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SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

A Rare Treat—Fancy Linens at Half

A select assortment of imported linen pieces, some of the most beautiful ever shown in Omaha, forms a highly interesting sale here Monday. In the line are handsome embroidered Doilies, Scarfs, Center Pieces and Table Covers, hand made cluny pieces and tureen lace pieces of every size and kind. Prices range from the very low up to \$85.00 each. Entire stock remarked and repriced for the sale. 1/2 Price

Continuing Another Week of the Great Black Silk Sale

Every weave is represented; the line is fully as strong in variety as on the first day. Silks guaranteed to be best qualities and in many instances a trifle over half regular values.

Black Silk Cotelet—A corded silk, 36 inches wide, for one piece dresses, coats, etc., handsome \$1.69 silk, at... 98c
30-inch Taffeta oil boiled, most desirable silk made for petticoats, dresses, etc., \$1 quality... 69c

Initial Display Tomorrow

Fall Dress Fabrics

Every fashion source has been drawn upon for our new lines. Foreign and domestic mills contribute their newest weaves.

Light weight fabrics are to play an important part in the season's showing. The one-piece dress is more popular than ever and calls for such fabrics as Prunellas, serges, solids and wool taffetas and batistes. There's a complete new color range, including chamois, sage, artichoke, vinex, rose, smoke, elephant, wistaria, alpine, 59c, \$1.50 mulberry, olive, burgundy, etc.

Superb New Suitings

Here you will find the fulfillment of all that is new in modern textile art. The rich weaves and the intermingling of the new colorings stamps this as an exposition of fabric fashion far above the ordinary. There are new Diagonals, new Tweeds, new Homospuns and the always popular Broadcloths, of course, running the whole gamut of new shades.

EXTRA SPECIAL Linen Suitings On sale tomorrow—35c all linen suiting, finest grades and best styles, closing at, yard... 9c
EXTRA SPECIAL Embroideries A rare treat—large lot fine Swiss embroideries and edging, 8-inch and 9-inch widths—some match sets—tomorrow... 12 1/2 c

Enamelware for Preserving Time

Half Manufacturers' Cost

The right goods at the right time. Monday we will sell high grade blue and white enamelware, such as—
14-quart Preserving Kettles, each... 39c
16-quart Berlin Kettles, with covers... 39c
12-quart Pails... 2-quart Rice Boilers... 39c
No. 1 Tea Kettles... 17-quart Dish Pans... 39c
3-quart Coffee Pots, All worth 75c, at... 39c
2-hole Gasoline Stoves... \$1.50
1-hole Gasoline Stoves... \$1.50
Tin Fruit Cans, quart size, dozen... 39c

BENNETT'S The Fall Quarterly Style Book and any 15c Ladies' Home Journal Pattern... 20c

Two Days' Corset Selling—Prices About 1-2

This department is after the sales record this month. The last days of August must bring the total to a high water mark. Two great bargains are planned for Monday and Tuesday. High grade batiste corsets in extra and extreme lengths, developing the new Princess effect. Corsets regularly selling at \$1.50 and \$2.50, for... 89c; \$1.29

Its Children's Week at Bennett's—School Apparel is Best Bought Now

One more week—then school. We have made extensive preparations for outfitting the young school goer with durable stylish apparel. The fall lines of dresses for girls and suits for boys are now on the tables. We never knew better clothing to be more economically priced nor any clothing to be more carefully made. Bring the little folks in.

