TRADE REVIEW.

Wholesale.

Wholesale Grocers.

PAXTON & GALLAGHER.

That which has made us happ the greatest commercial benefit to Omaha, is its wholesale houses. The great expenditure of capital and indefatigable labor necessary to the thorough establishment of a wholesale house in Omaha can only be known to those whose enterprise give them the confidence of the western tradesmen which they enjoy. This well known wholesale house of Paxton & Gallagher is a prominent testimonial of what could and should be done in Omaha in their line. This popular firm has spared no expense or labor to establish in Omaha a business that would make the western country tributary proud, by enabling it to compete successfully with any eastern house, such as their house with the above name, in fact, the western merchant has been obliged to buy from, leaving from the high freight tariff small margins on their sales.

The western dealer has not been slow to recognize this, and to-day Paxton & Gallagher have a business of which any eastern house could be justly proud. Their fine building of four floors, near the depot on Tenth street, has a frontage of 88 feet with a depth of 130 feet, giving them plenty of room to accommodate their immense stock. The R. R. tracks run at ngside of their building, affording them superior advantages in loading and reloading freight, and enables them to ship goods either in large or small orders, with dispatch. Their trade now covers all of Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho and portions of Washington Territory, and annually reaches into the millions. Their facilities now enable them to sell goods as low as any eastern house, adding freight, and on many goods, save the purchaser the entire freight. Carrying the full line they do, leaves nothing to be desired in the trade which this house cannot supply.

McCORD, BRADY & CO.

The large wholesale grocery house of McCord, Brady & Co. began business in this city in 1879. It is well known throughout the west as one of the "Nave-McCord" houses, who are the oldest wholesale grocery merchants on the Missouri River, having opened a house in Missouri in 1838. They are the largest buyers of groceries in the United States, having now six large wholesale houses. The business of the Omaha house has increased far beyond its expectations. By buying for cash and selling on small profits, they have built up an open order trade from the far west, which alone would be considered by many eastern houses a large business. Their traveling salesmen have done as much towards driving the Chicago and St. Louis "Drummers" out of Nebraska, Kansas and Western Iowa, as any other house. This firm rightly believes that the territory west of the Missouri River belongs to Omaha, and will always be found ready to dispute it with any other city. As this house is known, so also, are the goods they carry, upon which they invite competition in both quality and price.

Wholesale Dry Goods.

J. J. BROWN & CO.

J. J. Brown & Co. is the oldest exclusive dry goods establishment in Omaha. They occupy four large stores at 1321 and 1323 Douglas street. Their business has grown from year to year in correspondence with the settlement of the Western country. The special freight advantages offered to Western buyers, together with the liberal margins extended their customers, has greatly popularized this well known and solid institution. This is the only house west of New York which carries a complete stock of goods. This will be specially advantageous to dealers in the far West. They quote the lowest figures on all goods in small as well as large orders.

Miscellaneous Wholesalers.

J. A. FULLER & CO

Among the most enterprising and popular drug firms of the West is that of J. A. Fuller & Co., composed of Messrs. J. A. Fuller and J. H. Dumont. Their elegant store in Omaha, corner Fourteenth and Douglas streets, established in 1866, is the dispensary of the finest stock of drugs in the city, as well as the popular place for druggists' sundries and toilet articles. Every thing in and about this store has recently been refitted and rejuvenated. They are now supplying the West with all kinds of window and plate glass, which business has largely been supplied from Eastern markets only. Messrs. Fuller & Co. are duplicating the lowest Eastern prices on all kinds and variety of American and French window glass, car and picture glass, embossed, enameled, grained, cut, colored and cathedral glass, a large stock of which they always carry. They can also supply, on the shortest notice, all kinds of ribbed, rough and polished plate glass. Perhaps no better idea of their facilities can be had than by reference to some of the largest buildings illustrated in this sheet, which they have equipped. The Douglas county court house, which adorns the front page, is of itself a fair testimonial of their business enterprise, all of it being polished plate and cathedral glass. They also supplied the glass for the St. Phillomena Parochial school, H. D. Jones' block, Wm. A. Paxton's five-story building, Parlin, Orendorff & Martin's great implement house, Dewey & Stone's new furniture building, as seen in this sheet, and countless others of like character throughout the country contiguous to Omaha. They are prepared to fill any contract however large. Special business is also done their immense stock of paints, oils and brushes which they are prepared to supply in any quantity.

