moters some of the shrewdest and wealthiest business men of the city.

Many traveling men are employed together with an enormous corps of laborers, and thousands of dollars are distributed in wages each week.

### BATES & CO., 417 South Eleventh St.

This representative firm, has made rapid strides and advancement in their line of business during the past two years, which length of time they have been established here. This firm does a general wholesale commission business in produce, butter, cheese and eggs and are very heavy dealers in all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit, and doing a strictly wholesale business, and have established trade connection throughout the adjoining territory of Nebraska,

Iowa, Colorado and Dakota. Their commodious and conveniently arranged premises afford every facility for the handling and displaying of the large shipments of goods; daily re-ceived from this surrounding country, and with the very extensive city trade, connection which gives them unsurpassed facilities for the prompt and lucrative disposition of consignments. A strict attention to business and the prompt returns for consignments has won for them large shipments and extensive patronage in the commission produce business,

#### Peycke Brothers Company, corner Eleventh and Howard Streets.

This, undoubtedly the largest fruit and produce commission house in the west was established in 1870 and incorporated into a stock company January 1, 1888, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The directors of the company are Ernest Peycke, president; Edmund Peycke, vice president: Julius Peycke, treasurer; Ed Wohlers, secretary; Con Wiedelman, manager of the fruit and produce department; R. W. Dybail, manager candy department; R. M. Cross, manager eigar department.

The building occupied by this com-pany, corner of Eleventh and Howard, is a handsome five-story and basement brick building, 66x132 feet in dimensions. They are wholesale dealers and jobbers of fruits, produce, fresh fish and oysters, and manufacturing confectioners. In their confectionery department they employ upwards of fifty hands and make a complete assortment of candies, being one of the most extensive manufacturers in this line in the

In the packing of apples and oranges they do their own packing in the or-chards of Missouri, Kansas and Michigan, and the orange groves of California, insuring the selection of first-class fruit, thereby saving the profits of middle men, giving their trade the benefit of purchasing from first hands.

Their packing of apples this year alone represents an output of 25,000 barrels. They are also extensive packers of oysters and fresh fish, having a very large trade in this special branch of their business.

Their confectionery and fruits are sold to the jobbing trade of Leavenworth and Atchison, Kan., Sioux City, Ia., and other jobbing points, as well as to the general trade throughout the entire western territory which is visited by their large corps of traveling salesmen

## CLOTHING-WHOLESALE.

Omaha is now recognized as a jobbing market in clothing as well as in other lines. Cheap freights through our numerous railway lines in obtaining and shipping goods from this point give our local manufacturers advantages over other cities to the benefit of buyers in

Merchants in this territory have the peculiar advantages of cheap freights, quick delivery, and in the duplicating season, as the stocks carried are always complete. Merchants have better facilities of stocking up with new and desirable goods as the public demands. The following firms are extensive manufacturers and wholesale dealers:

Gilmore & Ruhl, 1109 Harney Street. This recent and very desirable acquisition to the business interests of Omaha commenced in June, 1887. The partners of the concern had previously been engaged in trade in Columbus, O., but the desirable opening which Omaha presented, induced them to move here. They are extensive manufacturers and wholesale clothiers and their stock em braces a general line of men's, youths' boys' and children's clothing, adapted to the wants of the trade in this terri tory. It has been the aim from the beginning of their career in Omaha to sell as good a quality of goods and at as low prices as any market in this country, east or west, and their rapincreased trade demonstrates that all they have aimed at or claimed in this regard has been abundantly successful. They buy every dollar's worth of their goods for the spot cash, and their motto is to "invite comparison and defy competition.

From the date of opening here they have transacted a very large business. At the present time they are preparing their spring line of samples which is much larger than ever. Six traveling men traverse the territory of Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah Kansas and Missouri. The members of the firm are J. G. Glimore and J. A. Muhl. All parties having transaction with them are guaranteed fair treatment and a choice and immense stock from which to select.

# CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

No great city can afford to be without contractors and builders. Few cities are as rich as this in spiendid buildings and show the many and vast improvements involving many millions of dol-lars, both in the laying of pavements in public thoroughfares and the erection of many extensive manufacturing establishments and palatial private residences. In fact, Omaha lays claim to having the finest paved streets and business blocks of any city in the country. In looking oves the list of contractors and builders one finds that the Gate city, indeed, is well equipped in that line, and the evidences are apparent in every street, the improvements of the same all being done by the enterprising men of Omaha engaged in this industry. The more prominent firms in this im portant business are:

#### Grant's Slag and Stone Pavement-Office, Room 48, Ramge Block, Fif-

teenth and Harney. It has been six years since John Grant arrived in Omaha to superintend the work of the Barber Asphalt Paving company. To him is due a considerable share of the credit for the excellence of the city's thoroughfares to-day. After months' service with the company. Mr. Grant, foreseeing the neces ity for a cheap and permanent system of sidewalk pavement, invented what is now famous as the "Grant Slag and Stone Pavement." The success of the Invention was immediate and since 1883 when it was first dedicated to the public, he has laid hundreds of thousands o feet of this composition pavement which rivals natural stone for every quality attractive and convenient to such a use Indeed it is in much greater favor here than even dressed stone, and is used at all the prominent buildings of the city. The work of lining one of the great res-

ervoirs at Rock Springs, Wyo., was let to Mr. Grant and in the fulfillment of this the slagolithic pavement was used exclusively. Although for the present operations have been for the most part confined to this city, Mr. Grant propose next season to open offices in Minneap-olis, St. Paul and Kansas City and enlarge his business as rapidly as practic able. In Omaha over one hundred men are constantly employed in the laying of this pavement and the inventive and shrewd ex-superintendent has amassed a very comfortable fortune.

Wincote & Riley, 312 Ramge Block This firm, composed of C. E. Wincote and B. W. Riley, is one of the latest ac quisitions to the contracting and build-ing interests of Omana. In the short time of one year that they have been located here, they have placed them-selves in the front ranks of our leading contractors. Among the contracts carried out by this firm includes the extensive alterations of the Grand opera house, which was completed in three weeks—"the agreed time." They have erected fine residences for John Rush of this city, A. Swartzlander, W. Taylor, and two residences for L. Mendelssohn. The new brick school house at Albion, Boone county (one of the largest in the state.) They have also built residences for the Rev. Dean Gardner, J. H. Millard, and William Wallace, of the Omaha National bank; and E. L. Stone, Samuel Beck and George L. Fisher, and many others, which goes to show that the firm have alike gained the confidence of both

architects and owners. Contracting is carried out by this firm in all its branches, which must eventually find more favor with owners, who, when they let a contract for whatever they intend to build, have only one firm to look to and hold responsible, thereby avoiding the difficulty and inconvenience of having so many sub-contractors on the ground.

## DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

The stock carried by our wholesale houses embraces everything in staple and fancy dress goods, domestics, wool ens, notions of every description and are not excelled in proportions of variety anywhere. Dealers can supply their wants at all times with the most desirable goods in the market, including the latest novelties as well as all staple and domesties and at the same prices as can be found in Eastern markets. The goods are delivered to them in much quicker time and at a great saving in freights. Having the advantages of central location and transportation central location facilities over thirteen lines of rail roads, the dry goods trade is fully pre pared to supply the merchants in this territory with all the goods suitable to their wants at a much better advantage in every respect than any other com-

The trade is a very powerful factor in the general prosperity of the city and should be constantly stimulated by all associated interests. The total amount of sales during the past year in this de partment of jobbers trade of Omaha will aggregate nearly \$4,000,000.

Taken as a whole Omaha offers very superior advantages to merchants buying dry goods an notions..

#### M. E. Smith & Co., 1102, 1104 Douglas Street.

This popular dry goods house removed from Council Bluffs to Omaha in June 1886, and since that time they have oc cupied their present commodious quar ters at the northwest corner of 11th and Douglas streets. In the past two years this reliable firm has more than doubled its business as wholesale jobbers of dry goods, furnishing goods and notions, and now stands in the front ranks in their lines. They have also opened a factory coats, cheviot shirts, jeans and cottonade pants, and they now carry a complete line of these goods in their large and well assorted stock. The result o the trade in this branch of their business has been very gratifying and the manufacturing department has been in creased to meet their demands. The interests of this house is represented on the road by ten traveling salesmen who visit the trade in Nebraska, Iowa Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming Utah and Idaho. Their prices are a ways as low as the lowest, and their stock represents, both in the staples and novelties, as large an assortment as any cometitive point, all they ask is a trial and they will show the trade that they are looking to their interests in the best possible manner.

#### J. T. Robinson Notion Company, 12th and Howard Streets. This firm one of the heaviest in their line in the west, was established here

in 1885. They are wholesale dealers in notions and gent's furnishing goods, including a full line of ladies' and gent's underwear. They are also an extensive manufacturers of overalls, work shirts, jumps and jean pants which bear their trade mark "Buckskin."

They have lately added a full and nost complete assortment of toys and noliday goods imported by them direct from the manufacturers and especially suited for the holiday trade, and are the only jobbing house in this line in the city. The firm without any doubt show the finest and largest line of goods in open stock west of Chicago, both as to

quantity and variety and quality.
The building occupied by the firm corner of 12th and Howard is a modern structure five stories, and basement 44x132 feet in dimensions, so constructed is to receive light from three sides and fully equipped for the display of their immense stock of goods to the best advantage for their customers. The com-pany is composed of J. T. Robinson. President and Treasurer; G. E. Stokes Secretary; T. H. Burnette, and R. E.

