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OMAHA.

Statistics of the Development of the Metropolis of Nebraska and the Missouri Valley.

GROWTH OF HER INDUSTRIES. Building Improvements Greater Than That of Any Previous Year.

THEY AGGREGATE \$12,000,000.

Bank Clearings \$208,681,000, an Increase of 12 1-3 Per Cent Over Last Year.

WHOLESALE TRADE, \$44,910,000.

The Pork and Beef Packing Industry the Third Largest in the World. The Manufactured Product Swelled to \$23,500,000.

Omaha, with a population of 125,000, covers an area of 245 square miles. She has 10 miles of graded streets, of which 10 miles are covered with pavement. The sewerage system of Omaha has a mileage of 77 1/2 miles. The total cost of these improvements up to December 31, 1895, aggregates \$5,639,654.14. Her street railways, waterworks, gasworks and electric light works are owned and operated by chartered corporations. Her street railways have a track of 86 miles. The water works company has laid 120 miles of mains and 11 1/2 miles of hydrants and 100 miles of gas mains, and lights the public thoroughfares with 820 lamps. One hundred and twenty electric arc lamps have been contracted for by the city, and 500 gas lamps are in use in the outskirts.

The board of public works reports public improvements during 1895 aggregating \$646,665.25. These expenditures represent 39 miles of curbing, costing \$744,255.17; 10 miles of paving, costing \$185,482.91; 2 1/2 miles of grading, costing \$182,000. The cost of sidewalks laid during the year approximates \$125,000. The amount expended on park improvements was \$55,000.

The franchised corporations, including railroads, street railway company, waterworks, gas and electric lighting companies, have expended \$2,090,000 in 1895 in improvements within the city. The public improvements in South Omaha for the same period are computed at \$140,000, making an aggregate expenditure for public improvements during the year of \$3,665,665.25.

The building record of the year includes 1,018 buildings of all grades, costing in the aggregate \$12,000,000. Of these structures 90 were business blocks, mills and factories costing in excess of \$250,000 each, 336 were residences costing in excess of \$2,500 each, 1,434 were stores, dwellings and miscellaneous buildings, ranging in cost below \$2,500 each, and 22 were churches and schoolhouses, ranging in cost from \$10,000 to \$100,000. There were also 100 buildings erected in South Omaha, aggregating in cost \$12,120, and 24 residences were erected in Dundee Place, which, including other improvements, represent an outlay of \$283,000. The expenditures for the completion of business blocks under way at the commencement of the year was \$700,000. This swells the aggregate expenditures for building improvements made during 1895 to a grand total of \$12,000,000. In other words, Omaha has expended \$12,000,000 for public improvements, packing houses, factories, banking and business houses, school buildings, churches and dwellings, and erected 2,082 new buildings of every description during the year.

Omaha's commercial growth is exhibited by her wholesale trade, bank clearings and industrial statistics. The capital of the Omaha banking houses aggregates \$10,000,000, and their deposits amount to \$18,547,754. The clearing house record presents a fair index of the volume of business transacted in Omaha and affords conclusive proof of her commercial progress. The clearings of 1895 aggregate \$208,681,000, as against \$185,505,761 the preceding year.

Omaha maintains her rank as the third largest pork market in America, and her beef packing industry has more than trebled within the last two years. The number of hogs packed during the past year was 631,478, the number of beefs slaughtered was 124,307, and the total of all kinds of stock killed and packed footed 1,380,785, as against 1,078,785 killed in 1894.

The manufacturers of Omaha have turned out products to the value of \$23,500,000, an increase of over two million over the preceding year. This is exclusive of the products of the packing industry of South Omaha, which exceed \$10,000,000, and which will swell the grand total of Omaha's industrial products in 1895 to \$33,500,000.

The wholesale trade of Omaha has materially increased in volume and the jobbers have extended their territory considerably during the past year. The sales of the wholesale dealers, exclusive of products manufactured in Omaha, amount to \$44,910,000.

Board of Trade. Omaha's board of trade is composed of the leading business men in all lines of manufacturing and commerce represented in the city. It is organized for the purpose of promoting the interests of the city and the state, and for the purpose of securing the best and most profitable methods of conducting the business of the city.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. Omaha has for many years ranked with the leading cities of the west in the volume of her banking business. The total amount of capital invested in the banks of Omaha is \$10,000,000, and their deposits amount to \$18,547,754. The clearing house record presents a fair index of the volume of business transacted in Omaha and affords conclusive proof of her commercial progress.

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