"GOOD OLD DAYS" IN OMAHA

During Late Seventies.

INTIMATE PICTURES OF PEOPLE

Woman Who Was Here in 1879 Tells Her Recollections in a Most Entertaining Way in Book Just Published.

Omaha and Omaha people in 1879 as they struck the stranger at that time, are the dians, it set aside a domain in Richardson and efficient man, and is now the general theme of a most interesting chapter in a county and Archer was left on a reserva- manager of the Nebraska Telephone combook of reminiscences and travel just pub- tion. Its army post was abandoned, the pany, but at that time Mr. and Mrs. Yost lished by Mrs. Carrie Adell Strahorn, en- state buildings left unoccupied, rallroads were the handsomest couple in Omaha. titled "Fifteen Thousand Miles by Stage." Mrs. Strahorn lived in Omaha for the greater part of a year, having come here with her husband shortly after their marriage, and is evidently now a widow, living Spokane. In the preface she explains that the circumstances leading to the experiences she describes "date back to the year 1877, when my husband, Robert E. Strahorn, wrote and published a book on the resources, climatic conditions and ecenic attractions of what was then Wyoming territory." The book, it is related, fell into the hands of Jay Gould, who was then the wigard of the railroad world and the live wire of the Union Pacific company, with its rails running from Omaha to Ogden and Salt Lake City. The fancy seized Mr. Gould to have Mr. Strahorn create a literary bureau and advertising department for the Union Pacific Railway company, and to write a similar book on all western states and territories. It was a new departure for a railroad company, but as the scheme was discussed its scope limit. The company wanted to know the possibilities for extensions, the tonnage that might accrue, the tillable acres, the scenic attractions, and all the alluring inducements that could be offered to prospective homeseekers.

"The offer," the author explains, "came within a week after our marriage. To ac- transcontinental roads, and the vast cept it meant the abandonment of plans growth and commercial interests of eight already well matured, and the alternative newly constituted states. of leaving me alone among strangers in the far west, or subjecting me to a life of hardship in frontier travel that was looked around about Omaha is of that adobe na- must have well-nigh forgotten that long, upon as well nigh unendurable, either one of which seemed equally impossible for him to force upon me

"Omaha in the Seventies." The account of the stay in Omaha and observations made here, received from letters, notes and memory, is as follows:

For the winter of '79 we settled down to a quiet orderly life in Omaha. We chose the top of Farnam street hill for a location. and when the foundation of a house on the corner of Eignteenth street was being followed, with a clear sky. I did not yet his adoption. His rattling cane was ever a

The spot was then far from the busy strife of the commercial center of the town, and the velws from its unimpeded heights knew I was standing as firmly rooted to had not been a happy one and it was still were a charm not easy to find about an the spot as if I had grown there. I wis full of sorrows and unsolved problems that were a charm not easy to find about an otherwise level country. No one dreamed of the spot as if I had grown there. I wight the spot as if I had grown there. I wight the must work out to a successful issue. Coming home from his busy office day he of such an invasion of commerce that a foot was loose, only to find the other one magnificent court house would some day in the mud twice as deep. I pulled my feet old Stradivarius, and weird and plaintive grace one of those corners and great business blocks would crowd out the most onto firm ground, but alas! I was hopelessly desirable home center of the city. No one stranded until kind Providence sent a was doing. Down on the broad of his thought The Omaha Bee would swarm from strong deliverer to pry me out. It looked to me as if I covered the most of a fivethe hilltop at Eighteenth street, but Father foot sidewalk, for the mud would not drop Time is a wonderful worker in an ambitious city and transformations are wrought which no one can foretell. Those pretty little homes that once graced the proud and ruffled, but I had learned my lesson, and joyousness, as if he had never a care picture" in the mind's eye in mid-air forty for I had often watched from our windows to hide his own unrest in his work for the feet above the present street. The dear old at the Grand Central hotel the struggles of happiness of others, and he had learned the hill melted away under the pick and shovel horses and vehicles to get through the lesson to a degree that few people achieve, to its present level and Omaha was deprived of the most beautiful residence quarter of the city.

Our Old-Time Hotels. The Grand Central hotel was destroyed by fire and for many months the old Met- great deal of talk about water works that endeavor can accomplish under most adropolitan hotel, kept by Ira Wilson on winter, but they did not know how to verse circumstances. lower Douglas street, and the little With- utilize the Missouri river with its 20 per nell hotel, managed by the Kitchen brothers, were the only hotels worth menramble shack from which we were glad to we received a paper from there, saying the emerge into our first home, and we went people were living on water and "Straabout the settlement with all the ardor of horn's Resources," the title they gave love's first hest.

