THE BEE: OMAHA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1916.



crease over the last year's product. mately 11,000. This increase, however, does not this The proportion of gain in manufacturyear appear on the face of the tables ing, jobbing, bank clearings and buildas they are made up, because the packing permits, shows a reasonable similarers have taken to classifying their prodity, or eveness of advance that indicates ucts more minutely so that the products the universality of the prosperity in all are separated into direct products and lines in the city.

by-products in the tables. Thus the actual increase in the packing house products proper (meaning packed meats, etc.), is approximately \$2,000,000; while the by-products (meaning extracts, pharmaceuticals, soaps, etc.), show an increase of some \$8,500,000. This makes the total increase of packing house output \$8,500,000 in round numbers.

Less Beer is Brewed.

The figures on the manufacture of beer. as given out by the brewerles, show a lecrease for the year of about \$700,000. The manufacturer of macaroni and

noodles has made the remarkable gain of practically 100 per cent in the year. It as gained roundly \$370,000. The manufacture of hog serum in

Omaha is a rather new factor that must now be included, having this year shown valume of \$164.000.

The increases in the manufacture of structural steel and other building material, follows along in a proportion corresponding to the general prosperity of The manufacture of structhe city. tural stetel totals \$900.000 approximately. showing a gain of \$250,000 over last year. Gain in Jobbing. 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.

eptember ictober ... The sale of automobile accessories ovembe shows even a greater per cent of in-December crease Totals

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 \$100,000. Big Gain in Lumber.

Lumber sales showed a greater increase when the figures were all compiled, than

The increase in the value of the output most lumber men of the city believed it. of the Omaha plant of the American would. Practically all of them admitted Smelting and Refining company amounted shat the business was a little greater in to nearly \$12,000,000, as compared with olume than last year, but few believed the value of the output during 1914. The t would show an increase of practically value of the output during 1914 was \$27,-30% as it has done. The lumber husiness 133,148. Last year it was \$39,118,510.09. The was exceptionally dry and dull the first greatest increase was in lead, it amounthalf of the year. Then in September it began to pick up a little. Soon the price tinues to hold its place as the largest of yellow pine continuedd to advance unlead refinery in the world and the second til it was selling for \$5 a thousand more than in the summer. Western fir took its place in the markets of the state and in Gold (ounces).... Silver (ounces).... Lead (pounds).... Copper (pounds)... Mise. Metals (lbs.). Vitriol (lbs.).... the demand that came to the Omaha

wholesaler for common stuff. Then western fir began to increase in price until it went \$1.50 a thousand above the summer prices. At these prices the business was very brisk through November and December, bringing the total volume for the year well above that of last.

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 fearly \$15,000,000.

Farmers Hold Back Grain.

Grain receipts for the year showed a falling off of 15,948,100 bushels. In spite February .. of this apparent showing. Omaha is grow-ing as a grain market. The showing is due to the fact that during the summer and fall of 1914 farmers rushed their grain to market and practically emptied theor francrics 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 the grain. Thus, what the receipts should have shown in 1915, they are expected to show in exceptional volume this year, as grain is just now beginning to move

Bank Clearings in Omaha Show an Enormous Increase

The Clearing House association gives the following comparative statement of bank clearings for the last year: A mount. \$274,441,069 . 332,041,006 . 402,500,332

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442,257,790 545,879,384

632,833,745 483,472,168 381,286,477 420,282,668 243,038,798 219,461,528

297,432,370 815,785,196

Output of Omaha

Year.

January

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first street, \$50,000; Swanson Bros.' com-Year. pany, fireproof warehouse at 208-10-12 \$329,043,688 361,511,775 392,880,920 398,985,212 1901 1902 1903 South Tenth street, \$30,000; Dreaher Bros. brick building at 2217-19 Farnam street, 1904. 1906. 1908. 1907. 1908. 1909. \$25,000; Coad Real Estate company, brick 442,388 hotel at 608 to 612 South Seventeenth 504,388,764 street, \$25,000; Creighton university gym-602,525,867 nealum at Twenty-fifth and Burt streets, R89.97 \$55,000; Working Girls' home, 2102 to 2110 753,10 \$60,88 908,94 Davenport street, \$2,000; O. D. Kiplinger, apartments at 3875 Farnam, \$75,000; In-1915. dependent Realty company, hotel at 302 1914. 942,670,880 to 213 North Sixteenth street, \$70,000; J. L. 1915 BANK CLEARINGS. Brandels company, subway, comfort sta-1915 \$ 78,609,674 66,221,479 56,579,412 tion, garage and power house, \$50,000; \$79,215,073 67,511,016 84,907,272 69,946,972 66,543,066 70,077,864 Farmers' Co-operative company, fireproof warehouse at 802-4-6 Harney street, 18,446.07 \$3,000; St. Joseph's Catholic church, 1783 80, 534, 437 South Seventeenth street, \$40,000; George 67,091,758 E. Joslyn, fireproof office and warehouse 72,248,964 building at Fifteenth and Jones streets, 76,781,894 83,850,116 71,609,855 84,391,011 \$75,000; Skinner Manufacturing company. fireproof factory, 1215-17 Jackson street. 77,449,810 01,689,343 \$70,000; Charles Metz, brick dwelling at \$882,717,101 \$982,670,880 3708 Dewey avenue, \$50,000; R. C. Streh-

