

# 40,000 Persons Came to Omaha in 1924 as Delegates to 175 Conventions

## 172 Conventions in 1924 Attract 40,000 Delegates

### Lions Club and Other Large Meetings Help to Make Omaha Known to World.

Omaha, through the entertaining of 40,000 persons at the 172 conventions held here during the last year, surely can say it is one of the important convention cities of the country.

The delegates and visitors to Omaha during the last year brought approximately \$1,500,000 in cash to the city, merchants here say.

The largest convention during the year was the International Lions club. The convention brought a registered list of 1,816.

Following this convention Omaha really woke up to the fact that the city could handle much larger conventions.

At this time plans were started to secure the annual convention of the American Legion, which is to be held in Omaha in October. Between 40,000 and 50,000 visitors and delegates are expected.

Meetings Increase.

Other national conventions in Omaha during the year were the American National Livestock association, the Farmers Equity league, American Medical college, American Railway Car Service, International Order of Twelve, National Sign Painters association, Farm Mortgage Bankers association, National Grain Dealers' association, National Millers' federation and the Phi Beta Pi fraternity.

The bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce maintains a convention staff that works every day of the year to bring conventions to the city. Two of the biggest jobs of the bureau are the seeking of conventions and the handling of them.

The bureau was organized about a decade ago. At that time Omaha entertained but 30 conventions.

The following conventions were held in Omaha in 1924, according to the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce:

- Nebraska Farmers Educational Co-operative union.
- Mid-West Implement Dealers association.
- American National Live Stock association.
- Eastern District Dental society.
- Nebraska Episcopal Episcopal church.
- Fairmont Creamery district agents.
- Nebraska Farmers' association.
- Nebraska Fraternal congress.
- Western Association Electrical Inspectors.
- Nebraska Progressive party.
- Memorial Craftsman's league.
- Nebraska Retail Clothiers association.
- Nebraska Retail Hat makers association.
- Nebraska Independent Telephone association.
- Nebraska Pacific Shop Employees association.
- Lumber Dealers Association of Nebraska.
- Lumbermen's Mutual insurance company.
- Nebraska branch, American College of Surgeons.
- Greater Omaha Osteopathic association.
- County Treasurers' association.
- Nebraska Retail Plumbers.
- Douglas County Sunday School association.
- Association Railway Special Agents.
- Merchants Spring Market week.
- First American automobile reunion.
- U. S. state convention.
- Nebraska State Florists association.
- Nebraska Tuberculosis society.
- Nebraska branch, Daughters American Revolution.
- Nebraska State Bowling association.
- Nebraska conference, Augustana synod.
- Women's Missionary society, Augustana.
- Nebraska Federation of Women Clubs, district 11.
- Midwestern Association Amateur Athletes union.
- American Railway association, car service division.
- Central western advisory board.
- Students of Irwin, Ia.
- Western Seedsmen association.
- Douglas county democratic convention.
- Douglas county republican convention.
- Nebraska commercial union.
- East Nebraska conference, Latter Day Saints.
- Grand council, Royal Arcanum.
- District Luther league.
- Students of Neola, Ia.
- Nebraska Commercial clubs.
- State democratic convention.
- Nebraska State Elks association.
- Nebraska Association of Science.
- Nebraska state Elks bowling tournament.
- State convention, International Federation Catholic Alumni.
- Associated Vikings of Nebraska.
- Young Men of Nebraska.
- High school students, Modale, Ia.
- High school students, Tekamah, Neb.
- Nebraska Electric Light association.
- Women's Glee club.
- Anniversary Nebraska lodges, I. O. O. F.
- Nebraska Lodge, District.
- Nebraska Federation Music Clubs.
- Nebraska Radiological society.
- District 11, Nebraska State Nurses association.
- Nebraska State Medical society.
- Ladies of Elks convention.
- H. P. O. E. of Des.
- Students from Craig, Neb.
- Dodge-Douglas county Royal Neighbors.
- Nebraska district, American District Accountants.
- Nebraska Base Hospital No. 49.
- Nebraska Funeral directors.
- Nebraska Retail Hardware dealers.
- Nebraska Victory Fleet Mason association.
- Nebraska Pacific Pensioners association.
- Augustan American War Mothers.
- May-Cliff club.
- Nebraska delegates, National Retail Grocers' association.
- State Veterans Foreign Wars.
- Nebraska Electric Railway association.
- Women's state golf tournament.
- Nebraska Veterans association.
- Nebraska delegates Disabled Veterans World War.
- State Veterans Foreign Wars.
- Women's state golf tournament.
- Nebraska delegates Disabled Veterans World War.
- Nebraska delegates, Degree of Honor, International Lions club.
- District No. 1, Nebraska-Iowa club.
- Alpha Tediak Alpha.
- Omaha Diocesan Branch Missionary society.
- Association Catholic Women.
- International Order of Twelve.
- Sons Valley Eye and Ear Academy.
- Agency convention, Guarantee Fund Association.
- Nebraska State Sheet Metal Contractors' association.
- Nebraska Area conference.
- Nebraska Daily Eagle year.
- National Sign Painters' association.
- Nebraska Cosmetologists.
- Stopover delegates, National Florists' association.
- Willie-Overland agents.
- Douglas summer country country country association.
- Editors' summer outing.
- Merchants Fall Market week.
- Chevrolet agents.
- Nebraska Country, Butter and Eggs association.
- Nebraska Reserve officers.
- Farm Mortgage Bankers of America.
- Nebraska Methodist Episcopal conference.
- Methodist conference of Ministers.
- Nebraska Hairdressers and Cosmetologists.
- Cardmasters association, Union Pacific-Oregon Short Line.
- Episcopal synod No. 4, province Episcopal church.
- Woman's auxiliary No. 4, province Episcopal church.
- Secretary and Treasurers, Federal Land Bank.
- Nebraska Assn. of Omaha.
- Western conference National Children's Home association.
- Nebraska Theatre drama association.
- Woman's Relief corps district meeting.
- Woman's Missionary society of United Lutheran church.
- High school students, Neola, Ia.
- State Library association.
- Nebraska Forestry association.
- State agents tire insurance companies.

