# FACTS AND FIGURES THAT SHOW OMAHA'S PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE YEAR

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broaden their clientage. During the year the less important lines which go to make up a complete stock have been undergoing a natural broadening and completing which make Omaha more and more a market. Another influence has been the very great increase in proportion of indian supplies purchased here.

During the year no first rate houses have gone out of business and only two or three small houses have disappeared or removed to other points. Several important businesses, on the other hand, have come to Omaha. As was the case last year and for 1902, the growth of the wholesale interest was adversely affected by the scarcity of good buildings. Several additions to the available warehouse and office room in the wholesale district have not changed the Mtuation. Several firms have been talking during both 1963 and 1964 of coming to Omaha. But there is no satisfactory building to be had. Some of the local firms are easy. like small boys in woollen undergarments buildings will be put up during 1905.

Growth of the Grain Basiness.

The grain business leads in per cent of in crease. The Omaha Grain exchange, while incorporated during 1903, begun operations in February of 1904. The handling of grain here before that time was very small. During the nine months ending November 1 7,779,500 bushels of grain were sold on the exchange floor. During 1905 it is predicted as more than probable a total of 18,000,000 will be reached, and for 1906, if good crops was no feature of the business. prevail, between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 are expected to come to Omaha for distribu tion. During the nine months of the last year Omaha Inspected 8,960,000 bushels of bushels was wheat, 5,317,000 was corn, 946,500 cats, 43,000 rye and 8,000 barley. This business and that to come results only from a long contest over rates and a complete readjustment. The local rate from Omaha to Chicago has been reduced from 21 cents per 100 to 17 cents and the proportional rate from 21 cents per 100 to 12 cents. The local cents per 100 to 16 cents and the proportional from 18 cents to 11 cents. Local rates salesmen and is entering new territory. in Omaha territory were reduced from 298 etations and through rates from 735 sta-Elevator company built a large elevator at Gibson and the Independent Elevator comto be built this spring on the grain terminal's track. This track, under the direction of President Stickney of the Great Western, has been graded to receive elevators, mills, etc. Several grain firms have incorporated here and some eastern and southern houses have opened offices. Dry Goods and Grucerica.

The dry goods houses have had a spiendid year. They figure about a 15 per cent increase in value of business. They ran on very light stocks early because of the Sully cotton operations, but the bottom dropped out of that in late February. Manufactured cotton did not drop proportionately. Country dealers did not buy more largely than they could help during the high prices, so lately there has been a very big business and more of the same is promised for next year, while the trade is stocking up. The newer house in this field has added sales- shows good business, as the incorporations

The grocery jobbers lead in the amount of business, the year's total being placed cheap manufacturing. The Omaha, Lincoln March at about \$19,000,000. There has been an & Beatrice Interurban line is expected to April ........ enormous sugar business because of the do a great deal in developing the county exceptional fruit and berry crop in Omaha and other electric lines would be popular. territory. By the same token, the canned to be really poor next year. Home canned goods are being consumed. The market Total Transactions of Association has been demoralized by the sugar rate war, which helped the retailer and hurt the jobber, who had paid higher freight for his stock. Coffee has been a feature. Much more of it than formerly has been roasted and packed here. It is high now and going up because during the depressed production is decreased. Omaha grocery of successful bidding for Indian supply contracts. They have entered this field more largely than other lines except the meat men. The local supply depot during the last year increased its volume of business-all supplied by local houses-from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The freight handled was 2,317,597 pounds. This depot, by reason of superior location, is gaining business at the expense of the depots at St. Louis, Chicago and New York. A new firm this year is the W. A. Buck company. The firm of Meyer & Raapke was reincorporated, owing to the death of the senior partner, as Raapke & Katz. The Omaha Bakers' Sup- since 1896 have the clearings reached a Baker-Vwater company was established, an appended, but in the years 1887 to 1893 the agency for a Chicago firm.

