

WHOLESALE INTERESTS.

The Jobbers' Business Keep Pace with Other Developments.

The jobbers of Omaha have steadily enlarged their territory in the past year until at present their activity is in proportion to the developments in other cities. Large orders for goods are daily received by local jobbers from the Pacific coast territory and their business is extending south and north. Western Iowa merchants are also recognizing Omaha's jobbing interests by giving them the patronage which formerly went to Chicago wholesalers. The proposed line of railroads to the Dakotas will materially enlarge the scope of the Gate City. The following figures represent the wholesale houses together with the aggregate annual sales:

Table with 3 columns: No. of Firms, Aggregate Sales, and Percentage. Lists various wholesale categories like Groceries, Dry Goods, and Hardware.

SLOAN, JOHNSON & CO.

The wholesale grocery firm of Sloan, Johnson & Co. is well known in commercial circles as one of the leading establishments in that line throughout the west. The company was established in 1864 at Peoria, Ill., and when Omaha developed and her surrounding territory indicated a desire to support a wholesale grocery enterprise of magnitude a plant was established here.

D. M. STEELE & CO.

Wholesale grocers, importers and jobbers of teas and cigars, packers and curers of lake and ocean fish. Established 1868. This firm is composed of Dudley M. Steele, Dudley Smith and John M. Steele, and carry one of the largest and most complete lines of groceries in the west.

THE CONSOLIDATED COFFEE COMPANY.

Two and one-half years ago the Clark Coffee company and the Gates, Cole & Miles company consolidated, effecting thereby one of the largest plants in this line in the country and doing an enormous trade throughout the west. They manufacture the celebrated German coffee and tea and the best quality of extracts and cigars.

GERMAN YEAST COMPANY.

The German yeast factory, located at Omaha, Neb., has without doubt, the most complete plant of the kind in existence. They occupy a three story brick building, 44 feet wide by 132 feet long, fitted with all the modern appliances for the manufacture of this staple, even to grinding their own corn meal.

FLEISCHMANN & CO., COMPRESSED YEAST.

This world renowned firm have an agency for the sale and distribution of their goods at 1013 Howard street. The Omaha agency was established in 1881. They keep four wagons busy making daily deliveries to the trade of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs.

D. L. CARPENTER & SON, GROCERS.

This grocery house which is known as one of the foremost in its line in Omaha is composed of D. L. Carpenter and son. The business was commenced by Carpenter and Giddard in 1855. Mr. Carpenter, jr., who formerly owned a large general merchandise store in Papillion, Neb., bought out Mr. Giddard's interests and succeeded in carrying on the business.

time they were extensive manufacturers of boots and shoes in the east and still continue their factory at Columbus, O. Their success demonstrates the fact that merit wins, for their trade has continually increased and each year is better than the one preceding and this could only follow where satisfaction is given.

To the unobserving, the manufacture of boots and shoes may seem simply put, but with this firm it is entirely a different thing, as they make a study of the advantages to be obtained by a perfect fitting shoe, consequently they produce all styles, shapes and lasts, thereby enabling the retailer to give his customer a correct fit, and thus secure for the wear and comfort and has made their goods universally popular.

CHARLES A. COE & CO.

The wholesale boot and shoe firm of Charles A. Coe & Co. is regarded in the line of Omaha's most successful enterprises. Through established methods, the firm has increased its business until at present it stands at the head of its class in the west.

AMERICAN HAND SEWED SHOE COMPANY.

The manufacturing and jobbing interests of Omaha are thoroughly represented in the American Hand Sewed Shoe Company of Omaha. The firm was established in 1885 and the growth of its business since that time has been phenomenal.

WILLIAMS, VAN AERNAM & HARTE

Began business four years ago in an up stairs room on Douglas street, then removed to their present location, 1212 Harney street, now occupying five story building. Their trade extends all over the west.

M. E. SMITH & CO.

This is one of the most enterprising concerns in the west, and its history is so much that we may fairly say that it is a record of success. In this line it represents the growth and development of the west during the past twenty years.

SCHNEIDER & LOOMIS.

This business was founded by W. S. Vinyard and C. M. Schneider fifteen years ago. Mr. Loomis purchased an interest in 1887. The firm ranks as one of the largest in the west.

J. T. ROBINSON NOTION COMPANY.

Among the mammoth mercantile enterprises of Omaha, the J. T. Robinson Notion Company may be regarded as the leading establishment. The business was founded in 1885 and at present occupies a magnificent five-story brick building at the corner of Twelfth and Howard streets.

KIRKENDALL, JONES & CO.

This well known firm are acknowledged as leaders in their line and do by far the largest boot and shoe business west of Omaha. Their commenced operations in the west twelve years ago, but for ten years prior to that

they were highly regarded for durability and neatness. The firm will offer their trade in the greater variety of silk shirts and other novelties never before manufactured west of the Mississippi river. The reliable business methods of the company commend it to every business man.

