

THE YEAR'S IMPROVEMENTS.

Nearly Fifteen Million Dollars.

The following is a carefully compiled exhibit of the improvements made in Omaha during the year 1888. The statistics relative to public improvements are official and reliable, relating to private corporations and individual investments in factories, storerooms, residences, tenements, etc., have been nearly every instance procured by the Bee from the parties interested.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The city of Omaha can boast of as fine paved streets and a perfect sewerage system as any place in the world. The leading business and residence thoroughfares extending in every direction are paved with granite, Colorado sandstone, cedar blocks, or sheet asphaltum. This work is being rapidly pushed forward every year and during 1888 several miles of the already extensive street of pavements in Omaha.

The total number of miles of paved streets in the present city, from the year 1854 to the year 1888, was 187.7 miles. The number of miles added during the year 1888 was 1.7 miles.

The total number of miles of sewerage is now sixty miles and one-fourth miles, of which twenty-one miles were added during the year 1888.

A great deal of expensive grading has been done within the past five years and up to the present time eighty and one-half miles of streets have been graded, seven miles of which was done during the year 1888.

There has also been done a great deal of curbing during the year 1888 and the city engineer's books show that during 1888, three and three-fourths miles of curbing in Omaha, of which thirty miles was done in 1888.

The following table shows the amount expended during the year in these important public improvements:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes items like Grading, Sewerage, Paving, etc.

Total amount expended during 1888, in these important improvements, was \$9,171,733.30, showing an increase in 1888 of \$815,759.55.

In addition to the above improvements, ordered by the board of public works, the county commissioners expended \$19,354 in improvements in the city during the year 1888.

Grading \$10,894.00, Paving court house square \$20,000.00, Sidewalk laid on 1/2 mile of 7th street \$4,500.00, Repairs to court house and jail \$4,500.00.

This, added to the amount expended by the city in public works for the year, gives a total of \$1,057,000 for the year, giving an increase of \$100,000 over 1887.

Cost of twenty-three miles of sidewalk laid by the city in 1888, \$41,200.00. Total cost of artificial sidewalks laid in 1888, \$41,200.00.

Cost of sidewalks of \$342,200 added to the above total of \$1,057,000 gives a grand total of all improvements in Omaha in 1888 of \$1,399,000.

The following report of the board of public works for the year 1888, will show the extent of street curbing, grading, paving, etc., and the amount of money expended for same:

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Total amount expended in 1888, \$1,399,000.00. Total amount expended in 1887, \$1,300,000.00.

Under the charter for the metropolitan cities, enacted by the legislature in April, 1887, the city of Omaha is known as a metropolitan city. It is governed by a mayor and council. The elective officers of Omaha are mayor, salary \$2,500 per annum; treasurer, whose salary and perquisites amount to about \$3,000 per annum; \$2,000; police judge, \$2,000 and eighteen councilmen—one from each of the nine wards of the city and nine from the city at large—at a salary of \$600.

The other officers of the city, appointed by the mayor, are as follows: city attorney, assistant attorney, city engineer, assistant engineer, street commissioner, board of public works, sewer inspector, boiler inspector, plumbing inspector, slaughter inspector, two meat inspectors, clerk of police court, veterinary surgeon, sergeant-at-arms, keeper of Hanson park, keeper of west market city physician, chief of fire department, first assistant chief, second assistant chief, superintendent of buildings, license inspector, four fire and police commissioners, librarian, assistant librarian, captain of police.

Low W. Hill, brick, 20th and 16th st.

George Warren Smith, brick, 16th and Douglas. Estate of Benson, frame block, 16th and Douglas. N. O. Brown, 1/2 mile, Lake, 20th and 21st st.

M. H. Johnson, brick, Jackson and 16th st. Fred Hehn, brick, Leavenworth and 16th st. Mrs. A. Wilson, brick, 16th and Capitol ave.

Fawcett & Smith, brick, 16th and Douglas. Attorney Hutch Trucking association, brick, 16th and Douglas. W. A. Hottel, brick, 16th and Douglas.

Swift & Co., brick, 16th and Leavenworth. John Hottel, brick, Jackson and 16th st. A. C. Powell, brick, 16th and Jones st.

A. O. Olson, frame block, 24th and Clark. W. L. Lemp, brick, Nicholas and 16th st. Puffer Bros., brick, 16th and Jackson.

Kirkpatrick, Jones & Co., brick, Douglas and 16th st. T. C. Hottel, brick, 16th and Douglas. T. C. Hottel, brick, 16th and Douglas.

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Following are the churches and parsonages built and in course of erection during 1888:

Second Congregational church, frame, \$15,000. Howell hall, brick, 16th and Douglas. First Baptist church, rebuilt, 16th and Douglas.

Waverly street. W. M. McCarthy, brick, 16th and Howard. Hamilton and Kirkpatrick school. Total cost, \$61,800.

The following is a list of public school buildings erected and in course of construction during the year:

Hamilton and Kirkpatrick school, \$25,000. 25th and Mason school, \$25,000. 25th and Lake school, \$25,000. Hamilton and Kirkpatrick school, \$25,000.

Total cost, \$100,000. Miscellaneous Buildings. Y. M. C. A. building, \$125,000. Residences, blocks and dwellings, \$2,825,250.

Emmanuel Hospital and Dispensary, \$25,000. Douglas county hospital, \$100,000. Western stock company, a brick, on 21st and Missouri, Pacific track. J. L. Bennett, frame, Chicago and 24th.

H. G. Geyer, brick, Leavenworth and 24th. H. A. Adams, brick, Douglas and 24th. J. H. Hill, brick, 16th and Douglas.

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Business Buildings.

A large number of improvements have been made in South Omaha during the year in building, grading and paving, and the little city is rapidly progressing in every respect, and from present indications it will not be long until what was recently known as a barren and unproductive and thriving and booming city. The following are among the improvements made in South Omaha during the year 1888:

Exchange block addition, \$30,000. Omaha Packing Co. warehouse, \$40,000. The Armour-Cudahy meat market, \$25,000. The Armour-Cudahy meat market, \$25,000.

SWIFT & Co. Ice-house and Improver's Charles Kaufold's 3rd, 16th street. St. Martin's P. E. church, 16th st.

C. M. Hunt, 2nd and 24th st., brick. J. E. Riley, frame, 25th st. Henry Hardy, brick, N. st.

High school addition, 24th st., brick. Albright, frame, 24th and Douglas. Miss Ota Clark, N. st., frame.

Commercial block, 4th st., frame. J. H. Knudt, Albright, frame. 18 Haswell, brick, frame, 7th st.

W. M. Hough & Son, frame, 20th st. Mrs. A. W. West, frame, 25th st. N. S. Schuler, brick, 25th st.

N. D. DeWitt, frame, 24th st. J. D. Hart, frame, 21st st. J. H. Knudt, frame, 24th st.

G. Rife, frame, Bellevue ave. J. Pfeiffer, frame, Bellevue ave. S. H. Hill, brick, 16th and Douglas.

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Successes and Failures in Matrimonial Ventures. LOUISVILLE SOCIETY SENSATION.

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Colin May Marry Calos. Wapello Record: We don't know what can be the matter. It can't be on account of the expense attached to it.

Temporarily: English girls are, as of yore, frank, charming, simple and endowed with a beauty that endures.

AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. This company has a branch office in Omaha with M. G. Perkins, as resident manager.

WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION. The capital stock of this company invested in the Omaha Herald is \$100,000.

Pacific Hotel Company. This is a prominent business industry of great benefit to Omaha. The company runs fourteen hotels all along the lines of the Northern Pacific.

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