

A Year's Record of Omaha's Rapid and Substantial Development.

BANK CLEARINGS, \$267,235,190.27

Growth of Her Industries Greater than That of any Previous Year.

WHOLESALE TRADE, \$47,214,790.

Building, Public and Corporate Improvements Aggregate \$10,248,600.

PACKING OUTPUT, \$29,000,000.

The Grand Total of the Manufactured Products for the Year, \$54,000,000.

REALTY TRANSFERS, \$18,293,436.

Comprehensive Statistics Showing the City's Development in all Branches of Commercial and Industrial Enterprises—Facts and Figures.

Omaha, with a population of 140,000, covers an area of 24 1/2 square miles. She has 135 miles of graded streets, of which 62 miles are paved. She has 85 miles of sewers and 155 miles of water mains. The total cost of all these improvements to December 31, 1890, aggregates \$4,619,432.32.

The franchise corporations, including railroads, street railways, gas and electric light works and water works, expended \$14,200,000 in improvements in Omaha in 1890, and \$23,431 in improvements in South Omaha, making the total expenditure for municipal and corporate improvements for the year, \$37,631,431.

The building record for the year includes 2,022 buildings of all grades, costing in the aggregate \$4,998,161. Of these 150 were business blocks, mills and factories, 78 of them in South Omaha, costing in excess of \$2,500,000; the whole aggregating \$3,750,454; 574 were residences and tenements, 193 of them in South Omaha, ranging from \$2,500 to \$75,000, in all aggregating \$2,057,717; 1,282 were cottages, smaller residences and miscellaneous buildings, aggregating in cost \$1,186,800.

Added to the municipal and corporate improvements, this gives a grand total of \$10,248,600 expended during the year. Omaha's commercial growth for the year, as exhibited by her wholesale trade, industrial statistics and bank clearings has been very satisfactory. The capital of the Omaha banking houses aggregates \$2,750,000 and their deposits amount to \$21,490,769.99, an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over 1889.

The real estate transfers for the year aggregate \$18,293,436, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 over 1889. Omaha's credit maintains her rank as the third largest paper market in America, the business of the past year showing a phenomenal increase over that of 1889. The beef packing industry has grown rapidly during the past year and is more than four times as great as it was three years ago. The number of hogs packed during the past year was 1,388,550 as against 1,027,335 in 1889, an increase of 1,000 hogs a day. The number of cattle slaughtered was 325,025 as compared with 239,578 in 1889, an increase of 81,347 in 1890. The total number of animals of all kinds killed was 1,757,981 as against 1,301,873 in 1889.

The products of the packing houses for the year aggregate \$29,000,000, which represents the \$25,000,000 which represents the product of the Omaha manufacturing establishments gives a total of Omaha's industrial products for the year of \$54,000,000. The jobbing business of Omaha for the year was \$47,214,790 against \$44,655,000 in 1889. Omaha's street railways, water works, gas works and electric light works are owned by franchise corporations. Her street railways have a track of 94 miles and are operated principally by electric motive. The water works company has laid 155 miles of mains and 1315 fire hydrants are now in use. The gas company has laid 55 miles of mains and has 930 gas lamps in use in the city. The electric light company furnishes 135 arc lights for the business portion of the city and 568 gas lamps in use in the outside.

The assessed valuation of city property, real and personal, for 1890-91 is \$20,000,170.50. The actual value of real property alone is conservatively estimated at \$300,000,000. So that while on the assessed valuation the tax levy is 4 1/2 mills, the tax upon the market value of the property would not exceed 6 1/2 or 7 mills or the dollar.

OMAHA'S BANKING FIRMS.

The strength and solidity of Omaha's banks has given the city a wide reputation of financial stability. During all the financial difficulties of the past year which were felt so severely in eastern cities and the effects of which reached to some extent into the west, Omaha's financial institutions showed themselves worthy of all the confidence placed in them by the business men and capitalists of the city. Under the management of experienced and conservative financiers they are prepared, not only to meet the requirements of ordinary daily transactions, but to meet as well any emergency that might be brought on by a stringent money market or any other crisis incident to the business of the city. Under the management of experienced and conservative financiers they are prepared, not only to meet the requirements of ordinary daily transactions, but to meet as well any emergency that might be brought on by a stringent money market or any other crisis incident to the business of the city.

PROSPEROUS OMAHA JOBBERS.

A Healthy Increase in the Capital and the Aggregate Sales.

FIFTEEN NEW WHOLESALE HOUSES.

New Territory Made Tributary and the Trade More Firmly Established and Developed—The Year's Business Resume.

The jobbing trade of Omaha for 1890 shows a gratifying increase over the business of 1889. Twenty-three wholesale and jobbing firms began business during the year, eight withdrew, leaving a net gain of fifteen new houses, and a total of 506 wholesale houses in the city who were doing a business in the year 1890.

