

Omaha Record for Year 1915 Sold in Gold Figures

Business of Greater Omaha Shows Gain for Year 1915

	1915.	1914.
Manufacturing	\$218,843,059	\$196,812,587
Jobbing	177,191,675	159,684,467
Real estate transfers	15,849,908	8,463,619
Packing house output	113,434,550	113,464,917
Bank clearings	982,670,880	887,580,781
Smelter output	69,118,510	27,181,148
Bank deposits	85,079,767	51,750,696
Building permits	5,385,005	4,010,456
Grain receipts (bushels)	50,516,000	66,464,100
Grain shipments (bushels)	47,702,100	67,217,800

Jobbing of Omaha for 1915 Shows Total of \$177,191,675

Figures compiled by the Omaha public bureau:

Category	Value
Harness and Saddles	800,000
Hats, caps and gloves	600,000
Medical supplies	100,000
Jewelry	800,000
Automobile accessories and supplies	4,000,000
Automobiles	14,283,714
Agricultural implements	12,235,166
Adding machines	161,500
Advertising novelties	160,000
Asbestos and masonry products	200,000
Bakers' supplies	208,783
Bale ties	3,000
Belt and suspenders	75,000
Beer	1,276,286
Billiard and bar fixtures	200,000
Bottle and cork	2,800,000
Bowling alleys	35,000
Brick and tile	150,000
Cement, stone and building material	44,000
Belt and suspenders	90,000
Carpet, rugs and draperies	47,000
Chemicals	1,859,105
Cheese	189,000
China and crockery	497,000
Church goods	80,000
Cigars and tobacco	2,745,000
Colling and wearing apparel	44,000
Coal and coke	8,053,316
Coffee, tea and spices	300,000
Cooking oil	2,000,000
Crackers and confectionery	70,000
Creamery machinery and supplies	35,000
Corsets and girdles	300,000
Dairy products	97,493
Dairymen's supplies	84,500
Drugs and notions	9,685,000
Drugs and sundries	3,318,786
Engine (gas)	4,361,487
Fruits and vegetables	5,728,800
Flour and other	1,162,892
Flour (houses)	500,000
Flax seed	382,000
Furs and furbearers	120,000
Furniture	164,496
Furnishing goods	36,500
Confectionery	387,000
Fire department equipment	2,394
Grain elevators	34,800,000
Grain elevators and supplies	2,000,000
Groceries	15,906,982
Hardware heavy	25,000,000
Hardware light	5,007,348

Omaha Manufacturers for 1915 Total \$213,843,059

Figures compiled by Omaha public bureau:

Category	Value
Advertising novelties	30,000
Alfalfa feed	2,000,000
Art glass and mirrors	5,000
Articles of glass	312,000
Automobile bodies	2,000,000
Bags and bag factory products	100,000
Bakers' supplies	208,783
Barrels	300,000
Beer	3,386,274
Blue prints	12,582
Boiler compounding	12,000
Boilers, steamstacks, etc.	150,000
Books and shoes	800,000
Boxes, wooden and paper	461,766
Bread and bakery products	917,512
Breakfast foods	210,000
Brick and stone tools	1,300
Brick and tile	291,500
Brooms	25,000
Butcher and bar supplies	1,000
Butter (creamery)	7,800,000
Buttons and pressing	12,000
Candy	72,000
Carbonated products	1,300,000
Cars and stock outfits	513,322
Cigars	127,225
Clay	15,000
Clothing	1,345,574
Corn and sheet metal works	20,000
Crankers and cranks	1,500,000
Cups and mugs	12,000
Cut glass	21,211
Drugs and sundries	1,800,000
Electric light and power	1,400,000
Electrotyping and stereotyping	141,192
Engines (gas)	4,361,487
Fencing	32,170
Flour and mill products	2,216,513
Furniture	164,496
Furnishing goods	36,500
Fur garments	202,800
Gases	1,400,000
Hardware heavy	25,000,000
Hardware light	5,007,348
Hair goods	180,000
Hats, caps and gloves	600,000
Hotel supplies	100,000
Ice cream	300,000
Ice machines	500,000
Incubators	200,000

