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Latest Autumn Dress Fabrics

An exhibition of Fall fabric fashion, beautiful in the extreme. Table after table fairly groaning under stocks of new imported and domestic woolens of the most wanted kinds. Every color brought out in a score of shades. Rich broadcloths, fancy self-color weaves and plain materials for suits and dresses. We are doing an immense business because we show the variety and name the most moderate prices—

75c-89c-$1-$1.25-$3

Monday Special
39 Pieces
India Twills

A very handsome imported twilled fabric, 46 inches wide, light weight and fine texture, large range of colors; $2.00 goods..... **$1.29**

Golf Red Coating—We have on sale now a line of beautiful, bright red coating, specially well adapted for children's coats.—It's 56 inches wide, all wool, and heavy. Monday ..... **98¢**

Trimmings and Braids—Quite the best showing of dress garnitures of the season, practically every new thing with any merit is featured. Foreign novelties to match the new dress goods.

Jet Trimmings—A special lot narrow and wide widths, band effects, 25c and 35c values at ..... **12½¢**

The Newest Silk
36-Inch
Cashmere de Soie

This is a wonderfully fine soft silk with a dull finish, drapes gracefully and is in great favor for evening and dinner gowns, also shown in many shades suitable for street wear—a full yard wide and worth $2.00, for..... **$1.19**

Skinner Lining Satin in the best colors, genuine article with name on selvedge — 36 inch, our price **$1.25**

COME HERE FOR BLACK SILKS MONDAY

We will have on the counters a late shipment of very brilliant Black Taffeta, a yard wide fabric that has lots of body and which will give excellent service, made for $1.25 retailing, our price Monday .. **79¢**

BENNETT'S

FREE—Any 15c Ladies' Home Journal Pattern with the Fall Style Book, at.... 20¢

Art Needlework Novelties

Our importation of foreign novelties for the holidays have arrived. We show exclusively:

German Embroideries—Done on silk moire and linen crash; designs taken from old tapestries of ancient castles.

Scarfs, Pillow Tops, Table Squares—Including the new table pieces in cross design, something entirely different and new.

We also have complete stocks of new stenciled and stamped pieces. Stamping done and designs changed to suit.

October Dinnerware Days

Very impressive bargains on fine imported China in open stock patterns—G. D. A., CHAS. FIELD, HAVILAND CHINA.

Four Patterns Greatly Reduced.

100-Piece Dinner Set—Pink rose border, with gold line, plain shape, a beautiful $65 set, at **$42.50**

100-Piece Dinner Set—Handsome green border decorated with gold line and gold stippling, very delicate design and real $65 value, at **$42.50**

100-Piece Dinner Set—In green reed border, with intersecting pink roses, gold lined and matt gold handles, $80 sets, at **$60**

100-Piece Dinner Sets—Very fine, heavy body China, with heavy incrustations, plain shape, a magnificent $150 set, for **$115**

25 PER CENT REDUCTION on above patterns from open stock.

Absolute Clothes Satisfaction In These

Women's Fall Suits

New shipments for Monday—something different to any we have shown this season. Rich, refined, dignified, plain tailored models of the choicest materials, lined with the heavy guaranteed Skinner satin.

Women's apparel with tone and individuality as well. You feel the satisfaction that your purchase is well made when you buy these suits.

They are devoid of all trimming; just the slightest touch of self-strapping is given to them to break the monotony.

These are values in their truest sense and typify the Bennett endeavors to give you better garments than any other house in the city. Prices are..... **$25-$29.50**

Late Wooltex Models

Wooltex suits are attractive because of their exquisite fit, simplicity and quiet refinement. Excellent materials and beautiful tailoring are shown to their best advantage in Wooltex suits. These splendid styles are identical to those pictured in the Ladies' Home Journal and are chosen by America's best dressed women. Wooltex is sold in Omaha exclusively at Bennett's..... **$35**

Hardware

Every housewife will appreciate these savings in the enamelware section.

