RECORD OF THE YEAR increase for the eleven months of 1886 is \$3,901,073.33; average weekly increase for forty-eight weeks, \$901,008,47.

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Vast Local and Inter-State Commerce Over Fifteen Railroads.

SOUTH OMAHA'S GREAT GROWTH

657.527 Head of Stock of all Kinds Received and Disposed of.

PRODUCT OF THE PACKERIES

523,097 Head of Hogs. Cattle and Sheep

Slaughtered, Worth \$7.015,615.

PROGRESS IN OTHER LINES.

A Comprehensive and Exact Exhibit of the Manufacturing, Commercial and Financial Progress of Omaha During

the Past Year.

BANKING.

Omaha as a Financial Center. The business of the banks is the mirror in which is truthfully reflected the business of a community. The picture of financial progress or depression cannot be otherwise than a correct counterpart of good or bad times in the mart, the manufactory, in professional walks of life, railroad circles, the arena of real estate transactions, in the realms of skilled and unskilled labor, in the pasture places and shambles-in fact everywhere where brain, brawn and capital enter into industrial pursuits. Indeed were all other statistics wanting a correct status of a city's prosperity and promise could be obtained from its bank-ing operations. This is pre-eminently the case with Omaha. The business of its banks during 1886 has marvelously in-creased over the record of any previous year. The establishment of one new national bank and four additional private banks; the mercase of \$837,500 in the national bank capital of the city in 1836 over 1885, and an increase of \$3,251,273.03 in deposits, show the substantial character of Omaha and the volume of its ousiness, while an increase of \$43,248. 406.61 in eleven months' clearings of 1886 over twelve months' clearings in 1885 proves an activity in all business branches that is as wonderful to contemplate as it is encouraging to have selected Omaha for a place for cap-ital or labor investment. Well may the most conservative of our bankers place the increase of their business during the last year over the previous twelve months at 50 per cent. Carefully compiled statistics clearly prove that this is a very modest statement. One bank alone-that of McCague Bros., the oldest and largest private financial institution in the cityows a clear increase of 175 per cent in the business of the year. In fact all show remarkable prosperity. It could not be otherwise when one takes into consideration the large expenditures for public works in 1886; the number of extensive business blocks, costly residences, warehouses, shops, etc., constructed during the year; the increased volume of the cattle trade; railroad traffic, extensions and improvements; the notable rise in realty valuation, and activity in transfers; the many capitalists, jobbers, retail dealers, etc., who have located here; the increase in the grain trade; the thousands of skilled mechanics and other wage workers who have come here to take advan-tage of the demand and liberal recompense for their services; the prosperity of the agricultural districts immediately nd the city; the new and extensive trade territory opened up for Omaha, and numerous other active commerce All this means the presence of creators. plenty of money and its active, liberal and continuous circulation. The National bank showing has been taken from the last October sworn statements as made in response to government call, because there cannot be any inflated as-sertions therein contained. So too with the business of the Omaha Savings bank. With the private banks the statements of the officers, placed at the lowest figure by request, and corroborated by the unbiased opinions of leading financiers and National bankers of the city, have been taken. This system seems to be the only sound and conservative way of reaching a conclusion which cannot fail to open the eyes of Omaha's citizens and all financiers, capitalists and home seekers, who desire to know where prosperity has erected its throne and given promise of a still more glorious reign, that by the very nature of things cannot be broken in all time to come. Attention is first called to the work of the clearing house, which is under the careful management of W. H. S. Hughes, cashier of the Nebraska Na-tional bank. The record from its organization in this city, to December 1, 1886, is carefully considered.

OMPARATIVE DECEMBER CLEARINGS. Week ending December \$ 1,930,488,84 9,857,629,16 0,047,000,39 2,616,853,29 January 2, 1896.) ... 2,305.306.50 1886. \$14,220,108,08 \$23,881,531,00 9,061,102,92 Increase over December, 1895, ... Increase over December, 1884... The total amount of clearances in De-cember, 1834, the second month of the

establishment of the clearing house in Omaha, was \$9,339,451.92, but little more than the increase of the clearings in Decemper, 1886, over those of 1885. NATIONAL BANKS

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W. H. Megquier. Cashier, W. H. Megquior, Omaha National—Capital, \$500,000; sur-plus, \$250,090; deposits, \$1,496,199,95; Odl-cers: J. H. Millard, president; A. U. Wyman, vice-president; William Wal-

lace, eashier; R. Carrier, assistant eashier; E. E. Batch, assistant cashier, Merchants National-Capital, \$300,000, an increase of \$100,000, made last month Surplus and profits, \$71,234,53; deposits, \$1,245,978,44. Officers: Frank Murphy, president; Samuel E. Rogers, vice presi-dent; Ben B. Wood, cashier; Luther

Drake, assistant eashier. Nebraska National – Capital, \$250, 000; surplus, \$30,000; deposits, \$342,985,02, Officers: H. W. Yates, president; A. E. Touzalin, vice-president; W. H. S. Hughes eashier. Commercial National—Capital, \$300, Commercial National—Capital, \$300, 000; surplus, \$18,000; deposits, \$537,073,55, Officers: A. P. Hopkins, president; Wil-liam G. Maul, vice-president; Alfred Mil-lard, cashier; F. B. Bryant, assistant machine

cashier. United States National—Capital, \$259,-000; surplus, \$20,000; deposits, \$824,292,18. Officers: C. W. Hamilton, president; M.

