

Thousands Enjoyed Hospitality of King Ak in 1924; 1925 Prospects Bright

Ak-Sar-Ben Year Successful, With Prospects Bright

Samson Den Show, Races, Fall Festival Enjoyed by Thousands in 1924.

In 1924 Ak-Sar-Ben was conspicuous in its activities of good fellowship and entertainment in an civic affairs of Omaha.

The year was successful for Ak-Sar-Ben from many standpoints; the membership reached 3,775, not as many as in 1923, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Fourteen presentations of the show, "Bullfight," were given at Ak-Sar-Ben den. A total of 7,470 witnessed these performances as members and his majesty had the honor of entertaining 9,441 visitors. The largest attendance was on July 26, when 1,375 visitors witnessed the special performance put on for the international convention of Lions clubs.

Fall Festival Success.

The fall festival program was perhaps the most popular that Ak-Sar-Ben has ever held. Fully 250,000 witnessed the fall street pageant, and it was judged the most beautiful ever staged in the history of Ak-Sar-Ben. A conservative estimate was made that 35,000 drove into Omaha October 1 by automobile.

The coronation ball, the crowning feature of the festival, was witnessed by 2,330 men and 2,453 women. From a financial standpoint the year was satisfactory, as the receipts were within a few hundred dollars of the disbursements.

This Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition company, during 1924, held three successful race meetings. The spring meeting of 21 days was by far the most successful running meet ever held in this part of the country. Nearly 600 horses competed for prizes aggregating \$85,000. The fall festival running meeting was well attended and satisfactory.

Army Field Meet.

In addition to this, through the courtesy of the Seventh Corps area of the United States army, a track and field meet with army maneuvers was held October 2. Fully 12,000 enjoyed this program, no charge being made for admission. Perhaps the greatest polo tournament ever held west of the New England states was staged here, Ak-Sar-Ben, in conjunction with the United States army, staged the first horse show at Ak-Sar-Ben field, which was well attended.

The board of governors feel encouraged at the prospects for 1925 and the members are determined to make it an outstanding year in the long history of the organization.

Eugenics Law Has Dealt Heavy Blow to License Mart

Only 886 Permits to Marry Issued in Douglas County in 1924; Iowa Gains.

The Nebraska eugenics law dealt "Cupid" Herbert Stubbendorf a cruel blow.

Once "Cupid" worked busily all day long and frequently was called from his home at night to issue marriage licenses.

But now—wedding bells may ring; brides may blush; bridegrooms may nuptial their rings, but most of it is done in Iowa.

"That law has taken my battling average down from 3,641 to 886," mourned Stubbendorf, as he compiled his yearly records.

The eugenics law went into effect August 1, 1923. The table shows how marriages in Nebraska have been affected:

January	1923	1924
February	191	41
March	184	39
April	206	44
May	243	81
June	256	147
July	266	44
August	27	29
September	85	82
October	85	82
November	61	60
December	61	60
Total	1,956	886

Increase for 1924 1924 1925

The factories employed 34,420 men and women in 1924 and had a combined payroll of \$54,583,953.

One Thousand Rabbits Killed in Lodgepole Hunt

Lodgepole, Dec. 31.—Over 1,000 jack rabbits were killed in this vicinity Sunday and as many more got away from the hunters. The rabbits have been hung up and frozen and will be shipped to Omaha for distribution. These pests have practically destroyed a number of corn fields which were not picked before the snow covered the ground.

Pianist Joins Chautauqua.

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—Miss Frances Green, pianist, of this city, left yesterday for Valley Falls, Kan., where she will join Miss Jane Gouder, a reader. The two will travel on the road for several months in the interest of the Ridpath-Horner lyceum bureau.

John M. Bone, 78, Dies.

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—John M. Bone, 78, for 40 years a resident of Nebraska, died at his home in West Beatrice after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife and a number of children, all grown. He had been a resident of Beatrice for 10 years.

Scully Land Taxes \$15,892.

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—V. R. Johnson, agent for the Scully lands in Cass county, Nebraska, and Marshall county, Kansas, paid into the treasurer's office here the sum of \$15,892.94 as taxes for the Scully holdings for the year 1924.

How Omaha's New Livestock Exchange Building Will Look



South Omaha will have one of the most modern buildings of its type in the country when the new Livestock Exchange building, now under construction, is completed. The cost of the building will be more than \$1,000,000.

As the accompanying picture shows, the building will be H-shaped, each wing being 62 feet wide by 133 feet long, with a connecting link 60 by 75 feet.

The exterior of the building will be along simple lines resembling the brick architecture of northern Italy. The main entrances will be trimmed in stone. The brick work will be a dark red, with terra cotta trimming to match.

