

These inquiries come by the thousands. About 10,000 of them came last year, by mail and these formed only a small part of the total.

Of course the library is primarily to serve the members of congress, and while that body is in session Mr. Griffin and his assistants are constantly digging up facts and authorities for use in debate or in the committee room. At all times of the year, but especially during the session of congress,

gress, the division of bibliography is constantly called upon not only by letter, but by telephone and personal application for literary steering.

Every bit of this service is freely given. It is the right of every American with a serious purpose behind the request to ask the aid of the library in getting facts upon any subject.

We may be forgiven if we prod the national bird into giving at least a mild screech of pride, for this is the only country where such aid is given. And the library at Washington is the only one in America where the country at large is served in this way.

Examples of the service.

For instance, among hundreds of cases take these few: To one of the justices of Rhode Island was furnished a memorandum on land tenure in East Greenwich. A member of the Virginia legislature sent an inquiry for material ranging from the attitude of Massachusetts on nullification to the anti-slavery views held by southerners before the war. The material was at once assembled for him.

The Belgian minister applied for material on American railways. Dr. Lyman Abbott got information about education in the south. A member of the State Banking commission of Rhode Island was supplied with references on the banking laws of this and of other countries. As for the subjects upon which the people at large consult the library their number is astonishing. Here are a few of them: Japanese Acetylene gas, Russia A. Alger, ancient roads and vehicles, Angora goats, artistic work, assaying, balance of trade, Balzac, bee keeping, black letter type, blue books, Boston tea party, Barbara Fritchie, cremation, church history, care of dogs, casting of lots, construction of passenger cars, conversation, the famous Japanese Chishiburi, costumes worn in California in 1853, eagle stones, empirical formulae, export duties, feeble minded children, fossil horae, German university life, studios in Kansas, great men who were not students in youth, gifts of Mr. Carnegie, iguana-tars, Japanese humor, Japanese gardens, Jewish fiction, kites, Leland Roberts, manufacturers of plush, Mormon rebellion, monuments of the Abruzzi, manufacture of shoes, Napoleon's last works, moonshiners, petrified forests, ostrich farming, personality, partial payments, personal appearance of George Washington, oyster culture, poetry of civil war, port changes, prominent Jews of America, ready reckoner, whereabouts of General Grant July 22-25, 1870.

Some inquiries are made so often that the library has printed lists of books, of articles and of references to the subjects dealt with. For instance, there are printed lists relating to child labor, to government regulation of insurance, to railroads, to trusts, to ship subsidies, to tariffs of foreign countries, to municipal ownership.

Thousands of copies of these lists have been printed in order to supply the demand for them. In addition the library has furnished typewritten copies of about 35 other lists less in demand. If all this work doesn't entitle the division of bibliography to be called the national bureau of information, then there is no use trying.

With a Silent Guard.

Modern science seems to spend its time undoing its own efforts. Take, for instance, so-called burglar proof safes. The up-to-date burglar soon found that by means of compressed oxygen and acetylene gas he could produce a flame so hot that the steel doors of a safe would fuse in it like lead in an ordinary gas jet. In addition the accessories required are of a handy size, and there is no noise. Observation is all the safe breaker has to avoid. Now it is suggested manufacturers should

add a simple apparatus to the materials used in making safes which would liberate certain chemicals, rendering it dangerous or even fatal--to tamper with the walls or door.

No doubt in time the scientific burglar will find a means of overcoming this, but for a little while, at least, protection can be obtained against the scientific crackman--Pearson's Weekly.

LIST TO A PAEAN ON PORK

Happy Life of Kansas Hogs Set to Music by a Topeka Troubadour.

When it comes down to writing broad agricultural epics there is nobody in the country who can approach within a mile of that benevolent Iowa, the Hon. James Wilson, alias "Tama Jim," the farmer's friend. In the more limited field of baculo hymnody, however, Old Alfalfa Coburn, head of the Kansas State Department of Agriculture, is without a peer. Old Alfalfa has once more cinched his grip on fame and the affections of the Sunflower state by issuing a circular on the Kansas hog, which as a paean of pork and for its general all-around excellence as a tribute to Kansas and an intimation of the merits of F. D. Coburn would be hard to beat.

Hark how he blends the subjects of his song: The state which he has done so much to make famous, the hog and alfalfa which but to allude to is to remind all Kansas that Farmer Coburn has been its most indefatigable promoter.

