

THE GIBRALTAR OF THE STATES.

An Exhaustive Review of Nebraska's Material Growth and Prosperity.

BOUNTIFUL NATURE LAVISHLY REWARDS THRIFT.

Manufactures Marching to the Music of Progressive Husbandry— Assessed and Actual Valuations—Stock Raising and Stock Markets—Comparative Statistics.

Population 1880, 455,442; in 1890, 1,068,010. Increase, 233 per cent. Value of real and personal property in 1890, \$655,160,000; in 1880, \$1,385,190,000. Increase, 240 per cent.

Amount deposited in state and national banks, \$50,507,043; per capita, \$47. State levy, 6 1/2 mills; assessed valuation not exceeding 1-10 of real value. Creamery capacity, 50,000 pounds of butter per day.

Capacity of flour mills, 40,000 barrels per day. Capacity of sugar factories, 40,000 pounds per day. Inhabitants to the square mile, 14. Improved land, 13,774,180 acres. Average value of improved land, \$24 per acre.

Railroads in Nebraska in 1891, 5,344.55 miles. Grain raised in 1890: Oats, 29,963,000 bushels; barley, 3,555,350 bushels; wheat, 16,845,000 bushels; corn, 149,543,000 bushels; an increase of 5 to 60 per cent in one year.

Cattle and hogs marketed in 1884, 88,701; in 1890, 1,390,013. Increase, 3,800 per cent. Value of public schools, \$4,172,280.48. Expended in support of schools, \$4,177,234.54. Cattle in feeding sheds and ranges, 300,000 head. Output of tanning factories, 15,000,000 cans.

NEBRASKA EPITOMIZED.

A Brief Review of the Great Prosperity of the State.

In 1854 congress named the vast region west of Minnesota and Iowa, north of the line of Kansas, east of Utah and the summit of the Rockies and extending to the British possessions, North Dakota, South Dakota and the present state of Nebraska as a territorial government. There were in all this vast region but 4,000 white people.

These were included for the most part along the Missouri river. Since 1854 out of this territory have been created the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and the present state of Nebraska with a total population of more than two millions.

In 1867 Nebraska practically as now outlined upon the map was admitted into the union. Her area was 76,185 square miles. She was the thirty-seventh star in the union and for nine years continued the baby sister, when Colorado was born.

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There are on deposit in the state banks \$10,910,790, and in the banks of the territory \$247, making a total of \$11,157,047, showing a per capita of \$47. The state levy for 1890 was 6 1/2 mills. Taxation is not onerous, being much less than \$1 on the \$100 actual value the assessed valuation rarely exceeding one-tenth of the value of the property.

There are 13,674,180 acres of land still unimproved and a very large part of this is both smooth and arable. It will make homes and farms for 100,000 additional farmers. During the last ten years the state has devoted a great deal of attention to creameries. In these, as a rule, only home capital has been invested, and the country has seen a successful operation in fifty, giving employment to 400 men with about 350 teams and with an estimated capacity of 50,000 pounds of butter per day.

The interior of the state is also dotted with flour mills, mainly of the roller pattern. There are 416 of these mills in operation, receiving their power from the best running streams of the state or by steam for which coal may be procured from Wyoming, Iowa and Missouri at very reasonable rates. These give employment to about three hundred men and have a daily capacity of 40,000 barrels of flour.

Nebraska has two of the largest sugar beet factories in America. It has been demonstrated that her soil is particularly well adapted to the cultivation of the sugar beet, and this has led to the establishment of the two factories at Omaha and Lincoln. These are 416 of these mills in operation, receiving their power from the best running streams of the state or by steam for which coal may be procured from Wyoming, Iowa and Missouri at very reasonable rates.

Nebraska has 30,000 more square miles than Iowa, 12,350 square miles more than Texas, 14,317,000 bushels of corn than the New England states, and only a few square miles of being twice the size of the state of Ohio. She has fourteen inhabitants to the square mile, and can support 70 or 100 or 300 as well as in New York or Massachusetts.

Nebraska has 110,000 acres of cultivated timber, 14,317,000 bushels of corn, nearly 2,000,000 apple trees, 1,800,000 peach, 287,000 cherry trees, 215,000 grapevines and 79,000 miles of hedge fences. In 1874 the grain product was 10,000,000 bushels, in 1879, 10,000,000 bushels. In 1888 there were raised 14,317,000 bushels of corn, 14,508,000 wheat, 30,177,000 bushels. In 1889 the yield was as follows: Oats, 29,963,000; barley, 3,555,350; wheat, 16,845,000; corn, 149,543,000 bushels, showing an increase of 10,452,000 bushels or 5 to 10 per cent.

This year, however, farmers are paying more attention to the cultivation of peach and the showing will be much higher both as regards the yield and the average. The present indications warrant the belief that the products of Nebraska's corn fields will reach the hands of consumers aggregate of 200,000,000 bushels. Seven years ago there was not a cow or pig slaughtered in Nebraska, except for domestic consumption. She now has the third

largest hog packing market in the world at Omaha and in another year Omaha will be exceeded as a packing center only by Chicago. In 1884 this market received 35,000 cattle, 1,963 hogs, 4,188 sheep. Last year it received 660,690 cattle, 1,673,314 hogs, 156,186 sheep, and 95,000 hams and mules.

In 1884 this market shipped 81,955 cattle, 500 hogs, 1,373 sheep, and 417 horses and mules. In 1890 it shipped 1,107,502 cattle, 1,189,295 hogs, 397,775 sheep, and 21,293 horses and mules. This is the most rapid increase on record.

These cattle, hogs and sheep were for the greater part sent to the great packing centers. Nebraska's educational system, respectively of the university, comprises 5,740 school houses, valued at \$4,672,280.48, with sites and apparatus valued at \$1,455,059.83, making a grand total of \$6,127,340.31, with a total expenditure of \$4,177,234.54 per year.

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THE COUNTY EXHIBIT

Shows that Prosperity and Wealth Dominate Throughout the State.

The following is a review of the situation by counties as regards the finances, agricultural resources and manufactures of the state. Antelope County. This is one of the most prosperous and best watered counties in the state. It contains from southeast to northwest the Elkhorst valley and also the Cedar, Willow, Antelope, Verdigris and Battle creek valleys all fertile and well watered.

home of buffaloes, antelopes and wild horses, interspersed with a few ranches and their herds. The country is well watered and the streams running through the country. The settlement of the county began and in a short time several thousand people had taken root. The county was organized in 1854 and in 1856 it was admitted into the union. The county seat is located at Imperial, a struggling town of about 1000 people. The soil is a rich, black, sandy loam, producing in abundance all of the crops raised in the same latitude further east. With the exception of the season of 1890, the farmers have always raised a good crop, and many of them, and they will be rewarded for their energy by one of the most beautiful harvests on record.

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NEBRASKA: Actual and assessed property valuation; population with ten years' rate of increase; total deposits in all banks with circulation per capita; area, ruling price of land, etc.

Table with columns for County, Assessed Value, Actual Value, Population, and other statistics for each Nebraska county.

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