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THE FIFTY YEARS OF NEBRASKA.

We have crossed the line into 1917 and on March 1st of this new year, will occur the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Nebraska to the Union. What a record of progress and achievement has come to this prairie state in its first fifty years of statehood. What changes have come from the frontier days of a half century ago to the unparalleled prosperity and universal advancement that marks Nebraska at the present time.

Nebraska when admitted to the Union, came only after several trials and much tribulation. Two bills were passed granting the admission of the state, one of which the president refused to sign and the second one President Andrew Johnson vetoed; he vetoed this bill among other things because he declared that the new state lacked in population. However, both the senate and the house promptly passed the measure admitting Nebraska over the veto and on March 1, 1867, the proclamation was issued admitting the state to the Union.

Nebraska when admitted to the Union had a population of about 100,000; the government census of 1850 gave Nebraska a population of 28,841; the government census of 1870, three years after the admission of the state, gave Nebraska a population of 122,992. At the time of the census of 1876, Douglas county, including the city of Omaha, had a population of 19,982; in 1870, Lancaster county, including the city of Lincoln, had a total population of 7,704. Today Nebraska, according to the estimate of the government, has on the first of January, a population of 1,277,750; this compares with 100,000 at the time of its admission. Compare the meagre population of Omaha and Lincoln with their population at the present and some idea will be gained of the growth of these two cities that have only at best kept pace with the growth of the state in its entirety.

In 1866, fifty years ago, just prior to the admission of the state, a general election was held to elect a governor for the new commonwealth. The total vote cast for the first governor of Nebraska in 1866 was 8,641. Nebraska in the general election of 1916, fifty years afterward, cast a total vote for governor of 291,466.

Fifty years ago, railroad construction had just commenced in this state. In 1866, the first fifty miles of the Union Pacific road was constructed and put in operation. By the spring of 1867 some 200 miles more of the initial road in this state was practically completed, but it was not until May 1869, that the road was completed through to Ogden, and it was two years after the state was admitted that the celebrations were held all along the line over the completion of the Union Pacific. It was not until 1873, six years after Nebraska became a state, that the first iron bridge across the Missouri river was completed and opened.

Other railroad development had not yet commenced when Nebraska was admitted. The first ten miles of what is now the Northwestern system in the state was completed in 1869, two years after the state's admission. The Burlington & Missouri River railroad was organized and chartered in 1869—not chartered until two years after Nebraska became a state and ten years after it was chartered. It had only its one line completed from Plattsmouth to Kearney. The St. Joe & Grand Island road was not built until 1871, so we can take all the railroad systems of Nebraska; all the mileage that this state now contains; all the equipment to operate the road; all the millions upon millions expended in this state in its railroad systems, and they have all come since fifty years ago when Nebraska entered upon statehood.

There was not much of Nebraska in the way of wealth production in those days fifty years ago. The early pioneers distrusted agricultural conditions after the river country on the east was left. Indeed, at the time of the admission of the state, there were many who seriously questioned the making of a crop producing section west of where the new capital was located. Fifty years ago, there was no Lincoln, there was only the initial settlement on the border of the Salt Basin. With Omaha with only about 8,000 population, the towns in what was then Nebraska, were few and far between and meagre in population. Agricultural development had not gone beyond the river counties; there was hardly enough produced in Nebraska at the time of its admission in grain and live stock to meet the demands of the people then here.

In 1867, the year that Nebraska came into the Union, the total assessed valuation of all property in the state was \$20,069,000. Fifty years later in the "today," the total assessed valuation of property in Nebraska is \$2,590,000,000. Measure in these totals the growth in wealth that has come in fifty years as shown by the grand assessment rolls of the state. In 1866, Nebraska produced less than two million bushels of corn; in 1916, Nebraska produced nearly 200,000,000 bushels of corn. In 1866, Nebraska produced 267,000 bushels of wheat; in 1916, Nebraska produced 66,237,000 bushels of wheat. The changes in land values in fifty years would make the most remarkable showing of all in connection with the first fifty years of statehood, but the few salient facts and pointed comparisons that have been made will bring home a realization of what fifty years has done to the state.

There are many left yet in active life in the state who were here when statehood commenced. They have seen more in the way of state growth and development than the people in the older settled states of the east can understand or realize. Out of the unbroken prairies—the trail-crossed prairies—the unending prairies of this land fifty years ago, has come the most highly developed, most productive, most wealth producing section that the United States in all its vast expanse contains—Lincoln Trade Review.

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