Hosiery, Underwear, etc., at Clearance Reductions

The month's best sales in Hosiery, Underwear, Gloves, etc., are chronicled here. The stocks are top heavy and no time like the present to reduce them. The identical goods we have carried in regular stock at established prices all season are now sharply cut. An important clearing on the very things you need NOW. In addition we offer double S. & H. stamps in these departments.



Unmistakably Our Greatest Garment Clearance

The entire second floor garment stocks are involved-2,000 or more exceptionally beautiful Winter Suits, Coats, Dresses, etc., for women and children are almost unbelievably price reduced. Whatever your needs by all means come to Bennett's. The garments measure up to highest standards of tailoring and fabric art at smaller cost to you than desirable styles have been known to sell for in Omaha.

Decisive Glove Reductions

Women's English Cape Gloves, \$1.25 regularly, Soft Gauntlet Gloves, kid lined, \$3.50 regularly, 35c Imported Lisle Hose for women 50c Gauze Lisle Hose, garter top, to clear 35¢ Children's 15c Fleeced Stockings, sale price 10c UNDERWEAR-Fleeced 35c Vests and Pants,

\$1.00 Wool Vests and Pants, grey only, for 79c \$1.25 Cotton Union Suits, extra size, each 89c HANDRERCHIEFS—15c all linen initial Handkerchiefs, for 25c all linen embroidered Handkerchiefs, for ...

Men's \$150 Underwear 95c

A January clean up of very nice wool plush shirts and drawers for men; about 10 dozen They come in tan shades, and are extra heavy and warm-Our finest \$1.50 garments, for

Rockford Socks; extra | heavy, 15c quality-25c, pair 9c 3 pairs for

Men's Sweaters; roll neck; blue, red and gray worsted; were \$2.50 and \$3. 1.50 ious weights, 2.15

Neckwear-50c fancy four-in-hands, reversible and flowing end styles, for29c

Flannel Shirts - Very fine materials; all colors and sizes to 17 -pure wool in var-All Men's High Grade Caps at Half Price

Bennett's Big Grocery

Bennett's Best Coffee, three pounds for \$1.00, and 100 stamps. Bennett's Hest Coffee, ne pound for 35c, and 30 stamps. Bennett's Teas, av-sorted Teas, pound 68c, and 70 stamps.

Tea Siftings, pound package 15c, and 10 Best Cheese, pound 9c, and 10 stamps. Virginia Swiss Cheese gound 15c, and 10 st'ps. Bennett's Capitol Oats Wheat or Pancake for Bennett's Capitol Bak-

Pewder, pound can and 20 stamps. Bednett's Capital Mince deat, 3 packages, for 5c, and 10 stamps. Swansdown Codfish, 3 packages for 25c, and Hartley's Pure Fruit

Bennett's Capitol Suider's Tomato Soup, Flour, sack \$1.55, and large can for 20c, and 20 stamps. Iten's Oyster or Soda Crackers, 18 lb. box for \$1.15. Jap Rice, four pounds or 25c, and 10 stamps. Asparagus, Beauty brand, 20c cans for 15c. Small Sour Pickles, a Sweet Mixed Pickles, quart for 20c, and 10 stamps.

Navy Beans, six lbs. California Prunes Double stamps on Granulated Sugar. Diamond S Chili Sauce French String Beans, 25c quality, can 15c.

bottle

supply lasts,

Olives, large bottle, OSc size, for ...65c

Our Big Twice-a-Year Clothing Clearance

There's a bewildering amount of clothing bargain talk in your paper today. Immense space and three story type is employed to make an "impression." If you are going to judge the bigness of the Bennett values by the size of our announcement

you will be misled-badly mistaken. This is our big twice-a-year clearance. The best clothing sale Bennett's ever make. Had we used this entire page we could not have said more to make the offerings stronger. It's going to be a sale that will be a credit to this store and to your own judgment if you come here. Over 500 handsome winter suits are going to sell at half price—They are smart, genteel, hand tailored models, in medium and dark colors and refined patterns, such as exacting men always choose. Not one of these splendid suits has been here over 60 days. It's no stretch of the imagination when we say HALF PRICE now. We believe every man's common sense and intelligence will tell him no store could do more. Every purchaser will have the firm conviction and the satisfaction that he got the best and biggest value for his money that it is possible to obtain in Omaha,