Implements, Machinery, Hardware, Agricultural implement and machinery jobbers and manufacturers did a good busithe sale of a very large number of wagons From 1894 on the calendar year is included and other implements necessary in harvesting. Prosperity also sold buggies. The per cent in increase, however, was not very large. A valuable accession was the Rock Island Plow company, which comes over from Council Bluffs. The T. G. Northwall company will change its location. The Nebraska-Iewa Steel Tank company began the manufacture of meta-stock tanks. The Aultman-Taylor company has, gone out of business.

ited with, in round numbers, \$9,000,(0). There is little if any increase over 1963, The unseasonable fall weather has been unfavorable to the sale of heavy leather goods and much heavy rubber has been carried over because of the dry conditions year show an increase over any of the pre-since midsummer. The Richardson Shoe coding twelve years, 800 permits having Manufacturing company moved in from been issued by the city for an estimated Iowa and is very valuable, making Omaha expenditure of \$2,050,000, according to Richa shoe manufacturing market.

Hardware jobbers have made an crease of from 15 to 25 per cent. The unequalled crops and prosperity in the Ne-braska towns and the northwest has brought a very heavy demand for build- at or close to the top in percentage of ad- until June 30, it is difficult to make an ing hardware and supplies. Barbed wire vance over the preceding twelve menths, estimate of the exact receipts for the has been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. The buildings erected are generally of betperiod ending with the close of this calhas been a feature and wire, halls, sheets. and other trust productions are going up ter quality and more substantial and modfast, having begun just after the election. ern than heretofore built, the residences Oils, paints and glass have also boomed averaging about \$3,000 each.

art glass has increased 25 per cent.

without particular feature.

Wholesale lumbering increased in value something like 12 per cent. The C. N. Delts company bought ground for a new

Sunderland Roofing and Supply company. George Edgerly joins the firm.

Affected by the War. camphor all over the United States when and Storage company.

Omaha jobbing trade. Liquor and cigar jobbers did a business of about \$3.000,000. Prosperity was the principal feature of the year's business.

Fruit, vegetable and produce jobbers did ot increase their city trade, but did very largely increase country orders. The mild open character of the fall and easily winter made it possible for them to ship perishable goods to points not usually reached. It also helped in making the receipts of northern and western potatoes and other produce

Omaha produced in the year 9,000 000 washed with boiling water. During the pounds of butter. It is said to be the largyear property owners and business men est butter producing city in the world. The have not been able to get together on the Hygela company has reincorporated as the rental proposition for long-term leases, but | Harding Creamery company and has finit is predicted jobbing and manufacturing ished and occupied a fine creamery building at Eighth and Harney streets. The Water-00 Creamery company has opened a depot on Harney street near Seventeenth.

Coal jobbers are now dealing with an advance in rate of \$4 a ton. This came late in the year. The mild season has been a great detriment to volume of business. They Thirty-ninth and Dodge streets; estate of do not figure an advance of any consc-

Harness and leather goods are credited with a business of about \$2,000,000. There Thirty-fifth and Farnam streets; Dr.

One Industry that Lags. make the advance expected to follow the at Thirty-sixth and Dodge; Tolf Hensen, at grain market. Mills are hinted at, but so grain. Of the grain sold on the floor 1,465,000 far have not been realized. T. C. Brunner. formerly agent for the West Point Milling company, has entered the field as flour

broker and jobber. Wail paper and decorations sold to the amount of \$800,000. Better goods were de-

manded by the country dealers. Crockery and queensware made a large rate on corn has been moved down from 18 advance in value of business. A new house established in 1903 has doubled its force of

Confectionery jobbers and manufacturers claim to have done a splendid business tions. During the year the Nebraska-Iowa The Copp-Woodard company was reorganized as the Omaha Candy company. The Great Western Bottling, Ice Cream and pany has done the necessary grading and has the plans for a 1,000,000-bushel elevator somewhat allied branch of industry. Both REAL ESTATE RECORD GOOD local and western trade has increased. Clothing manufactured amounted to \$1,-400,000. The business was featureless. The Cameron Skirt company suspended busi-