C. F. GOODMAN.

The wholesale drug house of Mr. Charles F. Goodman, of this city, is well known all through the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, Dakota, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

Mr. Goodman located here in 1868 and by close attention to business has placed himself in the front rank of prominent business men. He occupies a three story building, 155 feet long on Farnam street, which is packed with goods. In addition to this house on Douglas street are the near the U. P. R. R. track, and two more on Tenth street, each of which is devoted to Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils and Glass, respectively. Mr. Goodman does a very large business; has a stock of over $150,000, keeps four salesmen on the road, and employs 25 men, and it can safely be said that Mr. Goodman is the leading wholesale druggist west of Chicago or St. Louis.

STEVENS, VOEGELE & DINNING.

Stevens, Voegele & Dinning, the manufacturing confectioners, are the successors of Louis Beindorff at 1322 Douglas street. The firm has already made itself popular in the confectionery trade throughout the West. They employ several traveling salesmen and have on their pay roll in this city twenty-two employees. The gentlemen who compose this firm are practical confectioners and excellent business men. They will doubtless lead the candy trade West of the Missouri.

DEWEY & STONE.

The wholesale and retail furniture house of Dewey & Stone is almost too well known to the general public to need special mention here, but a "review" of Omaha's great tradesmen would be incomplete without due recognition of some of the advancements this firm has made, along with others, during the past year. The fine new brick structure they have just completed and stocked is illustrated in this sheet. It is located on Harney street, in the rear of their Farnam street store, and connected with it almost as one building. It is five stories high, with a large basement 36x120 feet, making one of the most commodious buildings in the city. These six spacious floors are stocked with furniture of every kind, from the cheapest to the best. Their large brick building on Farnam street, 44x132 feet, has lately been replastered, painted and fitted up in elegant style. The five floors in this building are literally packed with furniture of every conceivable design. It is doubtful if any firm in the United States carries as large and well selected a stock as do Dewey & Stone. Their twenty years of successful business management has had its legitimate results, and gives this elegant furniture establishment a place second to none in the United States. Their books show daily shipments to all parts of the West, and a considerable number of the most important cities east of the Missouri river. No one can frame any idea of the extent of their business or the variety of their stock without a personal visit of inspection, which would be a solid day's entertainment in itself. Their Farnam and Harney street stores are only used for the display of goods which vary in design from the cheapest common furniture to the most exquisite designs of imported work, no two sets being alike in these buildings. Their enormous duplicate stock is stored in their large furniture depot on the railway tracks. One of the firm is constantly on the lookout for novelties in the Eastern and European markets. The great amount of furniture manufactured to their order, as well as the many advantages they possess in their purchases, enables them to sell furniture not only cheaper than any other furniture house in the west but in many cases as cheap as the factories can sell it. Go where you will throughout the great West and you will find many an elegant furniture establishment well stocked with the purchases from this most enterprising of Omaha's firms.

THE LININGER-METCALF CO.

What progress the state of Nebraska has made in the improvement of her soil, is evidenced by the very existence of such an institution as the above, if in no other way. The great amount of farm machinery which this enterprising firm has distributed over this state from its Omaha headquarters is evidence, of itself of not only our general prosperity as a state, but shows a culture and progress that will already compare with the older and thickly settled states of the east. This company was incorporated in 1882 with a capital of $100,000. At present they employ upwards of $200,000 capital and have thirty employees on their pay roll in this city, beside a number of traveling salesmen. Aside from the fact that the Lininger-Metcalf Company is the largest farm implement firm west of the Missouri river, it has twelve exclusive branch houses throughout the state, and their sales represent in nearly every other. In this city they utilize about three acres of ground near the U. P. and B. & M. depots, where stand their mammoth brick fire-proof warehouses, and where they have perfect shipping facilities upon all the railroads centering in Omaha. The implements in greatest demand in this state are handled exclusively by this firm.

C. S. GOODRICH & CO.

C. S. Goodrich & Co., 1413 Farnam Street, are importers and jobbers of fancy goods, toys, notions, cutlery, etc. They have the largest and most complete stock in their line in the city or state, and always duplicate eastern prices. They issue regular price lists.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY ASSOCIATION.

There are very few people, no matter in what part of the country they may travel, who are not familiar with the above name, especially in connection with the large, oriental A, with the eagle standing on the American shield, and apparently preparing for flight from the trade mark of the Brewing Association, to announce to the world the fame of its products. This represents one of the most popular and powerful brewing associations in Christendom. It was established in 1842 by the late Eberhard Anheuser, and in 1865 he associated in the business his son-in-law, Mr. Adolphus Busch. The K. R. R. tracks run at ngside of their building, affording them superior advantages in loading and reloading freight, and enables them to ship goods either in large or small orders, with dispatch. Their trade now covers all of Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho and portions of Washington Territory, and annually reaches into the millions. Their facilities now enable them to sell goods as low as any eastern house, adding freight, and on many goods, save the purchaser the entire freight. Carrying the full line they do, leaves nothing to be desired in the trade which this house cannot supply.