Every Man Can Be Fitted--Sizes 34 to 48

\$30.00 Suits ... \$15.00 \$27.50 Suits ... \$13.75 \$25.00 Suits ... \$12.50

\$22.00 Suits ... \$11.00 \$20.00 Suits ... \$10.00 \$15.00 Suits \$7.50

Men's Swagger Three-Quarter and Full Length Overcoats at Half

This is a representative assortment of the year's best \$15 \$750 styles, embracing Kersey overcoats, in black, oxford, tan, green, brown, in plain shades and stripes with velvet collars. O'coats and fancy Scotch materials with combination (or two-in-one) and regular collar styles.



Bennett's market cuts your housekeeping expense to the minimum-Lowest prices on choice fresh meats in all Omaha.

one select, well trimmed, sugar

Gudahy's Bacon, sugar cured, 5 to 7-pound strips by the strip, 162C

Including 10 Stamps.

lder, lb.... 10%c Fall Lamb Legs-Bennett's 10½c Lall Lamb Chops. Loin, per 121c Prime Rib Roast All bones out, 1b.... 12 c Special, per 7c Lamb Chops - Shou Olives Lamb Roast - Shou-

Fall Lamb 25c

Morrall's Iowa Puro Lard, 10-lb 1.75 And 30 Stamps. Oranges Extra fancy "SUN-KIST" Washington Navels, 40c size, per doz... 30c



of practical recipes contributed to "Good Housekeeping" magazine. Now in book form. Thousands of housekeepers book section-

A big collection

Fruits Large Florida 4 for 25c

Women's Home Cook Books

Extra fancy large Bananas, dozen.......15c

January Clearance

Base Burners, Heaters, Ranges Profit by our liberal reductions-These are stoves of standard make, known throughout America as the best, Still a good range of styles for buyers who come early.

Base hurners 420% Off Ritchen 10% Off Ranges Lisk Wash Boilers

Here's an attractive sale proposition -You can buy no better boilers than Lisk boilers. The reduced prices are very interesting-

All Have 14-oz, Copper Bottoms, \$1.75 Lisk Boilers, sale price \$1.35 \$2.00 Lisk Boilers, sale price \$1.45 \$2.25 Link Boilers, sale price 81.60 \$4.00 All Copper Lisk Boiler, for ... \$2.75 B. O. E. Sad Irons, worth \$1.35 set, ... \$80 Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons, worth \$1.10 set 800 Galvanized Wash Tubs, usually 65c, at 390 Galvanized Wash Tubs, usually 75c, at 490 Galvanized Wash Tubs, usually 85c, at 590

Corsets for Saturday

\$1.50 Corsets for 98c Again Saturday. They are made by one of the best known makers in this country. From a style standpoint they are all that could be desired. New, clean and fresh; firmly boned and nicely trimmed. The materials are very substantial. Any woman with a corset need will be glad to pick so good a bargainall sizes.....

Also a small lot of good dollar corsets we are clearing up on will be a third

Marshmallows 10c

Delicious vanilla flavor; full size, 20c box, Saturday for 10¢ Bennett's Special Chocolates-Hand rolled; the 50c quality, 1b.