ow, apartments and clb house at 2100 Sherman avenue, \$55,000; St. Catherine hospital, \$45,000 Smelter Shows a

building, Blackstone hotel, Ford Motor

company's plant, World-Herald building

The increase of the year was spread

over all classes of buildings. There were

and sixty-two store and office buildings.

were: B. L. Danforth, brick apartments,

and First Presbyterian church.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR JUST CLOSED Great Increase

During the year, under the supervision of the department of public improvements, 18.2 miles of pavement, 17.32 miles of sowers and 25.4 miles of walks were to more than \$5,000,000. The smelter con- year: Pavi Omah South Dunde Curbin Lightli Dunc Sewe Omahi Dunde Sidewa Gradin

tion specialties) Beaver Board Co.... Com. Plug & Faucet Co.... Consumers' Auto Supply Co.. Davis, R. E. (automobiles).. Dry Butermilk Co.... Fain, N. E. (book dealers).. Fitwell Artificial Limb Co... Frox Film Corp.... Gerhard, J. M. (wholesale confectionery) Globe Auto. Sprinkler Co... Hamilton Paint Co... Heggblade-Powers Co. (fruit and produce) Thirty-second and Poppleton avenue, \$40,000; Horace C. Plunkett, southwest corner of Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, improvement, \$32,000; National Building company; 408 South Twelfth street, concrete building, \$35,000; W. A. Fraser, brick dwelling at 302 North Fifthy-third, \$16,000; Drake Realty company, brick apartments at 613 and 623 South Thirtyserum) Protecto fabric Rickes, S. & Son (bottle job-hers) San Septile Disinfecting Co. Schneider Electrical Works. Shredded Wheat Biscuit Co Simplex Tire Co. Skinner Macaroni Mfg Co.... Standard Motor Car Co..... Standard Motor Car Co..... Steril Waterproof Fabric Co. Tell & Binkley (auto garage). Western Auto Top Co..... Western Newspaper Union... York-Allen Ice Machine Co. Zipful Schifferie Co. (mer-chandise brokers)

3,060 5,800 20,000 5.000 Hikeil Mfg. Co. (wholesale Hinkell Mig. Co. (Wholesale drugs) Homan Tea and Coffee Co., Jepson Produce Co. Jones-Opper Co. (adkomobiles) King Garage and Repair Co. Krogh Alfalfa Mills. Latshaw Belting & Supply Co. McCaskey Register Co. 5.050 1,000 10,000 20,000 12.00 30,000 McCaskey Register Co...... McDonald, A. Y., Co. (plumb-McDonald, A. Y., Co. (plumb-ing, heating apparatus) McPherson Pasteurizer Co... Merchants' Brokerage Co.... Midland Ribbon & Carbon Co National Printing Co..... National Tubing Co..... National Tubing Co..... National Tubing Co.... National Printing Co.... Newman & Bodden (broker merchandise) N. W. Ready Roofing Co.... Oldsmobile Sales Co.... Omaha Speedometer Co... Phillips & Betz (automobile supplies) 150,000 15,00 15,000 25,000 5,000 2,000 Pitman-Moore Co. (h o g ÷ Mills (waterproof 19,000 Rickes, S. & Son (bottle job-4,000 500 10,000 1,500 5,660 150,000 ***40 10,000 5,000 2,000 3,500 8,000

\$1,796,500. Following are new industries

for the year:

799 residences built at a cost of \$2,023,650 and sixty-two store and office buildings. The other large buildings of the year the other large buildings of the year

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statement of ty court dur-1915

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Mr. Drexel offers the following resume

in Dundee.

of the year's work:

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tal. Em.

Mr. Drexel expects to do must of the 12 street cleaning this year with flushers. He made the following statement regarding resurfacing old pavements:

"I would like to recommend the practicability of resurfacing of rough and partly worn out brick block pavement which has a good foundation, with old asphaltum, it can be applied with very good effect on all streets that do not contain street car tracks and could be market. During the last few months and done without disturbing the street, and a practically good and smooth street

after the crop of the year was harvested, prices on not only wheat, but all other made out of an apparently worn out pavement at a very nominal cost to abutkinds of grain, remained low. As a resuit farmers held their grain. Now, howting property owners."

ever, with wheat far in excess of \$1 per bushel and other grains correspondingly Bonded Debt of high, there is a heavy movement, with the result that indications are that this Greater Omaha is year receipts will be a record. Another cause for the failing off in re-Over \$18,000,000 celpts, it is asserted, is due to the fact

in the hands of the farmers.

been sold here.