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Commission Merchants.

JOHN G. WILLIS.

The pioneer commission house of John G. Willis at 1414 Dodge street, is one of the most reliable in the city. It has doubled its capacity during the past year enabling it to handle conveniently its largely increased business.

BRANCH & CO.

The wholesale commission house of Branch & Co., which succeeded Fearon & Cole Sept. 1st, 1883, has during its career revived and renewed the good reputation of the house which has been doing a commission business for the last five years. Their success is largely due to the fact that Mr. E. B. Branch gives the business his personal attention. Nothing is neglected, remittances are promptly made and satisfaction guranteed.

Mr. Branch has had several years experience in the Banking business—in Omaha and in the country—and as a financial manager he ranks among the first. They make a specialty of Tropical and California Fruits, Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Game, etc., etc., while their trade in small fruits and oysters exceeds by far that of any other house in the city. Correspondence from the country will receive prompt attention. Try them.

McSHANE & SCHROEDER

Have during the past year had an increase of trade of 50 per cent over last year. They employ during the busy season 16 men, and have this year shipped 60 car loads of butter, amounting to 1,500,000 lbs. together with 250 car loads of eggs, aggregating 253,000 dozens. Their refrigerator capacity of 300,000 lbs of butter is cooled by some 400 tons of ice that they put up annually, which enables them to ship their goods to both seaboards and Europe.

Retail Trade.

The Omaha Carpet Company.

BERGESCH & SUNDER.

The Omaha Carpet Company, composed of Messrs J. C. Bergesch and Fred. Sunder, is a valuable addition to the business enterprises of our city during the past year. Their spacious store rooms at 1511 Douglas street, is the finest in their line, not only in this city, but the entire West. They carry a stock of $40,000 in carpets, oil cloths, linoleums, matting, certain goods draperies, etc. It is giving but due credit to this firm to say that by their directed efforts and business energy the carpet trade has been made what it never was before in Nebraska.

Heretofore many of our most fastidious people have sought an Eastern market for their choice carpets; since the establishment of the Omaha Carpet Company this has not been the case. Nothing in the elegant carpet line is wanting here to supply the finest trade with anything within its demand. They employ the most experienced artists in every department, and by giving very low prices on good goods and universal satisfaction to all purchasers they have, in about ten short months, leaped to the head of the carpet trade of the West.

Dry Goods Retail.

WM. BUSSMAN.

One of the most important business changes made in Omaha during the summer, is that of Wm. Bussman, the popular pioneer dry goods merchant. The public remembers well his old stand, corner Fifteenth and Douglas streets, from which he moved to his fine building erected this summer. At a cost of $25,000 he has added another to our already large number of splendid business blocks. It occupies 66x132 feet on the N. E. corner of Fifteenth and Douglas streets, and is divided into four splendid stores, two on Douglas and two on 16th streets, beside the fine large store on the corner which he occupies himself. The upper floors of the building are divided into the finest offices in the city.

The building is a monument to the excellent business management of a man who is an example of what can be done in Omaha by careful, honest and legitimate business transactions. He has established the fact that handling good honest goods will win in the end, a great part of his trade being from those who have been his patrons for years and know that his stock is always the best and prices as low as any at which good goods can be sold.

WIIG & WESTBERG.

The dry goods and boot and shoe firm of Wiig & Westberg occupies four large stores on Tenth street, as illustrated in this sheet. This firm is an evidence of what commercial enterprise and sturdy business qualifications can accomplish in this city in two short years. Two years ago these gentlemen started in business in one small store with limited capital. They, like many others, realized the business advantages which would soon be gained in the rapidly growing metropolis of the great west. At present, they are doing a business of $150,000 per year in dry goods, millinery goods, boots and shoes, and drawing trade from all parts of the city, attracted to them by their immense stock and low prices. They were among the first to inaugurate low prices on all goods in the city, enabling them to compete successfully with not only the largest stores in Omaha but those of the entire west. They enjoy a reputation in fact, among western tradesmen of which any eastern house could well be proud. Their capital and credit are now unlimited and their favorable location has made the trade of the whole of South Omaha particularly tributary to them; no other, so extensive a house existing south of Farnam street, the principal business thoroughfare of this city.

Druggists.

JESLIE & MORRELL.

Leslie & Morrell the proprietors of the new "Central Pharmacy," corner Sixteenth and Dodge streets, which was formally opened on October 31st, can boast of the best stocked and prettiest drug store in the city. The proprietors are pharmacists of long experience and little given to the city a store so beautiful that it excites universal admiration. They carry a large stock of fresh and pure drugs and the last at in toilet articles.

JOHN W. BELL.