Bags and similar products were turned out to the total value of about \$1,400,000. Brewing and distilling totaled in round numbers \$12,700,000. Tinware men figure the business value at a little more than \$1,000,-000, and the cracker production was close round \$610,000

The Omaha School Supply company

from Kenosha, Wis. A new ice factory is being built near Sixth and Leavenworth streets by a company composed of John Doe, C. C. Hungate and others, who bought out the Talbot Ice company.

During the year a considerable number of firms have been incorporated, which Omnha has at least two complete dry goods houses is becoming more thoroughly known all the time and brings new business at the expense of Chicago.

The fact were made to take in new capital and increase lead by almost an equal amount. The real estate transfers exceed 1903 in eight months, the total excess being \$374,
of the substitute of the capital and increase the production. Some firms have also changed location. This has been true to a larger extent among the retailers. One of the schemes for future growth which continues to be talked is a power canal for

# fruit trade has fallen off and is expected BANK CLEARINGS FOR 1904

Fall Just Below Four Hundred Million Mark. Omaha bank clearings for 1904 show the smallest per cent of increase in severa

years. The advance has been in the neigh conditions of the last few years plantations this time it is less than half that amount. borhood each year of about 10 per cent, but The advance in figures is \$6,104,291.47, as against \$32,293,771.37 for 1903 and \$32,468,086.8 jobbers have done an unheard of amount for 19.2. A comparison of the clearings for

9	1908 and 1904 follows	4	
1		1903.	1904
	January	32,945,000.43	\$ 31,961,025,92
	February	27,925,700,60	30,215,048,75
ч	March	35,445,545,26	35, 291, 269, 51
	April	33,869,710.00	33,222,164,92
٢ŀ	May	32,507,139.06	32,360,275.78
81	June	35,680,571.43	34,814,474,96
ы	July	33,363,371.73	28,548,250,12
C)	August	28,854,265.70	29,711,818,36
	Beptember	21,527,440.94	33,095,444.91
	October	36,502,729.74	36,440,596.31
	November	31,832,232.58	34,324,842.81
0	December	33,165,378,39	39,000,000.00
f	Totals	192,880,920 88	\$398.985.212.35

With the totals for the last nineteen years at hand, it will be seen that no mpany also entered the lists. The high a figure as this year. A tabulation i clearing season extended from October 1 to September 30. In 1833 the schedule was at ranged to run with the calendar year, s the two quotations for that year are, first up to October 1, and, second, the months The exceptional corn crop brought of October, November and December

each t			
famous.			429,282,665.56
9			248,388,758,57
9	490,124,913.24	1899	297,432,370,3
ARRANGE.	442,257,790,70		315,135,100.00
	545,879,884.02 682,833,745.88	40	329,643,688.91 361,511,775.77
ă	3.941.98(4-1925) (W)	903	392,880,020,88
	483,472,168.09 381,286,477,74	1904	298,085,212.35

# pany will, and the Martin-Anderson com- OMAHA BUILDING LAST YEAR

Boots, shoes and rubber goods are cred- Increase of More Tuan 100 Per Cent Over 1903 and Heaviest in Twelve Years.

> Building operations in Omaha for the ceding twelve years, 800 permits having ard Grotte, chief clerk of the department, The gain over 1903 is nearly 100 per cent. Although there was a general increase in

for the same reasons. The manufacture of Twenty-five store and office buildings the prevalence of the Japanese-Russian and there were but seven days on which were built or started during the year, war, the greater customs receipts for the Paper and woodenware have a total Among them are the Hoagiand business year have been since June 30.