Boys' Serviceable School Suits—Suits of sturdy cassimeres and chevots, specially made to meet the requirements of romping, rollicking boys. Each suit has two pairs knickerbocker pants, coats are double breasted style, in new fall patterns, sizes 8 to 16 years, at \$2.85, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5
Boys' Blouses—Made of light madras, splendid 75c and \$1.00 garments; special... 50c
Knickerbocker Pants—Good woolen materials, made for hard wear... 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Domestics and Blankets

YELLOW CASES—Made of standard grade muslins, full 42x54 inch, usual 15c quality, each... 11c
STRAP SHEETS—Strong and durable, full 9-4 size or 11x90 inches, worth 60c, each... 40c
ALL WOOL BLANKETS—In gray, tan, white and plaid, 11-4 size best \$5.00 values; special for... \$4.50
COTTON BLANKETS—Gray or tan, full 11-4 size, splendid weight, soft and fluffy, \$1.39 quality, pair... 98c

Sale Mussed White Goods

Tomorrow a final closing out of all the slightly mused and tumbled white fabrics that have lost their freshness from window display and handling. There are all sorts of white fabrics in this lot. Laundering will make them as desirable as when newly opened—choice of 25c, 29c, 35c and 45c yard. 19c

High Grade, Sparkling Cut Glass at Half

220 pieces from a Pennsylvania manufacturer closed out to us at 50c on the dollar. Exquisite cuttings, elaborate designs and very brilliant. A timely event for wedding and other gifts.

12 Water Sets, consisting of a four pint jug and six tumblers; ruby cutting, value \$15, now... \$3.98
12 Flower Pots—Fancy cut, 6-in. size with silver lining, very beautiful pieces, valued at \$7.50 for... \$3.50
6 Fern Dishes with silver lining, elaborately cut designs, \$10.00 values— at... \$4.98
10 Nut Bowls, eight inch size, rich deep cut, all perfect values, \$7.50 for... \$3.98
12 Bread and Butter Plates—Dainty star cut design, regular value \$2.00 each, for... 98c
25 Oil Bottles, always a good demand for there, make acceptable gifts, \$4 values... \$1.98
30 Puff Boxes and hair receivers, best American cutting, regularly \$5.00 for... \$1.70—and 40 stamps
Bennett's Golden Coffee, pound... 25c—and 40 stamps
Bennett's Teas, assorted, pound... 45c—and 40 stamps
Cane and Maple Sugar, pound... 50c—and 40 stamps
Biscuits, large assortment, package... 10c—and 10 stamps
Tap Rice, four pounds... 25c—and 10 stamps
Hartley's Jelly Marmalade, 25c jars for... 15c
Pure Honey, pint jar... 25c—and 20 stamps
Pickles, assorted, bottle... 10c—and 10 stamps
Full Cream Cheese, pound... 25c—and 10 stamps
Bennett's Bargain Soap, 10 bars for... 25c
Yacht Club Salad Dressing, bottle... 25c—and 20 stamps
Sterling Glass Starch, 3-lb. pkg... 25c—and 20 stamps
Gem Milk, large can... 10c—and 10 stamps
Snider's Tomato Soup, large can... 25c—and 10 stamps
Earl New Cleanser, 3 pigt... 25c—and 10 stamps
Skat Hand Soap, 2 bars for... 25c—and 10 stamps
Waldorf Chili Sauce bottle... 10c—and 10 stamps
Bennett's Capitol Wax Beans, 15c cans... 10c—and 10 stamps
Culver's Cocoa, 4-cup can... 25c—and 20 stamps
Bennett's Capitol Baking Powder, 5-lb. cans... \$1.00—and 100 stamps
Household Waxes, 5-lb. package... 10c—and 10 stamps

Low Mid-Summer COAL Prices on.....

In addition we offer 100 S. & H. Green Stamps with each ton all week. Guard against possible high prices later by laying in your winter's supply now.

CAPITOL COAL is recognized as the highest grade coal on the market at a similar price. It goes farther, burns to a white ash without soot, and leaves no clinkers.

CAPITOL \$650 COAL Lump \$650 Ton COAL or Nut \$650 Ton Sample Sacks 80c Prompt deliveries to all parts of Omaha, So. Omaha, Dundee, Benson and Florence.

Bennett's Big Grocery

Granulated Sugar, twenty pounds for... \$1.00
Bennett's Golden Coffee, pound... 25c—and 40 stamps
Bennett's Teas, assorted, pound... 45c—and 40 stamps
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CENTENARY OF DR. HOLMES

Recollections of the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

WIT IN POETRY AND PROSE

Power and Influence as a Speaker on Two Noted Occasions—His Home and Family Life and Public Works.