SALES BY PACKERS GROW \$8,500,000 Tremendous Gain Over Last Year

Made by Packing Houses as Result of War Orders. BIG BUSINESS IN BY-PRODUCTS

An increase in total sales of approximately \$8,500,000 over the year 1914, is the record that has been established by South Side packing houses during the year 1915. According to statistics compiled from original sources by Publicity Manager E. V. Parrish of the Omaha Commercial club the total value of products handled by the four big packing plants, Armour's, Swift's, Cudahy's and Morris', and the independents for the year just closing will approximate \$121,000,000. The total record for the year 1914 is \$112,500,000. About \$2,500,000 represents the business done by the independent packers.

GREATER OMAHA IS FAST GOING AHEAD

All Lines of Industry Show Remarkable Gains for the Year Just Closed. GENERAL PROSPERITY HERE

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The Omaha smelting business has steadily increased in the city until this year it shows an increase of about \$12,000,000 over the smelting of last year. This \$12,000,000 increase is included in the \$177,191,675 increase recorded for manufacturing as smelting is classified as manufacturing.

More Butter Made Here.

Another item that helped swell the manufacturing figures is the increase of \$1,000,000 in the amount of the output of butter made in Omaha. Omaha has for some years been recognized as a great butter producing center in the world, and the huge volume of the butter output of its creameries this year has again more than justified that reputation. The total volume of butter output in Omaha this year approximates \$7,800,000, or about \$5,500,000 pounds.

Jobbing of Omaha for 1915 Shows Total of \$177,191,675

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In great force with the coming of better prices. At the same time, it is to be remembered that the corn crop of 1915 being somewhat soft, was scarcely fit to market before the first of the year, while it is also true in account of the softness of the corn which made it late in maturing for the crib, farmers got a late start in husking, with the consequence that thousands of bushels are still in the fields and the farmers in many parts of the state are still husking every day.

The receipts of live stock, totaling as they do, 7,171,273 head at all levels, reveal a higher water mark in the history of the Omaha livestock business in the metropolis. These receipts for the year mean 101,769 carloads.

This would make 4,071 trains of livestock cars each; or one train 683 miles long.

Postal Receipts.

As an index of general prosperity of the city, postoffice receipts are always looked to. The postal receipts for the year at the Omaha office were \$1,406,093, as against \$1,391,664 last year. This shows a gain of \$104,368, and makes the biggest receipts the Omaha postoffice has ever had.

The proportion of gain in manufacturing, jobbing, bank clearings and building permits, shows a reasonable similarity, or evidence of advance that indicates the universality of the prosperity in all lines in the city.

Bank Clearings in Omaha Show an Enormous Increase

The clearing house association gives the following comparative statement of bank clearings for the last year:

Year	Amount
1914	\$1,391,664
1915	\$1,406,093

The manufacturer of macaroni and noodles has made the remarkable gain of practically 100 per cent in the year. It has gained roughly \$70,000.

The manufacturer of hog serum in Omaha is a rather new factor that must now be included, having this year shown a volume of \$104,000.

The increase in the manufacture of structural steel and other building material, follows along in a proportionately responding to the general prosperity of the city. The manufacture of structural steel totals \$350,000 approximately, showing a gain of \$30,000 over last year.

The jobbing figures show a gain over last year of \$17,201,208.

The automobile sales show about \$2,000,000 more than last year.

The sale of automobile accessories shows even a greater per cent of increase.