As a Primary Market.

Yanks After Chapman.

bushels.

lows: Wheat

Barley

633 865

were as follows:

In carload lots the receipts by months

The bonded indebtedness of Greater Omaha to date is \$18,990,688, divided as follows:

Municipal, \$8,205,688 Water district, \$7,500,000.

School district, \$2,295,000.

In connection with the school bonds

may be said that included in the total are \$500,000 bonds sold a few months ago. There are \$500,000 more schoel bonds \$1.036,800 419 authorized, but not sold.

South Omaha brought into the greater city \$1,018,188 city honds and \$200,000 school bonds; Dundee, \$241,000 city and \$82,000 school bonds.

The next school bonds to become due into Missouri and Kansas. will be \$230,000 in 1919, for which obligation a sinking fund is maintained.

During 1915 the city added the following prepared by to its bonded indebtedness, without making any retirements: paving and intersection, \$100,000; main sewers, \$200,000; parks, \$50,000; Auditorium, \$150,000.

Interest due on municipal bonds during quite in line with Chicago. In fact, they 1916 will be \$303,240, have been so close to those of Chicago that a great deal of wheat shipped from

were as follows: Wheat. Corn. Oats. Rye. Bar. Tot. January . 1,000 5.716 667 65 23 7,461 February . 290 1,529 375 37 12 2,353 March ... 434 830 484 23 42 1,813 April ... 652 1,652 415 30 46 2,765 May 579 1,181 340 19 28 2,453 June ... 564 1,446 B04 20 22 2,237 July 521 1,535 278 15 16 16 1,644 August ... 921 1,444 474 49 27 2,915 September .1,196 1,585 655 58 22 3,513 October ... 2,365 765 576 164 33 4,094 Novemb'r 2,562 7,75 323 54 4,369 Decemb'r 2,762 2,238 962 197 75 5,124 ment appropriation at that plant. New Buildings Contemplated. Totals...13,731 20,219 6,493 980 391 42,007 At the Armour plant a new three-story During the year 1914 the receipts were office building is contemplated. The presfar in excess of 1915, they being as folent office building will be converted into an addition to the power house. Among Receipts. other extensive improvements that will cost more than \$100,000 a new ice making plant, beef coolers, hide storage, sheep 587,200 plant, beer coolers, hide storage, anothe 523,900 killing and sheep coolers are included. Every part of the local packing busi-Totals..... 66,464,100 ness presents a brilliant outlook. Cause of Falling Off. This falling off in receipts of nearly 16,000,000 bushels is due to two causes. A year ago last summer when the Euro-

per car, this means receipts of 50,516,000 grounds. At the Swift and Company

ped out.

perity betokens every move. The people have become used to the high prices that resulted in the \$5,000,000 gain in packer receipts a year ago and are settling down pean war had gotten well under way and to the new regime. Whether conditions prices went far above \$1 per bushel for will materially change is a matter of wheat, farmers rushed their holdings to apeculation.

plant 12,640 cars of products were ship-

With the exception of the Armour plant

but few improvements have been made

at the Omaha plants. At the Morris and

company plant, the company has spent

approximately \$10,000 in general improve-

ments. The old Omaha packing plant, the

greater part of which was burned sev-

eral years ago, was rebuilt and converted

into a storage house. This venture con-

sumed the greater part of the improves

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 that the corn crop of the year just closed the city hall to the city clerk's office. was slow in maturing, and is now just Anton Hoffman was placed in charte starting to market. In the fall of 1914, under the new administration.

corn matured early and by the first of From January 1 to December 23, 1916, the following year much of it had been the license department collected \$16,022.39, sold. It is estimated that at this time as against \$11,908.70 for 1914, and \$13,923.00 fully 30 per cent of the 1915 corn crop is for 1913.

In addition to the miscellaneous licenses the city clerk's office collected the fol-As a primary market, Omaha attracts lowing: Bakers' permits, \$335; occupation the attention of the central west and is taxes for ice, coal and building material constantly extending its territory. Durwagons, \$404; fees, \$61.15; junk dealers ing the last year it has gone farther west permite, \$30.

into Wyoming and Colorado, farther north into the Dakotas and has held its Including miscellaneous licenses, the receipts of the city clerk's office for the territory on the east and south. It pracyear (up to December 18) were \$20,540.45, tically controls the trade as far east as Included in the total is an amount of central lows and on the south, well down \$3,698 for dog licenses. During the yeas

Of the wheat handled here during the 3,332 dogs were licensed. The dog catche era impounded 1,300 dogs. During the last nine months, a large portion of it has been taken for export, going through first seven months of the year 222 dogs gulf ports. On account of the facilities were licensed in South Omaha.