The prescription drug store of John W. Bell at 520 South Tenth street, near the U. P. depot, has stepped to the front in popularity among the best dispensatories of medicine in the city. The store is almost a surprise in the immense stock of drugs and toilet articles which it carries. It is a model of neatness, and richly deserves all that could be said of it. The enterprise of Mr. Bell affords South Omaha a first class drug store in all its appointments. He has centred the trade in his line to his store. He opened for the holidays, the finest line of holiday goods anywhere displayed in the city. His excellent soda water last summer attracted people from all over the city to him, in which, he doubtless did as large or larger business than any of the up-town stores. The greatest care is taken here in compounding prescriptions.

Confectioners and Bakers.

J. J. MULLER.

J. J. Muller's ice cream and oyster parlors at 113 to 117 South Fourteenth street established last summer, is one of the best establishments of the kind in the city. Mr. Muller is a practical baker and confectioner and superintends his own work. His superior confections and fancy cakes, have during this season, established themselves with wending, social and other parties throughout the city.

M. WALTHER & CO.

The elegant new building erected in the fall on the corner of Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, is occupied by M. Walther & Co. He has a very large stock of the finest confectionery to be seen in the west. He has given to Sixteenth street a store that has been needed there in the way of an elegant oyster parlor and lunch room. His home made candies and delicious ice cream and ices have already made his place a popular resort for these delicacies as well as for fine fruits and cigars.

Oyster Houses.

C. S. HIGGINS

The popular Douglas street restaurant man, has made a new departure in his business, and as the change effects Omaha people to greater or less extent the scribe proposes to "give it away." Mr. Higgins is now in shape to take orders for serving oyster, game and fish supper or dinner parties, and those who have patronized his well-kept restaurant know that when Mr. Higgins has anything of this kind it will be done up in fine shape. Mr. Higgins' object is to act as a caterer to our people. He will provide suitable refreshments and good service at parties or receptions at a cost really less than housewives can do the work themselves, considering the care and labor involved. All worry and anxiety about the eatables, which are always the great bugbear in such cases, can be thus avoided. Mr. Higgins is also prepared to furnish oysters, fish and game in large or small quantities, to hotels, restaurants or private families at reasonable rates. Remember the place, C. S. Higgins, No 1203 Douglas street.

GEORGE HIGGINS.

This ever popular place has recently had some attractive additions made to it. George Higgins, the popular caterer, has constantly kept in mind that excellence of cuisine which not only binds his patrons to him, but all who receive one trial of his hospitality. His old and exceptionally fine whiskies are thoroughly known to the most fastidious. He makes this special point, and the long oyster counter, which has recently been added, has proven an attractive feature to the trade. His central location, northeast corner of Sixteenth and Dodge streets, is convenient to all and complete in all its appointments.

Clothiers.

M. HELLMAN & CO.

M. Hellman & Co., the leading clothiers, merchant tailors and gents furnishers, have done an immense business in this line during the past year. Their business has steadily increased from year to year. Their mammoth house, corner Thirteenth and Farnam streets, has proven itself the depot in Omaha of custom made clothing and gents' complete outfittings. They have lead all their competitors in not only the latest styles, but the lowest prices. To gain any idea of their enormous stock a visit to this greatest of all western clothing establishments is necessary.

Undertakers.

H. K. BURKET.

H. K. Burket, the Funeral Director and Embalmer, whose undertaking rooms are located at No. 111 North sixteenth street, is a practical man in his business and carries the finest selection of undertaking goods in the city. He gives his personal attention to all calls night or day. As an arterial embalmer he has no equal in the West. Bodies consigned to his care receive the best attention, having every facility for their preservation. His directors are the finest and his artistic embalming have made his services almost indispensable in the charge of first-class funerals.

BARKER & MAYNE.

This is one of the strongest real estate firms in the city. They do a general real estate and loan business. They are the owners of considerable of the finest property in the city, which enables them to sell to much greater advantage to the purchaser than if they did not own their own property. Mr. Joseph Barker, the senior member of the firm, is one of the wealthiest and most old capitalists in the city or state. His property interests in and about Omaha are simply immense. He owns many of the city's finest buildings as well as most valuable suburban property. His long residence here, together with the many offices of public trust which he has held, gives him an acquaintance most desirable in this special business. Mr. C. E. Mayne, his partner, is likewise one of the best known men in the state. His enterprising ventures and remarkable success have proven to the public his exceptional business tact. Parties interested in the purchase of real estate, either in the city or country, could do no better than consult with this popular firm on all matters pertaining thereto. They also make a specialty of loan money for eastern capitalists on Nebraska real estate.

