

REAR VIEW

Growth and Development of the Metropolis of the Missouri Valley.

PROSPERITY OF THE CITY'S INDUSTRIES.

New and Profitable Territory Captured by Enterprising Omaha Jobbers.

MANUFACTURES GREATLY INCREASED.

Output of Omaha Made Goods Larger Than Any Previous Year.

BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Splendid Showing for a Year of Depression—Pork and Beef Packing Industry the Third Largest in the World—The Statistics.

In many respects the year 1891 was the most remarkable one of the past decade and proved disastrous in both business and financial circles. Many of the larger cities of the country suffered most severely and business wrecks were numerous.

The city has a population of 145,000. The corporate limits extend over 34 1/2 square miles of territory, within which there are 14 1/2 miles of graded streets, 64.19 miles of pavement, 92.3 miles of sewerage, 425 miles of wooden sidewalk and more than 65 miles of curbing.

The building record fell somewhat below that of former years, but, notwithstanding that, 632 buildings were erected, costing in the aggregate \$2,549,771, and not including those erected in South and East Omaha.

The commercial growth of the city, as indicated by the reports of the jobbing houses, the manufacturing interests and the bank collections, has been greatly stimulated.

The real estate transfers for the year aggregated \$1,929,821. While this does not indicate anything in the nature of a boom, it clearly proves that the realty market is in a healthy condition.

The school census taken last June, and showing an increase of 9,701 children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, indicates a fair increase in population since the taking of the government census in 1890.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

Omaha's Industries and Their Growth—Result of a Year's Work.

Notwithstanding the so-called dull times of the past year the manufacturing industries have been developing rapidly, and the improvement has been confined almost entirely to the last three months of the year.

Table with 3 columns: Class, No. of Capital, and other financial data for various manufacturing sectors like Rubber goods, Glass, Paper, etc.

following statement which shows the affairs of his office during the past year.

Table with 2 columns: Description of items and corresponding monetary values.

JOBBER TRADE.

Omaha's Wholesale Business, the Capital Investment and Business Done.

Table with 2 columns: Description of financial transactions and monetary values.

THE CITY'S EXPENDITURES.

Comptroller Goodrich furnishes the following statement showing the disbursements of the city during the year 1891.

Table with 2 columns: Description of expenditures and monetary values.

STREET AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Owing to the fact that no bonds were voted last year for the purpose of carrying on the work of improving the streets,

Table with 3 columns: Description of street improvements, Class, and monetary values.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Omaha is the only city of the metropolitan class in the state. The mayor, clerk, treasurer, comptroller and police judge are elected every two years.

Table with 2 columns: Description of government officials and their terms.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

For the year 1891 the assessed valuation of property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits was placed at \$30,029,093.

Table with 2 columns: Description of financial data and monetary values.

many important changes in the schools of the city, owing to the fact that a number of new buildings are to be erected.

Table with 2 columns: Description of school-related items and monetary values.

POSTOFFICE STATISTICS.

By reason of a considerable increase in the clerical and carrier force of the postoffice,

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RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description of receipts and monetary values.

EXPENSES.

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REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Description of registry department activities and monetary values.

THE PARK SYSTEM.

Omaha feels a pride in her park system, and it is only a question of a few years when the city will be possessed of a number of the most beautiful parks in the country.

OMAHA'S BANKS.

The banking business of Omaha is represented by nine national, two state and nine savings banks.

Table with 3 columns: Bank Name, Capital, and other financial data.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

In all of the schools of the city including the public, denominational and business colleges, 18,181 pupils were instructed during the past year.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Douglas county, including Omaha, South Omaha, and a number of small incorporated municipalities, has a population of 200,000.

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U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE.

The following comparative table shows a creditable growth in business transacted at the custom house at 44th and Jackson streets.

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through special instructions from the secretary of the treasury to the collector of customs at Eagle Pass, on the Mexican border.

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THE BUILDING RECORD.

Owing to no doubt to the condition of the money market during the early months of the year, the building record for 1891 was not as good as that for 1890.

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GAM AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The corporations engaged in the business of operating gambling machines and electric lights are reported to have done well during the year.

Table with 2 columns: Description of gambling and electric light statistics and monetary values.

THE ARMY.

The Department of the Army of the Platte embraces the States of Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming, excepting the post of Fort Yellowstone, in the national park, Wyo.

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PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

Omaha is well supplied with amusement halls, having six. Hoy's theater, the Farnum street theater, the Grand opera house, the People's theater, the Gaiety, and the Eden Museum.

Table with 2 columns: Description of places of amusement and monetary values.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

There was but little speculation in real estate during the last twelve months. The volume of sales was not as great as during some former boom years.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The plant of the American Waterworks company, situated at Florence, just outside the north city limits, is undoubtedly as fine and complete as can be found in the west.

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RAILROAD FACILITIES.

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