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FINE FACILITIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Reasons Why Omaha is Specially Adapted as the Location of the Transmississippi Exposition for 1898.

It was the conviction of the Commercial congress, as expressed by resolutions unantimously adopted, that Omaha, the metropolis of Nebraska, standing as it does at the gateway to the vast empire lying between the Father of Waters and the Pacific ocean, is the most accessible point to all who may the most accessible point to all who may have the commercial convenient access of the Rocky mountains and the unsurpassed fruit Rocky mountains and the unsurpassed fruit resolution. reason of its central location and unrivated railway facilities is best adapted as a location for the exposition of the great agricultural and mining states of America.

Omaha, founded in 1854, today has a population of 140,000, and within a radius of six miles from its court house the population is

at the internal revenue office in this city for

LIVE STOCK AND MANUFACTURES. Omaha maintains the rank of the third largest live stock market in America, and its beef packing industry has within the last five years assumed enormous proper-tions. The total receipts in 1896 were tions. The total receipts in 1800 were 6,181,529 cattle, 14,592,120 hogs, 2,006,194 sheep, and 86,211 horses and mules. The value of the product of the South Omanha packing houses for 1896 exceeds \$30,000,000. The average number of men employed each day of last year was 3,209, who were paid \$1,621,697.91 in wages. The Union Stock Yards company employed 259 men in addiion to these

The manufacturing industries of Omaha are extensive and diversified. The largest silver and gold smeiting and refining works in the United States are located in Omaha. Their output last year was 10 900,000 ounce of silver, valued at \$7,255,000; 273,000 ounce of gold, valued at \$5,640,000; 32,000 tons of lead, valued at \$1,656,000, and blue vitriol valued at \$790,000.

The Linseed Oil works here is the largest plant of its kind in the country.

There are two distilleries, one of which is among the best equipped in the country, and the only ones west of St. Paul and St. Louis. There are also three large breweries, iron foundries, machine shops, box factory, vinegar works, cooper shops, pear button factory, syrup manufactory and numerous other establishments of equal im portance. A beet sugar refinery has been projected and a chicory factory will be

opened within a few weeks.

Aside from the smelters the largest insti-tution in the city is the Union Pacific shops. which employ from 1,200 to 1,500 hands and in which, in addition to the repair work, everything in the shape of rolling stock for the road is constructed, including locomo-tives of the most improved pattern, pas-

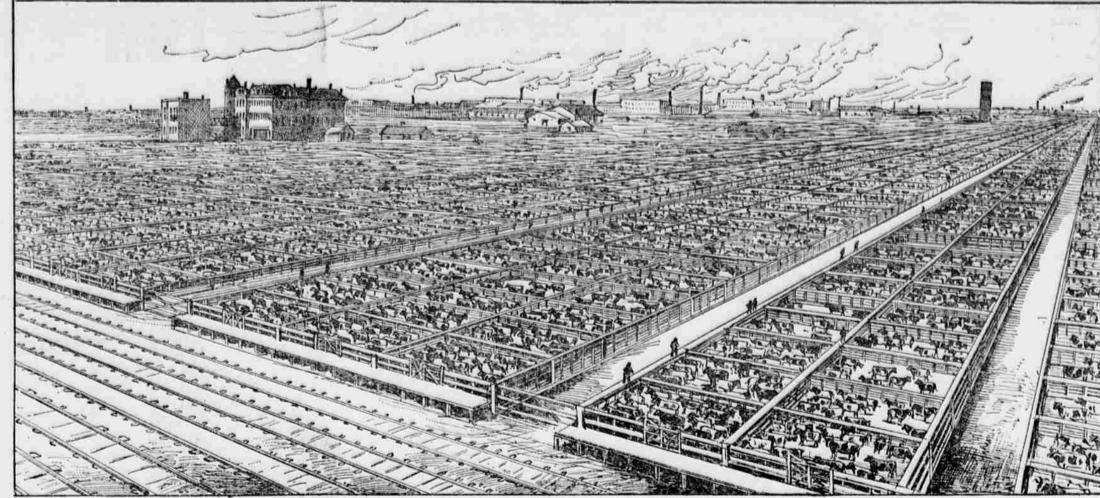
senger and freight cars.

The Carter White Lead works, one of the largest white lead manufacturing plants in the country, employs between fitty and

sixty men. Its output last year was 4,000 tons, valued at \$400,000.

The shot and lead works are also extensive and supply the trade of the western country.

RAILWAY FACILITIES. outlet in the northwest at the very border of the British peasessions. The wheat fields of the north, and the cotton plantations of the



VIEW OF NORTH HALF

UNION STOCK YARDS, SOUTH OMARA, NEB.