PAULSEN & CO

The real estate firm of Paulsen & Co., 1513 Farnam street, offers to the public some of the best bargains in city property. Lots in Paulsen's addition, "located in the northern part of the city where little grading is necessary, but where the grading will be two to three feet above grade, are now on sale at low prices. The street cars are now running through this addition, and by May 1st, 1885, will be connected with the Saunders street line, which will secure a five minute car.

They have a large number of improved farms and 50,000 acres of unimproved lands located in the best sections of the state, at low prices and on easy terms.

Miscellaneous.

JAMES STEPHENSON.

Stephenson's Superb stables, so called, are most correctly named. The first impression a traveler from the east receives, upon coming to Omaha, and almost the first remark is: "What an elegant livery stable you have here?" and "I never saw anything like it anywhere." The fact of the matter is it is doubtful if there is another like it, at any rate, west of the Mississippi river. The special ambition of Mr. Stephenson is to possess the finest stable in the west, and in matters of taste, fitness and adaptability he seems to have reached the goal of his ambition. He has spared no money in equipping his stables, too, with the finest steeds and rigs obtainable. His stables are located on the corner of Tenth and Harney streets, and built of brick and stone, as near fire proof as can be made. The ingresses and egresses are simply perfect. He always keeps about ninety fine horses and about sixty buggies of the latest patterns and best makes. His carriages and hearses are the models of the west, and any one can designate them from others by their elegance. A visit of inspection to these stables will convey some idea of the excellent in stable building and be a treat not soon forgotten.

R. J. SAXE,

the opera house hatter, has fitted up the store east of the main entrance, in which he keeps a most select stock of hats, caps, gloves, etc., which he sells at bed-rock prices.

H. E. GRAY.

Unquestionably the most popular photograph gallery in the city, is that of the "Bee Hive" at number 213 North Sixteenth street. It is owned by that enterprising and skillful artist, H. E. Gray, who never allows a picture to leave his gallery while it is entirely satisfactory. During the past year he has added many new and novel features to his gallery for facilitating first-class work and at prices that cannot be duplicated in the city.

C. M. HOLLINGSWORTH & CO.

The crayon portrait studio of C. M. Hollingsworth & Co., at 1513 Douglas street, has made for itself a permanent home in this city. The large number of portraits executed by their skilled artists will compare favorably with those from the reputed studios of the east. Their fine hand portraits drawn from photographs and finished from life sittings are really meritorious pieces of fine art, their likenesses being perfect in every case.

THE NEBRASKA AND IOWA INSURANCE COMPANY

Commenced business May, 1883. This has been an independent and persevering institution, they have gradually increased their business in city and state from day to day and are now one of the most substantial institutions in the state. They promised to correct many of the objectionable features practiced by eastern companies and have done so. There have been many refunds since they commenced business brought about by the independent and energetic action of this company for which they deserve great credit.

OMAHA COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

Formerly the Wyman Commercial College is the best organized and thoroughly equipped institution in the city, if not in the west. It has acquired a reputation for thorough work and efficient management, second to none in the United States. In its brief existence more than 500 students have been enrolled, many of whom are now filling the most responsible positions as book-keepers at good salaries. Besides the regular course of instruction, short hand, type-writing and ornamental penmanship are taught. Under its present management the faculty has been enlarged, an ornamental penmanship department added, and various other improvements have been made. Students can get good board, room and light for $15 per month. Good situations are often procured graduates. Tuition very reasonable. Penmanship is made a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write for catalogue and circulars. Address: Bobbtcough Bros., 1114 and 1116 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb.

THE MIDLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Organized recently, has made Omaha the headquarters for the entire western country, for all kinds of electrical supplies and machinery. They furnish hotels and private residences complete with annunciators and fire alarms. The extent of this company's business is noticable in many of the largest buildings recently erected in this state, the new Gorham Hotel, Lincoln, proving a sample of the convenience of their system. They furnished this house with a complete fire alarm and signaling apparatus at a cost of over $900. They are the sole agents for the Holmes Hotel fire alarm system and the agents for the only patented system of elevator communication.

They give special attention to all calls for electric door bells, burglar alarms, gas lighters and annunciators, which are rapidly coming into use as their advantages become known.

Manufactures.

DREXEL & FOLL.

