

OLD OMAHA DIRECTORY FOUND

Gazetteer of 1864 Containing Records Uncovered in State Library.

DECIDES OLD SETTLER DISPUTE

Writes Up of the Town of 5,000 Inhabitants Tells of Pioneers' Organization and First "Commercial Club."

Marvellous indeed are the changes made in Omaha since 1864. Just forty-one years ago, when the city could claim scarcely 5,000 people and was fighting numerous rivals for commercial supremacy.

Omaha is still making history every day, though the pace, set by the first settlers in 1848, has been surpassed. A splendid record of the old days was brought to light by H. C. Lindsay, state librarian, recently, when it had been for years un-called for and perhaps forgotten.

Record of Real Estate Business. In 1868 the real estate transfers in Omaha amounted to \$25,000. In 1898 the real estate transfers amounted to \$1,500,000.

In the summer of 1866, Dr. George L. Miller entertained at his residence those Omaha settlers who reached the previous year to 1864 and 1865.

First Dinner and First Preacher. The first brick building erected in the town was built by John Davis, who owned it. It was located west of Child & Co's factory.

Settlers News in City Directory. The published account does not say how the time was spent at this gathering and neither does it say what refreshments were served.

Record of the Settlers. William D. Brown, June 1, 1850. Enoe Lewis, June 25, 1850. H. D. Johnson, October, 1850.

Officers of the Council—G. L. Miller, chief clerk, Omaha; O. F. Lake, assistant clerk, Brownville; Frank Welch, telegraph operator, Nebraska Center; N. R. Folson, door-keeper, Tekamah; S. A. Lewis, sergeant-at-arms, Omaha.

Reminders from Five States. A large proportion of the members of the legislature were non-residents of Nebraska, a condition not met with in new territories.

E. Estabrook, January 21, 1851. R. S. Knox, January 1, 1851. Margaret Ferry, the first child.

The first white child born in Omaha or Douglas county was Margaret Ferry. She was born in October, 1851. Her father was James Ferry, who laid the first stone for the foundation of the old statehouse.

Indiana Sell Site for the City. In 1854 the Indiana disposed of the present site of Omaha to the government, and the location having natural advantages, immigrants began to pour in.

Some Early Steamboats. Regarding packet lines, the directory says: The Omaha and St. Joseph packet line was running in connection with the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad.

First Real "Commercial Club." The grand men who settled Omaha were not content, however, to sit back and make claims of what the little village would finally be.

Byron Reed Was City Clerk. A list of all the city, county, territorial and federal officers is given as follows: City—Lorin Miller, mayor; Byron Reed, clerk.

Plan Irish Republic. The Franks Brotherhood had about forty members, but the date of its organization in Omaha is not given.

Skimmed Milk Diet for Fat Folks! Physicians who are called and hard-pressed to prescribe diet for the reduction of fat.

Mineral Waters. The mineral water business has for many years been a specialty with our city. We have our waters drawn from the springs as if a foreign water.

SKERMAN & McCONNELL DRUG CO. 18th and Dodge. OWE DRUG COMPANY, Cor. 15th and Harvey.

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WE WISH to announce that we have gone over our stock and selected about 700 pieces on which we have made special reductions.

All goods bearing this liberal discount are on single pieces, and it is done to unload in the next two days as many of them as possible.

Goods bought up until 4 o'clock Tuesday will be delivered before Christmas in unlettered wagons. We take this opportunity of thanking all our customers for their splendid support.

THE PEOPLES STORE LEADERS OF LOW PRICES 16th & FARNAM STREETS, OMAHA.

Frenzel JEWELER 15th & DODGE

Diamonds \$5.00 to \$1,000 Watches \$1.00 to \$150 Sterling Ware 60c to \$300 Cut Glass \$1.00 to \$50 Clocks \$1.00 to \$35 Silverplated Ware 50c to \$75 Jewelry All Prices

To Have and to Hold.

If you have a healthy boy you know how hard it is to hold him. Don't be made havoc of his clothes! Put him in a Security Bond Guaranteed Boys' Suit \$5

Kahn, Wertheimer & Smith Co. 739-741 Broadway New York

Omaha county. Very little snow fell in the winter and the temperature ranged between 30 in the summer to 15 to 25 below in the winter.