Subject at Sixteenth and Howard streets, to There have been some imports of cigars without particular feature. cost \$300,000; the Neville store and office Purniture and carpets amount, accord-building costing \$20,000; A. I. Root, printing ing to estimate, to \$4,075,000. Orchard & house, \$20,000; John Rowe, store building. Wilhelm have outgrown their quarters and \$10,000 and Witaschek Bros. store and flat

building, \$10,000. yard at Sixth and Leavenworth. I. F. Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets, costing Swarthout & Co. is a new brokerage \$71,000, is the largest. The imposing new

ness. The Richardson Drug company sold building of the Omaha Distilled Water, Ice

supply was cut off and the price. Two large modern apartment houses ar the supply was cut off and the price. Two large modern apartment houses are importers, not only in time, but in money, raised by the Japanese war. War also being erected, one at Twenty-ninth avenue and the importance of Omaha much entage and the raised the price of brushes. These things and Leavenworth streets by John C. Bar-principally increased the value of the pard costing \$50.000 and the other at Total government revenues for the fiscal cold spell was followed by a period of Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, by R. P. and E. O. Hamilton, costing \$25,000.

For educational purposes the Creighton Law school building, \$30,000, was started; the Monmouth Park public school, \$42,000; Beais' public school, \$20,000, and Boyles' Business college at Eighteenth and Harney streets, costing \$20,000, and the convent and academy of the Dominican sisters, \$11,000. were built.

Among various other large buildings ings, costing \$30,600; brick addition to the GROWTH AT THE POSTOFFICE Home of the Good Shepard, \$30,000; addition to Immanuel hospital, \$19,000; Great Western freight depot, \$11,000; Nebraska-Iowa grain elevator, \$10,000; street railway brick car barn, \$15,000.

Nearly 500 dwellings were built, of which A. D. Brandels, at Thirty-eighth and Dewey others costing \$10,000 or over, were as foland Farnam streets; Dr. R. S. Anglin, at A. L. Nields, at Thirty-third and Mason streets; William Ayerigg, at Thirty-third and Farnam streets; Victor Rosewater, at John P. Lord, at Thirty-fifth and Farnam Flour, feed and mill products did not and Hawthorne streets; Mrs. P. Gressman, streets; Mrs. C. C. Belden, at Thirty-fifth Thirty-fourth and Hawthorne avenue.

1904.			27.0	A management
To passer			No.	Amoun
Folgranes:		****	10	\$ 80.5
March		******	10	150.7
				151.1
May		******	26	142.0
				247.8
July			48	185.7
				323,10
September	****	*******	88	409.1
October			66	128.90
November			54	74.7
December		******	35	*75.00
Plant and a			-	week some no
*Estimate		******	130	\$2,068,25

A detailed statement of the number of

#### General Tone of City's Condition Indicated by the Business Done.

The last year was a good one in real estate. It was an exceptional year in building and the mortgage and transfer records are pleasing. They show prosperity and progress. In city mortgages 2,070 mortgages were filed against 1,877 for 1903 and 1.916 released, against 1.858 for last year. The amount of city mortgages changed hands, W. J. Hammili coming filed in round number exceeds 1903 by \$000,000, but the amount released is somewhat greater. The courts cancelled by decree \$306.650 in addition. In the country mortgages the total filed was nine more than in 1903 and the release eight less. The amount of new mortgages in 1903 exceeded WHAT THE PARK BOARD SPENT the cancellations in round number by \$80,-000, while this year the cancelled mort-

Real Estate Transfers.