Paul had such a big chest of notes to work up into readable form that it appeared a lifetime task, and Mr. Kimball, general manager of the Union Pacific, was in need of his information almost every hour at Union Pacific headquarters. I was eager to be anchored in a home, and the combination worked well toward a season wished them to emigrate to other lands, the foremost legal light of the Atchison,

Omaha was not attractive for climatic reasons, if it was for others. The terrific them, for there were no stones in or session of our home with his June day sandstorms were a terror to housewives, around Omaha. In fact, Nebraska is won- bride, and Pard was allowed to transfer its bottomiess streets were a menace to derfully free from stones everywhere. A the literary department work to Denver. fiery-headed demons coming out of earth times when he may drop into a mudhole for new and more arduous work, yet with and sky, flashing into every window, while from which he may not swim out. pounding on every door and roof the thunder chased in a maddening din from which had was when ex-President Grant was hotbed of the smothering Missouri valley

for its wild storms which follow the stream customs house, where everybody held him the new stone Union Pacific depot building and play such havor along its lands. They by the hand for one brief second. After there we departed for the mountains and even drove the river from its bed and our turn we got off in a corner with Gennot infrequently turned it out of the state. eral Crook and some of his lieutenants to travels. At one time during the winter the wind watch the crowd. blew so hard for forty-eight hours that a Only a few weeks before we had come the Union Pacific at Denver, and his asspecial policeman patroled every block in from Cheyenne on the same train with sistant was none other than the now noted

Frequency of Bad Storms.

At one time no less than 500 feet of track travels we found his early monuments in the sleeping talent lying under the gay neighboring fields, but the roadbed was and his name as honored as that of Lewis ical gown in the little chapel at the foot bridge across an arm of the river at Coun- velopment of Oregon and Washington. Gen- thought kept welling up within us: "What cii Bluffs was carried out and we walked eral Crook was loud in the praises of the hath God wrought in this man?" Up in his ferryboat to cross to Omaha. It was not unusuai for water to be several feet deep In some of the streets near the river.

braska faster than any other factor. Since was important to them. It was during the at his desk. His study was also his own the settlement of the state it has lost more war of the rebellion that the general first handlwork, built of stone in a secluded towns in its adjustment to the river and to met his wife who was then a southern corner of his shaded grounds, so that the civilization than any other state in the belle and a devoted adherent to the south- attractions of scenery or company, or union. Some of the towns were wiped out ern cause. The young officer fell in love other disturbing or distracting elements by the river suddenly changing its bed or at first sight and made bold advances into might be shut out from view while he by gradually pilfering the land until the the enemies' lines to see the fair maid, wove the web of romance for his many

When the Union Pacific ratiroad was so readily yield to cupid's dart and she debuilt the town of Decatur was selected as liberately planned a bail at her father's

Chatty Reminiscences of the Gate City of change of county seats, and many more she had made him free again. They were

Nebraska's Lost Towns. The first territorial legislature met there were mostly intermarried with the latter with the aggressive and progres

moved to other localities. was the California trail, the line blazed Washington, D. C. Pacific railroad came through it killed there of the force whom we knew so well to be proud of, just the same.

the continent where there are now eight work being done,

Condition of the Streets.

ture that when wet will hold all that anyrubber or a wagon wheel. I was convinced also became members of our home circle molecules of Omaha mud than any other known substance. There were but few crosswalks and a novice in navigation in that river town could get into trouble legal lights of Omaha. The other was the in a hurry. One of my own experiences | legal lights of Omana. The other was the laid we set a snare to secure the house know the mud was such a mortal enemy to welcome sound, for it betokened the compedestrians, and I sailed happily out, quite ing of a ray of sunlight and cheery comsmartly dressed, and was halted at the panionship wherever he entered. His life from my rubbers and hoped to get back melodies would float through the house for off my boots, but simply multiplied itself with my every effort to escape until it was cut off. I went home tired out, warm

was pumped from wells. There was a he would learn what earnest and persistent cent of mud, and there was no other available source. There must be more water, or The Metropolitan was an old better water, in Phillipsburg, Mont., for Pard's latest booklet on Montana.