## Omaha Spends \$3,000,000 in 1924 for Paving, Curbing, Sewers, Walks

The public improvement department, in charge of City Commissioner Joseph Koutsky, reports an improvement program of approximately \$3,000,000 completed during 1924.

This work is divided as follows: Paving, \$1,480,000; curbing, \$220,752; grading, \$70,048; sewers, \$933,828; permanent walks, \$161,056.

Thirty-five miles of new paving laid during the year increases the total of paved streets to 348 miles. There are 350 miles of unpaved streets.

The sewer department reports 29.2 miles of main sewers finished or constructed.

Number of Miles	Total Cost (\$)	Average Cost per Yard (\$)
Streets paved with asphalt—six-inch base, 1 1/2-in. top	281,080.00	60.350.58
Streets paved with asphalt—four-inch base, 1 1/2-in. top	317,837.40	75.617.59
Streets paved with asphalt—four-inch base, 1 1/2-in. top, 1 1/2-in. concrete base	33,431.20	112,941.77
Streets paved with 4 1/2-in. brick	19,058.10	74,431.13
Alleys paved with artificial stone—six-inch base	20,467.20	35,923.17
Concrete base and asphalt filler—four-inch base, 1 1/2-in. top	20,467.20	35,923.17
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## Tax Collections in County Total \$25,362,428.05

Disbursements Are \$28,301,688.95. But Higher Income in December Will Balance Figures.

County, city, school and Metropolitan utilities district collections from December 1, 1923 to December 1, 1924, amount to \$25,362,428.05, while disbursements during the same period total \$28,301,688.95, according to the annual statement of Otto J. Bauman, county treasurer.

Collections during December have been high, however, he said, and by the first of January collections and disbursements will be almost equal.

The distribution of tax collections and disbursements follows:

Regular city tax collections for current year, \$6,325,726; regular city tax collections for back years, \$299,052.41; special tax collections, \$2,264,112.43; city disbursements, \$5,709,125.11; police relief disbursements, \$37,140.59; school and miscellaneous collections, \$5,346,060.61; school disbursements, \$5,031,314.18; water fund collections, \$3,176,472.60; water fund disbursements, \$3,459,472.44; gas fund collections, \$3,167,112.61; gas fund disbursements, \$3,140,683.31; ice fund collections, \$225,415.75; ice fund disbursements, \$215,415.75.

County tax collections for the current year, \$1,964,108.21; regular county tax collections for back years, \$161,665.44; miscellaneous license collections, \$530,103.07; total county disbursements, \$4,724,491.33.

## 856 Estates Are Probated in 1924; 192 County Trials

772 Justice Cases Heard, Records of Judge Crawford Show; Marriage License Slump.

Eight hundred fifty-six estates were probated in county court during 1924, according to Clyde Sundblad. There were 728 probated in 1923 and 742 in 1922.

Two hundred twenty-three guardianships were approved by County Judge Bryce Crawford and 108 adoptions legalized.

One hundred ninety-two county court cases were tried and 772 justice cases heard. Eight hundred eighty-six marriage licenses were issued and Judge Crawford conducted 46 marriage ceremonies in his office.

