

RAILROADS.

RUMOR OF R.R. WAR

Will There Be a Fight Between the Hill and the Vanderbilt Interests?

Building of Burlington's Ashland, Neb., Line Points to Contest for Traffic.

Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, April 6.—The opinion prevails here that when the Burlington carries out its project to build a line from this city to Ashland, Neb., to Sioux City to connect the Burlington and Great Northern railways, it will mean a war between the Hill and the Vanderbilt interests.

AMERICAN ROADS BEHIND

Australian Commissioner Points Out Defects in Railways.

Almeric Compton Shaw, deputy commissioner of railways for New South Wales, was in town yesterday.

Mr. Shaw has made an investigation of the railway systems of Great Britain, France and the United States, with the object of applying such methods as may commend themselves to his judgment in the improvement of Australian railway construction.

The Australian commissioner finds nearly as much to criticize as to commend in the American method of railway construction and administration.

"You have certain elements of excellence in your construction of track for steam railways, but there are noticeable imperfections in the construction of the lines that exist."

Changes on Great Northern. Archibald Gray, who has had charge of freight traffic on the Montana Central, will, it is understood, be made an assistant general freight agent, and will have charge of the Great Northern traffic matters in Montana.

Big Money Is Invested. Deeds for the railroad properties which have been bought up the last few weeks in St. Paul were filed Saturday.

First of the C. P. R. Boats. Special to The Journal. Winnipeg, Man., April 6.—The Canadian Pacific officials announced today that the first sailing of the Canadian Pacific fleet on the opening of navigation will be the steamer Alberta from Owen Sound on April 14.

Ore Shipments Increase. The annual ore dock record issued by the Duluth & Iron Range railroad shows that the new ore dock has increased the amount of shipping at this point by 105,356 tons over last year.

Reservoir for Water. Special to The Journal. Scotland, S. D., April 6.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has purchased forty acres of land from Frank Kostal, two miles south of town.

Cleveland Roads to Merge. Horace E. Andrews, president of the Cleveland Electric Railroad company, is quoted as saying that a consolidation is about to take place between his company and the Cleveland City Railway company, of which Senator Hanna is president.

New Road Organized. The Iowa, Illinois & Wisconsin Railroad company is organized with a capital of \$750,000. The company proposes to build an electric road from Dubuque, Iowa, to Pottsville, Wis., a distance of thirty miles.

J. M. Bechtel Retires. J. M. Bechtel, for fourteen years division freight and passenger agent of the Burlington lines in Iowa, has resigned to retire to private life.

RAILROAD NOTES. The Soo line has set aside 100 cars for hauling household effects for the settlers who will go to the new territory on Wednesday.

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MINNEAPOLIS DRY GOODS CO.

Easter Week and Bargain Week--A Strong Combination

Cheap Linens

Towels at half price in the basement--Heavy Huck, 22x35, regular 15c one, now come down 7 1/2c.

Main Floor--Two good Damasks at one price; one is 60-inch Heavy Barnsey Damask, all linen; the other, a 68-inch full Bleached Linen Damask.

More Towels: Heavy Bird's-eye linen huck, 23x45; and fine satin Damask, 22x30; 35c and 40c towels, on sale at 25c.

Trimmings, Buttons

These tremendous reductions will look like typographical errors, but they're not. They mean the biggest kind of values for an outlandishly little price.

Fancy Braids, Bead and Silk Gimps, were 25c to \$1 a yd., 10c reduced for the sale to 5c.

Buttons in fancy metal, pearl and steel, large and small; were 50c to \$1 a dozen, now at 5c.

Cotton Counter.

Yard wide Bleached Sheet, 4 1/2c; Yard wide Unbleached Sheet, 4 1/2c; Yard wide fine Unbleached Sheet, 7c; 9-4 Unbleached Sheet, 14c; 9-4 Bleached Sheet, 15c.

Carpet and Rug Offerings

Here's the way the big Carpet Store proves its right to prominent mention in this Bargain Week announcement:

It offers a thousand yards of Straw Matting, but not more than 40 yards to one patron, at 10 1/2c. It offers 50 9x12 Coral Art Squares, in reds and greens, fast colors, at 4.80.

It offers 50 9x12 Brussels Rugs, one-seamed, in the new Oriental patterns, at 16.50. Fifteen patterns of our 65c, 75c and 80c Ingrains 56c.

The first few yards of each piece are a little soiled. About 35 remnants of our best All-Wool Carpets, containing 5 to 10 yards each, to close out at 42 1/2c.

Speaking of Carpets, have you ever tried the kind known as Hodges Fiber Carpets? They're softer than matings, but have all their good qualities; they're durable, washable and artistic, sanitary and attractive; the ideal floor coverings for bedrooms. We have sold them long enough to know their great worth--40c, 50c and 60c a yard.

The Hartford Saxony Rugs are the best domestic rugs made. They are all exact reproductions of fine Oriental designs, 9x12 feet. 47.50.

Oriental Rugs

Choice Kazaks, up to 6x7 feet in size and worth up to \$55, now at 35.00. A large line of Anatolians, small Kazaks and Beloochistsans, worth up to \$16 each, now at 7.50.