Note These Clearing Bargains:

Women's one-piece Dresses, up to \$30.00 values, now at Women's \$20.00 Long Coats, in black and colors, \$15.50 Women's \$25.00 Long Coats, beautiful black broad-cloths, at \$15.00 Women's Winter Suits, choice of any up to \$50.00, Women's Winter Suits, Choice of any up to \$25.00
Women's Winter Coats; very large line; \$35.00 and
\$45.00 garments, at
Women's Handsome Cloth Dresses, richly designed,
up to \$50.00, for \$35.00
Misses' Coats and Dresses, 13 to 17-year sizes,
fine, \$15.00 values, for \$5.00
Women's \$25.00 and \$29.50 Tailored Suits, reduced to clear, at Nomen's \$20.00 and \$22.50 Tallored Suits, all at \$15.00 one price now Women's Fur and Fur Lined Coats, sale price to Girls' Long Coats, 6 to 14-year sizes, worth t now at Girls' Long Coats, 6 to 14-year sizes, Worth Women's Messalins and Taffeta Silk Waists, \$5.00 kinds, now for \$4.95 Women's two-piece Suits; black and colors, up to \$29.00 new for \$10.00 Women's one-piece Dresses and College Styles, up to \$25.00, now for \$10.00 Women's Heavy Fancy Mixture Coats, \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$17.50 values, now for \$5.00 Girls' Peter Thobipson Dresses and Cloth Coats, up to \$15.00, now for \$5.00 Girls' Junior Suits, two-piece styles, \$15.00 values, now for \$10.00 Infants' Felt Bonnets, a very fine assortment \$6.00 Infants' Felt Bonnets \$6.00 Infants' Felt Bonnets \$6.00 Infants' Felt Bonnets \$6.00 Infants' F

Ridding the stock of all the broken lines of \$3.50 and \$4.50 snoes to meet the patent kid, vici and box calf—The 2.75 \$3.50 and \$4.50 shoes for men; patent colt,

Another lot of men's shoes in small sizes only-Douglas \$4.00 shoes marked

\$1.95 for Women's Shoes-Saturday choice of six excellent styles in button and lace, in gun metal and patent colt. These are the usual \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes. January Clearing price... 1.95

Broken Lots Women's Shoes-From \$3.50 lines, ton and lace shoes—not all st all can be fitted. All 1.98 big bargains, at......1.98



one & two buckle, roll

President Taft's Message to the Congress on Railroads and Trusts WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- Following is the | "Of course, every carrier affected by an | the appointment of five additional circuit, of an assistant attorney general acting | to exercise due diligence in quoting the ap- | ducing such rates are affirmed. It may be | such routes as he may designate for that

"To the Senate and House of Representa-

tives: discussion of needed legislation under the United States, not only does delay result foregn countries and said that I would bring this subject matter to your attention later in the session. Accordingly, I beg to submit to you certain recommendations as to the amendments to the interstate commerce law and certain considerations arising out of the operations of the ati-trust suggesting the wisdom of federal eporation of industrial companies. Interstate Commerce Law.

tween July 1, 1908, and the close of that authority to establish an interstate decisions and uncertainty of final result. was denied; but that perhaps the most s practical question raised concerned at of the right of the courts to reorders of the commission; and it out that if the contention of in this latter respect alone ie Hepburn act toward the

> of interstate transpor-In twelve of the cases stated, preliminary ined for, being granted act as a regulating y upon the facility injunctions could road company by bill of complaint, fidavits, can overof patient investiory result can be loses nothing by if they fall, it States." establish the rate the difference becollected and the

to be reasonable. lly profits, it can turn more than a harges collected. in Court. the seventeen cases report, only one had

"In its re mission sh referred to een decide supreme court of the United Stat igh five other cases and submitted to that

the Interstate Commerce and Anti-trust tional right to appeal to a federal court laws submitted in both houses of congress to protect it from the enforcement of an order which it shows to be prime facie confiscatory or unjustly discriminatory in the largest volume of business, such as the its effect; and as this application may be Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eighth made to a court in any district of the circuits. authority, which congress has to regulate in the enforcement of the order, but great tice at any time when the business of the the general sentiment of the people and, commerce between the states and with uncertainty is caused by contrariety of court of commerce does not require the under the Sherman anti-trust law, any