Crows Make the Air Black. The crows were so thick in Omaha that

One of the gayest times Omaha ever

town to watch for fires, and women were General Fremont and General Crook had author, Francis Lynde. No one for a mo-In looking over letters sent to friends western territories. We did not ourselves and be the head of a household with six in those days, or during our visits to realize at that time what an important to call him father. It would have been Omaha, there is scarcely one of them that factor he was in the settlement of this the doublet of Jekyl and Hyde, not to be focs not give record of some awful storm, great western land, but in subsequent thought of. No one would have believed was not only washed out out in Council marking important places and epochs that exterior of the young secretary. Biuffs, and ties and rails carried into are now enclosed in our nation's history, under four and five feet of water. The and Clark, who did so much for the de- of Lookout Mountain, in Chattanooga, the

Romance of General Crook.

The Missouri river made history in Ne- never been given much publicity, but it an exercise and a rest from his long hours The beautiful southern inamorata did not admiring friends,

heaviest immigration. It was the Union the man whom she had betrayed and was Pacific's change to Omaha that depleted sending to Libby prison. From that moment the population from 5,000 to a deserted vil- she began doing penance and she did not lage. Many towns were wiped out because desist in her efforts to undo her work until were abandoned because railroads decided married at the close of the war and lived to take other routes than the old stage happy ever after, but she never enjoyed having this affair referred to.

Newspapers and Newspaper Men. Omaha was not without its quota of in 1855 at Archer, the county seat of newspapers, but the leaders were the Richardson county. The earliest settlers Omaha Republican and The Omaha Bee, squaws who raised large families. Later, sive Rosewater as its owner and business when the government put into effect the manager. The Republican was managed reservation method of caring for the In- by C. E. Yost, who was not only a capable passed it by, and soon its white population Their beauty was not confined to their forms and faces, but their general lives A large number of the lost towns of were in keeping and they were loved and Nebraska were located along the great admired for their personal qualifications, overland routes. The old Mormon trail fol- The Republican was sold a few years later lowed the Platte river's windings. There to S. P. Rounds, the public printer, of

by the miners who took part in the Pike's | The Union Pacific headquarters was on Peak gold rush, and the trails followed by the corner of Farnam and Ninth streets; the freighters and pony express riders. All they employed fewer men for all departof these converging at Fort Kearny, mid- ments of the work than they now have way across the state; beyond that was the in the auditing department alone. Yet Mr. hostile Indian country, and safety lay in C. S. Stebbins, who is now assistant to traveling in numbers. When the Union the auditor, is about the only one left freighting on the plains, practically every In the year '79 Thomas L. Kimball was one of the trail towns disappeared within made general passenger and ticket agent a few months except Fort Kearny, and of the Kansas Pacific company, as it had even that had dropped the Fort and be- become a part of the Union Pacific syscame just plain Kearny, but it is a town tem, and the advertising for the newly acquired branch was added to Pard's de-When Pard went to the Rocky Mountains partment. Mr. Kimbali was soon therein 1870 he had to cross the Missouri at after made general manager of the whole Omaha on a ferryboat and Omaha was system and he was sincerely loved by all broadened until it seemed to be without just getting fairly on the map, while Den- those who were under him, yet he was a ver had only 4,900 people. Our beautiful man demanding the duties of his employes Spokane and Tacoma were not even to be well and accurately done. He was started. Seattle was only a lumber camp, our good patron saint, who not only opened and Minneapolis yet to be built. Pretty up the opportunities for a life of greater much everything was wilderness north and usefulness, but he smoothed many a rough south of the single line of railroad across road by his kindly approbation of the

Men in the Railroad Offices. Pard had two able assistants in his office work, in correspondence, compiling timetables and doing local work, who have so There was no street paving and the soil risen in th elimelight of affairs that they stormy winter were it not for the heart one can give it, whether it is a foot, a ties that the association cemented. They that there was greater affinity between and left an indelible impression of their molecules of Omaha mud than any other worth. One, Mr. T. W. Blackburn, who ously for two or three hours, but the sun of the most widely known and highly suche drew the bow across the strings in me ancholy pleadings until his mind found peace again, then with a lively reel or a gay patrol to tell of his return to mental I, perhaps, ought to have known better, in the world. Early in life he had learned principal streets, where they were fre- There was a brief sketch of him in Scribquently held for hours in the adobe clutch. ner's Magazine in 1905 that should be read There were no water works in the town by every young man of the day who thinks except a few private tanks where water his own lot is a hard one, for in its pages