Rare Kermansha and Tabriz Rugs, each of which is a treasure of art, \$50 to \$100. A fine lot of Persians and Beloochistsans, \$6 to \$30.

Wash Goods

MAIN FLOOR. Mercerized Cambrays, linen finished, in blues, greens, pinks and reds, all 12 1/2c. Duchesse Madras, all in white grounds, with neat little figures, dots or stripes, yd. 19c.

BASEMENT. Fine Dress Gingham in all sorts of fancy stripes and plain colors, yard 5c. Fine Lawns, Dimities and Batisse, all new, pretty styles in colored and white grounds, 6 1/2c. Fine Dimities, Scotch Lappets, Dotted Swisses and Fancy Printed Creses, 15c and 18c cloths, sale at 10c.

Seasonable Curtain Sale

Yielding to the spirit of this bargain season, the Curtain Store presents these large values:

Saxony Net Curtains, beautiful, effective and serviceable; A hundred 60c pairs at 25c. Seventy-five 84 pairs at \$1.98.

Brussels Curtains, newly come over, direct from St Gall, worth \$5 a pair, sale at 2.98. Irish Point Curtains, new ones just in. \$5 pairs at \$2.98 \$6 pairs at \$3.98.

Embroideries Extraordinary

Sometime last January we had a sale of "Manufacturers' Trial Embroidery Strips." In three days we sold thirteen thousand yards--all we had. We did not believe that another such chance would come to us for years, but we're glad to see that we were mistaken.

LOT I--612 yards Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edgings, Insertions and Beadings; value 15c to 25c/yard. Sale price, per yard 15c.

LOT II--2,682 yards Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edgings, Insertions and Beadings, work 1/2 to 3 inches wide; value 17c to 25c/yard. Sale price, yard 9c.

LOT III--2,724 yards Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Edgings, Insertions and Beadings, work 1/2 inch to 3 inches wide; value 23c to 30c/yard. Sale price, yard 12 1/2c.

LOT IV--1,924 yards Fine Swiss, also Nainsook Edgings, Insertions, Beadings and Applique Bandings, work 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches, value 29c to 40c/yard. Sale price, yard 15c.

LOT V--924 yds. Fine Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Edgings, Flouncings, Insertions and Beadings, work 1 inch to 5 inches wide; value 30c to 50c/yard. Sale price, yard 18c.

LOT VI--110 yards only finest Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric, Edges, Insertions, Flouncings and Beadings, work 1 inch to 8 inches wide; value 40c to 75c/yard. Sale price, yard 25c.

Half Price for Finest Foulards.

Finest in coloring, finest in quality, finest in fact as well as reputation. A long list of colors; styles too numerous to mention. We give all our emphasis to this double fact--the goods are the best, and the price is just half. That is a \$1 grade, sells for..... 50c.

Dress Goods

Here are opportunities that are worth more than a passing notice: \$1.25 Suitings at 98c. Scotch Tweeds, Basket Weaves, Bucole and Hair Line Stripes in Black and Gray Mixtures.

75c and \$1.25 Black Cloths at 45c. Crepes, Grenadines and Jacquards of French and German make, 48-inch Diagonal and 44-inch Granite.

\$1.25 Colored Cloths at 98c. German Mohair Grenadines in fine lacy stripes. 39c Colored Cloths at 25c. Empire Serges, all colors with white bar.

Petticoats

Striped Petticoat made extra wide with deep strap headed ruffle; a bargain... 50c. Skirts of black mercerized Italian cloth, umbrella style, deep accordion plaited flounce in Van Dyke effects, edged with narrow, double strapped ruff; this \$1.75 value 1.39.

A very pretty skirt, black with polka dots, the double flounce finished with cluster tucks; this is 1.50. Silk Skirts of black and colored taffeta, flaring flounce of ruffle on ruff; dark ruff and underpeck near silk; extra value 6.00.

Children's Wear

Children's Cambric Skirts, made in umbrella style with a deep lawn flounce, trimmed with two rows of lace insertion and edged with lace; they are 75c skirts, on sale 59c.

Children's Wash Dresses at 25c to 50c less than regular value. Made in Mother Hubbard, sailor and waist effects, for ages 1 to 8 years. A 50c Dress for 25c. A 75c Dress for 37c. A \$1.25 Dress for 75c.

Fancy Goods

An importer's sample line of Stamped Linen Drawn Work now on sale. About 300 pieces at present, much below the prices they ordinarily bring. A few important sizes:

10x10-inch 9c. 12x12-inch 12 1/2c. 18x18-inch 18c. 24x24-inch 29c. 30x30-inch 39c. 18x72-inch 98c.

White Goods

The first of these specials will be found on the main floor, the second in the basement. Two grades of Persian Lawn, fine, sheer, washable goods: 30c grade at 14 1/2c. 25c grade at 18 1/2c.

Fancy Striped Lawns in solid and open-work effects, a good assortment of 12 1/2c and 18c values now at 7 1/2c.

Handkerchiefs

Saturday we had on sale five hundred dozen Belfast Linen Handkerchiefs, all hemstitched, for men and women. A big hole has been made in the lot, but there are enough left to make a lively sale Tuesday. Each, 10c 12 1/2c 15c 18c 20c and 25c.