"The questions presented by these ap-In the annual report of the Interstate or decree which, if undisturbed, would empowered to hold sessions in different tween naturally competing lines and avoid-Commerce Commission for the year 1906, rob it of a reasonable return upon its attention is called to the fact that be- investment or would subject it to burdens which would unjustly discriminate year, sixteen suits had been begun to set against it and in favor of other carriers aside orders of the commission (besides one | similarly situated. What is, however, of commenced before that date), and that few supreme importance is that the decision orders of much consequence had been per- of such questions shall be as speedy as mitted to go without protest; that the the nature of the circumstances will admit, questions presented by these various suits and that a uniformity of decision be sewere fundamenal, as the constitutionality cured, so as to bring about an effective, of the act itself was an issue and the systematic and scientific enforcement of

> Favors Court of Commerce "For this purpose I recommend the establishment of a court of the United States composed of five judges designated for such purpose from among the circuit but little progress had judges of the United States, to be known as the 'United States court of commerce,' which court shall be clothed with exclusive

original jurisdiction over the following classes of cases: "L All cases for the enforcement, other wise than by adjudication and collection of a forfeiture or penalty, or by infliction mission, "that the of criminal punishment, of an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission other than for the payment of money.

"2. All cases brought to enjoin, set aside, annul or suspend any order or requirement of the Interstate Commerce Commission. "2. All such cases as under section 3 of the 'Elkins act,' are authorized to be maintained in a circuit court of the United

"4. All such mandamus proceedings as under the provision of section 20 or section 23 of the interstate commerce law are authorized to be maintained in a circuit court of the United States.

"Reasons precisely analogous to those which induced the congress to create the court of customs appeals by the provisions in the tariff act of August 5, 1909, may be year 1909, the com- urged in suport of the creation of the commerce court.

Additional Circuit Judges.

"In order to provide a sufficient number

"The act should empower the chief jusservices of all the judges to reassign the plications are too often technical in their cuits to which they respectively belong; Lusiness and the mastery of a great such judges while sitting by assignment volume of conflicting evidence which is in the court of commerce of such addiparts of the United States if found desirable; and its orders and judgments should be made final, subject only to review by the decree appealed from shall not be

Restraining Orders After Hearing. "The commerce court should be em powered in its discretion to restrain or susght of congress to delegate to any trib- the commerce law, rather than conflicting pend the operation of an order of the interstate commerce commission under review pending the final hearing and determination of the proceeding, but no such restraining order should be made except upon notice and after hearing, unless i cases where irreparable damage would otherwise ensue to the petitioner. A judge of that court might be empowered to allow a stay of the commission's order for a period of not more than sixty days, but pending application to the court for its rder or injunction, then only where his order shall contain a specific finding based upon evidence submitted to the judge making the order and identified by reference thereto, that such irreparable damage

> "Under the existing law, the Interstate control of the attorney general, act under reasonable preferences and rebates. the initiative and under the instruction

Pooling Rate Agreements,

"The subject of agrements between carriers with respect to rates has been often discussed in congress. Pooling arrangements and agreements were condemned by agreement between carriers operating in Judges designated to that court to the cir- restraint of interstate or international trade or commerce would be unlawful. character and require a knowledge of the and it should also provide for payment to The republican platform of 1905 expressed authorized to act on its own initiative as the belief that the interstate commerce law should be further amended, so as to in investigating the fairness of any existcomprehend. It would not be proper to at- their annual compensation up to \$10,000. publish traffic agreements subject to the tempt to deprive any corporation of the The regular sessions of such court should approval of the commission, but maintain- also that the commission shall be fully emright to the review by a court of any order be held at the capital, but it should be ing always the principle of competition being the common control of such lines by any means whatsoever.

"In view of the complete control over the supreme court of the United States rate making and other practices of interwith the provision that the operation of state carriers established by the act of congress and as recommended in this comstayed unless the supreme court shall so munication. I see no reason why agree- and although one or more carriers may state Commerce commission be empowered and the rates, and charges for transporthey may agree to establish, should not the expiration of thirty days from such change, and that it be further empowered, thirty days' notice in writing to the other by proceedings in the courts, stay the or fix the maximum beyond which it shall of the passage of such act, shall own not parties and to the commission

Carriers to Quote Legal Rate.