Their trade extends throughout the vestern territory, embracing the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Dakota, and which is visited by their corps of traveling salesmen.

# DISTILLERY.

## The Willow Springs Distillery. The farmers of Nebraska have reason

o be grateful for the foresight of Peter E. Her who, by planting the germ of his present business in 1860, consummated by a successful course of events the Willow Springs distillery of to-day which affords the agriculturists mentioned extensive grain market. The consumption of grain by the local breweries and distillery dur-ing the year currently closed ing the year currently closes a very moderate estimate of the con sumption of the latter places it at 1,000, 000 bushels, while the breweries used upwards of 400,000 bushels of barley. No distillery to-day can claim better facilities or an output superior in qual Springs distillery. The constant call for high priced rye and burboun whiskies caused the erection of a building exing expressly designed to satisfy the de-mand, and in the older building alcohol and cologne spirits are manufactured. The firm's special brands have won fa-vor from their absolute purity, the best of grain only being used in their pro-Vast bonded warehouses hold the excellent products of this distillery, which is the third largest distillery in America, and by far the most extensive in the west. The buildings cover an area of nearly eight acres. Since the beginning of operations this distillery has paid into the government over \$10. 000,000 in revenue. Averaging up-wards of \$150,000 monthly. The pay-roll of the company amounts to \$3,000 per month. The output is over 60,000

barrels each year. Such is the distillery of Her & Co. the very existence of which insures the prosperity, not only of its long list of employes, but on the farmers who find in it a ready market for their grain. It it one of the solidest institutions Omaha, and of such as have made this city what it is to-day.

## WHOLESALE DRUGS.

Viewed from a sanitary standpoint and in connection with the public drug trade is the most important in the

In Omaha the wholesale drug trade fa well and ably represented by first-class druggists and manufacturing pharmacists who are noted for their absolute reliability in every feature of their business. Up to 1885 the jobbing drug trade of our city was of a very limited character, but since then, with the succcessful establishment of our wholesaid drug houses, the trade has increased in olume until to-day Omaha is recognized as the best and largest drug cen ter in the west. Situated as Omaha is, the trade in the immediate vicinity can be supplied by our local houses to a far better advantage than from other cities, both as to prices, freight and time in transit, as orders can be filled and de livered to points within a radius of 100 miles of the city with twenty-four hours, which is a very great advantage to the trade generally. The volume of busi-ness during the past year reached the aggregate sum of \$1,500,000.

The position attained by Omaha as a wholesale drug market has been through the efforts of the firms reviewed below, who, by placing upon the market first-class standard goods and through strict business methods, have built up a trade second to none in the west.

### Richardson Drug Co.

This firm, which is now recognized as being one of the lergest wholesale drug nouses in the United States, started bus iness in the city of St. Louis in 1854. The business of this firm gradually inreased under the direct management of Jos. Richardson Sr., and at the close of the war, their business was the largest n the west. About 15 years ago J. C. Richardson, a young man of great energy and push succeeded to the active man agement of the bussness, and gathered around him as associates a number of young men thoroughly posted and active, as assistants and since then he growth of their business has been With office and wavehouses in New

York, and agents in Europe, they are in position to compete with manufacturers and jobbers in their line in any city in this country. Two years ago they conceived the idea of extanding their dready large business by establishing a house on the Missouri River, and after looking the ground over carefully Omaha was selected as the most avail able plan. The Omaha house was started under the management of Mr. Chas. F. Wellar as Vice President, and Amas Field as Secretary and Treasurer, and has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectation of the home house. Their ousiness now extends throughout the entire west and northwest, and will reach the value of three quarters of a million and then is still plenty of room

to grow. The firm feels that they have made no mistake in locating in Omaha. The business of this firm is varied. They carry not only a complete stock of drugs nd patent medicines, but also de largely in paints, oils, glass, brushes and painters supplies.

They also carry one of the largest

stock of druggists sundries to be found in the west.

They also carry a complete line of fine eigars and a full line of wines and iquors for medicinal purposes selected with great care for the drug trade. The Omaha house has large building and warehouse on Jones street, with trackage in rear, giving them every facility for conducting their extensive trade.