75c Pieces for ..... **29¢**

Enameled egg poachers
4 qt. enameled pitchers
8 qt. Berlin sauce pans **29c**

14-qt. Preserving Kettles 39c
10 & 12-qt. enamel water pails 39c
17-qt. Enamel dish pans 39c
6-qt. Berlin Kettles 39c
Galvanized Iron Coal Hods.... 25c
And 20 Green Stamps.
Furnace Scoops 65c
And 20 Green Stamps.
15c Stove Pipe, special..... 10c
10c Stove Pipe Dampers..... 8c
25c Wilson Bread Toaster..... 15c
25c Elite Sink Strainer..... 15c
89c Galv. Wash Tubs Monday.. 59c
79c Galv. Wash Tubs, Monday, 49c

Peninsular Stoves

Four numbers we are featuring at less than regular prices

Oak Coal Heaters, with 12-inch fire pot, on sale at..... $7.50
$44.00 Base Burner, 15-inch fire pot $39.50
$48.00 Steel Range, Peninsular Electro, for $33.50
$4.00 Laundry Stoves at..... $3.00

Capitol Coal

Try a Sample Sack for 30c

So positive are we that Capitol Coal is the best coal for you to buy, we sell sample sacks for a trial test before ordering a quantity.

Hundreds of families buy Capitol Coal year after year. It's the best soft coal mined. Gives more heat, burns up cleaner, and is more lasting than any other coal we know of selling up to $8.50 a ton.

Capitol Coal $6.50 a Ton

Better try a sample sack if you have never used Capitol Coal—Deliveries to Omaha and suburbs.

Autumn Millinery

An exhibition of new Fall hats expressive of the highest types of fashionable headgear. New broad tip-tilted styles are in high favor and abundantly shown in new moire, silk, felt and beaver effects, sumptuously trimmed with rich wings, ostrich, Persian bands, etc.

Bennett's Popular Prices

$5.00 $7.50 $10.00 $15.00

again have caught the public fancy and making record-breaking selling. Bennett's hats give you more style, richer materials and more artistic conceptions at a lower cost than all Omaha is offering.

No better time to put us to the test than now.

Table Linen
Monday only 70-inch bleached, all linen damask; 90c value—
75c

Towel "Seconds"
Hemmed Huck towels, 22x45-inch, only slightly imperfect, 17c value,
11c

Bed Spreads
Hemmed and fringed, full bed size marseilles pattern; $1.75 value,
$1.39

Sheets Special
Bleached sheets, full bed size, 3-in. hem, center seam; 59c quality, Monday—
48c

Cotton Blankets
Full size, heavy weight, grey or tan, worth $1.39 pair, at—
98c

Comforter Bargains
Large cotton filled comforter, hand tied, best $1.35 line, at—
$1.00

An Entire Week of Music Bargains

Sheet Music

Per Copy 5c Six for 25c

Thousands of copies, hundreds of titles. Most enduring and universally popular music ever written at a wonderful bargain price all week.

VOCAL

Ave Maria, Anchored, Afterwards, Alone, Celestial, Calvary, Aida, Dream of Paradise, Heart Bowed Down, My Rosary, Pilgrim's Chorus, Voices of the Woods, Wearing of the Green.

Believe me in all those enduring young charms.

INSTRUMENTAL

Alice, Angel's Dream, Anvil Chorus, Angel's Serenade, Battle of Waterloo, Bl'k Hawk Waltz, Blue Danube, Colonial Guards, Cavalleria Rusticana, Chop Sticks, Over the Waves, Overture (patriotic), On the Meadow, Poet and Peasant, Come Back to Erin, Camp of the Gipsies, Dorothy, Dying Poet, Edelweiss Glide, Flower Song, The Fountain, Garland of Roses, Home, Sweet Home (with variations), Rustic Dance, Silvery Waves, The Tulip, Woodland Echo, Il Trovatore, Love and Valor, Last Hope, Mountain Belle, Maiden's Prayer, Marching Through Georgia, Old Kentucky Home, Mocking Bird—with variations, William Tell, Under the Double Eagle, Largo, Morning Prayer.

Groceries

Bennett's Golden Coffee, lb... 20c
And 30 Green Stamps.
Bennett's Challenge Coffee, lb. 18c
And 30 Green Stamps.
Bennett's Teas, assorted, lb.. 48c
And 50 Green Stamps.
Heinz Sour Mixed Pickles, qt.. 20c
And 20 Green Stamps.
Virginia Swiss Cheese, lb.... 25c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Cream Cheese, lb..... 20c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Tea Garden Preserves, jar..... 30c
And 30 Green Stamps.
Gaillard Olive Oil, large bot.. 70c
And 70 Green Stamps.
Stollwerck Bros. Cocoa, ½-lb. can for 30c
And 20 Green Stamps.
French cut Loaf Sugar, pkg... 25c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Sweet Pickled Peaches, qt..... 25c
And 20 Green Stamps.
Cocoanut and Vanilla Cookies, fresh 12c
Strait's Cube Pineapple, can.. 20c
And 30 Green Stamps.
Capitol Wheat or Oats, 2-lb. pkg. for 11c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Capitol Pancake, pkg..... 11c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Capitol Baking Powder, lb. can 24c
And 20 Green Stamps.
Yankee Rose Toilet Soap, 3 for 25c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Pickles, assorted, bottle,..... 10c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Polk's Soups, three cans..... 25c
And 10 Green Stamps.
Evaporated Peaches—A close out sale while quantity lasts—splendid Evaporated Peaches, lb.. 5c
DOUBLE STAMPS ON SUGAR.