The judge's nuptial activities and "Cupid" Stubbendorf's issue of licenses have been shrunk by the new census law.

"Cupid" issued 1,958 licenses in 1923. In August of which the law became effective, while in 1922 a total of 2,708 licenses were issued.

The judge married 217 couples in 1923 and 259 in 1922.

## Highways Blocked by Snow.

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—Highways in some localities in this section of the state are almost impassable because of drifted snow. Two parties driving from Pawnee City landed in a huge drift between Virginia and Lewiston and had to be pulled out.

## Boy Shot in Eye.

Table Rock, Dec. 31.—Clyde Thomas, coach of Table Rock High school, has received word that his youngest brother, 11, was shot in the eye by a "big game" shooter in the hands of a playmate, and that there was little hope of saving the sight of the eye. The family lives at Long Beach, Cal.

## 20 Cases Set for Trial.

Columbus, Dec. 31.—Twenty cases, of which five are on the criminal docket, were set for trial at the January term of the district court by District Judge Lightner in conference with the attorneys. It is one of the heaviest dockets slated for any jury session here in recent years.

## Insurance Cash Exceeds 1923 by \$1,499,896 Here

Figures Show Omaha's Growing Importance in This Business; \$6,000,000 Invested.

The income on insurance premiums in Omaha in 1924 was \$1,499,896 more than in 1923. This large amount of premiums makes Omaha one of the important insurance centers of the country.

The payroll of the insurance companies increased more than \$150,000 in 1924. The total investment of the companies in Nebraska has increased approximately \$5,000,000.

The following table compiled by the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce gives the statistics on the business of both the home and branch offices located in the city:

Number of Omaha employees	1924	1923
Number of Omaha employees	4,118	4,118
Number of Omaha employees (includes salaries and payments to Resident agents)	4,118	4,118
Paid for postage, 1924	254,493	254,493
Paid for advertising, printing and supplies, 1924	487,552	487,552
Paid for advertising, printing and supplies, 1923	331,242	331,242
Averages monthly bank balance in Omaha, 1924	4,648,321	4,648,321
Total Nebraska investment, December 1924	\$141,935,925	\$141,935,925
Total Nebraska investment, December 1923	\$136,935,925	\$136,935,925
Premium income, 1924	1,499,896	1,499,896
Number of Omaha employees, 1924	4,118	4,118
Number of Omaha employees, 1923	4,118	4,118
Omaha payroll, 1924	1,499,896	1,499,896
Omaha payroll, 1923	1,499,896	1,499,896
December 1, 1924	\$136,935,925	\$136,935,925

## Omaha Is Second Stock Market

8,697,690 Livestock Received Here During 1924, Records Show.

Omaha is the second largest livestock market in the world, having received this distinction during the last year, after following Kansas City as the third market for years.

The south side received during the year a total of livestock amounting to 8,697,690, compared to 8,428,889 in 1923, a gain of 268,801 head.

Following is a comparison of the cattle received in Omaha in 1924 and in 1923:

Year	Cattle	Sheep	Hogs	Mules
1924	1,862,546	2,978,288	3,649,496	16,800
1923	1,792,932	2,969,852	3,649,496	16,800

## Masons to Give New Year's Party in Temple at Ponca

Ponca, Dec. 31.—Lodge No. 101, A. F. and A. M. is planning to give a large New Year's party in the local temple here Wednesday evening.

More than 125 invitations have been sent out. An appropriate musical program will be followed by a carnival dance. A six-piece orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

## Bee Postmaster Dies.

Brainard, Dec. 31.—W. B. Thorpe, postmaster at Bee, died here Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. K. Smith. He was a veteran of the civil war. He lived in Goward county in 1866 and was twice county treasurer. He organized the first bank in Butler county in 1877 and served as Nebraska state bank examiner for two terms.

## Auto Bus Upsets.

Beatrice, Dec. 31.—The big auto bus running between Beatrice and Lincoln went into the ditch near Pickrel and turned over on its side. Five passengers were in the car at the time and aside from a severe shaking up they escaped injury. The accident, it is said, was due to the slippery condition of the highways.

## County Debt Is Only in Bonds; \$2,611,503 Claims

25,043 Warrants Issued to Cover Bills for Which Payment Was Ordered by Officials.

Douglas county is running on a cash basis in every fund, and its only indebtedness is in outstanding bonds, according to the annual statement of Frank Dewey, county clerk. The bonds are being met as they fall due.

Nine thousand six hundred and fifty-two claims, totaling \$2,629,567.37, were filed against the county in 1924, and 25,043 warrants, amounting to \$2,611,503.58, were issued to cover payment of the claims.