# Goodman Drug Co., No. 1110 Farnam Street.

This well-known house is recognized as the Pioneer firm of the drug inter-ests of our city, the members of which are C. F. Goodman President. and A. P. Goodman Secretary and Treasurer. In addition to carry afull and complete line of drugs, paints, oils, varnishes, fine chemicals and apparatus, they also make a specialty of surgical instruments, physicians supplies, and mathematical instruments, although this firm has been making a specialty of physicians supplies, surgical and mathematical instruments for less than two years, yet their business has been constantly on the increase and now they have the largest stock in these lines west of Cnicago. Their trade extends into all the western states and territories to the Pacific coast, and as they carry almost everything a physician architect or civil engineer requires for his profession, they should have the entire trade as their goods are sold at eastern prices, thereby saving time and express charges, two items which are of essential importance. Mr. H. J. Penfold, manager of this firm is publisher of a monthly medical journal, "The Omaha which has the support of the State Medical Society and the Omaha Medical College and in which the profession of the west is taking a lively in-

# ELECTRIC SUPPLIES.

The developments of electric appliances, and the adoption of electricity to new and varied uses, is a surprise to anyone that will stop a moment to think that which electricity is put to. Almost every well regulated house, hotel, and public building requires the electric bell, the guest call, the incandescent lights, burglar alarms, fire alarmo, telegraph instruments, etc. In fact the experiments and inventions in this line are so many it takes an electrician or one that confines himself to this busi ness to keep apace to the growth of the interests. In this line Omaha has houses that are wide awake to the interest and keep in stock a full line of appliances and the latest improvements. The leading firms are:

# Midland Electric Company.

This is the pioneer electric supply house of Omaha, having been estab-lished since 1884. Although its beginning was modest it has grown, and today stands in the front rank of the com mercial industries of the city, and its businesss extends throughout the entire west. The firm handles a full line of electric appliances embracing hotel anunciators, burglar alarms, electric gas lighting, telegraph instruments and appliances, medical batteries, fire alarms for cities and towns, and all sundries in use in any branch of applied electrical science. Aside from the company has several special features, including its electric motor for sewing machines, which it has lately introduced with pronounced success. This ingenious contrivance is operated by a This battery and will run any sewing machine

to the utmost satisfaction and at a cost of less than three cents an hour. The company also handles an automatic dewhereby the temperature of rooms can be preserved at any particular point desired. By a clever but simple arrangement, a thermometer in the room is connected electrically with the damper of the furnace, be it situated where it may, and the mechanism is adjusted to the desired point. Should the room become one degree cooler than this the damper is at once opened and in a like manner is it closed should the tempera ture become too high. Thus the heat of the room is confined within two degrees of any desired state. The perfect work ing of this scheme dispenses with all attention to the furnace after it has been charged for the day. This is one of the neatest productions of the decade and can be had only of this house.

## THE GRAIN TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of cereals in Omaha, especially of corn, have,dur-ing the last few years, made wonderful growth. The vast are of corn-producing land in Nebraska have naturally made Omaha the receiving point for the product, and with the excellent elevator facilities of the city, and the prospects of additional ones, there is little doubt that Omaha will soon take the first place among the corn centers of the country. Greatly increased acre-age has been devoted during the past year to the growing of wheat, rve, oats and other small grains. Omaha is the natural distribuling point for the entire western country, and has magnificent railroad facilities for the quick shipping of all products. New railway lines, terminating at this point, have opened up a new, vast and fertile country, and while corn at present is the leading firain handled, there is no doubt that this market will soon be celebrated for its wheat and other small grain ship-

### Himebaugh & Merriam.

This firm started in the grain business in 1877, at which time they built elevator A in this city; business increased very rapidly so that it was nee essary to have another elevator to ac commodate the business, and to supply this want, elevator B was erected in 1882, an elevator of 750,000 bushels ca pacity, since which time elevator A has been enlarged, making a total capacity for the two elevators of nearly 1,000,000 bushels.

In addition to the two elevators at Omaha, this firm owns forty country elevators which act as feeders for the two large elevators at Omaha.

From the year this firm started in business they have done the larges grain business in the state, and still hold that position in the trade.

The senior member of this firm has neld the office of president of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city for several years, during which time h was instrumental in bringing about the erection of a very fine building for that association, which has just been completed ready for occupancy.

The firm are well satisfied with their business and the future outlook for the

trade in the state.

## HATS AND CAPS.

### W. L. Parrotte & Co., Wholesale Hats and Caps and Straw Goods. The inception of this firm dates back

to 1880, when it was organized as a jobbing house for hats and caps. Later the feature of glove and mitten manufacturing was added and is to-day one of their strongest cards. The house is a large importer of headgear, including the latest English styles as well as a heavy run of Scotch caps, a specialty of which is made. The firm is also owner of the "Gate City" hat, which they They hight commend this article to dealers as one bringing quick sales, and for which they very special merits not found in other brands. This hat is making a fine market record and a stock is incomplete without a line of the "Gate City." firm at present occupies five floors at 1107 Harney, but in a few days they will remove into their own magnificent stone building at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Harney streets, where they will have every facility for attending their large business. They will then have five floors 25x132.