During the past year the enterprising jobbers of Omaha have pushed their trade into new territory made tributary to the city by new railroad extensions until they are now firmly established in territory that was until recently claimed as the exclusive field of other cities. The dealers in a large part of the west and northwest have found this city a more desirable market for their wares than merchandise than eastern cities, and as this tributary territory is rapidly developing, the wholesale trade of the city is sure to be rapidly increased.

The following is a very carefully compiled summary of the business done in leading lines by wholesale houses during the past year:

Table with 3 columns: Class, No. of Firms, Aggregate Sales. Rows include Groceries and provisions, Wine and liquors, Hardware, etc.

The following table shows the total amount of capital invested in Omaha's financial institutions, exclusive of banks in South Omaha.

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The following summary contains a list of the leading dealers in the various lines of the jobbing trade and facts of interest concerning the trade of the past year.

The wholesale dry goods trade of Omaha is conducted by two houses—M. E. Smith & Co. and the Kipparick-Roach dry goods company.

There are six firms engaged in the wholesale grocery business in the city. Their sales for the past year were estimated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Firm Name, Sales. Rows include Messrs. Gatch & Lauman, Messrs. G. H. Smith & Co., etc.

COLLINS & MORRISON, MARKS BROTHERS and WELLY & CO.

Omaha has one house, Hardy & Co., which is engaged extensively in jobbing fancy and dry goods. Business in this line shows a remarkable improvement during the past year and the sales will aggregate \$100,000.

HEAVY HARDWARE.

Two firms are doing a very satisfactory business in heavy hardware and wagon stock—the sales for 1890 amounting to \$412,000. They are the Baum Iron company and W. J. Bechtel.

HATS CAPS AND GLOVES.

Darrow & Logan and the Gate City hat company are the two firms engaged in handling the above line of goods. Their combined sales amount to \$18,000.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There are five firms represented in the boot and shoe trade, not including one firm that handles rubber boots and shoes exclusively. The firms are: J. H. Galt, J. H. Galt & Co., Kirshenblatt, Jones & Co., Williams, Van Acorn & Hart, W. V. Morse and the American boot and shoe company.

RUBBER GOODS.

The extent of the business in rubber goods is much larger than in any other line. It is not only a large and profitable business, but it is also a growing one. In addition, the firms engaged in handling steam fittings, engines, etc., all carry a large line of rubber belting and rubber hose, and a total of 506 wholesale houses in the city who were doing a business in the year 1890.

MILLINERY GOODS.

W. Oberlander & Co. do an exclusively wholesale business in millinery goods, hats, feathers, etc. C. A. Stonehill and J. J. Bliss have an exclusive jobbing department in connection with their retail trade.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

There are seven firms or corporations that have buildings, warehouses and office headquarters in the city which deal in agricultural implements and machinery. At wholesale they are Armstrong & Galt, Brady & Co., Linsler & Mitchell, McCormick, Planter Co., Moore, Mitchell & Stoddard, and the Western Implement Co.

FLOUR.

Five wholesale flour men in this city disposed of \$1,000,000 worth of that staple during the year, and they did not supply the city of the big cracker and biscuit factories with a dollar's worth. Their trade was confined to the city and they did not supply the city of the big cracker and biscuit factories with a dollar's worth.

THE CAPITAL INVESTED.

Bradstreet gives the following as a close estimate of the amount of capital invested in the jobbing trade of Omaha in the principal lines:

Table with 2 columns: Class, Capital Invested. Rows include Groceries, Hardware, etc.

EXCLUSIVE OF THEIR MANUFACTURERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE JOBBERS OF THEIR GOODS, THERE ARE SIXTEEN FIRMS IN THE CITY THAT WHOLESALE TRADE IN THE FOLLOWING LINES:

Table with 2 columns: Line, Firms. Rows include Groceries, Hardware, etc.

COKE, COAL, CEMENT AND LIME.

As a capital invested, the amount of sales for the year and the territory gleaned by the jobbing trade of coke and lime dealers in the city is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Firm Name, Sales. Rows include Messrs. Gatch & Lauman, etc.

IRON AND STEEL.

Two large firms divide the iron and steel business in the city. They are the Dwyer & Stone Furniture company and Charles Shiverick & Co.

WINE AND LIQUORS.

Ten wholesale firms are included under the above heading. They are: J. H. Galt, J. H. Galt & Co., Kirshenblatt, Jones & Co., Williams, Van Acorn & Hart, W. V. Morse and the American boot and shoe company.

SPICES AND OILS.

A number of firms in different lines of business carry stocks of spices and oils, and the grocers and hardware dealers, so that it would be impossible to give any correct statement in dollars of the extent of the business. There is one firm here, that of Mills & Co., which claims to be the only one exclusively in that line of business in the city.

THE MARVEL OF THE CENTURY.

Omaha's Wonderful Growth in Population During the Past Decade.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

How Omaha's List has Grown During the Past Year.

A GAIN OF THIRTEEN ENTERPRISES.

Nearly a Million Added in Manufacturing Capital and a Big Increase in the Product.

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