

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Curbing, Grading, Sewerage, Pavements and Viaducts.

The public improvements of Omaha were commenced in 1878, when the erection of sewers in a small degree was undertaken. But it was not until 1883, when the first pavement was laid, that the marvelous improvements which have contributed to Omaha's advancement were really inaugurated.

Curbing, grading, guttering, sewerage, paving and viaducting, and so energetically have they been carried out, that the visitor to Omaha in 1887 would have exceeding difficulty in recognizing it in 1883.

Table with 2 columns: Item (Curbing, Grading, Sewerage, etc.) and Amount (\$). Total expenditure for the present year is \$1,000,000.

This exhibit with that made for the last year shows a great expenditure for public improvements in a little over three years of \$2,400,547.75.

CURBING AND GUTTERING.

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No city of the size of Omaha in the United States has such a small fire department and to the credit of the system and the men it is said that no city of similar population can show a less amount of losses by fire year after year.

This is really wonderful, considering the extensive area to be guarded, the inflammable nature of many of the buildings, the high winds that at times prevail and other causes that are naturally adapted to invite conflagrations.

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No. 2—George Windheim, captain; Samuel Crowley, driver; Thomas Galt, John Murphy and Albert Rippey, pipemen.

No. 3—William Webb, captain; Frank Grimes, driver; John Peterson, John Williams and Patrick Noonan, pipemen.

No. 4—Joseph Vandorf, captain; W. S. Redfield, pipeman.

No. 5—George A. Coulter, captain and engineer; John Anderson, stoker; W. Ellis, driver of engine; M. Turkelson, driver of hose.

No. 6—Thomas Ryan, captain; James O'Brien, driver; John Stodtman, C. H. Anderson, Loges and James Delaney, laddermen.

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THE HORSE RAILWAY.

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NEW CORPORATIONS IN 1886.

SAVINGS INVESTMENT COMPANY. Organized January 6, 1886. To run fifteen years, for real estate and kindred business. Capital, \$15,000.

OMAHA CARPET COMPANY. Organized January 9. Capital, \$30,000. Incorporators—Henry F. Bergesch, Fred Sunder and David D. Miller.

OMAHA LUMBER COMPANY. Organized January 15. Capital, \$25,000. Incorporators—Moses F. Rittenhouse, president; Jesse R. Emerie, vice-president; Ralph W. Clayton, secretary and treasurer.

OMAHA PANORAMA COMPANY. Organized January 15, to run ten years, for exhibiting the panorama of the battle of Gettysburg and erecting a building therefor. Capital, \$30,000.

NORTHWESTERN SHOT COMPANY. Organized January 25, to run twenty years, for the manufacture of shot, gunpowder, etc. Capital, \$100,000.

OMAHA AND FLORENCE LAND COMPANY. Organized June 18. Capital, \$50,000. Incorporators—J. G. Lantry, president; Hugh G. Clark and George J. Hunt.

GATE CITY OIL COMPANY. Organized June 10, for dealing in mining and oil lands and developing the same in Nebraska and Wyoming. Capital, \$150,000.

OMAHA REAL ESTATE AND TRUST COMPANY. Organized February 9, to run ten years, for buying and selling stocks, etc. Capital, \$50,000.

OMAHA STREET BUILDING ASSOCIATION. Organized February 17, to run ten years, for dealing in real estate, etc. Capital, \$100,000.

OMAHA TELEPHONE CO. This corporation is conducted according to the most progressive and enterprising methods devised in telephone operations.

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