This well-known Stone Works has been to Omaha one of the necessities in her rapid growth. The enterprising proprietors have proven themselves equal to the demands made upon them, in the extensive building boom, of not only this city, but of the great West. They handle and dress all kinds of stone, making a specialty of the Rockville sand stone, which is in great demand for western buildings. Their immense yards at Eighth and Jones streets are the scene of great activity, thirty-five skilled artisans being constantly employed in getting out stone for their large contracts. Their railroad facilities for loading, re-loading and shipping are complete, embracing all the railroads which center in Omaha. They are filling all the large contracts apparently in the entire West. Perhaps no better demonstration could be given of the immensity of their business and work than the simple reference to the buildings illustrated in this sheet, for which they furnished and dressed the stone; they are the Paxton Hotel and Gess Hotel; Omaha National Bank, Metz and Krug's Breweries, English and Swedish Lutheran Churches, the St. Philomena, German-American, and Leavenworth street school buildings; Academy of the Sacred Heart; the buildings of Creighton and Jones, P. E. Iler, Farnam Goldrich & Martin, W. A. Paxton, Dewey & Stone, Woodman's Linseed oil works, Boyd's Opera House, Fred Drexel's costly residence and many other fine buildings too numerous to mention here.

C. M. EATON.

This institution is another product of the past year's growth of Omaha, and a much needed one. It is located in the center of the business part of the city, No. 111 South 14th street. It occupies a large building of three spacious floors. The proprietor, C. M. Eaton, has established along with his stove works, a general storage depot, where household goods of hundreds of families are safely stored and insured against fire or other damage. This enterprise has proven of great value to unsettled people who have known its convenience. Every branch of the general repair business has been added to this appreciable establishment, that the outside wants of the public can be supplied at one great headquarters. Here are first-class gun smiths, expert locksmiths and all the other artisans in corresponding trades that any piece of machinery can be supplied or repaired. They always keep on hand too, a large stock of nnica selections, which are sometimes so difficult to find.

To the "worse" has recently been added a large foundry, located at 108 South 11th street. Here an ample force of men are constantly employed turning out castings of every description, and the only foundry in the city where castings of copper and brass are made. The entire institution is run on metropolitan business principles and efficient help employed to promptly and satisfactorily attend to the wants of all in whatever line of repair is needed.

OMAHA IRON WORKS.

The Omaha Iron Works are located on South 17th street, with the U. P. railroad on the north and the B. & M. railroad on the south, and extend from 17th to 18th streets. The plant and stock represent a capital of $40,000. The works consist of Machine shop, Blacksmith shop, Pattern shop, Iron Foundry and Brass Foundry, and are operated by Richards & Clarke. They give employment to an average of 75 men and have been in constant and successful operation during the entire year. The annual products amount to over $100,000, they manufacture engines, boilers, grain elevators, flouring mill machinery, architectural iron work, bridge iron, and do a general jobbing work. During the past year this firm has built several grain elevators complete, have furnished the machinery for several more and the machinery for several flouring mills. It has also furnished, erected and placed in operating the electric light machinery at Beatrice, Neb., and at Atchison, Kansas. It has become one of the important manufacturing establishments of the west, and has made itself particularly felt in the iron manufacturing industries. All work and contracts entrusted to these works can have the assurance of perfect satisfaction. Richards & Clarke are wide-awake men and always anticipate the public's demand.

WILSON'S BOILER WORKS.

Up to within two years ago Omaha was sadly in need of capacious boiler and sheet iron works when the Wilson works were established at the corner of Pierce and 19th streets. This was an enterprise much needed in the rapidly growing "Gate City" and it was not surprising that an Omaha enterprise of such a character, proved a success from the start. Mr. J. M. Wilson is ripe with a variety of experience of forty-five years in his line and having the advantage of all the latest and most improved machinery for making steel and iron boilers and sheet iron work, his establishment has no equal in the state. Besides the immense business done at this works during the past year, he has completed some of the largest contracts ever effected in the west, mentionable among them being 17 large oil tanks, each with a capacity of 1400 gallons, for the Woodman Linseed Oil works.

R. O. BACKUS.

The ornamental iron and wood fence factory of R. O. Backus, 607 North 18th st., is one of the growing manufacturing industries of the west. It employs a number of men, making all kinds of ornamental fences, office railing, cemetery work, etc. Their orders are filled upon the shortest notice entirely satisfactorily, prices ranging from 55 cents to $5 per lineal foot for iron and wood fencing. These prices are not duplicated west of Chicago.

J. SEYMORE.

Another institution worthy of notice among the industries of our city is the large cooper shop and barrel factory of J. Seymore, located at the corner of Eighteenth and Pierce streets. This factory gives employment to fourteen men and turns out a great many barrels during the year. He does a general cooperage business in everything from he smallest keg to the large st tank. His goods are shipped in all directions.

A. J. SIMPSON.

The well known carriage works of A. J. Simpson, on Dodge street, which was established in 1858, have increased with its rank and size, all exp ctations at the time.

It is now the largest carriage factory West of the Missouri river, and has acquired an enviable reputation in the character of its work as well as in its general prosperity. Eastern competition is successfully met from this factory on all work.

