

THE SEVEN - HILLED CITY.

Wonderful Growth of City and State - An Enlightened Railroad Policy - Some Remarkable Statistics.

Nebraska, "the wide-spreading river," stretches across the prairie of the Springfield, Mo., Republican, is a broad, vast, rolling slope gently declining eastward to the high lands of Colorado and northern Wyoming to the Missouri river.

When I first crossed it, 14 years since, its future was uncertain. The surface of the prairie was compact and hard to plow. The rain-fall was slight and winds high, the corn in the central and western parts of the state liable to blast from the hot breezes that occasionally blew. It was never than a famously grazing country.

That it would ever produce much corn, that tame grass would flourish, that fruit would be raised, for people believed, Omaha, not to put too fine a point on it, was a hard one, a nondescript array of buildings, half of which appeared to be shacks, a few, save in the river bottoms, scarcely more than a few years old, and the capital, was not counting three years old, unfledged, and much interested to know why it had ever been called into existence.

Be not incredulous, reader, as I unfold the tale of what my experience has been this past week in taking another view of this broad state. After traversing the Missouri valley from Sioux City southward to Council Bluffs, and crossing a muddy bank to be ferried across the shallow river - but proudly and swiftly across - to Omaha on the Union Pacific north bridge, a broad, well-paved street, the brightly lighted, solid brick and stone buildings, the spacious hotels, equally surprising and pleasing.

Viewed next morning by daylight the surprise increased. The city, like Rome, lies in a series of hills, not only, however, for continuous lines of street railway. The expense of grading has been heavy, but the chance for picturesque homes, constant and are made many a magnificent mansion, surrounded by trees, pleasant lawns, well-cared for flower beds, commanding by its eminence, a pretty and quite extensive view of the city, the river, and the city's handsome rows of buildings.

Half a dozen of the finest railway systems of the west converge here. The population has doubled within five years, and the number of lighted buildings has doubled in that time. To find the occasion of this brilliant development we must push inland into Nebraska and into the progress that has been made in the city, and here I found the progress of a certain organization known as the Burlington and Missouri railroad company.

Eastern travelers have long been familiar with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. The Burlington and Missouri is managed and controlled by the same men. When others were in doubt as to Nebraska, these men sighted the city of Omaha, the city of the Hub - said to themselves: "Nebraska will be what we choose to make it. These prairies if cultivated will yield beautiful harvests. This grand slope needs only to be graded to a good level, and the face. Go to! Send ahead your engineers, grade the sleepers, down with the rails; this land shall have inhabitants and these inhabitants shall have markets for their wheat and their corn, their cattle and their pork." Ahead they went into Saline, Filmore, Clay, Adams counties. They advertised their rich lands, they gave away tracts of land, they would be purchasers. They gave free passes to men intent on the moral nature of the states - to teachers and preachers. The Burlington and Missouri is the best temperance society we have had or ever shall have," said an old citizen to me.

Not only are their employees not allowed to drink, but the company discharges if he is seen to enter a saloon. (Fact.) They ran their trains with the same promptness and in the same accommodating spirit that has so long distinguished the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy in Illinois and Iowa. They constantly appealed to the pride and ambition of their employees by a system of promotions.

In other words by reforming the evil "principle" in them. In reward they gave this crude young state, uncertain as to its own destiny, the benefit of a broad, enterprising, far-reaching railroad policy in all its length and breadth.

Their faith was not misplaced. The most surprising results have followed. The state may now claim an honored place in the great quadrilateral - Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska. It is possibly not least, Lincoln, her capital, a city of some 20,000 inhabitants, has a fine situation on land sufficiently elevated to command a beautiful view of the river, it is laid out, like a city, with wide streets, broad, straight avenues, lined with shade trees, that would seem to be twice their real age. As you look down the valley, the glimpses of blue prairie beyond frequently seem like views of the sea. The state capital - built of white, conglomerate limestone from quarries on the Platte river, - has its two wings and a central portion is well under headway. It is simple in plan, handsome, substantial, to cost about \$600,000. In the suburbs of the city are a large and good hospital for the insane.

The inmates of the former are trusted to a remarkable extent if they show good behavior they are trustworthy. We saw a number of them driving teams, and were strolling about the capitol. When we stopped in front of the prison, one of them politely took charge of our team while we were inside another seemed to have in charge a little child playing in front of the door. The day was clear and lovely and one could but rejoice in his inmost soul that so humane and enlightened a system of treatment is followed.

They seem to understand out here that one of nature's profoundest safeguards is the instinct she plants of response to trust. The state hospital for the insane, to which we drove, has in front a very broad expanse of lawn and blossoming flower beds and its windows command cheerful distant views. One of the inmates who was in a front window interrupted a song he was singing to pleasantly about out to us. "This place we have here, isn't it? In a field just behind the building, some of the inmates were sunning themselves or strolling about, and they looked with considerable interest at their visitor, one of them asking if any of us had any bread and butter for sale." But I must pass by, for now many other interesting features of the city - her state university, her artistic wall, seeking up and discharging salt water from a depth of 1,000 feet, - attract attention. I will only add that a visitor is strongly impressed by what he sees, with the conviction that good judgment, good taste and good financing has characterized the public expenditures here; that there has been little extravagance; and that this small capital, in the matter of its own real estate and buildings, is remarkably economical.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 25. - The musical quality of their entertainments has been in session here the...