Output of Omaha Smelters Shows a Great Increase

The increase in the value of the output of the Omaha plant of the American Smelting and Refining company amounted to nearly \$12,000,000, as compared with the value of the output during 1914. The value of the output during 1914 was \$7,121,148. Last year it was \$19,115,009. The greatest increase was in lead, it amounted to more than \$5,000,000. The smelter continues to hold its place as the largest lead refinery in the world and the second largest silver refinery. The amount of the output and the value for 1915 was:

Output	Value
Gold (ounces)	2,207,418
Silver (ounces)	18,046,782.75
Lead (pounds)	351,792,488
Copper (pounds)	21,227,785
Misc. Metals (lbs.)	151,016
Vitriol (lbs.)	7,949,928

The sale of agricultural implements for the year was practically normal. This does not mean there was no increase. It means that the increase was about the normal percentage of increase this business shows from year to year. The increase was approximately \$10,000.

Public Improvements for the Year Just Closed

During the year, under the supervision of the department of public improvements, 18.3 miles of pavement, 11.2 miles of sewers and 25.4 miles of walks were laid. There are now approximately 215 miles of paved streets in Omaha.

The sale of coal and coke showed a gain of almost \$2,000,000.

The wholesale grocery business of the city was practically normal totalling nearly \$10,000,000.

Stores of Warehouses, Brick Theaters, Factories, Apartments and Clubs, Miscellaneous New Bldgs.

Category	Value
Stores	\$1,000,000
Warehouses	\$1,000,000
Brick Theaters	\$1,000,000
Factories	\$1,000,000
Apartments and Clubs	\$1,000,000
Miscellaneous New Bldgs.	\$1,000,000

Farmers Hold Back Grain.

Grain receipts for the year showed a falling off of 15,946,100 bushels. In spite of this apparent showing, Omaha is growing as a grain market that during the summer and fall of 1914 farmers rushed their grain to market and practically emptied their granaries when the war sent the price of wheat above \$1 and the prices of other grain correspondingly high, and again to the fact that this summer when the new crop was harvested prices were comparatively low, and farmers have been holding their grain. Thus, what the receipts should show in 1915, they are expected to show in exceptional volume this year, as grain is just now beginning to move

Counting new industries and notable expansions in old firms in the city, exclusive of retailers, for the year, a total of fifty-six such new ventures entered the field.

They represent a capital invested of \$1,000,000 and give employment to 127,000.

In 1914 twenty-six new industries and expansions occurred, giving employment to 215 additional persons and representing an increased capital investment of \$1,785,000. Following are new industries for the year:

Name	Capl. No.	Emp.
Alfalfa Butter Co. (wholesale & retail)	100,000	30
Adams Laundry Co.	25,000	10
Alvin G. H. Co. (construction specialties)	10,000	5
Com. Plug & Faucet Co.	20,000	10
Consumers Auto Supply Co.	15,000	10
Domestic Sales Co. (automobiles)	20,000	10
Dry Buttermilk Co.	20,000	10
Emerald Oil Co.	10,000	10
Excelsior Portland Cement Co.	3,000	2
Globe Auto Sprinkler Co.	5,000	10
Hambro & Powers Co. (fruit and produce)	5,000	4
Hibbs Mfg.	5,000	12
Home Tea and Coffee Co.	1,000	2
Japon Produce Co.	20,000	8
King Garage and Repair Co.	12,000	5
Krogh Alfalfa Mills	20,000	10
McCaskey Register Co.	5,000	3
McDonald, A. Y. Co. (plumbing)	10,000	20
McPherson Patentizer Co.	15,000	4
Merchants' Brokerage Co.	15,000	4
National Printing Co.	6,000	3
National Tubing Co. (merchandise)	10,000	3
N. W. Ready Roofing Co.	15,000	14
Olive Grain Co.	5,000	1
Omaha Speedometer Co.	5,000	4
Phillips & Bots automobile supplies	2,000	3
Pitman-Moore Co. (hog serum)	10,000	7
Protecto Mills waterproof fabric	10,000	7
Rickes, S. & Son (bottle jobbers)	4,000	3
Schneider Electrical Works	1,500	2
Shields Belt & Supply Co.	5,000	4
Sinclair Macaroni Mfg. Co.	120,000	140
Standard Sales Co. (merchandise)	25,000	8
Stier-Waterproof Fabric Co.	25,000	1
Tell & Binkley (auto garage)	2,500	4
Western Auto Top	5,000	2
Western Newspaper Union	100,000	25
York-Alloy East Machine Co.	25,000	15
Zenith Chiffonier Co. (merchandise brokers)	6,000	3

