

NEW BOULEVARDS NOW ENCIRCLE CITY

Hummel Reports on the Activities at the Various Parks and Community Centers.

The most important improvement made by the park and boulevard department during the year was the grading of a boulevard from Fontenelle park to Miller park and establishing a connecting link between Fontenelle's boulevard and Happy Hollow boulevard, the former being 2.3 miles and the latter 1.3 miles. Commissioner Hummel is ambitious to complete a boulevard circuit. The acquirement of two blocks of land in Christie Heights addition will

give the South Side another small park and playground for use next season. The department funds for the year were: Park, \$90,000; road, \$20,000; park bond fund, \$100,000. "Owing to an increase of 20 per cent in the cost of labor and advanced prices of all supplies and materials, the work of the department was somewhat curtailed. This, however, was somewhat overcome by the addition of six motor trucks to the department equipment, which resulted in a large daily saving of team hire," stated Mr. Hummel.

Improvements Made.
An abstract of the important improvements of the year follows:
Building Morton park swimming pool and bath house.
Grading of Morton park.
Paving, guttering and curbing Bancroft boulevard from the east line of Tenth street to the east line of River-view boulevard.
Improvement of Gifford park.
Laying of large water main into Riverview park at a cost of \$5,000.

Paving additional drive in Miller park.
Paving south half of Redick avenue from Twenty-fourth to Thirtieth street.
Surfacing with cinders the entire new Belvidere boulevard 2.3 miles long.
Seventy ornamental flower beds were planted in the various parks and along the boulevards.
Numerous small buildings were erected at the various recreation centers.

No Fatalities at Lake.
In his report of the year's work Superintendent Isaacson of the Board of Public Recreation points with pride to the fact that last summer was the first season when no fatalities occurred at the Municipal beach, Carter lake. The recreation department had a busy year.

The organization of a munny guard at the public playgrounds was a new feature which culminated in a mobilization camp for a week in Elmwood park.
New playgrounds were opened at

Florence, Benson and the Gifford tract, making a total of 13 supervised playgrounds. During 1917 the attendance at public playgrounds was 35 per cent more than in 1916.
Pushmobile races, lantern parades, folk dancing, sewing, crocheting, knitting and other activities for boys and girls were promoted and supervised. A new swimming pool was opened at Morton park in the South Side, this being the fourth municipal pool. The system of supervising amateur base ball games in the parks worked out successfully. Permits were issued for 1,000 games.

Additional golf and tennis conveniences were opened in Bemis, Gifford and Miller parks. Twelve parks are now equipped for those outdoor sports. An average of 1,000 golfers attended the Elmwood links each week during the season.

Ten Social Centers.
Ten community centers are now open for the winter activities. Dramatic classes and community singing are new features of these centers. Prof. Lee Kratz has been engaged to

teach music and lead the community singing. Other activities are: Young people's clubs, children's game room, knitting clubs, debating clubs, entertainments, concerts, gymnasium classes, dancing and motion pictures. A basket ball league for men has been organized to play for the community center championship.
Skating has been provided this season at Hanscom, Riverview, Kountze, Miller, Carter and Fontenelle parks, and flooded areas afford skating at Gifford and Curtis Turner parks; also at Jetter and Morton parks in the South Side.

Divorce Cases Filed in Omaha Show Big Increase
The divorce record for 1917 shows 913 suits for divorce filed, against 830 in 1916. A total of 730 divorces were granted during the year. Of these 74 were granted in August, with November a close second with 72. April had the least, with only 55 divorces to its credit.
Alimony collected during the year amounted to \$41,000.

Building Operations

Show Increase in 1917

Building operations during 1917 showed an increase of 7 per cent over 1916. The totals: 1917, \$7,737,047; 1916, \$7,226,107.

This showing is accepted as indicating Omaha's prosperity even in war times.
An abstract of the business of the city building department for the year follows:

Dwellings	441	\$1,374,360
Stores and office buildings	18	1,469,000
Warehouses and factories	26	1,750,000
Churches	5	121,000
Apartments	22	1,301,000
Hospitals	2	110,000
Schools	6	443,432
Theaters and clubs	2	825,000
Miscellaneous	217	89,400
Additions and repairs	229	248,165

Fifty-Four New Voting Districts Created in 1917

Election Commissioner Moorhead created 54 new voting districts in Greater Omaha during 1917. The ad-

dition of the new districts was made when Benson and Florence were added to the wards of the city and the city redistricted. There are now 158 voting districts in Greater Omaha.

