

OMAHA—THE CITY OF THE EXPOSITION

MID-CONTINENT METROPOLIS OF THE WEST

Broad Streets, Beautiful Parks and All Modern Improvements.

NOTED FOR HANDSOME PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Terminal of Many Great Converging Railway Systems.

OF EASY ACCESS FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

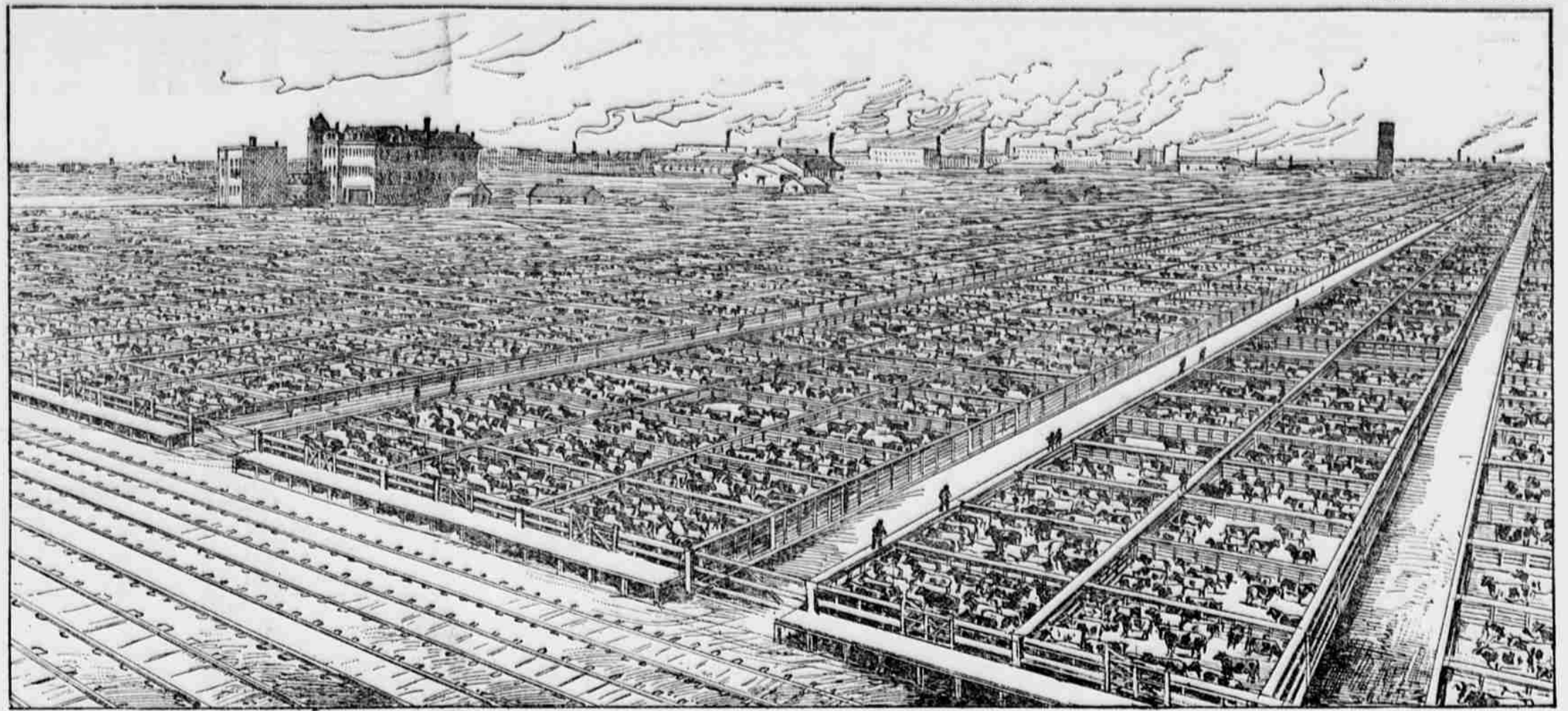
Center of Large Manufacturing and Jobbing Interests.

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 unanimously 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 wish to come from any section, and by reason of its central location and unrivaled railway facilities is best adapted as a location for the exposition of the great agricultural and mining states of America.

at the internal revenue office in this city for 1895 were \$929,696. 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 proportions. The total receipts in 1896 were: 2,181,529 head of cattle, 2,096,194 sheep, and 88,211 horses and mules. The value of the product of the South Omaha packing houses for 1896 exceeds \$30,000,000. The average number of men employed each day of last year was 3,399, who were paid \$1,621,697.91 in wages. The Union Stock Yards company employed 250 men in addition to those...