Two hundred and fifty dozen Children's Handkerchiefs at 1c and 3c.

Garden Tools

The best kind of physical culture comes cheap when you can get the tools for it at these prices: Steel Hose, with hardwearing handles, 25c. Garden Hoses, the 35c kind at 25c.

Lawn Rakes, 45c kind, each... 35c. Children's and Ladies' Garden Sets, three and four pieces in the set, at 10c, 15c, 25c and 39c. Guaranteed Lawn Hose, worth to 12c a foot, sale at 7c. Hardwood Hose Reels, 75c ones, each, 48c. Garden Spades, 95c ones, 75c.

Women's Easter Apparel.

With all due respect to previous displays in this department, we must say that the present one is the best we've ever had. There are more styles and better ones, and just enough of a kind to insure a fit without impairing their exclusiveness. Satisfaction awaits every shopper who comes here for her Easter Suit or Coat.

The sample Suits we told you about are not quite gone. As a feature of Bargain Week they are too good to lose, so we have added another small lot of swell Suits to go at the same reduction from regular prices; that reduction is ONE-THIRD.

What a lot of \$8 and \$6.50 Dress Skirts and Walking Skirts we did sell last week. It was Bargain Week and a third or more was taken from the regular prices. That boomed the sale, of course, though the skirts had been regarded as excellent value at the original price. We're now on the second week of bargain-giving, and there will be more of those skirts at the same price. 3.98.

The \$12.50 to \$22.50 Suits will still be on sale. 6.98. \$25 to \$37.50 Suits, some of them with silk drop, on sale again at 15.00.

One Blouse Suit is too pretty, too good and too cheap to be lumped with the rest in this way. Perhaps you can recognize it from this description: It is made of black or blue Voile, with black and white vest and ornaments; collar cuffs and belt of stitched taffeta; it has the new pouch sleeves and tab pleum and full flaring skirt with drop. Ask a saleslady to show it to you, and tell us 25.00.

\$15 to \$35 is about the range of prices on Suits. And think how many prices come between.

Lovely Easter Ribbons.

Most of the gaiety of color that we look for on Easter morning comes from ribbons. The florists--in real and imitation horticulture--add their share of brightness to the day, but the opportunities of the ribbon dyer are better. No one dyer, however, could produce all the colors shown in our Easter Ribbon display. Some are as modest and delicate as the first Spring bluet; others seem to be intoxicated with their own brilliancy. Every mood and every emotion seems to be pictured here in color. And all these colors have their part in the general awakening of Easter morn. The prosaic side of the matter is that we are now ready to sell you any kind or color of ribbon that's been made up to the present moment.

See especially the imported novelties in Fancy Ribbons--the Dresden, the Persian, Roman, Dolly Varden; the stripes, polka dots, plaids, moire antiquies and the embroidered and plain effects, one-half to six inches wide.

All Silk Washable Taffeta Ribbons, 3 1/2 inches wide, in every shade the dyer has dreamed of, at 15c, 18c and 25c a yard. Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 3 1/2 inches wide, in twenty-three new spring shades, at 19c, 23c, 29c and 39c a yard.

Fancy Ribbons, 3 to 4 inches wide, made abroad, beautiful things for neckwear, sale at 25c. Novelty Sash Ribbons, 6 to 9 inches wide, such as the Dolly Varden and Moire Antique, also in fancy stripes and flora land embroidered novelties 59c to \$1.00 a yard.

Black and Colored Velvet Ribbon--Shipments from over the sea are just at hand and on sale at attractive Easter prices.

Go-Carts

Folding Go-carts--the kind that you can easily carry with you on the street cars. It seems funny now that somebody didn't think of this idea long ago. The wheels have rubber tires. A go-cart of this kind, made to sell for \$3.25, is offered for this sale at 2.75 only.

Also an \$8 value 5.98 for..... 5.98.

BEDS AND DRESSERS.

Here are two things--or combination of things--that we place on sale this week. They'll be one of the glories of our 2nd week:

A \$5.50 Brass-trimmed Iron Bed, A \$3.50 Mattress, cotton top and bottom, A \$2.00 Woven Wire Spring, An \$11.00 combination, all for the sum of \$8.50.

Next, a Polished Oak or Imitation Mahogany Dresser, with mirrors in four different styles, reduced from \$20 and \$25 to \$16.

De Miracle New Principle of Removing SUPERFLUOUS HAIR. The Only Method Indorsed by Physicians, Surgeons, Dermatologists and Medical Journals.

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PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OFFICE of Chief Q. N. St. Paul, Minn., March 8, 1903. SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, will be received at this office, until 11 o'clock a.m. April 8, 1903, and opened then, for the construction of one double N. C. O. quarters, one Officer's quarters, one double lieutenant's quarters, one Artillery Barrack, one Artillery Stable, one Gun Shed, one double N. C. O. quarters and one Workshop, at Fort Snelling, Minn. Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals with full instructions, had upon application here. United States reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof. GEO. E. FOND, C. Q. M.

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