Nearly 2,000 Aliens Seek First Papers During Year

Out of a total of 1,721 "declarations of intention" or applications for first papers filed in Douglas county during 1917, 650 were filed by subjects of Austria and 162 by subjects of Germany. Out of 426 petitions for final papers and naturalization 137 were Austrian subjects and 93 German.

The report of the office of the clerk of the district court shows that 1,721 applications for first papers were filed; 426 applications for second papers, and 243 certificates for citizenship granted.

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

Thompson-Belden & Co.'s January Sales

Apparel Stocks at Clearing Prices

Everything Goes---No Reservations

It is hardly necessary to talk quality, for Thompson-Belden apparel has always been looked up to as the highest standard. It is most important this January of 1918 to KNOW that your purchases are the bargains they may be represented to be.

A comparison of both qualities and prices will be convincing beyond any doubt.

Coat Prices

\$25 Coats - - \$18.75
\$35-\$39.50 Coats, \$22.50
\$45 to \$65 Coats, \$27.50
\$69.50-\$85 Coats, \$46.50
\$89.50-\$100 Coats, \$55

New Prices on Hand-Tailored Suits

\$25 Suits, \$15.75
\$35 Suits, \$19.50
\$45 Suits, \$23.75
\$55 Suits, \$29.50
\$65 Suits, \$35.50
\$75 Suits, \$44.50

Separate Skirts

Will sell for less than the materials alone would cost.

Dresses

For all occasions will be ready at very great reductions.

A SMALL CHARGE FOR ALTERATIONS

Blouses Reduced

Such a lot of really good styles, fine materials, lovely colors. They had everything to recommend them at their regular prices; now, at reductions, they are more than certain to go rapidly.

\$7.50 Blouses... \$ 4.95
\$10.50 to \$12.50... \$ 7.95
\$15.00 to \$19.50... \$11.75
\$25.00 to \$29.50... \$17.50
\$35.00 Blouses... \$22.50

Furs 25% Less

Every one of our exclusive furs at this reduction in price. The numbers are limited, but the choice is excellent.

Coats Capes Shawls Scarfs Muffs

Real bargains in new furs for those who come Wednesday.

All Sales Final.
The Fur Shop
Second Floor

A Sale of Amoskeag Gingham Dresses \$1.69

Women who wish to anticipate their house-dress wants for spring and summer will find this sale to their advantage.

Worth-while styles in Amoskeag Gingham, plain shades and stripes.

Wednesday, \$1.69
An Extra Value
Basement

High-Grade Fashionable Fabrics

---Thousands of Dollars Worth---
VERY IMPORTANT SAVINGS

Never were real values appreciated so much as at present and with the knowledge that we do not purchase any silks for sale purposes, the various numbers offered will assume particular importance.

Haskell's Famous Black Silks

Priced less than at any time within two years. Haskell's quality is always dependable.

Haskell's Satin de Chine, regularly \$2.25, Wednesday, \$1.75 a yard.

Haskell's Satin Duchess, regularly \$3.50, Wednesday, \$2.65 a yard.

Haskell's Silk Faille, a \$2.75 fabric, Wednesday, \$2.25 a yard.

Haskell's Pure Dye Taffeta, regularly \$2.50, Wednesday, \$1.95 a yard.

All 36-inch

Haskell's Plain Dress Taffeta, 34-inch, regularly \$2, Wednesday, \$1.65.

Haskell's Satin Raye

In twenty-five fashionable colors. One of the most durable dress silks to be had anywhere. We have sold this material all season for \$2.50. It can't be duplicated at today's prices for less than \$2.75.

For the January sale, Wednesday, the price will be \$1.95 a yard.

Fancy Silks at Two Prices

Suitable materials for dresses, blouses and separate skirts. Patterns and styles of the very best.

Lot One—Taffetas, Satins, etc., 36 inches wide, sold up to \$2.25 a yard, Wednesday, your choice, \$1.49

Lot Two—Our very best qualities of fancy silks, sold up to \$3 a yard. Your choice, \$1.89

Save on Woolens

Anything at today's regular price is reasonable as compared to future prices next season. But when our today's regular prices are cut on goods of the best character, we feel sure that they can't last long—Be Early.