1	Reat Patitle Transfers.
24	January \$553,565 July \$419,842
	February 757,296 August 376,296
1	March 935,920 September 462,600
	April 707,332 October 514,445
7	May 637,536 November 970,517 June 675,158 December 288 201
	June 675,158 December 328,201
e)	Total\$7,878.717
8	As between the city and the county the
	apportionment of mortgage filed and re-
	leased is shown by the following table:
11	City Mortgages.
	Month. No. Amount. No. Amount.
-	January 117 \$ 206,535 138 \$ 230,760
3	February 151 195,085 106 232,975
1	March 193 217,706 188 500,310
Ŀ	April 212 239,245 174 192,540
8	Mny 210 360,765 173 227,625
	June 214 238,440 188 291,525
~4	July 198 221,585 184 196,105
ı	August 166 247,925 155 219,425
	September 168 227,715 142 185,820 October 146 167,400 146 296,045
	October 146 167,400 146 296,045 November 165 198,215 114 221,455
8	December 130 201,450 148 181,685
7	December and portion 140 fortion
- 1	Totals2,070 \$2,721,065 1,916 \$2,965,570
	Total amount released\$2,965,570
2	Total amount filed
1 2	Release over filings \$ 244,506
8	

0	Farm !	Mort	gages.		
9		1	-Lied	-Re	leased
6	Month. January	No.	Am'nt.	No.	Am'nt.
i.	January	4	\$ 3,800	7	\$ 88,850
ii.	February	21	53,870	14	20,960
1					
10	April	. 5	14,125	13	47,300
15	May	11	18,575	12	19,100
\$5	June	11	17,206	12	29,200
n	March April May June July	12	39,350	9	0,700
t	July	1h	14,685	- 3	6,189
20.1	September	41 8	24,260	- 2	3,800
H	October	. 19	14,000	1	19,170
8	November	11 14	10,600	100	3,179
e.	December	4. 9	14,840	13	18,880
0	Totals	142	\$279,200	131	\$334,865
-	Total amount rele	ased.			.\$334,865
a	Total amount filed.	*****			. 279,300
CT 1					-
t.	Release over fil	ings.	*********		\$ 55,565
8.	Sheriff's deeds a	tven	under	fore	closure
r.	sales during the el				
d	cember 1 (no return				
77.					
	for December) wer	e. as.	tonows,	111	number

10,659 56,615 47,200 58,975 18,052 16,795 18,800 30,175

THE BUILDING			
Month.		No.	Ams
January		. 6	\$
February	0.00 × 200 ×	. 23	
March		. 16	- 3
April	*************	. 15	- 3
May		127	- 18
		- 16	- 0
July		- II	- 1
August	************	. 6	- 1
Sept mber			
October		- 20	- 3
November	**********	. 14	
5000 ID202			

#### CUSTOM Business for 1904 Shows a Slight Falling Off from that of 1903.

The gustoms receipts at Omaha prior to The gustoms receipts at Omana prior to bureau office at Omana, proves the year the corresponding period of the preceding to have been a rather uneventful one, After the election importations took a sudden impetus, bringing the general There was no wide departure in the temdirect from China and Japan, and, as the corded was 17 degrees below zero on Janucrop was about two months late during the ary 25, and the highest 33 degrees above year 1904 and with the additional fact of

the first direct imports from there for some years, and there is a tendency of the cigar merchants to increase their im-portations direct to Omaha, instead of This drop in temperature was made more through the bonded warehouses of New Of the six churches built or begun during York and Philadelphia. The existence of the year the Kountze Memorial church at a spacious bonded warehouse in Omaha from foreign ports without the customary Swarthout & Co. is a new brokerage representing Pacific coast lumber. The representing Pacific coast lumber. The Baptist church was built under a through the eastern seaport warehouses. The value of foreign goods of all charters and the company of the company building the company building the company of the company of the coast lumber. delay incident to their being imported supplies, has been reincorporated as the Nine factories and warehouses were built, acters received in Omaha annually will ap-

warehouse, \$75,000; Hygela Creamery company's building, \$25,000; F. L. Ames ware-portations are cleared through the Omaha. The lovely autumn weather and the re-Camphor and brushes have been the house, \$55,000; Nebraska-Molins Plow com- customs office. Every imported item of tarded winter will be remembered by all. prisoners were remanded to the county feature of the drug and drug supply bust- pany's warehouse, \$13,000, and the \$15,000 goods that comes to Omaha can be as From November 11 to December 15, in- jail. The records show a decrease in violaof the seaport customs houses and a big saving would thereby be effected to the