# HARDWARE, WHOLESALE.

The hardware trade of Omaha, with a business aggregating over \$2,000,000 in sales annually, easily holds its own with the jobbing interests of our city. The stocks carried by Omaha houses are not excelled in proportions of variety by any other city in the west, so that the largest dealers who purchase here can feel confident that all orders can be filled promptly, completely and at prices no other point can surpass.

Having a central location and the advantage of cheap freights to points ly-ing adjacent to our city, the hardware trade has built up a business which is constantly increasing in value and importance.

The trade is in the hands of young pushing and enterprising merchants who are alive to the wants of the trade and through their strict business principles have established a trade throughout the west that is steadily growing to be one of the most extensive in our city. Merchants buying hardware in Omaha will find everything in their line they desire and at prices no other competing cities can equal.

## Rector & Wilhelmy Co., Wholesale Hardware.

The firm of Rector & Wilhelmy Co. is widely known by hardware dealers throughout the region tributary to 1883, and was incorporated with its present title the following year. The present officers are P. C. De Vol. president; F. B. Hochstetter, vice president; W. S. Wright, secretary, and Allen T. Rector, treasurer. Their place of business is at the southeast corner of Tenth and Harney streets, where they handle general line of shelf and builders' hardware, embracing everything that usually comes under this class, and including tin plates, metals, nails, rope, ammunition, etc. They have several specialties with which they alone can supply the trade in this section. These comprise the celebrated Austin gun-powder, the Jefferson steel nails and the Fairbank Standard scales, each of which is at the head of its respective line. The house of Rector & Wilhelmy Co. is one of Omaha's staunchest firms. and one which covers its field in a most thorough manner.

Lee-Clarke-Andreesen Hardware Co. This representative firm of the wholesale hardware trade, was incorporated January 1, 1888, with a capital of \$300,-000 and succeeded the firm of Lee, Fried & Co., which was established in 1880. They occupy the splendid build-ing at 1108, 1110 and 1112 Harney street. It is a substantial brick structure 56x140 feet, with four stories and basement. and for completeness of appointments and general accommodation is not surpassed by any jobbing hardware house

This enterprising firm has done much to increase their line of trade in the western country by carrying a full line of hardware, timplate metals, guns and

in the west.

sporting goods, and are general western agents for the sale of Howe scales, Lyman barb wire, and Miami powder. Among the endless variety of goods handled by this house may be noticed especially fine lines of real bronze goods, cutlery and guns, of which specialties they are strictly headquarters for the

They have now ten traveling salesmen on the road who visit the trade in the states and territories of Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Dakota and Wyoming. Their annual ousiness aggregates a million dollars, which is evidence of their business principles and the confidence placed in them

by their numerous customers.

The following are the officers of the firm: Henry J. Lee, president; H. T. Clarke, vice president; E. M. Andreesen, treasurer, and Edward D. Leeper, secretary and manager.

Each member of the firm having a ong and practical experience in the hardware business, with a large stock of goods especially adapted to the wants of the western trade, they are placed in a position to supply the wants of their patrons promptly and at prices which defy competition from other points.

## The Baum Iron Company, 1217 and

1219 Leavenworth Street. One of the latest additions to the ranks of Omaha's pushing wholesale house is the above-named firm, which in June last succeeded to the business of the late J. A. Edney.

This house is now carrying one of the

largest and most complete stock of heavy hardware, iron, steel, hardwood lumber, blacksmith and carriage maker's tools and supplies west of Chi-

The firm is comprised of M. D. Baum, as president; J. E. Baum, vice president, and D. A. Baum, as secretary and treasurer. The above-named gentlemen are the

owners of the Baum Hardware company, of Lincoln, as well as the Baum ron company, of Omaha, and have for vears done a general wholesale hardvare and iron business from that point, but were keen enough to recognize the advantages of Omaha as a distributing center, and will eventually consolidate their entire interests in this city.

The building occupied consisting of a double front, five stories and basement, is especially adapted to the business. having a private switch and shipping platform in the rear, where goods are received and carload orders checked llrect from the house into the car and ealed before leaving the platform.

The general air of push about the oremises explains the growing popularty of this new concern, and the remarkable growth of their business.

The territory traveled to by this iouse extends from central Iowa west to the Pacific ocean, embracing no less than fourteen states and territories. and their customers' list embraces over two thousand names.

This company is a valuable addition to the Omaha jobbing interests.