NEBRASKA CITY'S GROWTH.

Substantial Improvements Projected and Under Way in all Directions.

A Street Railway by Omaha Capitalists - New Additions and Residences - Business Changes - General Affairs.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 25. - [Special Correspondence.] - "Retrospect" is no longer a word to be found in Nebraska City's vocabulary, but its place is filled by the new word, "Onward," and from present appearances our city will have no further use for the former quoted word, but will kindly present it to Plattsburgh, or some of the other towns that appear to need it. As an evidence of the progressiveness of this city I will cite the fact that the first addition to the city in years was platted yesterday. It will be recalled.

NEW NEBRASKA CITY, and is situated just south on the Dunbar road, and north of the new parking house. It is owned by the packing house company and it is intended to sell the lots to employees of the company and assist them in putting up their homes. The addition comprises 125 lots with streets and alleys of regulation width. Mr. John McFerrer, executive officer, has already completed the plat, and will proceed at once with the erection of a hotel upon the same. Building operations adjacent to the new addition are booming along lively.

The new working houses up to the first story, the carpenter shops are nearly completed and the railroad company are leveling the ground for the switches to their new street car line. These new buildings and erections give the southwest part of town a very lively appearance. With the advent of our new industries in the suburbs the talk of a street car line.

has assumed a tangible shape, and we are promised a line before the 1st of December. It will be built by Omaha party, and will have the following route: Commencing at the Burlington and Missouri river depot running north up Sixth to Ferry, thence east to First, thence up Main street to Seventeenth, thence south to the packing houses and Main yards, crossing them, thence north to Main east to Eighth, thence south to the depot.

The Morton house, the finest hotel in the state, with the exception of the Paxton of your city, of course, is the city's week. The new proprietor, Mr. J. C. Messers, C. W. Reed and H. Birdsell, of Winterset, Iowa, said to be experienced men in the hotel business, who will keep the Morton in its former grand style.

Mr. F. W. Rottmann, one of our leading capitalists and land owners, is working up a building and improvement association, and has nearly the requisite amount of subscribers. This association will have for its object the purchase of the various lots for sale and raising purposes by the erection of suitable dwellings and business houses on the same. This association will be a valuable factor toward the advancement of the city.

A movement is on foot to make a grand driveway leading out of Nebraska City, north, past the blind asylum, thence west past several of our finest suburban residences, thence along the Dunbar road, Bensen, the cemetery and the packing houses. Property owners along the proposed route offer to donate enough ground for the driveway and may also offer to stand a portion of the cost of the driveway. This driveway, if established, will be one of the finest in the west, and it is to be hoped that the movement will be pushed to a speedy culmination.

The "Mint Parlor," without exception the most gorgeous saloon in the state, changed hands last evening. Messrs. R. Duncanson, of Omaha, are the new proprietors. It is to be hoped that the new management will keep at least a respectable place, as of late the saloon has furnished the police court with an item or two almost every day.

L. A. Jones, the clothier, removes to Omaha the latter part of this week. He expects to go into the wholesale trade, and Nebraska City's facilities are hardly good enough to justify this point as a location for a wholesale clothing house.

General Merchandise Establishments. Rev. Wilson, who was bound by his bride, arrived here from Illinois last week. They were given a reception Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. James Snow, and the celebration of the pleasantest social affairs of the year.

Arbor Lodge was also the scene last week of a brilliant party given in honor of Mr. and Miss Cress, of Detroit, Mich., who were visiting in Nebraska.

The recent M. E. conference changed things considerably in this city. Rev. Brit, for the past four years presiding over the district being transferred to the York district. Rev. W. Stewart filling Rev. Brit's place in this city. Rev. Stewart's late parsonage, that of the First M. E. church of this city, is to be occupied by Rev. Peterson, of Lincoln. Rev. N. G. Fabian, of the South M. E. church, has also been transferred to a Kansas charge. His place here being filled by Rev. E. J. Ford.

Several hundred of our citizens visited the state fair last week and all are loud in their praise of the "big pumpkin show."

LITTLE ONES. Our gas company, with a generosity unparalleled in the history of gas companies, lowered the price fifty cents per thousand the past week. This has proved an incentive toward many new consumers and almost the entire business portion of the city are now using the cheap illuminator.

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The distillery has about completed its improvements and will start on full capacity October 1st.

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE. Mexican and American Methods Justifying Supremacy in the Quaint City of Santa Fe.

Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico, is on the river of the same name, which, although this is the rainy season, is now quite dry.

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