All-Wool Velours
A 50-inch fabric, in eight of the season's best colors. A \$3 quality from our regular stock reduced, Wednesday, to \$2.29 a yard.

Heavy Wool Jerseys
An extra weight in heather mixtures and is suitable for ever so many purposes. (64-inch.) Excellent for one-piece dresses or suits; \$4 quality, on sale, \$3.29 a yard.

Mixed Cheviots
For coats and suits, a good range of colors (52-inch), regularly \$3.50, Wednesday, \$2.25 a yard.

Every Yard of Silks and Woolens Is of FIRST QUALITY

\$5.50 and \$6.50 Chiffon Velvets, \$4.15 a Yard

We do not intend carrying over any of these wide chiffon velvets into the next season, hence the new price.

Wanted Fall colors of wisteria, plum, hunter's green, cope blue, navy, etc. Both qualities, the \$5.50 and \$6.50, are from our regular stock.

Wednesday, \$4.15 a yard.

Every Child's Coat Marked Down

And a very fashionable lot of coats they are, too. There are styles and colors and sizes to suit nearly everyone. From such an assortment choosing will be a pleasure. Sizes 2 to 14 years. EVERY COAT AT A SUBSTANTIAL SAVING.

Unusual Bargain

Bed Sheets
81x99
Wednesday
\$1.39 Each

Full size bed sheets of excellent quality, bleached and seamless; of keen interest to every housewife, at the SPECIAL PRICE of \$1.39 each.

\$4 Silkoline Comforters, \$2.98

All colors, stitched in varied patterns, pure cotton filling, winter weight, size 72x84. Reduced from \$4 to \$2.98.

Warm Winter Wear For Small Folks At Lower Prices

Wool and Brushed Wool Toggles and Hoods at savings. A lot of Brushed Wool Scarfs, 96c and \$1.19.

Millinery Event Extraordinary

Your Choice of Any Mid-Winter Hat, Wednesday, \$3.95

Regardless of former price, every new stylish hat for mid-season wear will go at this one absurdly small price.

New Satin Hats

Attractive new models of rich satin with facings of straw and Georgette.

\$5 to \$20

YARNS

Extra Heavy Khaki Also Gray Mixed Knitting Yarns

The Annual Sale of Linens

Commencing Wednesday at 8:30 in the Morning

It has been our custom each year to have a January Linen Sale, an event well and favorably known and eagerly awaited by women of Omaha and vicinity.

This Year's Sale Will Be Exceptional. Much has been said here and elsewhere regarding the scarcity and high prices of linens. We are realizing these facts more clearly every day.

Had we purchased any of these linens at today's market prices there would be no sale.

Foresighted buying, together with our long-standing friendships and pleasant business relations with the best linen manufacturers of Ireland and Scotland, have made this year's sale possible.

It will be extremely wise to replenish your linen stocks, considering carefully your future requirements, and at the same time saving money on the best of really fine linens.

These realities have made the Thompson-Belden linen section known and appreciated throughout the middle west.

Table Cloths

\$ 4 Cloths, sell for \$ 2.98
\$ 4.50 Cloths, sell for \$ 3.75
\$ 6 Cloths, sell for \$ 4.89
\$ 7.75 Cloths, sell for \$ 6
\$ 11 Cloths, sell for \$ 8.89
\$ 13.50 Cloths, sell for \$ 10.89
\$ 20 Cloths, sell for \$ 15

Napkins Priced By the Dozen

\$ 6 Napkins, for \$ 4.89
\$ 7 Napkins, for \$ 5
\$ 8.75 Napkins, for \$ 6.89
\$ 10 Napkins, for \$ 7.50
\$ 13.50 Napkins, for \$ 10.89
\$ 17.50 Napkins, for \$ 13.89
\$ 25 Napkins, for \$ 20

Very Special Prices on Napkins

Heavy Irish Damask, all pure linen napkins, \$4 quality, two hundred dozen, for \$3.75 a dozen. Heavy Irish Damask all pure linen napkins, \$6.75 quality, two hundred dozen, for \$5 a dozen. Heavy Irish Damask, all pure linen napkins, \$6.89 quality, two hundred dozen, for \$5.38 a dozen.

