

Comparative Statistical Review of Omaha's Most Prosperous Year.

SLAUGHTERING THE MILLIONS

South Omaha Year's Record Most Gratifying to All. GREAT INCREASE IN CATTLE AND HOGS

Figures Showing Business Done by the Railroads and the Prices Paid for Different Kinds of Stock.

During the sixteen years that the South Omaha stock yards have been open there has been a steady increase in the volume of business, barring occasional up and down days to very short or very heavy crops of corn and other feed.

Some idea of what the figures given below mean can be gained from the fact that the total number of cattle, hogs and sheep handled during the year are valued at \$30,869,420. The tables given below are of careful study as showing the steady growth and development of the business at South Omaha.

Receipts for 1899 by Months. Total arrivals of stock for the twelve months of the year show a considerable gain in cattle and hogs as compared with previous years as follows:

Table showing receipts for 1899 by months for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Mules. Includes total receipts for the year by month.

Total receipts for the year by month: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Mules.

Total shipments for the year by month: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Mules.

Table showing receipts for sixteen years (1884-1899) for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Mules.

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FACTS ABOUT COUNTY FUNDS

Figures from Books in Clerk Haverly's Office Make Good Comparative Showing.

The old year has been a busy one for the County Clerk Haverly's office. With the immense amount of current business the books have not yet been brought up to date.

Table showing receipts of stock in one week for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Mules for various months from 1889 to 1899.

Valuation of cattle, \$35,149,800. Range of Prices for Horses, Monthly, for Year 1899.

Table showing range of prices for horses monthly for year 1899, categorized by months and types of horses.

Valuation of horses, \$405,690. Range of Prices for Hogs Monthly for Year 1899.

Table showing range of prices for hogs monthly for year 1899, categorized by months and types of hogs.

Valuation of sheep, \$2,942,930. Average Weight of Hogs.

Table showing average weight of hogs for various months from 1889 to 1899.

Range of Prices for Sheep, Monthly, for Year 1899.

Table showing range of prices for sheep monthly for year 1899, categorized by months and types of sheep.

Valuation of sheep, \$4,359,000. Range of Prices for Horses, Monthly, for Year 1899.

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PARK AND BOULEVARD SYSTEM

First Connecting Link Between Parks is Completed, but Fate of Second is in Doubt.

The Board of Park Commissioners has made material progress in the park and boulevard system during the past year. It originated the hope at the beginning of 1899 of completing the Twenty-seventh street boulevard from Burr street to Hanson park.

The portion of the boulevard from Hanson park has been completed and thrown open to the public. Where the boulevard crosses the railroad tracks on Vinson street, northwest of Krug's brewery, an immense amount of grading has been done.

The tracks will eventually be spanned by an iron viaduct, for which the contract has already been signed between the city and the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads.

The structure will be 600 feet long and fifty feet wide. After crossing the tracks there will be a speedway to the southwest one-half mile long by 160 feet wide and perfectly level.

This stretch will be one of the most attractive sections of the boulevard. It will command an extended view of Omaha, South Omaha and the river for miles.

The portion of the boulevard from Hanson park north, may never become a reality. It is the opinion of the district court are decided unfavorably to the city. The sum of \$50,000 was appropriated for the condemnation of property along the route, and of this all but \$400 was provided for by the appraisers.

The membership of the park board changed during the year. G. W. Lindner succeeding J. C. Hartson and J. H. Brantley succeeding E. C. Bates, who is still acting as secretary.

SOUTH OMAHA'S PROSPERITY

Three Million Dollars Expended on Buildings During 1899

NATIONAL BANKS DO A LARGE BUSINESS

Excellent Showing Made by the Post-office—Increase in Population—Municipality in Fairly Good Financial Condition.

During the year 1899 South Omaha experienced the greatest prosperity in its history. About 300 building permits were issued, calling for an aggregate expenditure of \$3,000,000.

The principal improvement at the stock yards was the paving of the hog division with brick. Several million bricks were used in this work, and the unpaved portion of the stock yards is being paved.

The new hog division is partly constructed which, when completed will have a capacity of 10,000 hogs. The construction of this division was stopped by the cold weather a short time ago.

The switching service rendered by the packers greatly improved. Fully \$100,000 has been spent by this company during the last twelve months in improvements of a permanent nature.

The three national banks report an unusual amount of business during the year and show a gain over the previous year. On December 1, 1899, the deposits at the three banks amounted to \$4,169,492.23, while on December 2, 1899, the published statement shows deposits amounting to \$4,570,716.28, an increase of \$409,224.05.

The Omaha Gas company laid twelve miles of mains during 1899 and the Omaha Water company about six miles of mains. Permanent improvements have been made also by the Nebraska Telephone company.

A large increase in the population is shown over 1898, estimates by the directory canvassers and others being that South Omaha has gained fully 20,000 people.

The municipality is in a better financial condition. Its bonds are selling at a premium and there has been no increase in the general indebtedness. All obligations are being promptly met and the credit of the city is first-class.

The police department is composed of 652.18 should be eliminated on account of amount of money tied up in broken banks which have been thrown into suspense accounts by order of the county commissioners.

TASK OF LEVYING THE TAX

Real and Personal Valuations Are Largely Increased During the Past Year.

No department of the city government is closer to the taxpayer than that presided over by the tax commissioner, who lays the foundation for the revenue necessary to meet the public expense. The return made by the assessors upon which the taxes for 1900 will be levied as compared with the assessment for 1899 is as follows:

Table showing real and personal valuations for 1899 and 1900, categorized by land, ordinary personal, banks, railroads, insurance, telephone, Pullman cars, and other.

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The most noteworthy death of the year in Omaha was that of Alvin Saunders, whose life had been inseparably connected with the history of the city and state. From his accession to the gubernatorial chair of the territory in May, 1850, until his death on November 3 last, Governor Saunders invariably held the part of an unselfish and public spirited citizen.

Another pioneer whose death occurred during the year was Mrs. George L. Miller, one of the first women to raise in her fortune with the settlement of Omaha. In a recent lecture before the Women's club Dr. Miller described the hardships which she and her husband endured in the early days of the settlement.

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TRUSTS MAY GO TO CANADA

Domestic Government Preparing to Make Strong Bid for that Class of American Corporations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The World tomorrow will see Canada preparing to make a strong bid for that class of American corporations known as "trusts."

A representative of the Dominion government has arrived in this city to confer with representatives of several of the largest companies having their minor offices in New York. Proposed anti-trust legislation and the rapid spread of the anti-trust spirit are mainly responsible for this move toward Canada.

The idea is probably the broadest and the boldest ever conceived by the corporation interests. It is stated that they have long been desirous of obtaining favorable treatment through the enactment of federal laws, for the reason that it would be impossible to amend the constitution of the United States before this could be done.

If they go to Canada, however, and organize themselves under British laws, they will enjoy what is probably the most favorable treatment through the enactment of federal laws, for the reason that it would be impossible to amend the constitution of the United States before this could be done.

Three Michigan Lines Combined. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—At midnight tomorrow the Pere Marquette Railroad company will take full charge of all the operations of the Flint & Pere Marquette, Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western, and Chicago & West Michigan lines, and the combined Michigan system, with an aggregate mileage exceeding 1,500 miles.

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CHANGES IN FREIGHT DEPARTMENT

Billings and Joplin Resign Their Positions with the Union Pacific.

Several changes will be made in the Union Pacific general freight office January 1. A. S. Billings, Jr., who has been with the department for the last two years and has occupied the position of chief rate clerk, has tendered his resignation and will accept a position with the Illinois Central as chief clerk in its local office.

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