The claims cover the following expenditures:

County hospital, total cost	\$ 175,457.21
Courthouse building and up-to-date offices (includes cost of running all offices under county government)	19,337.94
Mother's pension allowances	476,138.42
County store, charity to indigent poor, total	30,684.14
Bond sinking fund (\$50,000 four-house bonds redeemed)	24,628.65
Total expenses on all state county roads and bridges (includes paving, grading, traveling, maintenance, bridges, culverts, etc.)	269,713.50
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## Juvenile Officers Handle Cases of 3,167 Children During Year; 566 Cared for at Riverview Home

Juvenile authorities handled the cases of 3,167 children during the last year, according to Miss Esther Johnson.

Judge L. B. Day heard the cases of 224 children in juvenile court, and juvenile officers settled difficulties of 2,143 juveniles out of court.

Juvenile officers made 18,784 visitations during the year. Five hundred sixty children were cared for at the Riverview home.

The various kinds of delinquency encountered and the number of offenders follow:

Delinquency	Number
Theft	159
Truancy	125
Trespassing in railroad yards	95
Incorrigibles	84
Runaways from Omaha	74
Truancy	59
Immorality	46
Destruction of property	42
Breaking and entering	17
Disturbance of the peace and violation of police regulations	15
Drunkennes	9
Forgery	5

## 2,461 Fire Calls in 11 Months Here, Reports Show

Sparks From Chimneys Cause 328 Blazes; 483 False Alarms Turned In.

During the first 11 months of 1924 there were 2,461 alarms of fire, the principal causes being listed below:

Sparks from chimneys on roofs	328
False	483
Burning weeds, grass, etc.	197
Automobile taking fire	157
Clear or cluttered stairs	106
Chimneys burning out	104
Hot stoves	100
Electric wires	95
Not known	85
Spontaneous combustion	65
Gas	60
Burned stoves, ranges overheated	51
Dumps burning	50
Carelessness with matches	45
Chimneys defective	44
Chimneys burning out	43
Sparks from Roofing	41
Leakage of gasoline	40
Oil heaters burning	39
Sparks from Locomotives	38
Stoves and ranges on stoves	37
Electric flat irons	36
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## 251 Arrested by Sheriff's Deputies in 1924 Dismissed

Records Show Only Seven Offenders Bound Over to District Court; Five Federal Cases.

Charges against 251 of 666 persons brought into police court by sheriff's deputies in 1924 were dismissed, according to the annual report of Sheriff Mike Endres.

Four out of 54 offenders haled into county court by sheriff's deputies were bound over to district court. Twenty-five of the remaining 50 were dismissed, and \$2,400 in fines were paid by the other 25.

Five cases were turned over for prosecution by federal authorities. Four are pending, while the defendant in the fifth was sentenced to serve six months and to pay a fine of \$500 for illegal possession of still, mash and liquor.

Two hundred forty-one prisoners were confined in the county jail January 1, 1924. Five thousand four hundred forty-eight prisoners were received during the year, and 194 prisoners are now harbored in the jail.

Students of Eagle, Waverly and Ashland, Neb.

Nebraska State Bankers association.

Nebraska Association Horse Showers.

Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights.

Division superintendent mail service.

Christian Dental Alumni association.

Christian homecoming day.

Monticello Alumni association.

Cretion Medical association.

Nebraska Millers association.

Douglas County Royal Neighbors.

Lutheran synod Evangelical church.

Nebraska Creamery Butter association.

Midwest implement dealers.

National grain dealers.

Christian and Missionary alliance (west-20 district).

Scottish Rite Masons.

Nebraska Farmers Grain and Livestock State association.

Nebraska Kennel club.

Adjutant general, Seventh corp area.

National Millers' association.

Commercial representatives Western Union.

Sectional meeting American photo engravers.

Omaha poultry show.

American Radio Relay association.

Springfield Metallic Case company.

Tona, Neb.

Nebraska Manufacturers association.

Nebraska Honey Producers association.

Daughters of 1817.

State Association County Clerks and Recorders of Deeds.

Nebraska Master House Painters and Decorators.

Grand chapter Royal Arch Masons.

Nebraska State grand council.

Nebraska-Iowa Greeters.

Nebraska Daily Newspaper association.

Nebraska Society Public Accountants.

Farm Mortgage Bankers of Nebraska.

Nebraska Independent Oil Men's association.

City of Omaha car route salesman of Cudahy Packing company.

University of Pennsylvania students.

Phi Beta Pi fraternity.

Nebraska State R. B. association.

Nebraska School Masters club.

Nebraska State Teachers association.

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