#### Omaba Hardware Co. New enterprises are constantly com-

ing forward to claim a share of the commercial benefits Omaha is able to extend to her merchants. The last to fall into line is the Omaha

Hardware Co., who have arrangements all completed to open a jopbing house on the first of January. The officers of the company are P. C.

Himebaugh, president; J. A. Miller, vice president; Wm. H. Hulshizer, secretary; A. S. Carter, treasurer, and E. Taylor, general manager.
The incorporators are all experienced business men who have devoted many

years to the details of the hardware business. Ample capital has been provided to enable a large business to be carried forward, a building having convenient railroad trackage insures quick and cheap handling of goods. These are the elements of success and point to a

### progressive and profitable business. HOTELS.

In a city ranking high, speaking in a commercial sense, in a great country like the United States, many excellent and even grand and luxuriously fur-nished hotels are looked for, and almost all large cities can boast of a few hosteleries of this character, aside from the summer and winter resorts where extravagant prices prevail. The cities of New York and Chicogo boast of their numerous hotels that rank second to none in the world, and where the traveling public can be accommodated in a superb manner and at reasonable prices. In our city we have several first class hotels, and of the number the following are recognized as the leaders:

# The Murray.

This elegant hostelry was opened to the public September 1st, 1888, and is the finest and best furnished 100 room hotel in Omaha or the west. This building is an elegant six story

building, of handsome exterfor replete throughout with all the latest and modern improvements, such as steam heat, passenger and freight elevators, fire escapes, electric fire alarms and annua The house is cintors. throughout in elegant style, the room en suite or single with hot and cold water in every room, baths, and in fact everything appertaining to a first-clas modern hotel. The office dining room and billiard hall are located on the first floor and are unexcelled in beauty and interior finish by any hotel in the west The cuisine is presided over by a competent chef and the table second to none. The rates are \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day. The hotel is situated in the heart of the bus iness section of the city, the various street cars passing the doors. The traveling public will find the accommo-dations of this house first-class in every particular and second to none in th city. Mr. B. Silloway, the proprietor has a large experience as a hotel man and is assisted in the office by Ira P Higby and Wm. Anderson who are all well and favorably known to the traveling public.

### Millard Hotel, 13th and Douglas Streets.

This is a hotel which in its every de partment ranks as the peer of any similar institution in the country. It is a five-story brick building, located on the corner of 13th and Douglas streets, and now has 200 rooms. It is complete in every feature that is required to make first-class hotel. The rotunda in which is the office is laid with variegated tiling and surmounted with a richly decorated and finished dome; hardwood finish prevails throughout, and every thing is as perfect as can be found in any of the larger cities. Adjoining the office are the barber, bath, barroom and billiard hall, and of these it can be truthfully said they are superior every particular to anything of the kind in the west. The dining room is bright and commodious, the house pletely and tastefully furnished, it is lighted by electric light, heated by steam and furnished with telephone, messenger calls and everything necessary for the comfort of the traveling public.

The location of the Millard is exceptionally favorable; it stands on the most prominent thoroughfare in Omaha, is convenient to the postoffice, railroad

depots, court houses, business offices and emporiums.
Messrs. Markel & Swobe are proprie-

tors, as well as the proprietors of the Pacific Hotel Company, and operate the hotels and eating houses of the Union Pacific railroad between Council Bluffs Ogden and Denver.

### Goos Hotel.

This popular hotel is a five story brick structure located on the corner or 15th and Jackson street and is one of the most attractive building recently erected in Omaha. The hotel was opened in October, 1886, with 65 rooms. The increase of business required the addition just completed giving them 150 well lighted rooms. The house is newly furnished throughout and is lighted with both gas, and electrice ights. Each and every room is heated by steam heaters and provided with an electric annunciator, providing immediate communication with the office. The office, reading room, dining room, with large and commodious sample rooms are located on the first floor and is finshed in hard wood and tile flooring, making it complete in every feature. In the basement is a fine sample room and billiard hall.

In connection with the hotel, Mr. Goos has fitted and furnished a fine hall to be used for entertainments and banquets, a feature that is attracting a great deal of attention. The house is run on the European plan, a free buss is run to and from the depot. The rates are reasonable and everything is done to meet the requirements of the travelling pub-

### HOUSE FURNISHING. Wm. Lyle Dickey & Co., 1403 Douglas

Street. Quite an acquisition was made to the ousmess of Omaha when the above firm

was added to the list of its enterprising merchants. This house was established with a view of keeping in stock a complete line of house furnishing goods, such as

stoves, ranges, copperware, tinware, willowware, woodenware; brushes, dusters, etc. Their ample accommodations in the way of store room consisting of five loors enables them to keep on hand and display to the best advantage a large

and varied assortment of their line of goods. They are state agents for the cele orated "Union" Hot Air Furnace, having a steel radiator, which excells all others as a fuel saver, and which they can supply as sheap as any first-class

furnace made. They are state agents (Lincoln exfor the well known Jou Van cepted) Ranges for hotel and family use, also state agents for the New Lyman Vapor This house is the depot as well as state agent for the Alaska Refrigerators, an article too well known to all

housekeepers to need words of com-

mendation. Those in need of anything in their line would do well to call and examine their stock.

