

OMAHA ENDS A YEAR OF GREAT PROSPERITY

Closing Year of the Century Especially

Good for Omaha.

NO BOOM, JUST HEALTHY GROWTH

Gratifying Progress is Recorded in Every Department of Commerce and Industry—South Omaha's Remarkable Growth and Bright Future.

The closing year of the century has been for Omaha the best. It has not been a boom year, but a strictly business year, a year of development and expansion of the industrial and business interests of the city.

Retailers, jobbers, wholesalers and manufacturers are all giving out most satisfactory reports. One of the best evidences of the general good condition of business is to be found in the number of new firms that have gone into business in the city during the year.

PROSPERITY FOR MERCHANTS

Wholesale Markets Have Greatly Improved During the Last Year.

A review of Omaha's trade for the year 1900 brings out many interesting facts. First of all it shows clearly that this city is a larger and better jobbing center than ever before.

The reason generally given for the increase in the volume of business for 1900 is that Omaha is a more popular market than ever before. Her jobbers are better known to the trade of the west and traveling men are covering a larger territory.

Many New Jobbers. The growth during the last year, however, has not been confined to the spreading out of the old concerns, as a visit to the jobbing district will show many new buildings.

Life insurance is good for your family. Health insurance is good for both YOU and your family.

You collect health insurance by living. You have to die before life insurance can be collected.

If you knew your health was threatened you'd insure it if you could. You can insure your health.

The stomach is the vital center of the body. The whole body is nourished from the stomach. A disordered stomach means disordered blood, disordered body, disordered brain.

How? As thousands of others have done by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's the one sure medicine for the stomach. It heals. It strengthens.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Transfers Show Falling Off, as Owners Do Not Care to Sell Their Holdings at Present.

Real estate owners and dealers of Omaha find much to congratulate themselves upon in the condition of city realty, both from a speculative and an investment standpoint.

Owners of Omaha city and suburban property find themselves in better shape this year than one year ago, for the reason that during the last twelve months the last of the cheap suburban property was taken off the market and the hands of persons who are holding it at something like its value, based upon its cost to the owners.

Good Increase in Hardware. Hardware jobbers report a most successful year's business. Although they were handicapped the first half of the year by a declining market their sales have been increased by about 20 per cent.

Successful Year in Leather Goods. Boot and shoe jobbers also report a successful year's business. While the increase in the volume of their sales has not been enormous it is of very satisfactory proportions.

Lumber Jobbers Have Done Equally as well as dealers in other lines and likewise report good gains over the last year. There has been an immense amount of business done all over the west in spite of the high prices ruling on all kinds of building material.

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YEAR'S BUILDING OPERATIONS

Records of Inspector Show that Large Number of Medium Priced Residences Were Erected.

The records of the building inspector show that the last year was characterized by the large number of medium-priced residences and substantial warehouses erected in the city.

Smallpox secured a better hold in Omaha in 1900 than during the previous year, in spite of the care exercised by the health officers.

WAR DEPARTMENT BUSINESS About One Million Dollars Disbursed by Quartermaster for Supplies, Repairs and Freight.

WORKING FOR CITY'S WELFARE Activity of Commercial Club Results in Securing Several Important Enterprises.

The Commercial club of Omaha closes its seventh year of activity with much satisfaction. From a commercial standpoint the year has been a successful one.

Among the notable achievements for which the club must be given credit is the permanent location of the headquarters of the Woodmen of the World in this city.

Several excursions from other cities have been entertained by the club and no opportunity for impressing upon the outside world the hospitable nature of the Omaha people and the many commercial and social advantages of the city has been neglected.

GRATIFYING PROGRESS MADE Officers and Members of Young Men's Christian Association Elected with Results Obtained.

The officers and members of the Young Men's Christian association express gratification over their work for the year. During the twelve months 175 new members have been enrolled, making the total membership 1,240.

One of the most satisfactory branches of the association's work is the educational department. During the year fourteen classes were organized, with a total enrollment of 190, including men of all conditions in life.

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Christian studies and meetings conducted by the association. The aggregate attendance at the meetings for men held every Sunday afternoon was 7,316 and a series of special services for business men were held with a total attendance of 475.

CITY'S POPULATION GROWING

More Births and Fewer Deaths Last Year Than in the Preceding Twelve Months.

Nearly 100 more males than females were born in Omaha during 1900. The total number of births was 1,812, 960 of the new citizens being boys, while the girls numbered 852.

Mortality for 1900 shows that nearly 200 less Omahans died during the last year than in 1899. In 1899 the records show a death list of 1,187, while in 1900 there were only 1,008 deaths. The record for the last nine years is as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Male, Female, Total. Rows for 1892-1900.

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Capitol avenue in front of the High school grounds. The total expenditure for the maintenance and improvement of the various parks and the number of acres in each are shown in the following table:

Table with columns: Name, Acres, Expenditure. Rows for various parks like Hanscom park, Riverside park, etc.

COST OF CLEANING STREETS Department Manages to Keep Expenditures Per Mile Lower Than for 1899.

Cleaning the streets of Omaha during 1900 cost \$21,653.76. The number of miles cleaned was 1,851 and the cost per mile was \$11.91.

RAISES PROPERTY VALUATION Tax Commissioner Increases Value of City Property for Coming Year by About \$1,000,000.

The assessed valuation of property in the city of Omaha will be about \$1,000,000 more for 1901 than it was in 1900.

POOR HOUSE STATISTICS Seventeen Paupers Less Being Cared For Than on January One Year Ago.

On January 1 last there were 220 inmates at the county poor house under the charge of Superintendent Olmsted.

MARRIAGE ON THE INCREASE Growth of the City Witnesses Corresponding Increase in Number of Marriages.

Next to the year of the exposition, 1900 has the high mark for marriage licenses issued. During the transmissionist summer a good many couples from out of the city came here to be married for romantic reasons.

BANK CLEARINGS INCREASE Transactions for the Year Show Gain of Twenty Million Dollars Over 1899.

The total bank clearings for the year 1900 amounted to \$217,731,456.49, as against \$207,432,370.38 for the preceding year, showing an increase of \$20,299,086.11.

PARK COMMISSIONERS' WORK No New Acreage Added, but Many Improvements Made in the City's Park System.

The Omaha Board of Park Commissioners expended \$23,954.60 during 1900 in the maintenance and improvement of the city park system.

GROWTH IN TAX COLLECTIONS Douglas County Tax-Payers Indenture the Possession of Greater Wealth Than in 1899.

A comparison has just been made by County Treasurer Elbasser for the eleven months up to December 1 of the two years, 1899 and 1900 of the collections and disbursements of the county as recorded by his office.

CUSTOM HOUSE RECEIPTS Value of Goods Imported During Past Year Approximates Million and a Half Dollars.

The past year has witnessed quite a revolution among many of the Omaha wholesalers and retailers who are importers. They are beginning to appreciate the fact that Omaha is an original port of entry for imported goods.

DO YOU USE ONE? If you do you would like to have you come to our store and see how much we can save you on supplies.

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