T. Barlow, cashier. Union National-Capital, \$100,000; de-posits, \$48,596,57. Officers: W. W. Marsh, president; J. W. Rodefer, eashier.

South Omaha National-Established January I, 1887. Capital, \$50,000. Offi-cers: A. U. Wyman, president: J. J. Brown, vice-president, who with Guy C. Barton and J. H. Millard, of Omaha, and N. W. Wells, of Schuyler, Neb., are directors

lirectors. State National Bank of Nebraska-Established January 1, 1887, with a paid up capital of \$100,000. Officers: E. L. Lyon, president; A. A. McFaddon, cash-ter. This bank was removed from Marshalltown, ia., and name changed by special permission of the comptroller of the currency.

Total Capital of National Banks....\$ 2,250,000.00 490,000.09 " Deposits of " " 10,000,000 05

SAVINGS BANKS.

cashier.

Omaha Savings-Loans on real estate. \$600,361.33; loans on collateral, \$92,703.50 warrants, \$12,236.31; stocks and bonds \$42,988.90; capital, \$52,500; interest ac-count, \$12,973.94; deposits, \$916,501.47, Officers: Guy C. Barton, president; J. J. Brown, vice-president; John E. Wilbur, PRIVATE PANKS. McCague Bros.'-John L., William L. and Thomas H. McCague, proprietors. Established September, 1883. Capital, \$5,000; surplus, \$25,000; deposits, \$200,-000. Officers: John L. McCague, presi-dent. William L. McCague, and the

dent; William L. McCague, cashier; Alexander G. Charlton, assistant cashier. Union Stock Yards-Established in South Omaha November 24. Authorized capital, \$500,000; paid up capital, \$200,-000; no deposits reported. Officers: John A. McShane, president; E. B. Branch,

pany.

cashier. Bank of Commerce-Paid up capital, eposits, \$250,000, Officers leorge E. Barker, president; Robert L. Garlichs, vice-president; Frank B. Johnson, cashier. Bank of Omaha-Established Novem ber 1, 1885. Capital, \$250,000; surplus,
\$5,000; deposits, \$75,000. Officers: A.
Henry, president; H. B. Jessen, cashier,
Douglas County—Parrotte Bros. & Co., proprietors. Established March 1; capi-tal, \$75,000; no deposits reported. Citizens-A. D. King and W. G. Tem-pleton, proprietors. Established Decemcapital, \$10,000; no deposits reber 7: ported.

only a little over 1 per cent remaining un-paid of the total taxes on real estate and personalty for the last five years.

County Finances,

The work of the county treasurer has kept pace with the general increase in the duties required of other officials during the year. From January 7 to De-cember 15, 1886 the amount of taxes collected was \$343,485.32. The total amount to be collected for the year is \$357,226,13, which shows that County Clerk Bolln has made his collections very close and that the farming community especially has promptly responded to the treasurer's call. During the period aforesaid the amount paid out in warrants is \$352,436.32, amount expended for treas-urer and assistants, \$5,400. The total valuation of city and county property as made for tax purposes is \$15,638,475; value of city property, \$12,900,528; bonded indebtedness of county, \$558,000; bonded indebtedness of city, \$1,007,950.

WHOLESALE TRADE. The wholesale traffic of Omaha extends not only over the entire state of Nebraska and the western half of Iowa, but ranges also through the states and territories west of the Rocky mountains, clear to the Pacific coast. The jobbing trade of Ornada has more than they been and the cers: Herman Kountze, president; John A. Creighton, vice-president; F. H. Davis,

Omain has more than kept pase with the rapid growth of this city and the region commercially tributary to it. At the be-ginning of 1886, 181 jobbing houses and firms doing a wholesale business were carrying on the wholesale trade in Oma-ha. Eleven of these firms have gone out of business, while forty-five new jobbing houses have located here during the year. A compact exhibit of the various branches of the wholesale traffic is embodied in the following statistics:

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS. GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS. The jobbing trade in groceries and provisions is carried on by the following firms: Paxton & Gallagher, McCord, Brady & Co., D. M. Steele & Co., Allen Bros., Meyer & Raapke, Sloan, Johnson & Co., E. B. Chapman & Co., and Gladstone Bros, & Co. Their sales aggregate for the year \$7,420,000. This an increase

of \$1,420,000 over the sales in 1885, or about 23 per cent. LUMBER. The lumber trade of Omaha has as-sumed a magnitude, during the past two

years which can be best appreciated by the following figures: During the year 1886 the lumber dealers of Omaha have handled and sold 24,100 car loads, representing 279,500,000 feet of lumber. Their sales aggregate \$5,495,000; Eleven firms are engaged in the wholesale lumber trade at Omaha: Fred Gray, John A. Wakefield, the Chicago Lumber com-pany, the Howell Lumber company, George A. Hoagland, Lewis Bradford, T. W. Harvey Lumber company, K. S. New-comb Lumber company, C. N. Dietz,

