Colonel T, W. McCullough of The Bee has returned from Washington. the Excess Profits Tax Advisory board having taken a recess till Jan-

"Omaha's colony in Washington is growing steadily," said Mr. McCul-"The latest addition is Herbert Daniel, who arrived last Friday to assume duties in the interned property division of the War departnent. Harry O'Neill is already en-raged in that work. Major Gilbert

s quite busy in the same department.

"Major George N. Peck is at the head of one of the purchasing branches of the ordnance bureau, and has his hands full. Lyman Bryson is another former Omalian on the job. He is with the adjutant general's department, where he is assisting an expert from Ann Arbor to install a special accounting system. Bryson is getting restive in his civilian clothes, however, and talks of trying for a commission at the coming officers' training camp,

Says Capital Overcrowded.

"Washington is overcrowded, and the housing problem is serious. All the nearby towns are filled and thousands sleep in Baltimore and work in the capital by day. Coal and sugar shortages have complicated the living problem and prices generally are high. Much suffering was experirecent cold snap

The railroad situation is illustrated by the fact that the Baltimore & Ohio train on which I left was in charge of a New York Central train crew and a Pennsylvania Pullman crew. While crossing Indiana I saw a freight train being drawn by a Union Pacific locomotive. Travel is heavy, but trains are on a war basis, and the public is putting up with a lot that would have been thought intol-erable a few months ago."

Big Opportunities Open to Gas Engine Experts

The aviation branch of the army service offers excellent opportunities for advancement to men who have a practical knowledge of gas engines. Lieutenant C. J. Glidden, president of the aviation exemption board, announces that applications for commissions will be received as follows:

Aviators-Nonflyers, men who have had practical experience with gas engines, not under 19 nor over 30. Balloon Pilots-Not under 19 nor

Nonflying-Supply officers or adju-tants, not under 19 nor over 35. Any person not now in the service, if the examination is passed successfully, maye be enlisted.

Men of draft age who are graduates of recognized technical schools and who have had at least one year's practical experience with gas engines since graduation, will be commissioned without training. Men, whose practical gas engine experience is equivalent to a technical school training, will be enlisted and sent to a ground officers' training school

Application should be made to the president of the aviation examining board, Fort Omaha, Nebraska, and date for examinations will be set.

Postal Clerks at Transfer Object to Criticism

Postal clerks employed at the ransfer terminal are restive under the suggestion that delay in delivery of mails is chargeable to them. Suprintendent Worley calls attention to the fact that the jam at the transfer for the last few weeks has exceeded that of any former experience. "We have 75 men employed there,"

Mr. Worley says, "as fine and patriotic a body of men as will be found anywhere in the country. These boys worked 12 to 18 hours a day for weeks, trying to keep the mails on time, and without complaint. They do not think that criticisms of their work are deserved under these con-

"I wish you would say a good word for the boys who did this work. They deserve it. Our service flag has 14 stars, and we have men in army, navy and marine corps, here and in France We are not boastful, but a fellow hates to be told, after he has worked 20 hours on a job that he is delaying

Omaha Boys at Camp Dodge Send Christmas Greetings

Thirty-five Omaha boys of Motor Truck company No. 346, Camp Dodge, have telegraphed their greetings to the Commercial club of Omaha, and to Omaha in general. Those signing the communication were

L. Alperson, G. L. Bolotovsky, K. K. Brown, Everett H. Burke, Raymond L. Busse, F. Callahan. Clarence C. Caman, F. W. Cleveland, G. S. Flannery, William R. Green, Allan B. Gunnel, Joseph F. Hasford, leary S. Howes, E. Johnston, Maurice R. Kahn, Wilfred B. Linch, J. B. McDonald,

Pritz C. Nygard, F. S. Palm, D. F. Patterson, E. T. Pederson,
Russell B. Pieren,
L. F. Schermerhorn,
Tarry A. Trembly,
M. B. White,
Chester A. Baker,
Richard F. Payhe,
John B. Twiford,
Daniel Merrison,
John Weich Raymond Murchy

Stanley Plays Xmas Carol Of His Own Composition

Ben Stanley, organist and choirmaster of Trinity cathedral, played "Christmas in the Morning," a carol of his own composition, at both musical services Tuesday. The words of the carol were taken from the story of the coming of the three wise men. The early service was impressive. The full choir was present to herald the day in with the old Christmas carols. Hymns, carols and anthems were sung at the 10:30 service. More than 500 people were present. As is the custom at Trinity, the full choir was given a breakfast at Loyal hotel after the early service.