VIEW OF NORTH HALF

UNION STOCK YARDS, SOUTH OMAHA, NEB.

From a Photograph.

BUSINESS AT THE YARDS

General Manager Babcock Gives an Account of His Stewardship.

SPLENDID OUTLOOK FOR THIS YEAR

A Very Satisfactory Showing—Particularly 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-

countenances for the farmers and stock-raisers of the west. Short crops and the difficulty in securing ready money have made hard times in the west, and the benefit of the country harvest of the past year are only beginning to be felt. Notwithstanding these discouraging conditions, however, the showing made by General Manager 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 out where still better results may be expected in the immediate future.

Table showing receipts of cattle, hogs, and sheep for various states and territories in 1895 and 1896. Includes columns for States, 1895, 1896, Inc., and Dec.

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OMAHA CITY HALL.

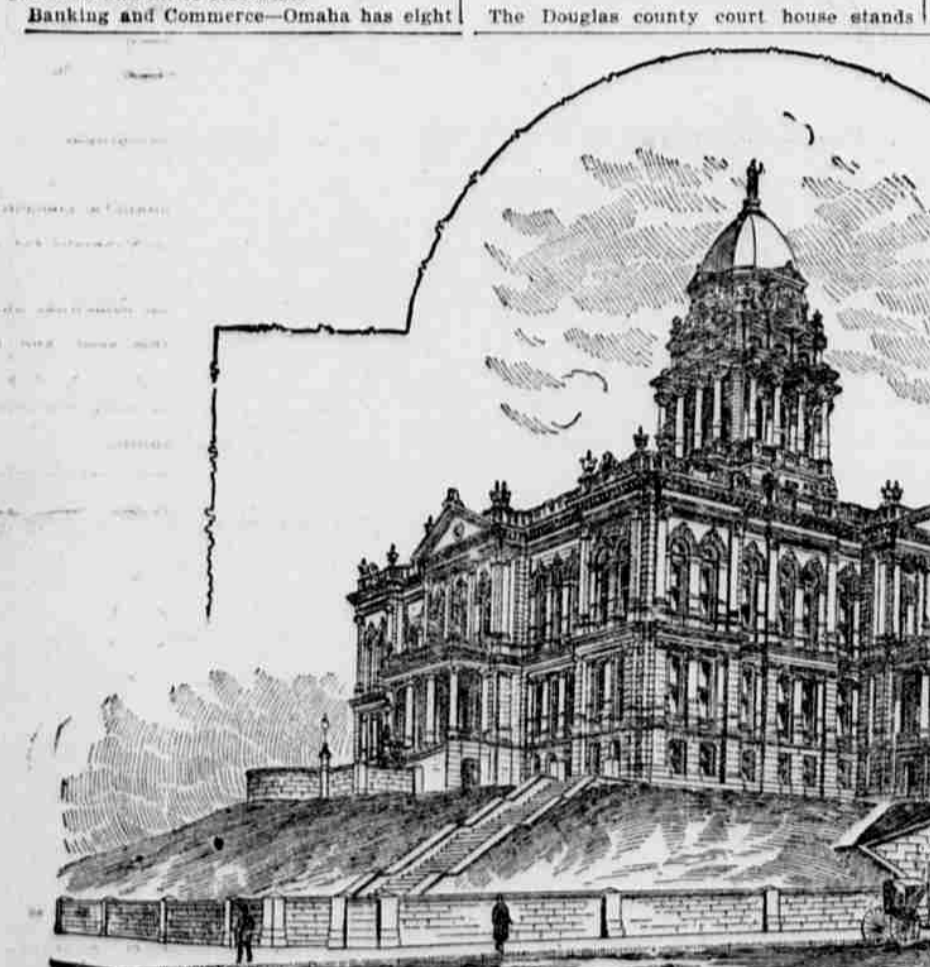
about 180,000. It is located about midway between New York and San Francisco, at the initial point of the first great transcontinental railway. Omaha is the business center of all that wealth-producing country embraced in the Black Hills; for the coal, metal and oil regions of Wyoming; for the product of the great western ranges; for the rich agricultural plains of the Missouri valley, and for the thousands of thriving towns and cities in the north half of Kansas, eastern Colorado, Wyoming, the greater portion of Montana and South Dakota, western Iowa and all of Nebraska.

Burlington & Missouri, the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Omaha, the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and the Missouri Pacific and Belt line maintains headquarters in Omaha. The Union Pacific machine and car shops are located here, employing from 1,200 to 1,500 mechanics, and the Missouri Pacific and the Burlington have repair shops on a smaller scale.