European Impressions of a First-Tripper

By Rev. Adolf Hult, Pastor Swedish Immanuel Lutheran Church of Omaha.

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SWEDEN is a pretty land. Its people are a kind people. To travel there is a journey of delight. The manner and methods of the Swedish nation have softening and polishing ease that tell of southern influence. They are by all odds the gentlest and most refined of the Germanic peoples of Europe. France's influence has been at work in Sweden since the days of the brilliant and literary Gustaf III (1771-1792) and later through the present talented Bernadotte dynasty founded in 1818 by Napoleon's general, a native of Pau in the Pyrenees, and elected to the throne by the Swedish people. Once Sweden was the home of the strand-pillaging, fearless vikings, whose raids were dreaded from the Baltic to the shores of Portugal. Once "the snow majesty of the north," the noble and mighty Gustavus Adolphus (1611-1632), ruled over one of the three world powers of Europe, which were England, France and Sweden. In those days the Swedish character was historically creative and politically ambitious. Gustavus Adolphus threw 18,000 soldiers into Germany in the Thirty Years' war and his genius, generalship and wisdom achieved the glorious independence of a Protestant civilization from the threatened subjection under a Latin, South European type of civil and religious life. Modern history was rescued. Today the Land of the Midnight Sun is the home of an intelligent, gentle and gifted people that are out of the great race of the military nations of Europe. How could the powerful people of Gustavus Adolphus become the docile nation of today? Charles XII (1697-1718), the celebrated erratic and tragic warrior, bled Sweden by his unhappy campaigns, and finally was crushed (1709) at Pultawa by Peter the Great. Just 100 years afterwards (1809) Sweden lost Finland to Russia. Almost a century from then (1905) Norway slipped away from the Swedish scepter and the pacific and learned Oscar II acquiesced in the separation without a stroke of his polished sword. The present serious and determined king might have acted otherwise. Those three national defeats have hammered down the will of the Swedish people and hence "the gentle Swede" of later history. A nation may suffer temporary reverses and still retain its prowess if victories only some time come back, but 200 years of continuous loss must tell, and has told, on the nation's life. The great weakness of fair Sweden today is its lack of sturdy will power and initiative such as you find in those semi-Celtic northerners, the rugged, forward and contentious Norwegians, a spleendid mountain people.

While Sweden lost her prestige she turned to the finer life. The peaceful arts have thrived the more these last 200 years. Modern education the world over knows the Swedish "sloyd," or manual training, and the revolution it is effecting in the entire school system of today. There are less illiterates in Sweden than in our own land. Sweden's literature is a marvel of beauty, as the language itself is one of the world's most expressive, finished and ringing. The lyrical (song) poetry often matches Heine and Shakespeare at their very best. You may go among the upper classes or the peasantry, everywhere the prevailing tone is refined. In this one respect the German falls by comparsion, is angular, provocative and inclined to resentment. As the Swedes are a nation of fine, well-nigh sad (wehmutig) feelings, whatever they do and say tends to have that same spirit. There is as much feeling in the Swede as there is will in the independent, charactered Norwegian. At the same time the Swede is a calm and clear thinker. Had the profound philosopher Bostrom been a German and not a Swede, his gigantic personality-philosophy would have been one of the grand landmarks of thought. But the Swedes are poor at self-advertisement (except in the present general srikel). In fact, they have been a little too proudly indolent to make their treasures known and hence Bostrom has remained exclusively a Swedish figure. If the Swedes would exchange some of their refined backwardness for a little of the almost Celtic push and clamor of the Norwegians, the world would be astonished at the wealth of intellectual, spiritual and artistic attainments of the people in that pretty land of the midnight sun.