From a Photograph

BUSINESS AT

General Manager Babccok Gives an Account of His Stewardship.

SPLENDID CUTLOOK FOR THIS YEAR

A Very Satisfactory Showing-Partieularly in the Matter of Receipts From Competitive Territory with better prospects for 1897.

The year 1896. like its two predecessors, has been characterized by a great many dis-

A new United States customs house and postoffice, to cost, including grounds, \$2,090,-000, is in course of construction and rapidly

000, is in course of construction and rapidly approaching completion. The exterior of the building has been practically finished and the structure will be ready for occupancy within eleven months. The superstructure is constructed of Colorado pink granite. The interior will be finished in marble and rich mesale work. Up to the present time the

sum of \$1,175,000 has been expended for the lite and construction.

The old government building, the one now

occupied by the postoffice and by a part of the other government officers, was built in 1873, and is a solid and substantial building of stone, three stories high.

The city half is one of the handsomest municipal buildings in the United States and

was erected at a cost of about \$509,000. The basement and first story is of Dodlin granite and above the walls of rich Portage red sandstone ries. The tower at the abuth-west corner rists 216 feet above the level of

the street. The main entrance is on Farman street and the decorations of the great half

and stairway are of marble of various tining and designs. The interior doors swing into the ratunda, which occupies the entire center of the building. At the opposite side the grand stairway of iron and marble leads to

elevator affords more rapid means of secent At the top the light enters through an im

lesks and chairs show in imposing effect on the rich red coloring of the Moquette carpeting. When the huge electroliers are lit the effect is most striking.

The public library building, completed in

ptories and at each side a large

caewhere for court purposes.

however, the showing made by General Man-ager Babcock of the business done at the yards the past year in his annual report to the company not only shows a healthy growth from competitive territory, but points

past year are only beginning to be felt. Not-withstanding these discourageing conditions, however, the showing made by General Man-CATTLE.

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OMAHA CITY HALL

about 180,000. It is located about midway Burlington between New York and San Francisco, at Minneapolis. the initial point of the first great transembraced in the Black Hills; for the coal, metal and oil regions of Wyoming; for the product of the great western ranges; for the product of the great western ranges; for the rich agricultural plains of the Missouri valley, and for the thousands of thriving owns the railway bridge over the Missouri towns and cities in the north half of Kangas, eastern Colorado, Wyoming, the greater portion of Montana and South Dakota, west-

ern Iowa and all of Nebraska. Banking and Commerce-Omaha has eight

Burlington & Missouri, the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha, the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and the Missouri Pacific and Belt continental railway. Omaha is the business line maintains headquarters in Omaha.

The Omaha & Bridge Terminal company owns the railway bridge over the Missouri river north of the city, and operates a short line of railroad between Council Bluffs and East Omaha.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Douglas county court house stands

The public library building, completed in 1894, is located on the corner of Harney and Nineteenth streets, and is 1354288142 (set. three full stories and a brasement. It is built of cut stone and brick and is thoroughly fireproof. The upper floor is used for an art gallery under the supervision of the Western Art association. The building completed in 1894, is located on the corner of Harney and Nineteenth streets, and is 1354288142 (set. three full stories and a brasement. It is built of cut stone and brick and is thoroughly fireproof. The upper floor is used for an art gallery under the supervision of the Western Art association. The building contains the Byron Reed collection, embracing interesting and valuable manuscripts.

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At the top the light enters through an immense skylight, constructed of small pieces of various colored glass combined in measic pattern. The floors on each story, as well as that of the rotunds, are paved with various designs of tiling and the wainscotings throughout are of solid blocks of rich marble. A distinctive feature of the offices is the luxurious furnishing. In the council chamber on the second floor the work of the decorator is most in evidence. The ceiling is of square panels deeply sunk and bearing one of the handsomest freeces that can be It is a beer for home consumption, for table one of the handsomest frescos that can be seen in any public building in the world. The walls are of similar designs, where they are not occupied by the cak wainscoing and carvings, and the alcove that contains the use and for the sick room. Once tried it represident's desk is a model of artistic cak carving. On each side of the alcove the wall mains a favorite. Write to is adorned by a magnificent painting done in oils. The furnishings are even more palatial han those of the city offices and the massive

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modious reception and reading rooms, as well as a superior cafe Nearly all the leading religious denomina-tions are liberally represented in Omaha. There are more than 100 churches in the

city, with half as many missions and Sunday schools in the suburba.