MAX MEYER & BRO.

This firm started in the Jewelry business twenty years ago, on a small scale, but owing to their great enterprise and fair dealing, possess to-day the finest and largest store in the West. No house is better known nor enjoys a more enviable reputation than they do, and they justly deserve the broad distinction of being the "old reliable Jewelers." Their elegant and vast stock of Diamonds, Watches, Fine Jewelry and Imported Goods bespeak description, and it is not assuming too much to say that this firm is the peer of any jewelry concern in the West. Besides being Jewelers they do also an extensive business in all the leading makes of Pianos and Organs, of which they carry an immense stock, as well as Sheet Music and Musical Merchandise of all kinds.

MAX MEYER & CO.

Are the only direct importers of Havana Cigars in Omaha, and carry the largest stock of Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes and Tobacconist's Fancy Goods, as well as Notions, Sporting Goods, Guns and Ammunition, and owing to the fact that they import all their own Pipes and Notions, invariably duplicate Eastern prices.

W. F. ERDMAN

One of the most extensive industries which will enliven the coar trade of the territory tributary to Omaha is that of W. F. Erdman, S. E. corner 16th and Dodge sts. Mr. Erdman is thoroughly acquainted with the cigar trade of both Nebraska and Iowa, and as well as any man, knows its demands. He is making preparations to embark extensive y in the manufacture and sale of cigars from this point. Fully half of his sales will be of cigars manufactured in this city, the remainder from the factories of Key West and Havana, from which he has already secured the exclusive sale in this territory of some of their finest brands. Jobbers and dealers will do well to examine his goods and prices. Those brands of which he will make a specialty are he already celebrated No. 2 and 10 and Regalia, which are very popular in this city and surrounding trade.

FRANK ARNOLD & CO

One of the important manufacturing establishments of Omaha which has already made itself a name in the trade is that of Frank Arnold & Co., manufacturers and wholesale dealers in fine hand made Havana cigars. They employ eight skillful cigar makers and are adding to that number constantly. Their cigars have great prestige in this market, and are in constant demand by the lovers of an elegant smoke. This enterprising house is always on the alert for the latest novelties in smokers' articles.

THE YEAR'S IMPROVEMENTS.

A Detailed Exhibit of the Public and Private Improvements in Omaha during 1884.

GRAND TOTAL, $5,639,449 31.

The following is a complete and detailed exhibit of the improvements made in Omaha during the year ending December 31st, 1884:

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Amount expended by the city	
water works company	$ 40,000 00
Nebraska Gas Light company	25 000 00
Omaha Street Railway	75,000 00
Omaha Belt railway	80,000 00
Burlington & Missouri railway round house	20,000 00
Railway bridges and tracks laid in city	340,000 00

GRADING.

Farnam street, 16th to alley west of 26th	$ 24,673 88
Twentieth, Pierce to Davenport	10 258 58
Hickory, 6th to 10th	4,025 90
William, 10th to 14th	7,061 30
Wheaton entire	1,280 98
Center, entire Nelson add	3,120 08
Izard, 16th to 23d	7,844 10
Davidson, north of Cuming	2,556 85
Montana, entire	1,601 62
Dodge, 7th to 9th	738 40
Seventeenth, Pierce to Center	5,723 13
Eighteenth, St. Mary's avenue to Pierce	5,382 85
Nineteenth, St. Mary's avenue to Pierce	6,527 04
Thirteenth, Vinton to city limits	1,830 65
Vinton, 13th to city limits	957 70
Leavenworth 13th to 20th	5,539 46
Eighteenth, Elm to Cuming	10,706 99
Twenty-second, Grace to Burt	8,633 78
Clark, 21st to Sherman avenue	1,800 00
Sixteenth, Pierce to Vinton	18,000 00
Seventeenth, Nicholas to Paul	998 99
California, 22d to 28th	11,167 43
Farnam 29th to city limits	8,217 33
Arbor, 10th to 11th	560 85
Eighteenth, Webster to Vinton	14,370 96
Alley in Block 101	141 00
Capitol ave. from 13th to 18th	1,753 28
Alley in Block 43	126 58
Total city	$165,671 21
Grading by county within city limits	3,000 00
Grading by private citizens	15,000 00
Total grading	$183,671 21

PAVING.