A detailed report of the license departs for getting it to the seaboard, prices have ment ahows the following licenses issueds been right along with Minneapolis and 7 Milk wagons and Auctioneers 99 stores 6 Refuse wagons 6 Pawnbrokers Carnival shows. 10Peddiers (wagon, push cart and 42 foot) 12Pool halls 93Runners far western elevators has stopped off and Employment Exhibitions . During the last year, for grain coming xpress ortune tellers unpowder deto Omaha, members of the Omaha Grain exchange paid out close to \$50,000,000, 3 ers Secondhand furmoney that has gone back to farmers use movers. 4Secondhand fur-143 niture 14Shooting gallery 75Stroct sales 5 Theaters Ice wagons... Junk dealers Junk peddlers Messenger ex. Early this year the Omaha Grain exchange will move into its own building,

MORTGAGE RECORD FOR YEAR JUST CLOSED

Chattel mortgages, contracts and lease filed in the office of County Clerk Dewey in 1915 amounted to \$15,085,846.88. Details are show in the following statement prov pared in the office:

Record mortgage indebtedness for the year 1915:



ADD'S AND Total Cost REPAIRS. of All No. Cost. Buildings. 12 \$ 25,700 \$ 165,075 NUMBER PERMITS. 45 -DWELLINGS --of Nebraska and adjoining states. MONTH. Cost Cost. 375 No. Cost. 33 \$ 139,375 77,000 28 \$ 5 January ... 11,000 31 \$7,100 18,000 39 21 48,650 12,500 4,950 76,100 4,000 322,530 16 10,380 332,860 106,000 1 1.780 68 53 80.500 an eight-story brick and stone, steel con-84 130,250 March ****** 380,420 26 9,000 389,420 131 211,550 42,000 . 28 46,870 April 157 94 76,000 4,000 struction building, costing in excess of ***** 22,265 16 867,120 889,385 \$250,000, and located at Nineteenth and 68,000 99 May 115 71 161,350 557,150 28,000 7,500 5,120 26 Harney streets. With the exception of 45,500 1 20 7,350 547,250 47,340 594,590 7,200 138,100 341,600 June 114 52 512,595 3.8 44,185 556,780 the lower floor, practically all of the 84,000 17 18,495 131 87,300 25,000 . 2.11.1.1.1.1 July 164 99 292,000 331,310 55,000 24 19,300 350,610 building will be occupied by grain deal-14,000 29 7.560 102 August 150,550 3,200 126 67 ers and men, firms and companies that 39,500 4,000 44,500 19,500 26 9,860 105 308,910 25 50,145 359,055 187,050 September. 130 7.0 handle commodities that go along with 12 4,750 90 338,850 24 21,375 360,225 19,400 30,000 65,000 15,000 204,700 October. 114 67 22 the grain business. 641,575 14,500 656,075 95,000 11 3,575 131 153 106 258,800 253,000 2,200 November 14 15,100 643,830 34,000 318,000 55,500 5,000 11 2,680 96 628,730 168,550 110 71 December Totals. 1.351 739 \$2,028,550 52 \$1,503,150 19 \$572,400 21 \$435,500 11 \$208,000 185 \$112,865 1,105 \$5,034,755 246 \$290,240 \$5.385,005 Comiskey is not the only American league magnate who would like to secure Ray Chapman, the star shortstop of the Cleveland club. The New Yorks are after bim, too. One hospital was Five churches were built at a cost of \$154,500. Eight frame and four brick school houses were built at a cost of \$34.800. built at a cost of \$45,000.

largest sliver refinery. The amount of the output and the value for 1915 was: Value. \$ 8,046,788.75 10,650,709.10 15,790,143.18 3,781,837.38 3,781,837.38

Amount. 389,675 21,301,418 331,792,488 21,234,785 4.) 151,016
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100 13 15 15 14 15 516,745,68 7,949,928 \$39,118,510.09 Tot

Total value Tabulated Statement of Building Operations in Omaha by Months for 1915

STORES, OF. WAREHOUSES, BRICK THEATERS FICE BLDGS. FACTORIES APARTMENTS AND CLUBS, MISCELOUS NEW BLDGS

ng	*Additions to establish houses.
64,733 1g	County Court Mat The following comparative business transacted in count ing three years has been Clerk Clyde Sundblatt: Estates probated

chandise brokers) laid. There are now approximately 215 miles of paved streets in Greater Omaha. The following is an abstract of the work done by the department for the tal investment.