Southern Sweden somewhat resembles Iowa and Illinois plus a certain picturesque northern cast of the landscape. Middle Sweden inclines to become rugged, especially toward Norway. Northern Sweden is an irregular foot-hill country worn down by the Norwegian glaciers, and is the most sombre and wild, romantic and mysterious part of the land. There the midnight sun blazes all through the night of early summer, a sight of gorgeous, yet calm splendor. Farthest north you have bald hills and bogs like in Finland and Russia. Of the ten Europeann capitals I have seen, Stockholm has the most glorious situation, Berne of the Swiss Alps alone contending with the northern metropolis. Situated on islands and ragged, rocky shores of the world-famous "spaergord" (skerry walls) of Stockholm in that strangely luminous atmosphere of northern land that seems like a prism, Stockholm is a city of indescribable loveliness. Not so much the civic works as the location astonished and pleased me beyond telling. Sweden is not a wealthy land, considerable of its natural resources are, though, underworked, and too often in the hands of foreigners. Its cities evidence the fact. You will not seek Berlin's civic pomp here. But if you love pleasing effects, homey, cheery, fresh and bright sights and a population that knows how to enjoy life in a prevailingly cultured and hearty manner, then look to the luminous capital of the north, beautiful Stockholm. Would this city command the wealth of London or Paris, those strategically beautiful islets and shores would offer the finest opportunity for architectural magnificence and lanscape architecture of perhaps any capital in Europe. But the Swedes are not now a commerical people, do not love money for money's sake as we Americans, though they are faithfully industrious and possessed of actual genius for mechanical engineering of every kind. (Our John Erickson of "Monitor and Merrimac" fame was trained in Sweden. Swedish civil and mechanical engineers are found all over America and the world). Therefore Stockholm can hardly become just such a show place as Berlin. Its palace is a plain, but quite majestic structure. Perhaps the finest new building is the superb "Nordiska museet" (Northern museum), in a sort of Swedish Rococo style of architecture, as striking a piece of work as the similar German Rococo "Rathhaus" of Liepzig. And what a stroke of genius the conception of this museum and its open air consort, "Skansen," out on a most captivating peninsula, formerly a royal park. In the museum all the provinces of Sweden are represented in different rooms. This is the peasant department. In upper stories there comes a chronological display from the middle and higher classes. Here you can see how the people lived in their homes, the furniture, the clothes, the utensils, and the national costumes on fairly good wax figures. Out on the rocky, woody "Skansen," Sweden's folk games and folk dances are given every day by experts. Characteristic peasant cottages have been brought in from all over the land. Home pleasantry and folk music are offered in these, while national amusements, such as the "Maypole" are engaged in out of doors during the proper season. Folk life addresses and lectures, folk concerts, instruction in questions of importance to home and church and state—anything that tends to waken the national sense or to reimburse the national consciousness finds artistic and scientific treatment. It is an open air ethnological exhibition and university in real life and for Sweden's common people especially. The patriotic and educational value of this unique institution has been, is, and will be immense. Nothing in all Sweden interested me quite as much, hardly the surging green Trollhattan falls, or the long and narrow charm-lake of Fryken, or Gustaf Vasa's realms in far north Dalarne. Even my cathedral enthusiasm, satisfied so thoroughly at that sublimest church of Sweden, the cathedral of Lund, or at the larger restored Gothic temple of Upsala, almost yielded to the prophetic "Skansen."

Sweden is coming to her old self again, I hope, even if first through more agony and a deeper crisis, what and when, only the God of history knows. She has had too much of the French for 125 years, too little of her native sturdy Swedish. Remarkable, though, how exceptionally fine her development has been, if we except the American, British and Scandinavian liquor evil and the too prevalent habit of cursing. There are 2,000,000 Swedes and Swedish-Americans in the United States. If the legal fraternity should depend on these for their experience at the bar and for income the lawyer's profession would be no attraction. The criminal history of our land has a comparatively brief story to tell so far of the misdeeds of Swedes and their descendants. There must, therefore, have been some splendid training over in the good land of Sweden to make such results possible. The Lutheran church of the country, whatever her numerous faults, has deeply influenced the inner life of the people. It has often stood for high ideals, all things considered. Sweden's rulers have generally been men of manly motives, not always great men, but kindly and fatherly toward the people. Moreover, the Swedes are not a passionate nation of extreme tendencies, but harmony loving. They might, in a way, be called the Greeks of the north, so calm and contemplative are they and warm of sentiment without the white heat of peoples with a more pronounced will. Where but in Sweden could a general strike be carried on in all lines of industry so peacefully, with a royal order forbidding the sale of intoxicants, and that manifesto almost becoming the new platform of the labor unions themselves? A week ago the strikers threatened to boycott the Stockholm saloons—climax of labor union humor!