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

two additional rooms had to be provided elsewhere for court purposes. A new United States customs house and postoffice, to cost, including grounds, \$2,000,000, 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 seven months. The superstructure is constructed of Colorado pink granite. The interior will be finished in marble and rich mosaics work. Up to the present time the sum of \$1,750,000 has been expended for the site and construction.



DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

national and one savings bank, with a combined capital of \$1,800,000, 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 \$210,141,594.28.

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 \$60,000,000.

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 55,000 volumes.

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medious reception and reading rooms, as well as a superior cafe. Nearly all the leading religious denominations are liberally represented in Omaha. There are more than 100 churches in the city, with half as many missions and Sunday schools in the suburbs.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Omaha has ninety-five miles of electric street railway, with a generous transfer system and a uniform fare of 5 cents. These lines connect the suburban villages of Benson, 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 fully equipped line connecting Omaha with the thriving city of Council Bluffs, on the east side of the river.

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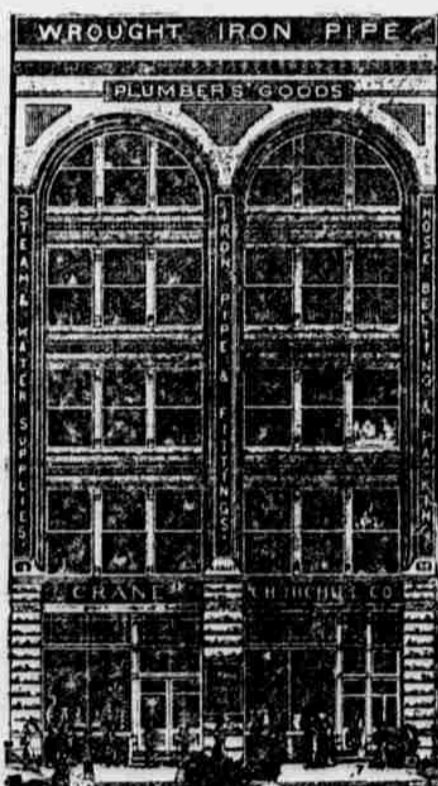
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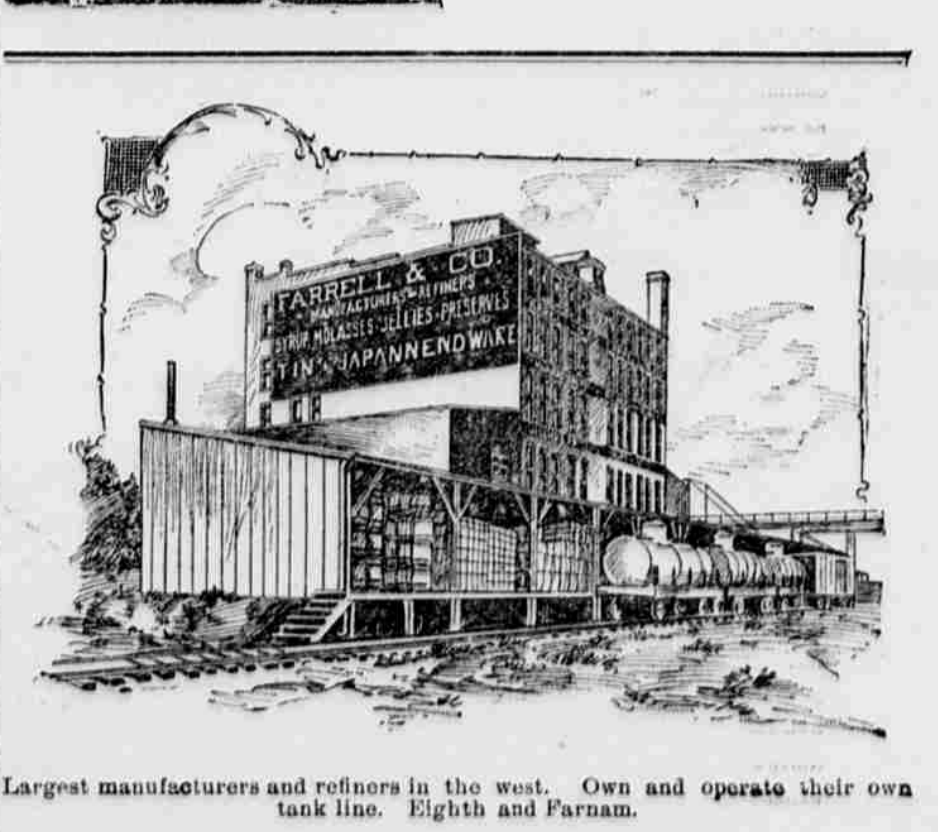
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