Joel W. West, Former Omaha Attorney, Dies in Far West

Joel W. West, for many years a practicing attorney, who moved to California five years ago, died at his home in San Diego Christmas morning. He is reported to have con-tracted a severe cold that developed into pneumonia. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. Christmas Business Good On Railroads, Say Officials

The business, they say, was about up to that of former years, and there was more money in it, due to the fact that it was handled with less equipment than usual. Only one special train was run into Omaha Christmas

Choice of any

Mid-winter

trimmed hat

day and that was over the Northwest- City Commissioners Thank

The Northwestern's Black Hills Passenger railroad officials are well train was several hours late. At City commissioners, through their made up and run through, doing local business.

Bee Want Ads Bring Results.

Contributors to Muny Tree

satisfied with the Christmas business. Noticik there were 100 or so people committee on municipal. Christmas who wanted to come to Omalia, and tree entertainment, desires to express Chief Too III to Discuss to accommo ate them a special was thanks to the numerous business firms and individuals who con-

Omaha Musicians' union, Chambers' lowed to discuss police matters when speakers will be Dean F. J. Kelly, pupils, all other entertainers, and the calling on the patient. branders stores for contribution of

Western Teachers Convene

company, Trimble Brothers, the in a hospital. Visitors are not al- Saturday at the Rome hotel. The called at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

University of Kansas: Prof. R. E. Carter, University of Kansas; Dean G. W. A. Luckey, University of Nebraska; President D. W. Hayes of In Omaha Last of Week | Peru State Normal; Prof. E. Lewis University of Iowa; Prof. H. Police Row With Visitors The sixth annual conference of the S. Lull, Kansas State Normal, at Emtributed so liberally to make the af-fair a success; also the Bemis Bag improve. He is still being attended Education will be held Friday and Omaha. The first session will be

Buy Another War Saving Stamp

Benson & Thorne The Store of Individual Shops"

An End-of-the-Year Sale of

Women's and Children's Apparel

at Reductions of 20, 25, 331-3 and 50 Per Cent

N extraordinary selling event, featuring only wanted winter wearables at sharply reduced prices. Rounding A out December with a series of most unusual and intensely interesting values in ready-to-wear. Included are the season's latest models and newest fabrics. The values are most remarkable with the season so little advanced. The old price tickets will be left on the merchandise to show you the exact reduction in force.

Serviceable Winter Coats Sharply Reduced from \$25 to \$16.67

bolivia, mixtures, burella and plushes. Newest models-clever trimming ideas. Distinctive All-Around Coats Reduced From \$29.50

EPENDABLE coats of wool velour, pom pom.

to \$19.67 ARM winter coats for every occasion. Plush, velour, pom pom, bolivia, mixtures and silvertone. Many of these fur trimmed. Smart Winter Coats

Reduced From \$35 to \$23.34

OATS evolved of splendid quality plush, velours, burella, pom pom and silvertone. Buttons, pockets, belts and fur trimmings. Coats of Individuality

Reduced From \$45 to \$30.00 OATS that stand out by themselves—in styles that you won't see duplicated on every passerby. Variety of new materials and colorings.

Semi-Dress Coats Reduced From \$49.50 to \$33.17

EAUTIFUL silvertones, rich crystal cloths, sof velvets and velours, Hudson seal, Australian opossum, muffloon and kramle trimmings.

EVERY COAT IN STOCK 1-3 OFF



IMPLE attractive serge and silk dresses for street, business and general utility wear. Newest models with embroidery and braid trim-

Smart Afternoon Dresses Reduced From \$39.50 to \$26.34

ASHIONABLE afternoon dresses made of serge, silk and georgette crepe-also combination effects. Bead and embroidery trimmings.

Fetching Afternoon Dresses Reduced From \$49.50

to \$33.00

NCLUDED are velvet, georgette crepes, satins, silk and combinations. All the colors and styles

Exquisite Evening Gowns Reduced From \$75

to \$50.00 COLLECTION of charming evening and dinner gowns. Rich velvets, gorgeous satins, pretty georgette crepes and combinations.

EVERY DRESS IN STOCK 1-3 OFF.

End-of-the-year sale of--

E. M. Reynolds, V.-P. and Gen Mgr.

Girls' school coats

reduced from \$8.50 to



ARM, serviceable coats for girls. Mainly in dark colors, a few plaid effects. Deep, roomy pockets, wide belts and button trims.

Girl's \$10.75 coats, \$7.17 EPENDABLE coats, lined or un-D lined, large collars, some trim-med with velvet. Full all around belts and novel pockets.

Dressier coats reduced one-third

Girls' Serge and Silk Dresses Reduced One-Third. Dark colored washable School Dresses \$3.50 values, \$2.33 \$5.75 values, \$3.83

Girls' Peter Thompson Dresses and Misses' Furs Reduced

Women's, "Little Women's," and Misses' Suits Reduced One-half. Women's suits were \$30.00

TO reservations! No lay-aways!