Omaha Lumber company, and G. D. Wyatt. During 1885 the aggregate sales of lumber dealers in Omaha amounted to \$4,091,000, representing 190,000,000 feet. This shows an increase in the lumber trade of over 50 per cent during 1886.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS Omaha has become one of the leading agricultural implement jobbing centers n the west. Several implement manufactories have erected large and costly warehouses in this city during the year, notably the Moline, Millburn & Stoddard company, which will be followed by other heavy concerns. Ten tirms are engaged in the agricultural implement trade at wholesale, namely: The Linin-ger & Metcalf company, Parlin, Oren-dorf & Martin, Churchill Parker; William Deering & Co., the McCormick Harvester company, Winona Implement com-pany, Moline, Millburn & Stoddard company: Avery Planter company, Arm-strong, Pettis & Co., D. M. Osborne & Co. Their sales for the year aggregate

\$2,450,000, an increase of \$450,000 over the preceding year or over 20 per cent. DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS. A very marked growth has taken place during the past year in the dry goods and notions jobbing trade of Omaha. The sales for the year aggregate \$2,175,-000, which is fully double the amount of

lecker & Co., Frank A. Moore, Max Meyer & Co., W. A. Wilson & Co., Frilet & Langstadter, H. M. Hess & Co., Chris-tian & Tribble, Hauser & Woodland, Mode Tor. Z. T. Lindsey & Co., wholesale rubber Mads Toft.

ILLUMINATING OILS. Two firms for 1886 to one for 1885 con-ducted this business and sold \$615,000, an advance of \$150,000. The Consolidated Tank Line Co, and Stewart & Co, are the firms.

FLOUR AND FEED. The sales were \$010,000 against \$300,000 for 1885. The firms are: Omaha Flour Mill and Grain Co. (W. J. Welshans & Co.), Wm. Preston & Co., L. A. Stewart & Co., Gate City Roller Mills, Marsh & Smith Smith

SADDLERY HARDWARE AND FINDINGS. Against \$275,000 for 1885, \$475,000 was the business of 1886 in saddlery hardware and findings. The jobbers are: Omaha Saddlery Co., G. H. & J. S. Col-lins, P. H. Sharp & Son, Mark Bros.' Saddlery Co.

BOOKS AND STATINERY. In books and stationery the sales of 1880 were \$450,000 to \$250,000 for 1885. The houses are: W. T. Seaman, John S. Catilield, Gibson, Miller & Richardson, Omaba Publishing Co., Omaha Republi-con Co.

can Co Agercegate sales, \$425,000; dealers; M. Rogers & Sons, H. E. Cox, J. H. Sullivan & Co., T. W. Reid.

WHOLESALE JEWELERS. The total sales were \$415,000; houses: Max Meyer & Bro., Edholm & Akin, C. L. Erickson & Co., C. S. Raymond.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS AND WALL PAPER. T. J. Beard & Bro., Henry Lehman, Mound City Paint and Oil Co., Omaha Oil and Paint Co., Kennard & Power, jobbers in paints, oils, glass and wall paper, sold \$350,000.

CLOTHING AND WOOLENS. The year's sales were \$350,000, made by M. Hellman & Co, and the Canfield Maaufacturing Co.

CONFECTIONERS. Trade of 1886, \$335,000; manufacturers and dealers: Stephens, Voegle & Dinning, F. P. Fay & Co.; Kopp, Driebus & Co.

BUTTER AND EGGS. MeShane & Schroeder, sales for 1886, 2300,000.

W. L. Parrotte & Co., Turner & Jay; ales, \$265,000.

MULINERY AND FANCY GOODS. I. Oberfelder & Co.; N. B. Falconer & Co.; sales: \$210,000.

GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS. Collins, Gordon & Kay; Max Meyer & Co.; Penrose & Hardin; sales \$210,000.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE. Samuel Burns; Bliss & Isaacs; W. I Wright; sales: \$210,000.

TOYS AND WILLOW-WARE C. S. Goodrich & Co.; M. Toft; sales \$175.000.

CARPETS S. A. Orchard & Co.; sales \$175,000.

FIRE PROOF SAFES AND VAULTS. P. Boyer & Co.; sales: \$150,000.

VULCANIZED RUBBER GOODS

Z. T. Lindsay & Co.; sales: \$110,000. GRAND TOTALS. 7,420,000 Groceries and provisions......\$

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Furniture. gars and tobacco..... minating oils

Flour and feed. Saddlery hardware and libdings. Books and stationery Stoves, mantels, grates and furnaces..... Jewelers. Paints, offs, glass and wall paper. Clothing and woolens. Butter and eggs..... \$00,000 455 (66)