'Much complaint is made by shippers over the state of the law under which they are held bound to know the legal rate ap-

of judges to enable this court to be con- ston be brought by or against the Untied appropriate district attorney. Such a pen- by carriers of excessive rates charged in party, and to require his shipment to be stituted, it will be necessary to authorize States Fo nomine, and be placed in charge alty would compel the agent of the carrier cases where the order of the commission re-

the shipper a reasonable measure of protection, while not opening the way to colusion and the giving the rebates or other unfair discrimination.

Initiative by Commission. "Under the existing law the commission can only act with respect to an alleged ex- their rates paid to the cost of the goods cessive rate or unduly discriminatory practice by a carrier on a complaint made by well as upon the complaint of an individual tariffs filed annually with the Interstate through the holding of stock of one railamendment of the law to so provide; and commission supervising the making of powered, beyond any question, to pass tive on every transportation line within upon the classifications of commodities the United States to the extent that would for purposes of fixing rates, in like manner be necessary if their active concurrence as it may now do with respect to the maxi- were required in the making of every

may not investigate an increase in rates limited and restricted form. until after it shall have become effective; "I therefore recommend that the Interments between carriers subject to the act file with the commission a proposed in whenever any proposed increase of rates specifying the classifications of freight crease in rates or change in classifications, is filed, at once, either on complaint or or other alterations of the existing rates of its own motion, to enter upon an intation of passengers and freight which or classifications, to become effective at vestigation into the reasonableness of such permitted, provided copies of such filling, no proceeding can be taken to in- in its discretion, to postpone the effective agreements be promptly filed with the com- vestigate the reasonablness of such pro- date of such proposed increase for a period mission, but subject to all provisions of the posed changes until after it becomes op- not exceeding sixty days beyond the date interstate commerce act and subject to the erative. On the other hand, if the com- when such rate would take effect. If the best market for their stock I recomright of any parties to such agreement mission shall make an order finding that within this time it shall determine that mend that such prohibition be coupled with to cancel it as to all or any of the agreed an existing rate is excessive and directing such increase is unreasonable it may then, a provise that it shall not operate to prerates, fares, charges, or classifications by it to be reduced, the carrier affected may by its order, either forbid the increase at all vent any corporation which at the date operation of such order of reduction for not be made. It, on the other hand, at less than one-half of the entire stock is-

plicable to any proposed shipment, without, ever a proposed increase in rates is filed with such results as might be realized operating a railroad of any other corporaas a matter of fact, having any certain at once to enter upon an investigation of under the law as it now stands. means of actually ascertaining such rate. the reasonableness of the increase and to would result to the petitioner, specifying It has been suggested that to meet this make an order postponing the effective grievance carriers should be required, upon date of such increase until after such application by a shipper, to quote the legal investigation shall be completed. To this some large associations of shippers that shall not operate to authorize or validate Commerce Commission in itself initiates rate in writing, and that the shipper should much objection has been made on the part shippers of freight should be empowered to the acquisition, through stock ownership that the shipper should much objection has been made on the part shippers of great the sould be empowered to the acquisition. and defends litigation in the courts for the be protected in acting upon the rate thus of carriers. They contend that this would direct the route over which their shipments or otherwise, of a competing line or interof the act of February 19, 1968, known as enforcement or in the defense of its orders quoted; but the objection to this suggestion be, in effect, to take from the owners of should pass to destination, and in this conand decrees, and for this purpose it em- is that it would afford a much too easy the railroads the management of their nection it has been urged that the provis- any other law. ployes attorneys who, while subject to the method of giving to favored shippers un- properties, and to clothe the Interstate ions of section 15 of the interstate com-Commerce commission with the original merce act, which now empowers the com-"I think that the law should provide that rate making power-a policy which was mission, after hearing on complaint, to esof the commission. This blending of ad- a carrier, upon written request by an in- much discussed at the time of the passage tablish through routes and maximum joint ministrative, legislative and judicial func- tending shipper, should quote in writing of the Hepburn act in 1905-6, and which rates to be charged, etc., when no reasontions tends, in my opinion, to impair the the rate or charge applicable to the pro- was then, and has always been distinctly able or satisfactory through efficiency of the commission by clothing posed shipment under any schedules or rejected; and in reply to the suggestion have been already established, be amended it with partisan characteristics and rob- tariffs to which the carrier is a party, and that they are able by resorting to the so as to empower the commission to take bing it of the impartial judicial attitude that if the party making such request courts to stay the taking effect of the such action, even when one existing reasit should occupy in passing upon questions suffer damage in consequence of either re- order of the commission until its reason- onable and satisfactory route already exsubmitted to it. In my opinion all litiga- fusal or omission to quote the proper rate, ableness shall have been investigated by isis, if it be possible to establish additional tion affecting the government should be or in consequence of a misstatement of the the courts, whereas the people are de routes. This seems to me to be a reasonunder the direct control of the Department rate, the carrier shall be liable to a penalty prived of any such remedy with respect to able provision. I know of no reason why a of Justice and I therefore recommend that in some reasonable amount, say \$250, to action by the carriers, they point to the shipper should not have the right to elect all proceedings affecting orders and de- accrue to the United States and to be re- provision of the interstate commerce act between two or more established through crees of the Interstate Commerce Commiscovered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the initial carrier may be a covered in a civil action brought by the providing for restitution to the shippers routes to which the covered carrier may be a covered to the covered carrier may be a covere