Next to Stockholm I think that the most characteristic single number for the tourist is the famous trip on the Gotha canal from Gothenburg to Stockholm, or its best part, from Stockholm to Jonkoping, the city on Lake Vettern with Naples-like surroundings. You go clean across the country from the southwest to the capital on the Baltic, midway up the east coast. Over the plains, through the large lake of Venern, again on the Ostgotha plain, then into the crystal clear, easily stormy Lake Vettern, over hill districts and peaceful lakelets, into the Skaergord of Stockholm—the entire way teems with interest of a placid and often amazingly lovely order. No European journey excels this tour in its own line. It is not the Norwegian grandeur, but the pleasing, winsome, fair Swedish type of scenery you get on this canal.

Sweden's scenery has its counterpart in Sweden's men and women of genius. Not grandly wild and awesome as the Norwegian fields and Norway's Ibsen, but beautiful in the Greek sense of fine harmony, calm contemplation, a very soulful and spiritual profundity. Few people of the world have been so innately religious as the Swedes. True, the country is since some fifteen years in the midst of a serious intellectual, social and religious crisis. Young Sweden, whatever its hot aspirations may be, falls far behind the immediately preceding generation, the men and women over 35 years of age. The German socialistic ideas have temporarily crazed and bewildered the fundamentally moderate and thoughtful Swede. There are grievous reason for social unrest inherited from the past. Wages have till lately been low. The poor were obliged to hold their cap in hand abjectly to their superiors. Sweden's most unprofitable capital has for two centuries been, not its excellent common people, but its lazy, too much pleasure-loving men of business and gentry. The state church question also of late agitates many, as all over Europe in Protestant or Roman or Greek countries. A state church is from now on an anachronism, whatever its undoubted services in former ages—and these are very considerable when studied historically. The normally kind Swedish mind is at present in a flutter. There is an anxious feeling in men's hearts, and a grim look on the faces of some radicals. Sweden must come back to her old fearless sturdiness, is my deep conviction. That alone will solve the problem. The courage, manliness, self-sacrifice, kernelly mentality of the times of Gustavus Adolphus must return. To her old-time beautiful contemplation and nobility of purpose, unparallelled hospitality, almost spiritual seriousness and honesty, still with her in a mildened degree, must come more determination to dare and to do, to battle in deed as well as word. She needs no less refinement and no less spiritual sincerity, but she must acquire boldness to act quickly and wisely in a crisis and to hit hard when necessary. It will not harm her, if she adds to her sensitiveness, courtesy and regard, the German and Norwegian emphasis to convictions and accent to the deeds. In many points she has no superior in Europe, particularly in inner fineness of mind and rather unmaterialistic view of life. Scholarship and culture stand in higher repute there than in our own land almost. She has had and has men and women of towering excellence. Linne was hers, our John Ericson too, Jenny Lind and Christine Nelson were her daughters. Great philosophers like Geijer and Bostrom have taught her thinking men. Eminent poets as the soaring idealist Tegner (Longfellow translated his "Children of the Lord's Supper quite meritoriously) and that national bard, Sweden's Schiller, Runeberg, and other lyric and epic poets of exquisite genius sang in her realm. As we may expect, she has no eminent dramatist; her mind is lyrical and epic. All probabilities point toward the granting of the next Nobel literary prize to her now world-known novelist, Selma Lagerlof. The most cultured monarch of his time was the late venerable, Oscar II. I can name only a few of her mighty ones. There has for generations been an abundance of rich personalities within her borders. When a powerful impetus is once given to the Swedish will, Sweden can yet again take her rank among the most influential of nations. It rests with her to waken and focus her really superb, but scattered energies in a few momentous and actualized convictions of heart and mind and life. Will she? She can, if she will!

Sweden is a land of many charms, a very haven of restful pleasures. And, oh, the self-sacrificing hospitality of its cheerful homes! To the thoughtful tourist there is a strange mysticism in nature and in man there, not of the gigantic, Ibsenesque Norwegian type, but of the heart of things, a land of song and songs, where the fireside tale that is told receives a touch from mystical realms of blissful loveliness, a land of poets, singers and fruitful thinkers. There dwells a people once in the first ranks of Europe, at present in useful, retired quietness, but capable, under God, of throwing its many wonderous gifts again into the greater current of universal life, on the one condition of unequivocal return to its own fine genius.