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A. H. Bishop, manager of the Consoli-dated Tank Line Co., in this trade territory, has built up a large patronage and ex-tended the sales of the company here the past year very largely. The warerooms are at 700 S, 9th street, being large and providing every facility for the proper Z. T. Lindsey & Co., wholesale rubber boots and shoes, 209 South, Fourteenth street, is one of the solid firms of Omaha. It is composed of Henry Swan, the cattle king, and Z. T. Lindsey, the active partare at Abo'S, our street, being intge and providing every faculity for the proper and safe handling of oils. The success of the company in this community is large due to the personal efforts of Mr. ner, who has had over twenty years ex-perience in the business. The business of the firm has increased so rapidly w. J. Broatch is probably the heaviest

since its establishment here, that for the coming year an increase of fully 100 per cent is insured. Six traveling salesmen represent the firm all over the west. dealer in hardware and wagon heavy wood-stock in the city. He has been long M. E. Smith & Co., wholesale dry goods, have been in business here since June, 1886, coming from Council Bluffs, where they established themselves in west. He reports an increase of 20 per cent over the business of 1885. where they established themselves in 1868. They earry a stock valued at nearly \$200,000, and their annual sales amount to about \$600,000. They have eight sales-men on the road. They also manufac-ture overalls, shirts, etc. Their trade exsale, 405 South Tenth street, have met tends over the entire west

from Marshalltown. This is due to their nim to always offer real values, and a proper estimate of the demands of the The drug trade of the whole west is familiar with the name and reputation of the Richardson Drug Co., which has just state that have not upon their buildings some of the beautiful and durable work bought the Goodman Drug Co., of this city. It is backed by \$15,000,000 of cap-ital, and its goods are known the world of the Western cornice works of this over. Its patrons in the west will apprecity, and many structures here have been adorned by it. The success of Mr. C. Specht, the founder of the works, has clate its enterprise in establishing a branch house in Omaha.

Kirkendall & Jones, wholesale boots and shoes, are one of the leading houses been marked and the business is gradually increasing. n that line. Their traveling men cover city for the product of the McCiurg Cracker company of Council Bluffs, that the entire territory tributary to Omaha, and their goods have grown steadily in favor during the years they have been established here. Their stock is one of it has been compelled to open a branch house in this city at 218 South Fourteenth the largest in the west. The U. S. Wind, Engine and Pump Co. street to meet the demand of Omaha consumers. This is a fitting compli-

S. K. Felton, manager, handles the Hal-laday Standard wind mills, steam and water supplies, 518 Farnam street. The business of this house is enormous, showment to the high quality of the goods. The Crane Bros. Manufacturing com-pany which has had a flourishing existence in Chicago for over thirty years, has ing an increase of 25 per cent the past year. They employ 25 persons. Churchill Parker has been established an important branch house in Omaha. The business of the establishment is man-

in the farm implement business in Omaha twelve years. His warehouse at 913-915 Jones street is crowded from top to bot-tom with all the best lines of agricultural implements, carriages, buggies, catters and sleighs. The annual sales of this iouse aggregate nearly \$300,000 and are steadily increasing. His traveling agents scould y increasing. This traveling agents cover the entire west. Correspondence as to territory, terms, etc., solicited. The Rector & Wilhelmy Co. is the chief wholesale hardware establishment of Omaha. Mr. P. C. De Vol, president, and Allen T. Rector, secretary and treas-urer. The place of business is 401-403 South Tanth etcast magic the local South Tenth street, one of the largest five-story brick buildings in the city. The business of this firm has increased over 20 per cent the past year. They came here from Nebraska City in January, 1885, since which time they have demon-strated that Omaha is the best distributing point in the west.

McShane & Schroeder, buyers and shippers of butter and eggs are undoubt-edly the largest dealers in this line in the west. Their business amounts to fully \$500,000 per year, and their facilities for handling it are of the largest and most improved. Their buyers encompass the entire west and their goods pay a ready sale in the chief markets of the country Peycke Bros., commission merchants Farnam and Tenth streets, report an increase in their extensive business of 25 per cent the past year over that of 1885. They have seen the establishment of many other houses in their line in Omaha since they began years ago, but their business has expanded and doubled from year to year. They are favorably

985,000 known throughout the entire west. Vineyard & Schneider, wholesale no-tions, who came here from Bioomington, 950,000 55 (00) \$3,000 lil March I last, are gradually claiming a place among their older competitors. 615,000 610 000 Their business has exceeded their ex-450,000 pectations and promises the most satis factory results the coming year. They 425.000 have five traveling men representing them throughout the west. 415,000250,000 170 000

Netison carry a large and well assorted stock of paints, oils, colors, glass and varnishes, and a full line of painters', decorators' and artists' materials. It is, The phenomenal growth of the busiin short, an exclusively paint and glass ness of Paxton & Gallagher, wholesale house. grocers, South Tenth street, is one of the their Plymouth Cottage Colors, in liquid indications which point to Omaha as an important centre of the wholesale trade. Their goods are sold over the entire west, and have gained for the house a wide spread and enviable reputation.