An Excursion to Colorado. The restlessness of the spring took forceful possession of our household. Pard was pining for his beloved Colorado and to flee from the desk work, which was undermining his health, Mr. Blackburn had been so imbued with the connubial bliss in our family that he wanted to follow the example and take unto himself a wife. Mr. Gleed and Pard had been laid up the ground would often be black with with mumps for several weeks and them and their incessant caw-caw was a myself was anxious to get Pard out into torture to the nerves. When a flock of the hills. Mr. Gleed, therefore took charge them would light upon a roof their claws of the Kansas City office, and thus took would rattle like hailstones and one often his first step in becoming a director and and wondered what they found so attract- Topeka & Santa Fe railway. Mr. Blackburn ive in that locality. You could not stone bought our household effects and took poscommerce in the wet season, and in the country doctor is never afraid of striking a Thus the three tillicums separated, each to sultry season the thunder storms were of rock as he drives to his patient in the build for himself as no man knew. Each such violence that the lightning was like black hours of the night, but there are one flapped his wings and plumed himself wider fields for conquest.

there in '79. There was a big parade, with to the cool, sweet air of Denver, and as The Missouri river valley is ever noted many bands, and a reception in the old soon as Pard's office was established in

Mr. George Ady was the general agent of met him at the train to pay all possible ment thought that gay Lothario would deference to the aging pathfinder of the ever evolve into an author and a minister.

Even when we saw him standing in cler-'eagle nest" home, hanging over the mountainside he had his little brood most hap-There was an interesting episode in the pily house and around his grounds a high lives of General and Mrs. Crook that had stone wall which he had himself built as

built the town of Decatur was selected as headquarters for the company and the location for the Missouri bridge—but before the work was under way so many town lots had been swallowed by the river that the company changed its location to Florence and then to Omaha. Most of Decatur is now in the river bed.

For a time Florence had more population than Omaha, of which it was a formidable rival. It was on the Mormon routs to Utah and was the western point of the liberately planned a bail at her father's house, to which several of the northern officers were invited and assured of protection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selected as house, to which several of the northern officers were invited and assured of protection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selected as house, to which several of the northern officers were invited and assured of protection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selected as house, to which several of the northern officers were invited and assured of protection. They were no sooner in the midst of the selectes of the evening, however, than the house was surrounded by confederate soliders and the officers of Uncle Sam were made prisoners of war. It was week for pin money.

Sam were made prisoners of war. It was week for pin money.

These simple rules, coupled with a handsome presence, impetuosity and a handsome presence, impetuo

Wash Goods Reduced

The season's choicest organdies, ba-tistes and dimities, including bordered effects up to 40 inches in width; com-plete lines regularly sold up to 35c the yard, now priced at 1214c.

Cotton voiles, in a variety of shades, that will wear well and wash well-one of the most favored fabrics for summer wash costumes-up to 35c values at

All of our imported French voiles in good assortment of pretty styles an olorings, full 27 inches wide; regulariy oc the yard, Monday, 35c.

Beautiful Things for Your Home With-

out Cost. Given Free at This Store.

White Goods Domestics

27-in. white goods, in choicest self designs, formerly priced at 30c and

40c the yard, Monday, 15c. 72-inch all linen sheeting, of an extra good \$1.25 quality, Monday. the yard 75c.

22x44-iuch, good weight, huck towels 18x38-inch all linen huck towels, ex-tra heavy and excellent wearing towels; regularly 25c each, Monday, 171/c.

An August Sale of Blankets

Begins Tomorrow—Special Preparations Made for the Event Each year at this time we hold a sale of blankets and comforts and each year we try to make the sale superior to its predecessor. There is variety here for all-some of them mentioned in this advertisement-and every one has been prepared under the most sanitary conditions from the finest materials possible to put into a blanket or comfort at the price. All are accurately described and truthfully ticketed as regards size and composition.

We have secured especially for this sale one large lot of bath robe blankets in a wide variety of very latest designs and colorings. (See window display.) You will agree with us that they are reasonably priced at \$2.50 & \$3.50

60x80-inch Cotton Blankets, in tan, gray borders; \$1.59 values, the pair \$1.25 72x84-inch Good Weight Cotton Blankets, Full size 12-4 cotton blankets with fine wool nap; white only with either pink or blue borders; \$2.25 values at, the pair. \$1.79

Extra Quality Wool Blankets in plain tans, grays, white and red with borders, and black and white, pink and white, blue and white and tan and white plaids; excep-

70x90-inch, extra fine, sanitary, white cotton filled comforts with best silkeline coverings; \$2.85 values at, the pair \$2.25

Already Many New Fur Coats Have Found Owners

We are making it easy for every woman in Omaha and vicinity to own a new fur coat this winter. We have a large, new stock-all this coming winter's long styles-made of Russian pony, Saltex fur and Sealette plush which we are selling on the liberal terms of ten dollars at the time of purchase and the balance at your convenience. Also reduced prices are in effect, as follows:

\$25.00 full length Saltex caracul coats at \$19.50 \$35.00 full length "Salts" plush coats at \$19.50 \$35.00 full length Sealette plush coats at \$29.50 \$45.00 full length Scalette plush coats at \$35.00 \$50.00 full length black pony fur coats at \$35.00

\$50.00 full length Saltex fur coats at \$39.50 \$85.00 full length Russian pony coats at \$65.00 \$100.00 full length "near-seal" coats at \$75.00 \$100.00 full length Russian pony coats at \$85.00

Women's Suits at \$10 Women's Coats at \$15

Choice of any women's suit in our store, made of fine French serges and men's wear worsteds in tans, greys, navy and black-excellent for vacation and fall wear-all sizes, formerly sold up to \$30.00 each, now \$10.00.

\$1.25 Corsets, 79c

A splendid extra long hip corset, for summer wear, made from a good grade coutil. Has heavy boning and strong hose supporters.

A Sale of Stationery

Closing out all our shelf lines including Whiting's, Berlin & Jones Co., Marcus Ward Co., etc.

Papers regularly selling at 25c to 50c the quire, during this sale, the quire, 5c. Envelopes regularly selling at 20c to 40c the package, dur-ing this sale, 5c.

One lot of women's long serge and mixture coats in blacks, navies, tans and greys that have always sold at \$25.00 to \$30.00 each-a good range of styles so that all tastes may be suitedwhile they last, choice \$15.00.

Our Annual August Sale of Furniture

begins one week from tomorrow-Monday, August 7th. Included will be rugs, curtains, draperies and other things for the home beautiful.

Watch for It! Wait for It! The Savings Will Amply Repay You.

Money Savings From the Hardware Store

Wilson's genuine toasters, worth 25c each, M day \$1.00 to \$1.50 all white enameled coffee and tea pots, extra special, to close out, Monday only 39c

All Hammocks, including porch swing hammocks, as long as they last, Monday, Haif Price.

Jardiniere Extra Up to \$2.50 values at 25c

Up to \$8.50 values at 50c A very sensational offer made because we have decided not to carry these particular lines in our stock. There is a wide range for your choosing.

1,000 fancy blended and glazed jardinieres in 7, 8, 9 and 10-inch sizes; values up to \$2.50, Monday only, 25c. 500 fancy Louelsa jardinieres, of a rich, dark brown color, in 7, 8, 9 and 10-inch sizes; values up to \$3.50, Monday only, 50c.

GROCERY SAVINGS can Bennett's Breakfast coffee and 40

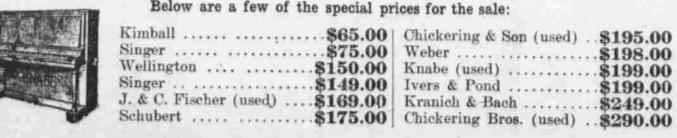
2-tb. can Bennett's Breakfast coffee and 40 stamps. 520 Golden coffee and 20 stamps, lb. 26a Assorted teas and 40 stamps, lb. 40a Tea Siftings and 10 stamps lb. 15c Bennett's Excelsior flour and 40 stamps, sk. \$1.65 Bennett's Excelsior flour and 40 stamps, sk. \$1.65 48-lb. sack Bennett's Capitol flour \$1.20 10 bars New Style soap 25c lb. box Gloss starch and 20 stamps 23c Nutlet peanut butter and 15 stamps, jar 15c Special Canadian woods maple syrup, \$1.25 gallon can at \$1.00 Nutlet peanut butter and 15 stamps, jar ... 15c
Special Canadian woods maple syrup, \$1.25 gallon can at ... \$1.00
2-lb, pkg, Capitol wheat or cats and 10 stamps 10c
3 large cans Dundee milk ... 25c
24-lb, sack Queen of Pantry pastry flour and 40
stamps ... \$1.25
3 cans Gold Medal corn at ... 25c
2 cans Capitol whole tomatoes and 10 stamps 25c
Quart can S. W. C. syrup ... 10c
2 jars peanut butter and 10 stamps ... 20c
Runkel's chocolate and 10 stamps, cake ... 20c
Quart can Gaillard's pure olive oil 65c

MANY PEOPLE



Took advantage of the wonderful piano bargains Saturday. If you did not take advantage of this opportunity to secure for yourself a beautiful piano at the prices offered, come Monday and convince yourself that this is the greatest bargain sale of pianos ever inaugurated in Omaha.

Below are a few of the special prices for the sale:



HAYDEN BROTHERS