text of the president's special message on crder of the commission has a constitu- judges, who, for the purposes of appoint- under the direction of the attorney gen- plicable legal rate, and would thus afford doubted how effective this remedy is. Customers Finally Pay Bill.

some individual affected thereby. I see no in effect paid the bill. On the other hand, mum rate applicable to any transportation. tariff, has satisfied me that this power, if "Under the existing law the commission granted, should be conferred in a very

months and even years.

Action Before Effective Date.

"Experience has shown that many, per haps most, shippers do not resort to proceedings to recover the excessive rates which they may have been required to pay for the simple reason that they have added

Right to Select Route. "The claim is very earnestly advanced by

purpose, subject, however, in the exercise of this right, to such reasonable regulations as the Interstate Commerce commission may prescribe. Control of Competing Lines.

The republican platform of 1908 declared n favor of amending the Interstate Comand thus enhanced the price thereof to the principle of competition between natheir customers, and that the public has turally competing lines, and avoiding the common control of such lines by any means reason why the commission should not be the enormous volume of transportation whatsoever. One of the most potent means Commerce commission, amounting to al- road company by another company owning tedious to examine and troublesome to tional amount as is necessary to bring give the railroads the right to make and I recommend the most 200,000, and the impossibility of any a competing line. This condition has grown by the laws of many other states and to attempt now to suddenly reverse that policy, so far as it affects the ownership of stocks heretofore so acquired, would be to inflict a grievous injury, not only upon the corporations affected, but upon a large body of the investment-holding public. I, however, recommend that the law shall be amended so as to provide from and after the date of its passage, no railroad company subject to the interstate mmerce act shall directly or indirectly, acquire any interests of any kind in capital stock, or shall purchase or lease any railroad or any other corporation which competes with it, respecting business to which the interstate commerce act applies. But especially for the protection of the minority stockholders in securing to them the expiration of this time the commission sued and outstanding capital stock of any shall not have completed its investigation other railroad company, from acquiring then the rate shall take effect precisely as all or the remainder of such stock, or to "It has, therefore been suggested that it would under the existing law and the prohibit any railroad company which at the commission should be empowered when- commission may continue its investigation the date of the enactment of the law is tion under lease, executed for a term of not less than twenty-five years, from acquiring the reversionary ownership of the demised railroad; but that such provisions

Overisane of Stocks.

The republican platform of 1908 further declares in favor of such national legislation and supervision as will prevent the future overlssue of stocks and bonds by interstate carriers, and in order to carry out its provisions, I recommend the enactcorporation subject to the interstate commerce act shall hereafter for any purpose connected with or relating to any part of its business governed by said act, issue any capital stock without previous or simultaneous payment to it of not less than the par value of such stock, or any bonds or other

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