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with flattering success since coming here

There are probably few towns of the

So great has been the demand in this

ufacturing and wholesale dealing in

wrought iron pipe, tittings, brass and iron goods, plumbers' sundries, etc. Al-

though only located here during 1885, at 1206 Douglas street, the business of this

house has been very large, a commercial success which is richly deserved. For many years the Lininger-Metcalf

his attention to his paper business in con-

nection with his business established for the past two years in carriages, buggies,

phetons, wagons, harness, etc., a hand-some variety of which is displayed

in his main store rooms, corner of Elev-

enth and Farnam streets, and as well in his repository near Clark street, on our

Sherman avenue driving thoroughfare, where he not only sells but exchanges

Paint and Varnish Wholesalers.

launched under more favorable auspices

han that of Cummings & Neilson, 1118

Farnam street. This firm, the members

of which are men of thorough business education, and of long experience in the

trade, were for many years actively con-nected with the Chicago house of C. S. Raynolds & Co., New York and Chicago,

the oldest and largest color and varnish makers on this continent. Cumnings &

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THE RAILROADS Omaba as a Railroad Center.

The natural location of Omaha near the center of the continent and the fact of its being the metropolis of the nearest grain country to the mineral wealth of the Rocky mountains and the territories, suggest at once its importance as a railroad center. This attracted the attention of the railroad corporations years ago and being composed of the shrowd-est business men of the day they have lost no time in embracing the golden op-portunity. The opening of the Union Pacific, the pioneer and most direct transcontinental hne, forced castern trank lines to meet its business here no matter how urgently their self interests might favor other points. The consequence is that to-day Omalia is the most important railway point in the west. It is a gate-way through which a large portion of the traffic from ocean to ocean must pass, and its southern and nothern lines on both sides of the Mis souri now give it a central commercial position between the Gulf of Mexico and the Dominion. All prominent territories of supply in the cast, northeast and southeast are brought into close commusoutheast are brought into close commu-nication with Omaha by seven giant trunk lines, combining the best railroad systems in the country. They are the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Burlington & Quiney, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Wabash, Sioux City & Pacific, and Kan-sas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, All these make close prosenare counces All these make close passenger connec-tions twice a day with the Union Pacific for Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco and Portland, with the B. & M. for Colorado, Utab and forther work with the Chivarado, Utah and farther west; with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, for all St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, for all northern sections; and with the Missouri Pacific for every availa-ble southern point. These four roads enter Omaha proper, together with the Omaha & Republican Valley road which furnishes a direct line to Kansas, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which by means of its bridge at Plattswhich by means of its bridge at Platts-mouth carries freight, hve stock, and passengers between Chicago and Omatia without change of cars. The number of passenger trains arriving and leaving Omaha daily is 115, to

Implement company have kept abreast of the demand for the best grades of say nothing of extras, specials and trains in sections which are of daily occurfarm implements, buggles, carriages, wagons, sleighs, cutters, etc. The volume of business transacted by this rance. The completion of the Omaha Belt

house is immense, and their commercial line, at a cost of \$600,000, which con-nects with all railroad lines that enter acquaintance extends far and wide. They are classed among the largest instituthe city, is a most important feature of Omaha's railway system. In addition to the benefits to suburban places it fur-In looking up the business of our tradespeople we find that our hard work-ing W. T. Seaman, dealer in paper, books nishes a connecting link between the northern and southern roads and gives and stationery, having wearied of the taxing details of the last two named lines, is about to close them out, giving all railroad systems an entrance to the

eitv Among the notable improvements Among the notable improvements made by railroads in this city during the year are: The construction by the Union Pacific of a new steel and iron bridge across the Missouri river, which will cost \$1,000,000; the completion of the Azhland Cut-off by the B. & M., thus shorten-ing the distance between the cap-itol and metropolis of the state by many miles: the barge expenditure by many miles; the large expenditure by the Union Pacific in yard extension, denot repairs, betterment of headquar-ters; share in viaduet construction ters; share in viaduct construction, etc., Among the many recent acquisitions to Omaha's jobbing trade, it is improbable that any business enterprise has been amounting to about \$116,600. A mammoth union depot is promised during the present year, a company having already been formed for that purpose. The Union Pacific has already commenced the construction of a freight depot which will cost \$130,000. Other roads have already determined upon entering Omaha proper, of which the Chicago & North-western will in all probability be the first, by running a line from Fremont. All this means a large addition of an industrious class of skilled laborers to Omalia's population, practical prosperity in its retail trade, and the strongest pos-sible endorsement of the importance of the manufacturing and jobbing interests of the city.

UNION PACIFIC.

This city is the headquarters of all the Union Pacific system of railroads in Ne-braska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and

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OMAHA CLEARING HOUSE.

Organized October 23, 1884, and the first clearings were made October 29, 1884. The following table will show the work done since that date to December 1, 1886.

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TRUST COMPANIES.