ARMY CONTRACTORS WINS

W. E. Thomas Hears News While Here of Court Award Giving Him $750,000 in Kansas City.

W. E. Thomas, an army supply contractor of prominence, is in Omaha making preparations for the subsistence of the Seventh cavalry on the march overland to Fort Riley from Fort Omaha. The Seventh will leave Wednesday and Mr. Thomas will accompany the troops along the march.

An interesting chapter in the annals of the Thomas-Devlin coal and coke company failure famous in Kansas financial history, is contained in a message received by Mr. Thomas while here. The United States court of appeals has sustained the dower rights of Mrs. Thomas in a large tract in Kansas City adjoining the site of the new Union station there. This adds to the wealth of the Thomas family by $750,000. Ten years Mr. Thomas bought land at $50 a front foot which is now valued at $500. The decision just handed down gives his wife one-third interest in his holdings, one-half of the partnership property.

ACTRESS' DOG IN DOG WAGON

Fair Owner Thinks Omaha License Ought to Protect Pup Everywhere in Nebraska.

At least one woman sojourning temporarily in Omaha believes that the dog catchers are too sudden. She is a member of one of the theatrical companies, and yesterday she went for a stroll with a friend. Near Sixteenth and Harney, she placed very carefully on the ground a pet dog about as big as a shoe.

"I had hardly turned my head," she said later, in the city clerk's office, "but when I tried to find my dog he had disappeared. By quick search we discovered a man had picked him up and was putting him in a horrid looking wagon; and before he would give him back to me I had to pay a dollar. Here's the receipt the man gave me," exhibiting one of Ab Wagoner's hieroglyphics, "and what I want to know is, does this receipt protect my dog in every other town in Nebraska?" She was told it would not, and was plainly vexed as she remarked, "Well, if that isn't the limit."

PAPER READ BY OMAHA MAN

S. R. Elson Tells Life Underwriters About Agency Organization—Prize Essays Read.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 9.—The final session of the National Association of Life Underwriters' convention was held today. S. R. Elson of Omaha discussed "Agency Organization" and prize essays on "Life Insurance Agent as a Public Benefactor" were read.

EXPAND AK-SAR-BEN'S SCOPE

Penfold Advocates Reorganization with $50,000 Capital Stock.

PROPOSES TO ISSUE BONDS, TOO

Wants an Exposition Combining Best Elements of Large Shows to Run Two Weeks Instead of Ten Days.

In the wake of the Ak-Sar-Ben celebration, active minds are busy with plans for next year and for the years to come. "Boost for Omaha" is the slogan of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and this motto will prompt the men behind the fall festival to strive for a greater, a bigger and more attractive celebration next year.

One of the first moves of the Knights probably will be to re-incorporate the company. This is the dream of H. J. Penfold, secretary. At the next meeting of the organization he will present a plan to increase the capitalization from $12,000, the present figures, to $50,000 and possibly to $100,000.

With the organization on a gilt-edged financial basis and with every assurance of pecuniary success in future years, Mr. Penfold believes that 6 per cent interest bearing bonds may be issued to stockholders.

Make a Big Exposition.

"There is no reason," says Mr. Penfold, why Ak-Sar-Ben carnival could not be transformed into an Ak-Sar-Ben exposition, far greater in scope than the present celebration. It is my dream now—just a filmy vision of the future—but I believe the dream will be realized.

"I want to see the Ak-Sar-Ben exposition a combination of the famous Mardi Gras of the sunny southland, the Wild West celebration of Cheyenne and the gayety—equaled nowhere in the world—of New York's Coney Isle

"The celebration should be doubled. We should have a two-weeks' frolic of fun. The people do not tire of Ak-Sar-Ben. With a fortnight's carnival we would be enabled to secure the banner attractions of the world, which today cannot afford to tarry in a city for ten days. Today we get the floaters—the traveling shows—which live transient lives. We want the big attractions of America, Coney Island and the old world.

"Omaha and the state of Nebraska reap the benefits of Ak-Sar-Ben's efforts. The call of the boosters will be answered and I am confident next year's celebration will eclipse any festival of the past."

Although complete figures are not in it is estimated the net earnings from this year's fete will exceed $40,000. Thursday night, with practically all contracts with the amusement companies settled, there was a balance in the treasury of $13,299.22. With the total incomes of Friday and Saturday to go to the treasurer's account, it is thought the earnings will exceed those of last year.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben today own property, absolutely unincumbered, valued at $20,000.