CITY FINANCES.

The assessed valuation of city property, real and personal, for the purpose of taxation, for 1889-90, is $23,212,959.00. The actual value of real property is estimated to be not less than $140,000,000 and while the tax levy is forty-eight mills, the tax upon market values of property would not exceed seven mills on the dollar. The total tax levy for the fiscal year, ending July 1st, 1890, is $994,867.42. This amount is estimated to cover not only the running expenses of all the departments for the year, but also includes a liberal estimate for grading and repairs of streets and the amount set aside for sinking fund, as well as interest on the outstanding bonded indebtedness. During the six months ending October 1st, 1889, the public improvement bonds issued by the city were sold at premiums aggregating $41,000.00.

THE CITY TREASURY.

City Treasurer Rosh furnishes the following statement of the collections made by his office during the year:

REGULAR TAX COLLECTIONS.

General fund	$ 798,185.62
Sinking fund	154,272.82
Water rent fund	81,490.00
Sewer fund	96.54
Judgment fund	7,336.23
School fund	66,575.03
Library fund	11,503.94
Fire fund	36,250.07
Police fund	36,249.35
Curbing, guttering and cleaning fund	45,435.30
Water fund	10,587.52
Park fund	2,799.00
Sewer maintaining fund	8,245.04
Total	$ 1,252,225.21

SPECIAL TAX COLLECTIONS.

Side-walk fund	$ 105,624.40
District paving funds	279,221.47
Curbing and guttering funds	29,461.41
Sewer fund	46,621.34
Grading, extending, etc. fund	41,004.27
Eleventh street viaduct fund	792.21
Sixteenth street viaduct fund	346.03
Sloping of banks fund	1,944.36
Total	$ 505,676.49

GENERAL COLLECTIONS.

From miscellaneous sources	$ 72,125.20

SCHOOL MONEY COLLECTED.

Tax	$ 64,836.94
Licenses of all kinds	109,391.65
Fines from police courts	15,275.00
State apportionment	16,160.21
From miscellaneous sources	317.52
Total	$ 205,829.73

Grand total	$1,940,194.44
Total amount of premiums received from sales of bonds	$ 41,000.00
Bonded indebtedness of the city of Omaha January 1, 1889	$1,861,000.00

City Government.

Omaha is the only city of the metropolitan class in Nebraska. City officers are elected for two years. The present officers taken office on December 3 last and will enter upon their duties the present month:

Mayor—R. C. Cushing.
Treasurer—John Rush.
Comptroller—Charles Goodrich.
Police Judge—Leo Heisley.

Public Parks.

Omaha has just begun to lay out an extensive system of parks and boulevards, which within a few years will place this city on an equal footing in the matter of parks with some of the largest cities in the country. Hanscom park, covering an area of eighty acres, was acquired by the city fifteen years ago on condition that the city expend $25,000 for beautifying the same within five years, and $3,000 each year thereafter. This park is now in the very heart of the city.

The parks of Omaha are under direct control of the park commission. The members are Dr. George L. Miller, George W. Lininger, Alfred Millard, Augustus Pratt, George R. Lake, and Guy Doane secretary.

This commission, created by legislative act in 1889, came into existence with an available $33,000 to be derived from the park tax and for expenditure in park improvements. This sum or a portion of it, has been spent on Jefferson square and in Hanscom park. In the latter park a lake is to be built and other improvements made after designs prepared by Landscape Architect Cleveland. The park commission has under its control besides Hanscom park and Jefferson square, small park tracts in Benson park and Saunders and Hinsebaugh's additions.

The promoters of the South Omaha stockyards have laid out and made beautiful an excellent park that lies between Omaha and South Omaha and easily reached by the Twenty-fourth street electric motor. Although a private enterprise the park will be for public use. About $35,000 has been spent in improving it. It is the property of the South Omaha land syndicate and is called Syndicate park.

FIRE AND POLICE.

The fire and police departments of Omaha are under the immediate and absolute control of the police and fire commission, whose four members are appointed by the governor for a term of three years. The mayor of the city is ex-officio a member of the police and fire commission and also its chairman. The present members of the board are: George I. Gilbert, Howard B. Smith, L. M. Bennett and Christian Hartmann. F. S. Brownlee is the commissioner's clerk. They hold regular weekly meetings. The commission is also the excise board of the city and has exclusive authority to grant permits for the sale of liquor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The police force comprises ninety men. W. F. Seavey is the chief. The ninety men comprising the force are distributed as follows: Thomas Cormack and Patrick Moslyn, captains; A. T. Sigwart, first sergeant; Michael Whalen, second sergeant; Thomas Ormsby, third sergeant; G. M. D. Graves, fourth sergeant; H. P. Haze, chief detective, with four assistants; Patrick Hinchey, sanitary officer; Albert Kaiser, court officer; there are 4 mounted officers, 2 jailers, 2 patrol conductors, 2 drivers and 70 patrolmen. The average monthly pay roll of the police department is $5,500.

Omaha was one of the first cities in the country to adopt the system of patrol boxes having telephone communication with police headquarters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The paid fire department of Omaha is well organized and equipped with all the latest appliances for putting down fires. The monthly payroll of the men comprising the fire department averages $3,500.

J. J. Galligan is the chief of the department, with Charles J. Salter and John J. Barnes assistant chiefs. George A. Coulter is the superintendent of the fire and police telegraph system.

Omaha Gas Manufacturing Co.

The works of the Omaha Gas Manufacturing company, which cover three-fourths of a block at Eleventh and Jones streets, have been materially enlarged during the past year and an entirely new plant, adequate to meet the wants of a city of 200,000 population, is now in process of construction at Twenty-fourth and Center streets. The gas holders of the company are the landmark they have been for years, being the tallest structures in the city. The company's mains now reach every part of the city and the company is able to furnish gas at a price lower than that charged in any other city west of Chicago. The company employs about 100 men.

Omaha Bridge and Terminal Railway Co.

This company, organized under the laws of Nebraska, January 1, 1889, with a capital stock of $100,000, has completed its road-bed and track from the Union Pacific depot to the Burlington depot, a distance of about one and one-half miles, and has been operating its road for the transportation of passengers and freight since September 1 last. The company has 1,000 feet of dock on the river front, and has a large warehouse and grain elevator in course of construction. The company has also a large stone quarry in Douglas county, from which it will furnish the stone for its bridge across the Missouri river, which will be built as soon as the company can secure the right of way. The company has a large force of men at work on its bridge piers on the river front, and expects to have the bridge ready for the passage of its cars by the first of next July. The company has 100 men in its employ. The officers are: Joseph Barbarin, president; Thomas Swobe, vice president; Thomas Swobe, jr., secretary and treasurer; Joseph Barbarin, jr., assistant secretary and treasurer; Joseph Barbarin, sr., superintendent; Joseph Barbarin, jr., superintendent of bridge; Thomas Swobe, jr., superintendent of terminal; Joseph Barbarin, sr., Thomas Swobe, jr., Joseph Barbarin, jr., Thomas Swobe, sr., and Frank Swobe, directors.

Omaha Street Railway.

The Omaha Street Railway company, which operates the street railway system of Omaha, has 12 miles of track, 60 cars, 300 horses and employs 150 men. The company has its car barns and stables on Douglas between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth streets. The company has a capital stock of $300,000 and its officers are: Alexander Caldwell