Among many of great American babies born into the world in 1809, who later on became world figures, Oliver Wendell Holmes takes high rank. The practice of medicine was his vocation, literature his avocation. By the former he acquired local repute; by the latter he secured an audience as world-wide as written English.

The centenary of his birth, August 29, is suitably commemorated with recollections of the genial poet and autocrat and reviews of his works. On the occasion of his 90th anniversary eighteen years ago, Dr. Holmes said to a visitor, speaking of his birthplace in Boston: "It was a great happiness to have been born in an old house haunted by recollections, with harmless ghosts walking its corridors, with fields of waving grass and sleek, shining birds, and that vast territory of four or five acres around it, to give to a child the notion that he was born to a noble inheritance."

The "ghosts" referred to revolutionary times, when the old homestead was the headquarters of the American army, and where General Washington had often been entertained. It was of his old home that the poet wrote: "Hence to North window in the wintry weather, My airy spirit on the river shore, I watch the sea fowl as they flock together, Whence the boatman splashed his dripping oar."

Dr. Holmes descended from various Wendells, Olivers, Quincy's and Bradstreet's, and the best blue blood of New England was in his veins.

Tribute to His Grandmother. He immortalized his grandmother in one of his best poems, which, while it gives a delicious picture of his ancestral family, is brimming with humorous conceits, as when he says: "O, Samuel Dorothy, Dorothy Q., Strange is the gift I owe to you."

What if a hundred years ago Those closed-shut lips had answered "No" When forth the tremulous question came That cost the maiden her Norman name? Should he be wiser, or would it be One-tenth another to nine-tenths me? There was good Dutch Blood in Dr. Holmes on the Wendell side. In his Phi Beta Kappa poem of 1831 he wrote: "Our ancestors were dwellers beside the Snyder Sea. Both Grotius and Erasmus were countrymen of us. And Vondel was our namesake, though he spelt it with a V."

In 1809 Dr. Holmes was married to Amelia Lee Jackson, a daughter of Hon. Charles Jackson, judge of the supreme court of Massachusetts. For eighteen happy years he lived in Montgomery place in Boston, and no shadow ever crossed his threshold. His summer residence was in Pittsfield, up among the Berkshire hills. "Where seven blessed summers were passed which stand in memory like the seven golden candlesticks in the beatific vision of the holy dreamer."

To enumerate the works of our poet, physician and professor, would be to fill a page with titles. "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" papers have alone given him fame in his prose writings. Among his novels, "Elsie Vennor," a psychological study, is the most remarkable. It deserves to rank with the "Scarlet Letter" of Hawthorne. "The Last Leaf," and the "One-Horse Shay," are his favorite poems, so he told me, and wrote in pencil on a card, his favorite verse of the Leaf: "And if I should live to be The last leaf upon the tree In the spring, Let them still as I do now At the old forsaken bough, Where I cling."

First of a Group of Wits. In quickness of wit, says the Outlook Magazine, Dr. Holmes was easily the first of the group of wits who bequeathed to Boston a tradition of captivating talk which Aldrich easily continued, and which promises to survive many changes that have come upon the old city on the three hills. In his later years Dr. Holmes created a new kind of monologue; his reputation made younger men slow of speech in his presence, and he fell into the habit of being his own interlocutor. This monologue had all the vivacity and variety of a sustained conversation, there were, indeed, few conversations that could rival it in range and richness of resource. Dr. Holmes has somewhere defined genius as the ability to light one's own fire; that was his special quality. He could set himself to going, so to speak, and as his talk flowed along he continually re-inspired himself. There was a frank and innocent egotism about him that was entirely captivating. "I am told," he once said, "that I am entirely spoiled. What harm does it do if you are spoiled—after you're 80?" It was no small part of the pleasure of hearing this monologue to see his keen enjoyment of the play of his mind; the surprise which he turned unexpected corners, the boyish elation of coming on unforeseen bits of pure fun.