## LUMBER.

The fumber trade of Omaha is not the least among many important interests. We have cleven firms engaged in the wholesale lumber trade, besides a number of manufacturers of these, the job-bing houses carry stocks of from 3,000, 000 to 20,000,000 feet of pine lumber, with proportionate stocks of shingles, laths, pickets, etc. The average amount of lumber held here in stock is 100,000,000 feet. The average amount of lumber handled by Omaha has steadily increased during the past few

steadily increased during the past lew ynars and the dealers now handle about 350,000,000 feet annually.

The lumber is sold throughout the adjoining states. To-day there are no markets of lumber that can afford any more feverable inducements to buyers within a radius of her distributing, either rail or water, and there are fer that can equal her. Among the promi-

### John A. Wakefield, Wholesale and Retail Lumber and Building Materials, 18th and Pierce Streets.

Possibly the Omaha public does not

generally realize this fact, but this city s the home of the finest lumber yard in existence to-day. It is a fact that the yard of John A. Wakefield is superior to all others. It comprises an area of three acres, 359x300 feet, all under cover and the stock is thoroughly protected against the weather's ravage and is recognized as the headquarter for dry building material of all kinds. The storage capacity of this superior establishment is 10,000,000 feet of lumber: it is provided with two railroad tracks, supplying abundant facilities for the loading or unloading of ten cars simultaneously, and thereby making promptness the rule. In connection with his lumber business which embraces the sale of pickets, mouldings and building sundries generally. Mr. Wakefield i also an extensive dealer in imported American, English, German, Portland cements; he is the sole agent for the Milwaukee hydraulic cement and the "best" Quincy white lime. Mr. Wake-field's sales of Milwaukee cement this rear foot up to over 80,000 barrels, and during the same period he sold over 6,000 barrels Portland cements, 15,000,000 feet of lumber, 9,000,000 lath and 6,000,000 shingles, besides large quanlath and lities of other materials in his From these figures it may be correctly inferred that the business of the Wake field yard is a most satisfactory one.

# Fred W. Gray, Ninth and Douglas

Streets. The establishment of this business dates back to 1867, and consequently is one of the oldest yards in the city. yards lying between the tracks of the Burlington, Union Pacific, and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railways, gives him every facility for handling lumber economically not excelled by any yards in the city. His specialty for years has been the supplying of the best retail trade, and his grades are purchased largely in view of this fact. has large storage capacity, both in the way of lumber sheds and warehouses for lime and cement. He is agent for the Western Cement Association of Louisville, Ky. Also handtes English and German Portland Cements on a very large scale. Mr. Gray has also erected a planning mill, the capacity of which has lately been increased in order to keep pace with the rapid growth of his his business.

### George A. Hoagland, Northeast Corner 9th and Douglas Streets.

This firm was established in 1861, be ing the oldest concern in the lumber business here, and the pioneer wholesale lumber house of Omaha. By strictly studying the wants of his trade and protecting the interests of his customers be has built up a trade of the mommoth proportions of 50,000,000 feet annually, which trade extends through Iowa Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Wyom ing. His yard has so grown that he now uses five acres for the storage and handling of his lumber. His facilities for the prompt filling of orders are unrivalled, having track room in his yard alone for over 100 cars. His stock is complete with all that pertains to his business; in addition to lumber, he carries lath, shingles, sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, posts, lime, cement, plaster,

hair, building paper, etc. Yellow pine, poplar and cypress from the south, redwood and fir from the Pacific coast, pine and oak from as far north as lake Superior, pay tribute to his needs and the wants of his trade.

Owing to the inconvenience caused by the building of the bridge between Council Bluffs and Omaha, he has been compelled to move his office and retail warehouses to the northeast cornor of 9th and Douglas where he has erected a handsome office building; the location is most central for his patrons both in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and for dealers visiting the city. In connection with his new office he will carry a large assortment of lumber for the wants of Omaha and Council Bluffs, the stock being all under cover and dry.