Farnam, 9th to 15th	$ 51,445 45
St. Mary's ave., 17th to Forest	21,626 23
Thirteenth, U. P. railroad to Capitol ave	46,448 37
Ninth, U. P. right of way to Douglas	48,064 42
Sixteenth, south line Izard to alley next north	4,873 45
Webster, 14th to 16th	10,625 49
Tenth, Douglas to Capitol ave	9,926 90
Eleventh, Howard to Capitol avenue	26,754 58
Twelfth, Howard to Capitol ave	26,731 89
Fourteenth, Howard to Capitol avenue	26,737 32
Fifteenth, Howard to Capitol avenue	22 855 63
Cuming, 16th to 5th	22,051 78
Howard, 9th to 17th	55,462 39
Dodge, 9th to 16th	47,589 56
Alley in Block 102	1 858 50
Alley in Block 119	2,051 97
Alley in Block 120	2,051 97
	$427,266 10
Curbing 40,434 feet	42,569 00
Gutt ring 40,133 feet	53,543 00
Sidewalks	35,000 00
Total	$558,378 10

SEWERS.

8 7-10 miles pipe, 6 to 24 inches in diameter; 1 3-10 miles brick sewer, from 3 to 8½ feet in diameter, making a total of 10 miles of sewer	$185,000 00
Contract work on unfinished pavements and sewers	25,000 00
Total public improvements	$1,532,049 31

THE BUILDING RECORD OF 1884.

Douglas county court house	$275,000
William A. Paxton, Paxton block, 15th and Farnam	75,000
F. Krug, six-story brick mait house corner 11th and Jones streets, and three-story brick ice-house, 40x80 feet, on Jackson street	60,000
Iler & Company, Willow Springs distillery, four-story brick building, sheds and other building	50,000
Omaha Gas Manufacturing Company, brick buildings and improvements, 12th street between Jones and Leavenworth	50,000
Metz Brothers, brick buildings and improvements corner 6th and Leavenworth streets	50,000
Mr. John A. Creighton, brick block, Dodge near 15th street	45,000
Trinity Church stone building, corner 18th street and Capitol avenue	40,000
Stubendorf & Nestor, four-story brick block, 11th and Douglas	35,000
English Lutheran Church, brick, corner 16th and Harney streets	35,000
Peter Goss, four-story brick hotel, corner Douglas and 15th and 16th	35,000
Charles Turner, four-story brick block, corner 10th and Harney	35,000
Omaha Smelting and Refining Company, additional buildings and improvements	35,000
Parlin, Orendorff & Martin, six-story brick implement warehouse, corner 9th and Jones	35,000
N. K. Fairbank & Co., lard refinery, four-story brick 66x100 feet, near Boyd's packing house	30,000
George W. Smith, three-story brick, Douglas between 15th and 16th	30,000
Dr. Samuel D. Mercer, brick residence, modern Gothic style, corner Mercer and Low avenues	30,000
Tribune Printing Company, five-story brick building, corner 10th and Douglas streets	29,000
Wm. M. Bushman, brick block, corner 16th and Douglas streets	27,000
Smith Bros. four story brick store, Harney between 12th and 13th	25,000
Holy Trinity Church, corner 18th and Izard streets	25,000
Judge Dundy, three story brick residence, corner Georgia avenue and Leavenworth streets	25,000
St. Philomena's Academy, four-story brick school building, corner 9th and Howard streets	25,000
Frank Colpetzer, frame residence (Queen Anne style, and carriage house, 25th and Douglas	25,000
Swedish Lutheran Church, brick building, corner 18th and Cass	24,000
Fred Drexel, sand-stone residence and barn, 19th and Williams	20,000
F. M. Phillips, elegant frame residence, Queen Anne style, Dodge between 22nd and Jefferson	20,000
Dewey & Stone, five-story brick store building, Harney between 11th and 12th streets	21,000
John A. Creighton, three-story brick, Doug as between 15th and 16th	20,000
Gardner & Birkhauser, three-story brick tenement block, corner 17th and Capitol avenue streets	20,000
O. C. Campbell, three-story brick, Douglas between 12th and 13th	20,000
Haines Brothers & Company, six-story brick implement warehouse, Leavenworth between 12th and 13th streets	20,000
Mrs. Polan, three-story brick tenement block, corner 18th and Capitol avenue	20,000
Edwin Davis, two brick tenement blocks, corner 17th and Burt streets, 8,000 each	16,000
Dr. Wright, three-story brick block, corner 16th and California	18,000
A. J. Hanscom, frame residence and carriage house, northeast corner 19th and Douglas streets	18,000
Withnell Booth re. brick block, corner 15th and Harney	18,000
Dennis Cunningham, three-story brick block, 13th and Jackson	19,000
Henry Pundt, brick residence, corner 17th and Douglas streets	16,000
Mrs. J. B. Detweiler, three-story brick ten ment block, corner 22nd and Davenport streets	18,000
Leavenworth street school house, corner 17th and Leavenworth	16,500
Long School house, corner Dela-ware and Campbell streets	16,500
H. O. Jones, five-story brick store, Dodge street