"In Kansas he (the hog) finds his favored zone--his elderado. For Kansas is a corn orchard packed with grasses and fragrant with the bloom of alfalfa, the greatest forage plant vouchsafed by Providence to men growing here in a profusion elsewhere unknown. Hence it is that Kansas possesses more of those latest model self-lubricating mortgage removers than all New England and fifteen other states and territories added."

Isn't Old Alfalfa an artist? Listen to more:

"There is probably no other territory of the same area as Kansas where the conditions of climate, soil, food and care are more congenial to the hog's health and wholesome development, and he is nowhere found so developed except among a high order of people. High class swine are unknown and impossible among a low class people."

"The Kansas hog, in his sphere typifying the good, the true and the beautiful, is a joy, and like the state that lends him as a refuge to humanity, is in but the morning of his career. His one passport, everywhere demanded and always sufficient for entrance to presidencies, potentates or peasants, is--'Kansas' on the rim."

Talk about your Virginia hams! What song was ever poured over them like Old Alfalfa's praise of the pork products of Kansas? His ode is enough to make one forswear other bacon forever. Happy the state which has such happy hogs whose life is ecstatic and whose dead a boon set to music by a Coburn--New York Sun.

Signal Company in Kansas.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28--The Union Switch and Signal company has ordered employees to report for work January 2. The plant was closed December 30 and had not been expected to reopen until January 20. The company has closed a \$20,000,000 contract with the Pennsylvania railroad for equipment of the New York tunnel and has also received a large order from the Harriman line.

BUSINESS DRESS OF SENATORS

Hard to Tell a Solon from a Stock Broker Now.

GLORY OF A FORMER DAY IS GONE

Era of Flowing Frack Coats and Black String Ties Has Gone By--A Sprinkling of Sack Suits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28--Not so very long ago almost anybody could spot a senator at sight. There was something unmistakably legislative about the extra long frock coat, generally unbuttoned, the expansive shirt front, generally rumpled, the little black tie, generally shoestring brand, and the big soft black hat.

But new and sometimes strange seeds has come up in recent senatorial crops, until nowadays it takes a good guesser to tell a solon from a stock broker.

The thirteen new senators seem to have little personal use for the old traditions of dress. No flowing frock with ample skirts for them. As a rule their visible skirt fronts are limited in area.

As for black string ties, they are scarcer among the new senators than hair is on top of the vice president's head. If of string tie has to depend on the new senators for resurrection it will remain as dead as the dodo bird.

It is true that the shirt front of the honorable and vociferous Jeff Davis from Arkansas does obtain somewhat upon the startled gaze, but it is soon overshadowed by other and more salient points about the gentleman.

Davis Behind Tillman.

Mr. Davis is seated behind Tillman on the floor of the senate. In his speech the other day--his maiden speech, which flowered too soon--he stamped the new green carpet into holes; he pounded his desk till he jiggled his notes into hopeless confusion; he roared himself purple in the face and flung the size of his own family (one wife and eight sweet children) into the face of the president, who he understood, "has only five at home."

But stop his hardest and assume his most apologetic hue, he still was behind Tillman--literally and oratorically behind him.

Davis, father of eight, wears a gray suit, the coat which is ample enough to wrap at least half his babies hugging in. For the senator from Arkansas is a big man amiable, even if--but there! Let him rest, purple and panting, where, like a broken lily (Lilium tigrinum) he lies--behind Tillman.

Among the dark clad senators his gray suit is rather conspicuous. But then anything as big as it necessarily is would naturally be noticeable. The mind can only experience a sensation of gratitude that his suit is not purple, for instance, like his face; or green, perhaps, like--but again let him rest. He needs it.

Tillman is a Frock Coat.

As for Tillman himself, after years of sagging, dusty sack coats with bulging pockets, he is quite glorious now in a long frock coat adorned as to the lapel with satin.

As a matter of fact, Tillman and Platt could wear coats if there were any way of shrinking Tillman's or stretching Platt's. Even though the likeness goes only coat deep, it is startling enough to

those who remember Tillman's early appearance in the senate.

"There is one item of his dress which still is peculiar to him. He carries his watch in the right hand pocket of his waistcoat. Most men carry the watch in the left pocket, but at the South Carolina fire sale he carried his left eye he carries his watch on the right side.

La Follette, the other catered to the galleries, has been somewhat conspicuous of late by decorating his already effulgent person with a yellow chrysanthemum. Not a large one built on the lines of his own high pilled head, but a plain specimen of moderate dimensions. Nothing, however, could be yellower. At least--nothing in the vegetable world.