Omaha Loan and Trust Company-

Authorized capital, \$1,000,000; of which \$500,000 has been subscribed. The business of 1886 was fully 50 per cent greater than that of any previous year. Officers: A. U. Wyman, late treasurer of the United States, president: S. H. H. Clark, general manager of the Missouri Pacific system, president of the Omaha Belt line and several other prominent Omaha corpora-tions, vice-president; W. B. Millard, secretary and treasurer: George B. Lake, late chief justice of Nebraska, counsel. Union Trust Company-In existence

three years. Increase of business over 1885 was 50 per cent. Authorized capi-tal, \$300,000. Officers: William. A. Pax-ton, president; L. B. Williams, vice-presi-cert Pakert I. Casting lent; Robert L. Garlichs, secretary; B. Johnson, treasurer; Kennedy & Gil bert, attorneys. Equitable Trust Company-Organized

in August, 1890. Capital stock, \$200,000. During the company's existence it has loaned over \$1,500,000. Officers: Touzalin, Boston, president; J. W. Sav-age and C. B. Schmidt, Omaha, vice-presidents; H. W. Yates, Omaha, sccre-tary and treasurer; L. H. Tower, Omaha, manager; Savage & Morris, counsel.

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The expenditures of the city from Janu-ary 1, to December 31, 1886, as taken from the auditor's books, are as follows Miscellaneous expenses-from general fund Miscellaneous expenses from policy \$176,191,97

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OMARS, Neb., Dec. 15	1886. 1

OMARIA BONDS INSUED IN 1880 . 8

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uns and sporting goods .. sales during the year 1885. The following firms are jobbers in dry goods and notions: Tootle, Maul & Co., M.E. Smith Carnets & Co., Vineyard & Schneider, J. T. Robinson Notion company.

STEAM, WATER AND RAILWAY SUPPLIES During the year 1885 the traffic in steam, water and railway supplies was reported at \$700,000. During 1886 the dealers' sales have aggregated \$2,100,000 This is an increase of 200 per cent. The

following firms are engaged in this traflic: A. L. Strang company, Crane Bres manufacturing company, and United States Wind, Engine and Pump com-

HARDWARE, IRON AND WAGON STOCK. The increase in the wholesale trade in hardware, iron and wagon stock during 18%6 over that of 1885 has been remark-able. For 1886 the aggregate sales were \$2,050,000, against \$1,370,000 for 1885; a gain of over 35 per cent. The whol sale dealers are Lee, Fried & Co., Reeto Wilnelmy company, W. J. Broatch & C and Edney & Gibbon.

PRODUCE COMMISSION. The branch of wholesale trade know as fruit and produce commission h grown greatly during 1886. The sal for the year aggregated \$1,748,600, again \$1,000,000 for 1885. The firms are: J Maroney, Branch & Co., Keirchbraun Son, R. Purvis, W. E.Riddell, Whitney Co., Fearon & Cole, D. Horley, Bollin Sievers, Wiedeman & Co., Peycke Bros Troxell & Williams, Bingham & Son. COAL.

The coal sold in Omaha during 18 aggregated 238,135 Lons, of which 67,785 tons were hard, and 170,350 soft. The aggregate value of the coal sold was \$1,461,815. The firms engaged in the trade are: Nebraska Fuel company, Nebraska Coal and Lime company, Omaha Coal, Coke and Lime company, Omaha Coal and Produce company, Coutant & Squires, Union Pacific Coal company, Benzon & Co., J. W. Bedford, C. B. Havens & Co., J. J. Johnson & Co.

LIQUORS AND WINES. During 1886 the total wholesale wine and liquor trade was \$1,375,000. The following firms are engaged in it: Her & Co., Riley & Dillon, Boeckhoff & Mack, G. W. Duncan & Co., Heinrich & Frick, P. Connolly & Co., Frank Dellone & Co., Adler & Heller.

BOOTS AND SHOES. The increase during 1886 in the whole-de boot and shoe trade was \$300,000, total sales for last year being \$1,300,). The firms are, W. V. Morse & Co. rkendall, Jones & Co., American Hand wed Boot and Shoe Co.

DRUGS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, ETC. The total wholesale business in drugs ad druggists' sundries for 1986 was 120,000, a gain of \$120,000 over 1885, a houses are: Goodman Drug Co. ichardson Drug Co., successors), H. T arke Drug Co., J. A. Fuller & Co. LEATHER, HIDES, PELTS, WOOL, ETC. Marked advance of the wholesale trade these commodities is shown over the

ness of 1885. The aggregate for 1886 \$985,000 to \$500,000 the year before. arne, Hosick & Co., L. C. Huntington & Son, G. Brandenberg & Co., and \overline{C} , F. Northrope & Co., are the tirms. FURNITURE. During 1886 another house has been dded to the wholesalers of furniture in

Omaha, and the aggregate business is swelled to \$980,000. The dealers are Dewey & Stone and Chas. Shiverick. TEAS, COFFEES AND SPICES. Over three-quarters of a million dol lars represent the aggregate wholesale business in teas, coffees and spices, or, accurately, \$785,000. This is a gain of 100 per cent over 1885. The firms are Clark Bros & Co., Wm. A. Wilson & Co., Gates,

Call & Miles, T. S. Grigor & Co. CIGARS AND TOBACCOS. Total Regular Bonded Debt..... 1045,050 hort time Bonds Outstanding....... 613,350 Taxes in Omaha are very well paid up, oga and willow ware..... ulcanized rubber goods

Omaha Trade Statistics The following statement regarding the trade of Omaha is furnished by the Bradstreet company:

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211 The forty-five houses that commenced business during the past year represent

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from business during 1856.