There was in this monologue all the elements of a fully developed conversation; quickness of criticism, irony, wit, humor, wise comment, shrewd guess, pungent characterization. Many a man has gone away from the "Autocrat" after one of those "nocturnal ambrosians" intent to preserve some memorandum of the charm of the talk, its vital quality, its lambent wit, its quick flashes of intelligence, only to find that it was like trying to photograph the lightning that plays about the horizon on summer evenings. Unless the elusive conditions of the time and place, the flavor of personality and the atmosphere of a fleeting hour can be preserved, such talk is unrepeatable. It remains a kind of brilliant mist in the memory, with a few individual flashes left on the mind. "I have done my share in paying tributes of respect to many poets of my own land

and other lands," he wrote Mr. Winter in his seventy-fifth year, "and the time has come when I must claim the privilege of leaving the kind of tasks I have so often undertaken—grateful and honorable as they are—to others who can do full justice to occasions * * *. I told a gentleman who called upon me at a dinner the other day that I was an eccentric professor, after more than thirty-five years' service, but an emeritus as occasional venturer of more than fifty years' speaking."

Power as a Speaker. In that half-century of tribute-bearing to genius and to friendship Dr. Holmes was never dull, rarely mechanical, often so happily inspired that he made the occasion memorable in our literary history. Emerson sometimes threw a spell over his listeners. Those who heard his speech at a dinner years ago in honor of Burns speak of his magical effect, due to the personality of the speaker, the charm of his beautiful voice, the quality of expression in his manner, the unerring felicity of phrase which came at the end of the recurring pause that kept his auditors on tiptoe with eager anticipation. Dr. Holmes touched the heart of such occasions so lightly, with phrases so affectionate and yet tempered with restraint, that he moved his hearers as deeply as he moved himself. Mr. Winter has given us a vivid impression of his manner and effectiveness. "At times when he had thus to speak he became eagerly animated; joyously excited; keenly conscious of the intellectual feat he was about to accomplish and of the effect to be produced. His countenance, pleasingly eccentric rather than conventionally handsome, and more remarkable for intensity and variety of expression than for regularity of features, would at such moments glow with fervency of emotion; his brilliant eyes would blaze as with interior light; * * * his voice, clear and sympathetic, but neither strong nor deep, would tremble, and sometimes momentarily break with ardor and impetuosity at feeling." Mr. Winter describes his bearing at a dinner in honor of the poet Moore, when, on rising, he fixed his gaze steadily for a few significant seconds on a bust of the poet, and then, without a word of preamble, began a glowing apostrophe to the Irish singer in the form of an illuminative parallel between his genius and that of Burns, catching and bringing back the very note of Moore himself. "The effect of it was magical. A brilliant assemblage, hushed, almost breathless with excitement, hung enraptured upon every syllable and every tone, and when the last words rang from the speaker's lips, there was such a tumult of acclamation as seemed to shake the walls."

FROST AROUND WINNIPEG

Four Degrees is Reported at Several Points in Saskatchewan Province.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 28.—Four degrees of frost was reported last night at several points in Saskatchewan province, Yonka, Battleford, Edmonton, Calgary and Swift Current.

Thirty Degrees

Fall in Mercury in Just One Day

Cool Air Brings the Temperature from Ninety-Six Down to Sixty-Six.

What a difference just a few hours make! The temperature in Omaha fell exactly twenty-seven degrees in twenty-four hours, but approximately thirty degrees. The government thermometer showed 96 at noon Friday and 92 at the same hour Saturday, or 96 at 3 p. m. Friday and 66 at 10 a. m. Saturday.

The decline in temperature was heralded by a gust of wind that arrived early Friday night, though the atmosphere had been so long surcharged with excessive heat that it required several good, fussy jolts of this wind to change conditions. The change was so rapid that when the minimum of 66 was reached at 10 a. m. people who had sweated in those 36 degrees of heat on the previous day pinched themselves to see if it were really true.