Davis is not the only new senator to wear coats. Simon Guggenheim of Colorado wears a dark business suit of irrefragable cut. The cutaway coat is about six shades darker than that which clothes the apologetic Arkansas and calls for about half as much goods, the Colorado man being rather spare than otherwise. He wears a light cloth waistcoat and a four-in-hand tie.

Guggenheim and Smoot.

Senator Guggenheim sticks to his seat more closely than almost any other man in the chamber, unless it is Reed Smoot. But while Smoot (in dark business suit and red tie) seems to be much occupied with papers and writing, Guggenheim puts in his time listening.

One would say that he was bent on getting the hang of the public mind. That in spite of two months he will have acquired a better knowledge of how the senate is conducted that could penetrate the Davis consciousness in two years. But appearances may be misleading.

Borah is another new man who impresses the gallery observer as not only quiet and dignified, but also alert and observant. He wears a good looking black cutaway suit and has noticeably well shaped feet. His head also happens to be well shaped, and the man who made a name in Idaho is likely to continue to be pointed out in the senate even after the Haywood trial has faded from the public mind.

The second seat from Borah is occupied by Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon. He wears eyeglasses rather often than most of the senators, that body being really remarkable for the absence of spectacled members. Of course, many of them put on glasses for reading and writing, but at other times one can glance along the rows without getting a single gleam of spectacle.

Senator Bourne wears a long cutaway suit of dark brown mixture. Its most conspicuous feature is the large flaps on the coat pockets. They give the gentleman an air of being locked and padlocked, of having taken a reef in his communications, of having all the \$5,000,000 conspiracy stories stowed away and the taps pulled down and safely-pinned on the outside.

Beveridge in Sack Suit.

In his new seat on the center aisle, the seat last occupied by Spooner, the grand young man of Indiana is, mellowly conspicuous in a double-breasted blue sack coat and a sensitive air. On the first days of the session he appeared in a truly noble frock coat, appropriate alike to the expression of domestic and of legislative achievement, bettling a husband and a senator. But since then he has worn the sack suit.

Under the Beveridge desk there is a nice fat long footstool built on the lines of an overgrown dachshund. Upon this the "grand young man" perches his well-shod feet and abandons himself to the rap-

temptation of the same. His seems to be the only senatorial footstool and with it he has achieved what appears to be a most comfortable, if somewhat angular, attitude.

Allison, in his familiar seat next to the one chosen by Beveridge, is another of the few who wear sack coats. His is a dark mixture and his tie is a dark bow tie.

Culberson of Texas, the democratic leader, also wears a dark mixture sack suit and dark bow tie. But, though slender, he fills out his clothes better than does the rather wasted figure of the senator from Iowa. There are no more carefully pressed trousers in the chamber than those of Culberson, yet he is a man whom it is impossible to picture as taking undue concern about his appearance beyond the necessity of absolute neatness.

Lodge is Well Groomed.

Lodge is one of the best groomed men in the senate. He gives one the impression of a race horse on edge with training.

Slender, nervous, intense, you can feel the curls pull whenever his patience is taxed--and that perhaps is not seldom. He wears a cutaway business suit of a dark mixture, with sometimes an ascot, sometimes a four in hand tie.

It is a common habit with many of the senators to store one or both hands in their pockets until called for. Tillman, for instance, pushes back his flowing frock coat into good sized wings and thrusts his hands deep into his trousers' pockets whenever he stands talking with any one.

Lodge instead pushes back his coat and plants his left hand--he has long, slender, nervous hands--far back on the side, fingers backward. It is a characteristic attitude.

To deliver of Iowa must be awarded the distinction of wearing the most voluminous frock coat in the senate. He is a big man; though like many other legislators he has the politician's stoop. But his very long and very full coat is big even for a big man.

It is much more voluminous, for instance, than is Heyburn's, though Heyburn is a big man, too. Senator Cullum wears a frock coat, but it doesn't contain much more than enough goods to make a mere patch on the Dolliver garment.

Forker is another wearer of the frock coat. And with it, at least at times, he dons a militant red tie.

What Joe Bailey Wears.

Of course, Bailey of Texas wears a frock coat. His tie looks suspiciously as if he did not have to wear golden moments trying it. But ready-made ties are by no means so uncommon in the legislative halls as the string ties have become.

Senator Aldrich wears black, so does Keen of New Jersey and fifty other senators, including Dewey, who is always accompanied outside the capitol by his alk hat. The vice president, by the way, has been sheltering his somewhat sparsely thatched crown even these winter days under a Fedoras of a light fawn color, unmistakably suggestive of youth and spring.

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