I. OBERFELDER & CO.

Oberfelder & Co. conduct the only exclusive mercantile establishment in the state of Nebraska. The house of the well known firm is located at 208, 210 and 212 South Eleventh street. Their business was established in 1878 and has been so rapidly increasing, that at present six efficient traveling men are employed in the territory embraced in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Dakotas, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

GATE CITY HAT COMPANY.

The Gate City hat company is numbered among the most successful firms of Omaha. It was established in 1878 and the business has steadily increased until it is second to none west of Chicago. The company are the originators and owners of the justly celebrated "Gate City" hats.

DARROW & LOGAN.

One of the leading mercantile institutions of our city is the wholesale hat and cap business of Messrs. Darrow & Logan. This firm is a native born and bred firm started a few years ago, in competition with two other established houses in their line.

DEAN, ARMSTRONG & CO.

Cornor Sixteenth and Chicago streets. This firm located in Omaha in April, 1888. They represent the well known firm of W. D. Armstrong and Co., of Armstrong Bros. & Company of Canton, Ills. A branch of this house is also located at Kansas City.

PARLIN, ORENDOFF & MARTIN COMPANY.

This firm is composed of Parlin and Orendoff of Canton, Ills., and Euclid Martin of Omaha, resident partner. The company was established in 1881 and has secured a permanent business throughout Iowa, the Dakotas and Nebraska in general implement, wagon and buggy trade.

MOLINE, MILBURN AND STODDARD COMPANY.

This well-known and enterprising firm has manufacturing plants at Moline, Ill., Clayton and Toledo, O., and Omaha. They make everything in the agricultural implement line, from a hoe to a threshing machine. They are large dealers in buggies, carrying a general line of vehicles.

BLAKE, BRUCE & CO.

has been conducted under various changes nearly fifty years, beginning at Omaha, Ia., about 1856. Some four years ago he decided to remove to Omaha, where they located at 908, 910 and 912 Leavenworth street, occupying a commodious five-story brick building. They supply all the western country with all kinds of other goods as well as large and well conducted gold and drug house should be expected to carry.

KATZ-NEVENS COMPANY.

Manufacturers of pants, overalls and shirts, are the successors to the old Canfield manufacturing company, which they bought out about two years ago. They have doubled their manufacturing plant and trade since that time, and now employ ninety men in their shops.

SOUTH OMAHA PACKING INTERESTS.

Four enormous meat packing establishments are now in operation at South Omaha, namely: Omaha Packing Company, Swift & Co., Armour-Cudahy Company and George's Meat Packing Company. The aggregate cost of the buildings and equipments exceed \$2,500,000, independent of the value of the ground occupied.

THE UNION STOCKYARDS COMPANY.

Nothing has contributed more to the substantial growth of Omaha than the extensive Union Stockyards interests. From her location in the very center of the corn producing belt, Omaha was easily and successfully possessing exceptionally numerous natural advantages for developing into a gigantic live stock market.

The Union Stockyards Company is a strong company, composed of enterprising capitalists of Omaha, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, was organized for the purpose of establishing the Union stockyards in 1884. The natural facilities of the location presented itself. Two hundred and fifty acres lying immediately south of the city were purchased and the stockyards of the city became an assured fact.

JOHNSON BROTHERS.

The Johnson Brothers transfer line was established in Bloomington, Ill., in 1855, by W. C. Johnson, who conducted it until 1880, when a branch was established here under the management of J. A. Johnson. It has steadily grown until it is now one of the largest and most successful transfer lines in the west.

OMAHA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSTITUTE.

The Omaha Medical and Surgical Institute is the most complete and thorough establishment of the kind in Nebraska, and in fact throughout the entire west. For years the institution has been conducted in Omaha, and until the beginning of this year occupied the commodious building at the corner of Thirteenth and Dodge streets as permanent quarters.

CUDAHY PACKING COMPANY.

In the purchase of the John Lipton packing house by the Armour-Cudahy packing company in the latter part of 1887, the permanency of South Omaha as a stock market was secured. This enterprising corporation at once began work of remodeling and adding to the Lipton plant until, at the present writing, their plant is the third largest in the United States.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Among the institutions of which the city is justly proud is the Young Men's Christian Association, which occupies an elegant building at the corner of Sixteenth and Douglas streets. The building is of white stone and brick, and is one of the finest in appearance in the city. The property is valued at \$200,000, and with the exception of a mortgage of \$75,000, was paid for by the citizens.

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open to any young man of good moral character on the payment of a fee of \$10 per year.

For the past two years the work of the institution has been hampered by a floating indebtedness of about \$8,000. An effort is now being made to remove this encumbrance and is meeting with success.

BROWNELL HALL.

This now justly celebrated school for the education of young ladies is in the enjoyment of unexampled prosperity. Its halls and corridors are thronged with students, and still they come. "More room" is the cry up there just now. The trustees must bestir themselves and begin to build a new building.