Five churches were built at a cost of \$134,500. Eight frame and four brick school houses were built at a cost of \$34,800. One hospital was built at a cost of \$45,000.

County Court Matters.

The following comparative statement of business transacted in county court during three years has been prepared by Clerk Clyde Sundblatt:

Year	1913	1914	1915
Estate probated	195	194	191
Guardianship proceedings	31	179	19
Adoption proceedings	46	86	33
Wardship cases	18	48	4
Justice cases	249	281	234

Tabulated Statement of Building Operations in Omaha by Months for 1915

Month	No. Permits	Value
January	45	\$77,000
February	39	\$48,650
March	53	\$120,250
April	157	\$1,215,550
May	115	\$1,161,250
June	114	\$2,188,100
July	164	\$2,992,000
August	126	\$1,500,550
September	130	\$1,870,650
October	114	\$2,047,000
November	153	\$2,548,800
December	110	\$1,688,550
Total	1,361,799	\$20,228,250

Bonded Debt of Greater Omaha is Over \$18,000,000

The bonded indebtedness of Greater Omaha to date is \$18,000,000, divided as follows:

Category	Value
Municipal	\$2,306,988
Water district	\$7,500,000
School district	\$8,193,012

BUILDING PERMITS GAIN 17 PER CENT

Big Increase in Spite of Fact that Year Before Recorded the Fontenelle Permit.

Omaha's building operations for 1915 showed an increase of 17 per cent over 1914. The total improvements last year was \$3,385,000; previous year, \$4,810,456, an increase of \$74,549.

In view of the fact that the year yielded no permit approaching the Fontenelle hotel permit of 1914, the city building department looks upon the showing as a strong indication of the city's prosperity during the last twelve months.

NEW INDUSTRIES ENTER FIELD HERE

Fifty-Six New Firms, Representing Capital of Over Million Dollars, Locate in Omaha.

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MILES OF STREETS TO BE CARED FOR

Superintendent Drexel Finds 624 Miles of Thoroughfares to Look After.

City Commissioner Drexel, head of the department of street cleaning and maintenance, states he has 624 miles of unpaved streets and alleys and 230 miles of paved streets to clean and otherwise maintain. He adds that it is hard for him to get over 24 miles of jurisdiction many times in one week.

OMAHA GRAIN MART OF CENTRAL WEST

Fifty or More Million Bushels of Cereals Handled Through Grain Exchange Last Year.

Of the different kinds of grain grown in the central west more than 60,000,000 bushels passed through the Omaha exchange during the last year, all handled by the Omaha Grain exchange, and owing to the strong demand the shipments were practically the same. During the year there came to this market 6,097 carloads of grain, and adopting the grain dealers' schedule for figuring, that of 1,300 bushels per car, this means receipts of 50,814,000 bushels.

RECEIPTS FROM CITY LICENSES SHOW GAIN OF FIFTY PER CENT

During last year the city license department was transferred from an independent office on the fourth floor of the city hall to the city clerk's office.

MORTGAGE RECORD FOR YEAR JUST CLOSED

Chattel mortgages, contracts and leases filed in the office of County Clerk Dewey in 1915 amounted to \$10,058,946. Details are shown in the following statement prepared in the office:

Category	Value
Record mortgage indebtedness for the year 1915	\$10,058,946
Filed	2,371
Satisfied	27,674

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