The main floor will be on a level with the new viaduct, which is now being built. The main entrance will open on a lobby 60 feet square, with a high ceiling. At each end of the lobby will be offices for telegraph and telephone, and elevators. The north wing of the main floor will be occupied by the Stockyards National bank and the south wing on this floor will be arranged for offices.

All of the floors from the second to the seventh, inclusive, will be occupied by offices for commission men. The Union Stockyards company will occupy the entire north wing of the eighth floor and the south wing will be given over to hotel rooms. In the north wing of the ninth floor will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000, with stage and dressing rooms. In the south wing will be a large dining room, with kitchen. Both the dining room and auditorium will be two stories in height, so that two additional floors for office can be added later, if necessary, by abandoning the dining room and auditorium.

Value of Year's Omaha Products Is \$388,018,541

Total Worth of City's Manufactures Is \$6,205,385 Higher Than in Previous Year.

The value of manufactured products produced in Omaha in 1924 was \$6,205,385 higher than the total for 1923, according to statistics compiled by the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce.

Among the manufacturers showing the greatest gain are the packing houses, which increased \$10,446,952 and the butter and creamery houses, which increased \$1,156,465.

CORN IS HELD FOR PAWNEE FEEDERS

Table Rock, Dec. 31.—Pawnee county seldom raises sufficient corn to meet the demands of local feeders, but this year the Farmers' union elevator of Pawnee City, which already has 6,000 bushels in storage, expects to fill the building to its capacity, 10,000 bushels. This corn will not be shipped out, but will be held in storage to supply the demand of Pawnee county feeders next summer.

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Illinois Central System Says That Railroads Strive to Merit Public Confidence

Nearly five years have elapsed since the railroads began to operate under the terms of the Transportation Act of 1920. During all of this time the railroads have been on trial. The Transportation Act has been on trial. The public has been waiting to determine whether the new system would work, whether the railroads under it would be able to improve their facilities and service and establish themselves for the future.

Forty Years at Bench Followed by Operation

Humboldt, Dec. 31.—John Klossner, pioneer harness maker, was taken to the Falls City hospital Monday, where he underwent an operation for double rupture. Mr. Klossner is 74 years of age and has been at his work bench every day, except Sunday, for more than 40 years, with few exceptions. His son, John W. Klossner, is associated with him at the bench.

Buffalo Banquet Planned

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—Dudley Scott, president of the Inank Walton club of this city, called a meeting of the members for the purpose of holding a buffalo banquet here early in January.

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Additions to Gas, Water System Total 83.1 Miles

Many Major Improvements at Utilities Plants Are Completed in 1924.

The water department of the Metropolitan Utilities district laid 29.3 miles of six-inch and 2.6 miles of eight-inch service mains during 1924, which increases the water system to 444 miles. The gas department laid 24.9 miles of pipe, ranging in size from four to 16 inches. There are now 391 miles of mains in the gas system. In addition, the gas department laid 26.3 miles of service pipes between mains and property lines.

This makes a total of 83.1 miles of pipe laid by water and gas departments during the year.

Gas services installed numbered 2,052; total now being served, 45,800; water taps made, 2,630; total water services, 43,700.

During the year the new filter plant at Florence was completed at a cost of \$648,764; also 50,000-gallon high service pump at cost of \$160,357, and 500,000-gallon low service pump at cost of \$101,079.

Other major improvements during the year were reported as follows: Building for high service pump, \$73,075; building changes for low service pump, \$10,965; fireproof roof over boiler house, \$33,538; repairs to north intake, including traveling screens and suction line, \$63,513; 36-inch pumping line from basin B to basin 4, \$27,580; 42-inch line from filter plant to pump station, \$16,315; 48-inch main from Florence station to Twenty-eighth avenue and Plant street, \$23,883; 36-inch main in alley, between Poppleton avenue and Pierce street, \$22,622 to Twenty-fourth streets, \$34,522.

New Extension Planned.

It is proposed during 1925 to extend the new 48-inch main from Twenty-eighth avenue and Plant street to Thirtieth and Hamilton streets, a distance of 21,000 feet, at an estimated cost of \$714,000. This new main, when completed, will give the city additional production in time of special need or emergency. During the coming year the south intake at the Florence station will be rebuilt at a cost of \$35,000.

The gas department is now completing a 4,000,000-cubic foot gas holder on a 25-acre site adjoining the gas plant on South Twentieth street. This holder will be the city's additional production in time of special need or emergency. The big container, together with accompanying gas plant additions and improvements, involves an expenditure of \$800,000.