The Young Men's Christian association is also strong here, owning a handsome building at the corner of Sixteenth and Douglas streets.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Omaha has ninety-five miles of electric street railway, with a generous transfer sys-tem and a uniform fare of 5 cents. These

lines connect the suburban villages of Ben-son, East Omaha and Dundee Place, as well as the city of South Omaha, with this city.
The line from the north side to South Omaha is nine miles long. Lines are also run to five public parks in the city. In addition to the foregoing there is a finely equipped line connecting Omaha with the thriving city of the river. Council Bluffs, on the cast side of the river.

Omaha has sixty-seven miles of paved streets and thirteen miles of suburban paved roadways connecting with paved city

horoughfares. The electric light and gas manufacturing plants, the sewerage spriem, and the fire department of the city are in keeping with odern requirements.

The water supply system of Omaha extends from the reservoir settling basins at Florence, north of Omaha, to Albright, a suburb of South Omaha. The system embraces over 200 miles of water mains. The pumping capacity is \$5,000,000 gallons daily. The main reservoirs are at Florence. There are seven basins, so arranged that the surface water in the first will overflow into the zecond, and from the second into the third, on through the seven. By this system the water is rendered clean and pure when the water is rendered clean and pure when it reaches the seventh basin, from which it is puraged into the mains. There are emergency reservoirs at Walnut Hill and at the foot of Burt street, with a combined capacity of 42,000,000 gallons. The water company expects to put in a new main from Florence to the city in the spring. materially increasing the general service, as well as the fire protection.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES. EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

The educational facilities of Omaha are unsurpassed by any city of its size in the country, and its public schools rank among the best in the land. There are forty-one public school buildings, erected at a cost of \$820.600. The value of the grounds is estimated at \$800,000, making the total value of Omaha's public school property not less than \$1,620,000.

The High school building, erected in 1871, occupies the most sightly location in the city. It is a magnificent structure of thirty rooms, four stories high and accommodates

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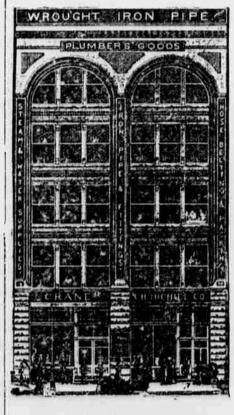
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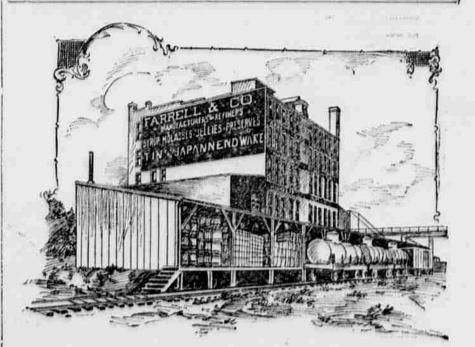
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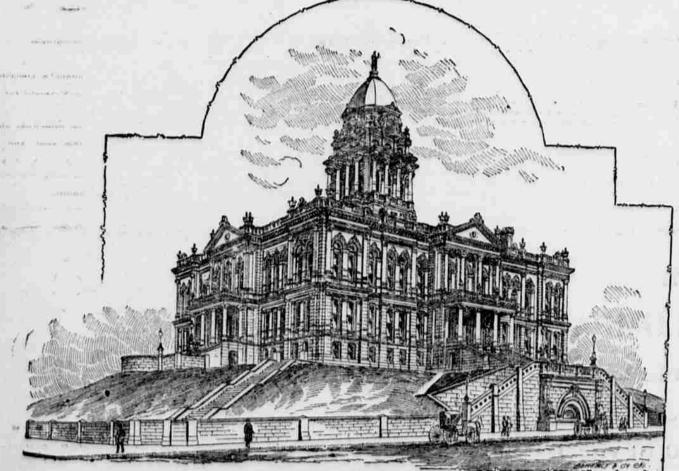


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DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

bational and one savings bank, with a combined capital of \$3,800,000, undivided profits of \$435,984, and total deposits of from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The volume of commerce of the city for the year 1896, as shown by the clearing house reports, was \$210,141,334.28.

Omaha is the principal jobbing center west of Chicago. There are 180 firms doing a wholesale business, having an aggregate capital of \$10,000,000. Their total annual sales approximate \$40,000,000.

The business of the Omaha posteffice last year amounted to \$2,575,729. The collections

books, coins and metals, which Mr. Reed bequeathed to the city. It has a commodious reading room and a lecture room for the accommodation of classes from the public schools which may wish to go there for reference to the books and appliances in the library. The library contains nearly 55 060 library. The library contains nearly 55,000 volumes.

The Omaha club has a handsome club house, three stories high, built of brick. The building is handsomely furnished. The Commercial club is a business organtzation, occupying the entire upper floor of the Board of Trade building. It has com-