Total gain Banka started during the year Total number of firms and individuals doing business in Omaha January 1,188

1, 188 Number ad led during the year 1886 Number retired during the year. An increase of 37 per cent; or a not gain in the city of. Total number of firms and individuals now doing business in Omaha : 26 1.78

SOUTH OMAHA. The above count does not include South Omaha, which has had its principal growth during the past year, and now has seventy-one firms and individuals doing business, and the following lines are represented: Banks, one national and one state bank). Packing houses

es, etc Randering, etc., treaers ontractors Retail stores, saloons, hosels, etc.

Total Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Jottings.

Crane Bros. manufacturing company, a branch of the Chicago house, earry ar extensive line of planders' materials, machinery, supplies, etc. Under the management of Mr H. S. Bush this house has risen steadily to a sure footing in the trade of the west, and the handsome increase in their business bespeaks greater things to come. S. S. Floyd & Co., brokerage and com

mission, have recently established a branch house in this city, putting in direct wires to Chicago and a connection with the great markets of the country They have every facility for the rapid and satisfactory handling of business.

The New York and Omaha Clothing company is one of the largest establish-ments in that line in the west. Their goods are of superior quality and have gained for them an enviable place among the best firms of the city.

The mammoth furniture house of Dewey & Stone is one of the chief at-tractions of the city. Their salesrooms reach from street to street, and every floor is crowded with artistic and durable furniture. It may be said that they sup.

For many years the wholesale grocery 110,000 ise of D. M. Steele & Co., Fourteenth and Harney streets, Omaha, has been a successful competitor for a liberal share of the western trade. They report a healthy increase of 20 per cent. in busi uess of 1886 over that of 1885, and the outlook for the coming year promises still better results. They carry the best lines in the market.

> Edney & Gibbon, wholesale heavy hardware and wagon stock, report a ery flattering increase in their business. The development of the country west of us has strengthened the demand in their trade, and this house is fully coping with the demand for the best grade of Nutria, No. 1 Nutria, and Clear Nutria. For style, nobbiness, durability and com-parative cheapness in cost these hats goods.

ltimebaugh & Taylor are wholesale and retail dealers in shelf hardware, ice tools, etc., at 1405 Douglas street. From the first they have held a high place with older competitors, and their trade is assuming large proportions.

The largest exclusive carpet and curtain house in the city is that of Samuel A. Orchard, corner Farnam and Fifteenth streets. His mammoth store is replete with goods of most artistic design and genuine value. Long established, he enjoys a liberal and extensive patronage

The old-established house of Milton Rogers & Sons needs nothing more than mere mention. Their stoves, ranges, grates, mantles, etc., are known all over the west as being of the first quality. No prettier exhibit can be found anywhere than at their immense store-rooms.

and extensively than this city's grain business. New railroads have opened up new supply territory and poor harvests street, deals in the very best brands of wines, liquors, eigars and a great variety of bottled beer, wholesale and retail. His place has become fain other states have created man additional demand anarkets. Hardly railroad station throughout the whol state is without an elevator and granary

the majority of which send their gathered 1519 grain to Oniaha for eastern distribution. The Willow Springs distillery has furn-Douglas street, carries a heavy line of the highest grade carpets and curtains. They ished a cash market for grain during th present a great variety of the most artistic and durable goods and enjoy a very entire year, no matter what the condition liberal patronage. of the general market. During 1886 this Meyer & Raapke, Harney street, have

ong been established in the wholesale fancy grocery business. They have grown up with the city and state and are too widely and favorably known to the trade to require an extended notice.

Though recently established their busi-

of the city. To the highest perfection in art embodied in his goods, Mr. Reed adds rsonal knowledge of the business, which long experience has given him. Weity & Landrock, 1412 Farnam street carry a heavy stock of harness, saddies, robes and everything requisite to that line of trade. Their business is very large and shows a very gratifying increase. Their booth in the Omalia exposition was

The Marks Bros. Saddlery company, Harney street, manufacture saddles in great variety, and their growing trade now extends over the entire west, They are successful competitors of large cast-

also carry on a general phonographic re-porting business, and conduct a phono-Browneil & Co., 1213-15 Leavenworth street, is a branch of the well known house of that name in Dayton, Ohio. They deal in all kinds of engines, boilers, ful art of short-hand writing. One of the protiest stocks of groceries in the city is carried by Weinert & Mul-len, at 1723 Cuming street, whose retail tanks and general machinery. Since coming here eighteen months since, they have transacted a business of \$75,000, and are fully satisfied with the outlook

form, ready for use, the quality of which is guaranteed. They have on exhibition Utah. There are 838 men employed in its Omaha shops and 500 engineers and twenty-five different shades of these paints, which are pronounced by experts n colors, to be as pleasing as any in the market.

have located in Omaha during 1886.

the wants of the western trade.

are the sole owners of the "Omaha Hat,

which is made in four grades: Special, 1 X

have no superior in the market. In select-

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GRAIN TRADE.

Nebraska has not only maintained

eputation as a great corn growing state

during 1886, but the large increase of its agricultural population has made a cor-

responding extension of the volume of

receipts and shipments of corn at Omaha.