EXTRA

John S. Brown's Napkins, \$12 quality, for \$8.75 a dozen.

As our quantity is limited, we must make the allowance to each patron, only one dozen.

\$2 Bath Mats \$1.50

Huck Towels at Very Low Prices

20c Huck Towels, 15c
25c Huck Towels, 19c
40c Huck Towels, 29c
50c Huck Towels, 39c
65c Huck Towels, 50c
\$1 Huck Towels - 75c
\$1.25 Huck Towels, \$1
\$1.50 Huck Towels, \$1.25
\$1.75 Huck Towels, \$1.50

Turkish Towels at These Savings

25c Turkish Towels, 19c
35c Turkish Towels, 25c
40c Turkish Towels, 29c
50c Turkish Towels, 39c
75c Turkish Towels, 59c
85c Turkish Towels, 69c
\$1 Turkish Towels - 75c

Linen Glass Toweling

25c Checked Toweling, 20c
25c Striped Toweling, 22c
30c Checked Toweling, 25c

Extra Heavy Crashes

Of Scotch and Irish Linen
25c Linen Crash, 22c
30c Linen Crash, 25c
40c Linen Crash, 35c

Fine All Linen Huck Guest Towels

50c Guest Towels, 39c
75c Guest Towels, 59c
\$1 Guest Towels, 85c

H. S. Damask Lunch Cloths

The 36x36-inch size reduced from \$4.75 to \$3.38
The 45x45-inch size reduced from \$6.00 to \$4.50
The 54x54-inch size reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.89

Fancy Linens Some Half Price—Others Almost Half

Madeira Scarfs
\$ 3.95 Scarfs, \$2.98 a dozen
\$10 Scarfs, \$6.38 a dozen
\$12 Scarfs, \$7.38 a dozen
\$13.50 Scarfs, \$8.38 a dozen
\$15 Scarfs, \$9.38 a dozen

Madeira Luncheon Sets
\$ 7.50 Madeira Sets, \$ 4
\$10 Madeira Sets, \$ 5.89
\$13.50 Madeira Sets, \$ 7.89
\$25 Madeira Sets, \$13.89
\$35 Madeira Sets, \$17.50
(Each Set 13 pieces)

Other Fancy Linens Reduced Wednesday

25c Madeira Doilies, 12 1/2c
35c Madeira Doilies, 18c
\$2.50 Madeira Cen. Pieces, \$1.25
\$2.50 Lace Scarfs, for \$1.69
\$2.75 Madeira Scarfs, \$1.79.

Large Madeira Cloths Exactly Half Price

\$25 54-inch Cloths, \$12.50
\$30 72-inch Cloths, \$15
\$20 54-inch Cloths, \$10
\$35 54-inch Cloths, \$17.50

Many other fancy linen pieces go at just half price.

Wash Cloths Go for Much Less

Three hundred dozen turknit and lace knit wash cloths, Wednesday, 2c each.

8 1/2c Turkish Wash Cloths, 5c
12 1/2c Turkish Wash Cloths, 10c
15c Turkish Wash Cloths, 12 1/2c

Price Concessions for MEN

\$1 Outing Flannel Night Shirts, 49c

A fine winter quality flannel; flat or military collars, sizes 15 to 20.

Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs

of our own importation, at the very low price of 19c each; \$2.25 by the dozen.

65c Ties, 55c

Our entire assortment of this quality will be sold at a reduction. Patterns and colors are in very desirable variety.

MEN'S SHIRTS A Sale

Arrow and Eagle Shirts, two of the best fitting, best made makes to be had. Attractive, fast colored patterns, in excellent variety.

\$2.50 Shirts, \$2.00
\$2.00 Shirts, \$1.65
\$1.50 Shirts, \$1.25
Monarch Shirts, \$1.25

All Mufflers at Reductions

A large selection of good styles and colors.

\$6 and \$7.50 Mufflers, \$5
\$5 Mufflers for - - - \$3.95
\$4 Mufflers for - - - \$3
\$3 Mufflers for - - - \$2.25
\$2.50 Mufflers for - - - \$2
\$2 Mufflers for - - - \$1.65
\$1.50 Mufflers for - - - \$1.25

THE MEN'S SHOP
A Step to the Left
As You Enter