No mail or telephone orders!
No C. O. D.! No approvals!
No exchanges! Included are hats

The values are so extreme that we

Every shape imaginable embraced in

this collection. A splendid quality of

velvet is used in all of our hats-each

smartly trimmed with touches of rib-

bon, wings, feather fancies and orna-

ments. Probably just the hat that

son is included at a price well within

Such representative makes as Fisk,

Gage and Frankel Frank included.

you have admired earlier in the sea

are compelled to strictly adhere to

formerly priced to \$20.

this policy.

your purse limit.

W ELL tailored suits of serge, velour, poplin, burella and a few gabardine. Tailored and semi-dress models. Suits that will be suitable for midwinter or early spring wear.

Women's suits were \$60.00

Women's and Misses' **Furs**

Peter Thompson Dresses

SMART suits of burella cloth, silvertone, Du Va Du Laine and silk velvet. Some of these suits are furtrimmed. Graceful jackets and plain smartly fur-trimmed. Graceful jackets and plain smartly cluded are muffs, neck pieces and sets.

UR splendid assortment of furs of distinction will be placed in this after-Christmas sale at exactly 25 per cent under regular price. In-

quality of serge. All sizes.

The Tots' Shop Offers-

Infant's dresses formerly up to \$3.95 25% underpriced



NFANT'S long and short dresses-Large asortment to choose from.

> Infant's Wrappers 50c and 65c values.

39c

Well made of flannelette. Sizes for infants.

Silk bonnets and toques Children's colored dresses Children's colored coats, 2 to 6 years Under Children's headwear Regular Children's furs

Children's bath robes

Children's Wool Dresses Formerly Up to \$5.00,

at \$295 A selection of wool dresses for children from 2 to 5 years of age.

450 Pairs of Shoes---Unusual Values

DECEMBER clearance of all the odd pairs A and depleted lines remaining from this month's successful selling.

Every pair included in this season's style taken from our regular and up-to-the-minute stock of shoes. These shoes go into this sale at these unusual prices, regardless of newness of merchandise or former prices. Included are values up to \$10.00.



THE values are so extreme that it will be I impossible to accept mail or telephone orders. No reservations or exchanges.

Included are patent, bright and dull kid leathers with gray, ivory and fawn buck cloth tops-all-over pearl gray, all-over glazed kid, glazed kid stitched in white, brown with fawn buck tops and many other styles. Full Louis kid, covered heels, leather Louis heels, medium and low heels. Sizes 21/2 to 71/2, widths AAA to D. Shoes formerly priced to \$10.00.

Men's Furnishings--Extraordinary Values for the end-of-the-year sale

Men's \$1.50 mufflers at 95c

A variety of knit, fiber and silk mufflers. Broken lots left from a big Christmas muffler business.

Men's 35c-50c handkerchiefs A collection of all linen and union linen handkerchiefs that have been soiled and mussed from handling. Most of

Men's \$1.50 night robes

at \$115 Men's night robes, made of a dependable quality of out-

Men's Shop-Main Floor.

ing flannel. These come in sizes 14 and 15 only.

Men's wool hose choice 29c An unusual special in wool hose for men. Medium

Men's silk neckwear

choice 39c One big group of silk neckties-broken lines from our

> Men's \$3.50 shirts at \$265

Men's new shirts made of silk and fiber cloth. These shirts are slightly soiled from handling but are extraordinary values every one. Men's Shop-Main Floor.

Charges Made During This Sale Will Be Put on February 1st Statement, if Desired.

The Boys' Shop Offers-Boys' clothing timely items 20% reduction



EPENDABLE clothing, stoutly made of durable materials—the kind that resists the hard wear and tear that active boys subject their clothing to. Parents and boys alike are pleased with our clothing.

Suits, 6 to 18 Years \$6.00 Suits, \$4.80 \$12.50 Suits, \$10.00 7.00 Suits, 5.60 7.50 Suits, 6.00 13.75 Suits, 11.00 15.00 Suits, 12.00 8.50 Suits, 6.80 16.50 Suits. 13.20 10.00 Suits, 8.00 17.00 Suits, 13.60

17.50 Suits, 14.00 Overcoats, 2 to 18 Years \$5.00 O'coat, \$4.00 \$8.75 O'coat, \$7.00 6.00 O'coat, 4.80 10.00 O'coat, 8.00 6.50 O'coat. 5.20 11.00 O'coat, 8.80 7.00 O'coat, 5.60 12.00 O'coat, 9.60 12.50 O'coat, 10.00 13.75 O'coat, 11.00 7.50 O'coat, 6.00

Juvenile Suits Wool and fancy mixtures, reduced 20%. Boys' Mackinaws

All wool in a variety of pat-terns and styles, reduced 20%