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WINTER EXCURSIONS SOUTH.

Via the Wabash—Round trip tickets with choice of route now on sale to all winter resorts of the south. Parties desiring to go direct to Sutherland and its famous winter resort, where you will be fishing, bathing and in mid-winter, should take the Wabash in connection with the new fast train on the L. & N., with through sleeping car to Tampa, Fla., via Jacksonville and Lecochee.

THE OMAHA RUBBER COMPANY.

The manufacturing and jobbing enterprise of the Omaha rubber company was established in January, 1887, at their present spacious quarters on Farnam street. The firm was the first manufacturer and jobbers of rubber goods west of Chicago.

THE U. S. WIND ENGINE & PUMP CO.

This is the oldest firm in this line of business in the United States. They first opened their Omaha branch in 1885. Covering all the territory of the western and northern states to the Pacific coast, they supply the largest line of bluing, steam and motor supplies, belting, hose, pumps, pipe and fittings in the west.

OMAHA BARBED FENCE AND NAIL CO.

Among Omaha's manufacturing interests, probably one of the most important is the Omaha Barbed Fence and Nail Company, which was established by Dr. E. Burmeister and C. E. Burmeister are the prime movers of the concern and to their enterprise and energy is due the great success attained by the company.

A. L. DEANE & CO.

Dealers in Hall's Safe and Lock Co's. celebrated fire and burglar proof safes, bank vaults, vault doors and fire locks. Since Mr. Deane assumed control of the business some two years ago, it has grown with wonderful rapidity, until now they enjoy the proud reputation of being the most successful safe and lock firm in the west.

MANUFACTURING.

During the year the city secured twenty-one new manufacturing establishments, and is rapidly acquiring a reputation as a great manufacturing center. Her silver smelting works are the largest of their class in the world; her linseed oil works rival in magnitude those of the entire world, and her packing house interests are second in capacity to those of Chicago.

Table listing various manufacturing products and their values, such as Flour, Sugar, Lard, etc.

DAVIS & COWGILL IRON WORKS.

The Davis & Cowgill iron works are well known among the manufacturing interests of Omaha. E. P. Davis is president, J. B. Cowgill general superintendent, and H. S. McDonald secretary of the establishment.

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Beside other brands of goods the Omaha rubber company carry the well known "Fish" brand rubber goods, the quality of which is unquestionably superior to anything of the kind in existence.

T. M. TREVITT.

Machinery and elevators. Mr. Trevitt came to Omaha in 1869, and was two and one-half years engaged in the dry goods business in this city. He followed the locksmith business for ten years, enjoying a prosperous trade.

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FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO.

Among the many mercantile enterprises of Omaha which have had phenomenal success may be mentioned the well known firm of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of 1018 Farnam street.

The company's facilities for shipping and receiving goods, accurate business methods and promptness in the consideration of all orders, have conspired to attract the patronage of the best element of the trade in the west and north. An important feature of the business of this enterprising firm is the repair shop connected therewith, in which the most skilled artists are employed in repairing scales and other fine work.

WEAVER'S WIG MAKING MACHINES AND CASTINGS.

The machinery and casting works of Weaver is located at 1409 Harney street and is composed of Richard and John W. Weaver. They began business in Omaha in 1878 and have a very large local trade as well as an extensive one elsewhere through the west generally.

F. C. FECKENSCHER & CO.

No. 208 North Fourteenth street, box manufacturing. This firm now employs fifteen men who turn out five hundred boxes daily. They have increased their capacity lately and are extending their trade all over the west.

THE OMAHA PLANING MILLS.

The success of the Omaha planing mill company is something remarkable. The company was established four years ago and is now located at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Grant streets. The firm commenced business on a very modest scale.

H. K. BURKET'S BUSINESS AS FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

H. K. Burket's business as funeral director is one of the most successful in the city. He is located at 118 North Sixteenth street, has developed doubly during the past year. Mr. Burket's numerous patrons attribute the remarkable growth of his business to the efficiency with which it is conducted.

D. MAUL.

For the past decade M. O. Maul has been engaged in the undertaking and embalming business in Omaha. He is the successor of Drexel & Maul. His parlors at 1417 Farnam street are models of neatness and especially adapted to the requirements of a modern establishment.

HEAFEY & HEAFEY.

The fitting and decorous interment of friends and relatives receive special attention at the undertaking establishment of Heafey & Heafey, 418 South Fourth street, Omaha, and at their branch office, 2104 N. Street, South Omaha. No one has better facilities for conducting the business than this firm.

GILBERT BROTHERS, TAXIDERMISTS.

This unique and truly interesting establishment is indeed worthy of mention in a review of Omaha business, as it is the only one of its kind in the city. Messrs. Gilbert brothers are thorough taxidermists who have made a study of their profession for years. They manufacture a full line of novelties in tortoise shell and other museum supplies.