



# GREATER OMAHA

## Omaha as a Jobbing Center

The making and merchandising of articles for the needs, comfort and luxury of mankind have expanded at Omaha in the last dozen years in a greater degree than at any other point in the United States. This has not been the result of chance or accident, but the fruition of well defined causes. The city's superb location, in the very heart of the great Transmississippi empire, a region of unequalled fruitfulness, has brought the business men, merchants, jobbers and manufacturers into direct touch with the population in a territory within a radius of 300 miles in which the greatest development in the history of the country has taken place. In no other like section of the country is stored so great a share of the nation's present and latent wealth and Omaha is proud to be the center of it.

It is but a few years ago that the jobbing business of Omaha was confined to a small area, representing a very limited number of lines. The expansion has been rapid until today the merchant of the west finds no occasion to go or send to Chicago or New York for any article or line of goods demanded by his trade. Omaha contends for supremacy as the chief jobbing center west of Chicago and St. Louis and is already a vigorous competitor with those cities.

In 1890 the jobbing trade of Omaha amounted to \$47,000,000. The success of the houses then located here led other concerns to seek a share of the advantages offered and the business increased until the total wholesale trade in 1900 aggregated \$70,000,000, an increase of almost 100 per cent in a decade. The rapid development of the territory tributary to Omaha in the last half-dozen years has been reflected in the growth of the jobbing trade in this city, which amounted in 1906 to \$84,750,000 and which is rapidly nearing the \$100,000,000 mark.

A hint of the extent of the jobbing trade of Omaha is shown by this official report of sales in 1906:

Groceries, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.	\$11,300,000
Lumber, Cement, etc.	10,500,000
Dry Goods and Millinery	9,500,000
Agricultural Implements	9,000,000
Hardware	4,500,000
Liquors, etc.	4,000,000
Boots and Shoes	3,500,000
Paper	2,500,000
Drugs and Druggist Supplies	2,500,000
Paints, Oils and Glass	2,000,000
Furniture and Carpets	1,800,000
Fruits and Vegetables	1,850,000
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