Threatening clouds Friday night and Saturday thus far have failed to make good, but Colonel Welsh promises a continuation of the cool weather, so his friends are hoping that he will yet relent and send the rain.

Omaha Twelfth in Bank Clearings

Outranks Any American City of Its Size and Several Twice Its Population.

Bradstreet's weekly statements of the bank clearings of the principal cities of the country put Omaha in twelfth place, the highest position ever occupied by the Gate City.

Omaha shows a gain of 25.6 per cent on the week, which is a larger gain than any of the big cities except New York and Philadelphia. The high position in the table occupied by Omaha is helped along by a volume of 14.3 per cent of Minneapolis, which puts Omaha above that city.

Not a city of Omaha's size in population, or anywhere approaching its size, has for many years surpassed it or come near it in clearings. On the other hand, Omaha stands, month after month and year after year, ahead of many cities that boast twice its population, and some cities, whose maintenance comes from the pockets of sick people or rich sinners, that claim three times as many as Omaha. Of the cities larger than Omaha which are surpassed by the Gate City in bank clearings are Louisville, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Denver, Seattle, St. Paul, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Washington, Providence and several others.

European Impressions of a First-Tripper

By Rev. Adolf Ruit, Pastor Swedish Immigrant Lutheran Church of Omaha.

VIENNA.—The "blue Danube," as well as the "green Rhine," look amazingly like our "Big Muddy" this summer. It is strange how old ideas chafed into the tablet of the mind are erased, or almost so, by travel and first hand experience. Often a hill will turn out to be the mountain of your reading and study, and the blue streams rather discolored waters. Never mind, for the Danube still retains its ancient splendor. The Rhine is the river of vine-clad, sunny hills, ruined castles on rugged crags, medieval history and modern glory in war and in peace, a river bright in the world's eyes, and the most untouched forests, higher and grander than the heights of the Rhine. In the midst of this rich, deep-green verdure lonely white mountains break in on the eyes. There are many wayside chapels, too, of Protestant and Catholic, and a few rustic stone houses, the Danube far exceeds the cheery, pretty Rhine, and it must be called a pity that so few American travelers take a tour on this indescribably superb river.

The boats cannot compare with those of the Rhine. Austrian slackness instead of Prussian industry and the easy-going manner of the officers and crew indicate that you are in the realms of the, perhaps, crumbling Hapsburg dynasty, and not in forceful Kaiser Wilhelm's land.

On this Danube tour the writer had a long conversation with a Roman priest from Bavaria as to the relations between England and Germany. "With France we would not so war with it. We wish peace with England, but England is jealous of us and does not gladly see our encroachments on its industrial and commercial supremacy. We do not seek war with England, but if it does come to us with it, it will be an inspired people's war." The gentleman is army chaplain. It strikes us from Anglo-Saxon America strange to hear such utterances, and they are frequently made by educated and uneducated Germans. But if Zoppelin's warship comes into general use, Germany and every other nation will think twice before they rush into a useless combat. My clerical informant on the German-English situation was also an enthusiast for the separation of church and state. I was astonished to hear him say: "The ideal of my life is the separation of church and state. See how our church has prospered thereby in America." A note for us in America. We have, theoretically this separation and we wish no intermingling of the distinctive provinces of church and state. Its baneful effect can be studied to great advantage in the states of Europe.

In the midst of our conversation Vienna came within our view. A first tripper experiences a strange and mysterious feeling when he approaches a great and famous city of which he has read and

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heard much. Vienna, capital of a conglomerate peoples called Austrians, may best be described by the one word splendid. Paris is beautiful, London tremendous, Nuremberg quaint, but Vienna is splendid. Heavily had we been there more than a few minutes before an elegant equipage drawn by two fine horses and carrying four grandly uniformed officers hurried by us, the footman in trim livery, all the while sounding his bugle. The speed indicated something else but a pleasure drive. The gentlemen were officers of the fire department on their way to a fire in splendid Vienna. Let the city council of Omaha take note! Through and through this tone of elegance and splendor strikes you in the architecture of public buildings, in the almost unrolled Circle Boulevard and in the life of the citizens.