#### Star Union Lumber Company, Office 626 to 629 Paxton Block.

This company was incorporated into a stock company in 1886. The officers of the company are John R. Davis, president; R. Stevenson, vice president, and A. J Whidden, secretary and treas-

They are wholesale dealers exclusively of all kinds of lumber, coal and builders' materials. They are solo western agents for Fay's manilla roofing and building material which has no superior for roofing or its various uses. It is far superior to tin for rooting pur-

poses and absolutely fireproof.

The trade of the company extends throughout the west, embracing the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, and since its organization has done a large and prosperous business. They carry as large a stock as any firm in the city and are prepared to supply the trade with all kinds of lumber at prices that defy competition.

### SASH, DOOR AND BLINDS. Bohn Manufacturing Co., Sixteenth and Clark Streets.

As far back as 1860 does the establishment of this enterprising firm date. in 1885 the firm begun business in Omaha. They are engaged in the manufacturing of sash, doors, blinds and stair work, and deal extensively in building material, pine and hardwood lumber, and have one of the finest wood-workers' establishment in the west. Their depot at the above location was especially erected for their business with every modern convenience for their extensive manufacturing business. Their stock embraces every article in their line. A very fine stock of interior finish sor business houses as well as for dwellings will be found constantly on hand. The work of this firm can be seen among the finest residence and commercial blocks recently erected. The business of this house is mainly confined to Omaha, Nebraska and West-ern Iowa, and has kept pace with the growth of this territory.

#### A. Rosenberry, Fifteenth and Marcy Streets.

This business was established by Mr. Rosenberry in 1878, since which time he has conducted a successful business in the line of manufacturing of sash, doors, blinds and stairwork. The factory located at the above number is a three-story brick building and is fully equipped with all the latest improvements in machinery for the conduction of an extensive business, and which is necessary for the prompt execution of work entrusted to him, and is one of the best appointed and best arranged fac-tories in the west. In connection with the factory Mr. Rosenberg has a dry kiln with a drying capacity of six car loads of lumber. In fact he has every facility for the manufacturing of all the many articles of wood which enter into house building and furnishing, including sash, doors and blinds, mouldings, stair rails, newels, bullusters, scroll work, hard wood, etc. All contracts furnished by this house is done with promptness.

# LEAD AND PAINT.

The Carter Manufacturing Co. This company was organized in Omaha and started in business January 1st, 1887, with a capital of \$50,000. The object of the company is the manufacture of prepared liquid paints and colors, and painters' materials. The firm are also wholesale dealers in paints, oils, varnishes, etc. They received the contract for furnishing the glass for the "Bee Building," the largest bill of glass

ever sold in Nebraska. The trade of this house extends throughout Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Dakota and the territories, and is constantly visited by five traveling sales-men. The total sales to Nov. Ist will aggregate \$175,000. The officers of the company are Levi Carter, president, and S. B. Hayden, secretary and treas-

# The Carter White Lead Co.

This flourishing company was incorporated under the laws of Nebraska and commenced business in Omaha Jan. 1st. 1886, with a capital stock of \$150,000. They are extensive corroiders of white lead. The process used by this company is a superior and improved method over that of the old Dutch method, and their products is that of the finest white lead manufactured; This fact is fully exemplified by the immense trade, the value of which fully reaches \$320,000 annually. The trade extends to all the principal cities in the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Duluth to New Orleans.

They have branch offices in New York, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco. The works are located on Twentieth street and the U. P. tracks. Employment is given to fifty hands, and the pay roll reaches \$25,000 per year, and the capacity is 2,500 tons a year. The officers are Levi Carter, pres H. W. Yntes, vice president, and S. B. Hayden, secretary.

## LIQUORS-WHOLESALE. Frank Dellone & Co., No. 1202 and

1204 Douglas Street.

This is one of the leading and best known firms in the wholesale liquor business, was established in this city twelve years ago, and the volume of their business has steadily increased. Their premises are kept fully stocked with a complete line of wines, liquors and cigars, all of the leading brands of fine Kentucky whiskies are carried, and large stocks are kept on hand, thus enabling them to keep a constant supply of very old whiskles. They also have a stock of some of the oldest imported French brandy ever brought to this market; also some very fine old sherries. They do a general wholesale business in wines, liquors and cigars and their long experience in business enables them to buy to the best possible advantage, consequently they can sell their goods at prices excelled by none.

Riley Bros., No. 1809 Douglas Street. This prominent firm in the wholesale liquor interest of Omaha is the successor to the firm of Riley and Dillon, and is composed of Messrs. A. Riley, Ed. Riley and B. F. Riley, all of whom are energetic business man and well known to the trade. They have large and well arranged store rooms, where they carry large stock of foreign and domestic wines, liquors and fine cigars, among which especial attention is called to their "Old Crow," McBrayer" whiskies, and "Monto 'Hermitage"