During the first nine months of 1924 the average daily water consumption was 26,846,000 gallons, compared with 25,429,000 for 1923.

Average daily gas consumption for first nine months of 1924 was 4,550,000 cubic feet, during 1923 average daily was 4,251,500.

Beginning January 1 the gas department will begin a new schedule of rates, which will be a reduction of 5 cents for first thousand feet and 10 cents for each succeeding thousand.

The present schedule, for instance, carries a charge of \$5.70 for 5,000 feet in a month; the new charge will be \$5.25 for 5,000.

During the last year General Manager Lensen established a new system of washing the basins at Florence. The basins are washed oftener than under the old system, leaving no chance for heavy accumulations of sedimentation.

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The signing of the decree followed the court decision from the bench yesterday, with the exception that the decree provides that more evidence may be taken by the master in chancery in determining the amount due the state.

Motions praying an appeal to the supreme court were filed by Attorney Werner Schroeder, counsel for the governor; Verne Curtis and Mrs. Etha Curtis, for the Edward Curtis estate.

The attorney general's office will oppose the motion of appeal, Clarence N. Boord, special assistant attorney general, announced.

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Three persons were acquitted in trials and but one jury disagreed. In 1923, 237 convictions and 44 acquittals were recorded on the docket; in 1922, 309 convictions and 52 acquittals, and in 1921, 303 convictions and 29 acquittals.

The number of cases handled by the county attorney's office in 1921 and 1922 was swelled by indictments under the blue sky laws and prosecution following the courthouse riot. About 100 blue sky law cases are still pending.

County Court Stumps.

Fewer cases were handled in county court in 1924 by the county attorney than in 1923.

Out of 174 cases conducted by the county attorney's office, 70 convictions were obtained. Twenty-four persons were acquitted; charges against 12 dismissed in court and 21 dismissed by the county attorney. Sixteen persons were bound over to the district court and one case was transferred to juvenile court. Thirteen cases are pending.

798 Complaints.

Seven hundred and ninety-eight complaints, ranging from joyriding to first degree murder, were filed in the county attorney's office during the year.

The year was a busy one for the county coroner also. Records show that the number of cases handled by him annually has been steadily increasing for the last four years.

Forty-four inquests were held in 1924 into the deaths of persons by murder or accident. Two hundred and sixteen investigations were conducted by county investigators.

Happy 1925 to You And Start it With a New Year Dinner

Main Dining Room 12 to 3 and 6 to 9 \$2 Randall's Royal Fontenelle Orchestra Dancing During Evening Dinner In the Indian Grill New Year Dinner \$1.50 12 to 8:30 p. m. HOTEL FONTENELLE

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This is the largest distribution made by the 12 associations of the city for any half year. Dividend disbursements for the year aggregate \$3,500,000.

Normal prosperity was the chief characteristic of the year's business in loans for home building and buying. During the first half of the year demand for home loans fell short of the supply of funds. Several associations restricted the inflow of investment money and reduced the streams of idle money by reducing the loan rate to 6 per cent. The reduction stimulated the demand for building and buying during the last six months sufficiently to absorb the surplus of idle money.

A year ago the resources of the 12 associations totaled \$71,613,422. The new year finds them with resources aggregating \$89,250,648, a gain of \$17,637,226, in 12 months.

Following are the official figures:

Associations	Resources
Omaha Loan & Building	\$12,307,779
Co-operative Savings & Loan	2,542,918
Central Building & Loan	15,932,809
Nebraska Savings & Loan	2,919,123
Commercial Savings & Loan	2,864,356
Bankers Savings & Loan	1,129,270
Prudential Savings & Loan	1,129,270
State Savings & Loan	1,147,487
Union Building & Loan	248,454
Standard Savings & Loan	208,827
Metropolitan Building & Loan	41,000
Nebraska Savings & Loan	52,944
Total	\$89,250,648

Thrift Throughout State.

Co-operative associations of the state continue to grow in resources and rendering practical benefits to the communities served. Official reports as of June 30, 1924, show 82 associations with resources aggregating \$123,000,000, an increase of \$14,000,000 in 12 months. Reserve funds required by law and undivided earnings total \$4,181,927, equal to 4 per cent of the mortgage loans.

The period of greatest growth of Nebraska associations traced by the records embraces the post-war years. Resources have doubled in that time, rising from \$57,000,000 in 1919, to \$123,000,000 in 1924.

During these six years Nebraska associations made loans for 14,947 new buildings, mostly homes, or about 40 per cent of the total business of that period.

Cozad.—Mrs. A. L. Davis, 25 years a resident of this vicinity, is dead. Her funeral was held Friday at the Methodist church.

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