The slender, graceful, tapering tower of St. Stephen's cathedral everywhere attracts your attention. In fact, the tower is the most striking point about this great old Gothic church. How amazed one becomes to find such a temple in a shabby, crowded district, so closed in by shops that a good total view of the structure is impossible. In so many cases this occurs, as in olden times the cities were surrounded by huge walls and space within the walls did not increase as did the population. In Antwerp one seeks almost in vain for a satisfactory view of the cathedral. The beautiful Romanesque cathedral of Mainz is almost entirely enclosed by buildings, so that I found some difficulty in trying to get within this rich old church. Modern cities do not need the walls and therefore new churches, even in old European cities, often have a beautifully open situation. Vienna possesses a modern Gothic church, the Volkirche, built in 1852, that proves how idealistic the children of a later age can be. In traveling through Europe one is overwhelmed by the marvelous beauty of imagination, purity of art ideals and skill in execution shown by the architects and artists of former ages. We can build commercial structures, but our more idealistic creations of architecture seem very cold, hard and unsatisfying when compared with ancient, mediæval and sixteenth century work. Vienna's modern civic buildings, the theater, museums and government buildings show up rather splendidly, but between them and St. Stephen's lies an almost impenetrable chasm. The Volkirche comes quite close to being an old-time Gothic inspiration, without actually rising so high.

Vienna is an imperial, and not only a royal city. The name emperor in a capital gives a certain spirit of majesty to the place. Yet, how insecure the imperial throne of Vienna in comparison with the royal thrones of London! The writer was present at a session of the Parliament. The German element and the Slavonic were wrangling on the school question. Each one of the peoples that make up

Austria are anxious to have schools in their own language. The Czechs are making a bold fight along that line. To us it seems curious that a city, say Vienna, should have German, Czech, Hungarian and other public schools. Austria is conglomerate. Its unity is political, not racial, not national. There seems to be a certain dispirited tone in the Parliament. The whole thing lacked nerve and verve. I was rather surprised to find how meek and soft the socialistic speakers were. Their problem evidently is a side issue compared with the tragical battle of nationalities which threatens to disrupt the Austrian empire. No one appeared to have any clear view as to the probable future development. A spirit of uncertainty broods over the political and national life of Austria at present.

The Viennese have for generations been famed for their hospitality and cheerfulness. Stress and strain, agony and pain do not characterize the temperament, nature and states of the Viennese. Life in Vienna has much of the German phlegmatic trend plus considerable Parisian elegance, minus the French fussiness in etiquette and manners. Like all Europeans, they love the safe life. The whole family goes out after the day's labor. It interests the traveler considerably to study the various types of this European safe existence. In Paris the keynote seems to be display, style, smart appearance. In Vienna a good-natured, happy sociability after the day's toil prevails. The family comes much more into view in Vienna than in bright, elegant, wild Paris. The city, par excellence, of dazzling social events. As the Austrians take things calmly, a certain lovely charm and restfulness marks their public and social life. It is a people that would for its own welfare need to study somewhat the "strenuous life" if the lesson of strenuousness could be learned for good and not to the destruction of that amiable, hearty, easy spirit for which the Austrians are known, and the Viennese distinctly.

JULES LOMBARD WELL AGAIN

Veteran War Singer Shakes Off Disease and Is Up and Around.

Jules Lombard, the veteran war singer who made his home in Omaha for so many years, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be around Chicago, where he now resides.

The local Pennsylvania railroad office is in receipt of a message from its Chicago office saying Mr. Lombard had paid that office a visit a day or two ago and said he was feeling fine.

Owing to his great age it was generally feared his late illness would prove fatal, but the sturdy old frame shook off the haze of disease and is good for another lap.

Jules Lombard, for years in the service of the Pennsylvania, is on its pension roll.