Never before in the history of the state

has there been a larger acreage devoted to the smaller cereals, wheat, oats

and rye, while barley and flax have been

successfully and largely raised. No im portant industry has grown more rapidly

,000,000 bushels last year.

Typewriters and Phonography

Potter, Megeath & Wheeler, Omana, are general agents for the Remington

by students desirous of acquiring the use-

A Fine Grocery.

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Turner & Jay, Bats and Caps,

Especially should be mentioned

firemen draw pay in this city. The monthly pay roll to skilled labor in Omaha alone amounts to \$85,000. The business of the road has largely in-creased during the past year, as the Turner & Jay, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in hats and caps, 1011

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following figures will show: and 1013 Farnam street, are among the business establishments which 275,175 Freight received at Onnha Mr This is an increase of nearly 75,000 tons Turner is from Chicago and Mr. Jay in shipments and over 200,000 tons in refrom New York. They conduct an east-ern factory at which their goods are manufactured with especial reference to ceipts over the record of 1885. This company runs sixty regular passenger trains in and out of Omaha daily. Its stock

> day. B. & M. IN NEBRASKA.

yards trains carry over 1,000 passengers a

The Burlington system of railroads has ts most progressive division in Nebraska which opens up the very best portion of the state and gives an entrance to Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and a trans-continental junction with the Central Pacific at Ogden. From the headquarters in this city 1,956 miles of track are operated, 370 miles of which were completed in Nebraska last year. The company also completed a new five stall round house in this city last year at a cost of \$10,000, and enlarged and improved its business quarters at an expense of \$52,000. The company has 200 employes located in Omaha. It has now n use 4,617 cars and 154 locomotives. Nine express trains depart from Omatia on this road daily and eight arfrom rive. The amount of business done by this road in freight last year was:

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MISSOURI PACIFIC.

While this road does not own a mile of track in Omaha or Douglas county, its operation of the new Belt line, commencing in the latter part of October, has enabled it to do a very large and steadily mercasing business. Two regular passenger trains are run between this city and St. Louis daily each way. A regular passenger train arrives from Lincoln, Neb., each morning and one leaves this city for the capital each evening. at the general market, During 1885 this company purchased 500,000 bushels of corn, rye and barley. The three leading breweries, Metz Bros., Fred Krug and Storz & Iler, purchased over 200,000 bushels of barley in 1886. The local flour and feed mills used 225,000 bushels of grain, and at the lowest estimate the class to the stread over concerner took Two regular freight trains are run each way. besides a large number of extras. This makes ten trains daily departing from and arriving in Omana. The Missouri Pacific has its own rolling stock, but by arrangements with the Belt line has full use of its tracks, passenger and freight depots in this county. During the month of November, 1886, there were received over the rand at Omana 52,093.29 tons of sales to the street car company, stock yards and on the street, amounted to Himebaugh & Merram, proprietors of the Union elevators in this city, report a very active trade during 1886. They employ forty men and the capacity merchandise and freight, and 5,191.45 tons were forwarded. In course of time it will be one of our most important railroads, as Omana is virtually the gateway of their elevators is 800,000 bushels. Dur-ing 1886 this firm handled 5,374,000 bushthrough which the Gould system of southern' roads, embracing over 5,000 of grain, divided as follows: corn, miles of track, must find its way to the north, northwest and northeast. 4,000,000 bushels; wheat, 650,000; oats 300 000; barley, 62,000; ryc, 37,000; flax,

OMAHA BELT LINE.

The Omaha beit line runs around the northern, western and part of the south-ern portion of Omaha. It originated with S. H. H. Clark, for years general manager of the Union Pacific system. The Belt line company was incorporated September, 1883, with a capital of September, 1883, with a capital of \$800,000. Its officers at present arc: S. H. H. Clauk, president; J. M. Eddy, vice-president; Frank Murphy, secretary and treasurer, directors: S. H. H. Clark, J. M. Eddy, Frank Murphy, Leavitt Burn-ham and John M. Thurston. While this is an independent component as a start is an independent corporation as far as charter, business and officers are congraphic institute which is well patronized corned, it is no secret that the road is owned by Jay Gould, and although it will furnish accommodations and conveniences to suburban Omaha, its main object of existence is to give the Gould system of roads a direct entrance to Omaha and close connection with all other roads contoring in this city. Work was commemory on the light line in the fall of

H. K. Sawyer & Co., Omaha, handle all the best brands of tin and sheet iron. ness is rapidly increasing owing to the superior quality of their goods, T. W. Reed, dealer in grates, mantles, etc., has put in some of the finest goods to be found in any of the best residences

remarked by many to be one of the finest that could be made

Standard type-writer, and deal in all kinds of supplies and appliances in con-nection therewith. Their business has grown with the rapid growth of busi-ness enterprises of the state, which find the use of the type-writer a saving of time and money. Their office is in the Omaha National bank building. They ern houses and their goods have made for them a flattering reputation.

trade is rapidly growing in favor will residents in that portion of the city They extend a cordial invitation to all

George W. Duncan, 212 South Fourteenth

mous for the superior quality of goods sold. The Omaha Carpet Company,