year ending June 30, 1904, were \$684,214,273, unusually mild and unseasonable weather. Of this amount the receipts from customs To offset the previous uneventful weather were \$261,274,364 and from internal revenue of the year, the distorbance culminating \$33,994,119. Take from the total receipts in the blizzard that raged in Omaha durpostal revenues and expenditures of ing December 26 and 27 was surely suffi-\$143,582,624, a balance of \$340,621,749 is left, clent to even up the meteorological record Fires after and of this enormous sum the customs service has collected nearly one-half. The collecting customs revenue, as shown by the recent report of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, is \$0.030 per dollar for the whole country

### Increase in Business and Importance Indicates the City's Ex-

pansion.

The Omaha postoffice is a fair indicator the brick and stone residence and barn for of the prosperity and growth of the city. The following tables, showing the growth avenue, casting \$50,000, was the largest, of the registry division 1904, against 1903 shows a handsome gain, 20,256 more packlows: T. J. Mahoney, at Thirty-seventh ages being handled in 1904 than in 1905. Money order business amounted to \$6,428,-396.94, against \$6,120,488.53, a gain of \$307,878.41 for 1904. Stamps sold amounted to \$557,078.14, against \$510,002.92, a gain of \$47,074.22.

Total number of employes in the post office in 1903 was 96; present number, 108. Total number of carriers in 1903 was 87;

named employes is \$82,000.  The story of the great establishment is cold in detail in the following tables:	tax commissioner pers reassessed all of the Leavenworth street,	ionally lots I	inspect	ed and
Letters and parcels registered.  Letters and parcels delivered.  Registered pouches received.  Packages received in same.  Registered pouches dispatched.  Packages dispatched in same.  Registers handled in transit.  Total number registered articles handled.  LOCAL ST	270,520 11,476 922,250 252,515 430,483 PATISTICS.	802,597 12,311 288,313	65,346 13,021 261,028 11,652	
Window deliveries registered letters and office Window deliveries at stations		32,896 992	30,320 1,590	31,020 1,630
Carrier deliveries of registered letters an office Carrier deliveries of registered mail at sta Registered by carriers on routes.	tions 21,816	22,953 2,751 878		29,042 3,799 1,052

Total	1964. 465,129 426,524 586,718	04 78
Amount collected on box rent	55,994	56

# Work Done of the Boulevard System During the Last

Year.

and the item of expenditure for West Central boulevard is the largest. The statement of expenditures for the year and its

7	apportionment	among	the	various	park
	follows: Hanscom park				8 6 097 3
*	Riverview	********			10,899.7
	Elmwood	********			1,387
	Curtiss Turner	*******		*********	565.
	Fontenelle			*********	
5	Jefferson Squar Florence Boule	e and C	spita	l avenue	3494
è	South Central	Bouleva	rd		1,765.3
5	West Central Southeast Boul	evard		*******	15,860.6
5	Thirtieth street		*****		251.
м.				4	44

In addition to the above given items the general supplies come from two funds, the park and the road fund. Receipts of the park fund to December 1 amount to \$34,-326.78 and of the road fund to \$45,797.74.

#### AND MARRIAGES Cupid and the Courts Alike Fall

Behind the Figures Set

for 1903.

preceding year. 360 for 1963 and 1904, respectively. Divorce of hose company No. 11. Nine citizens petitions are filed most numerously during were slightly burned, nine severely burned the spring months, after a hard winter has and five fatally burned at fires during the leads all the other months, having almost in the Dillrance barn, where twenty-nine twice the number of divorce seekers that horses were killed on the morning of May has, for instance.

June and October are easily the most | popular months for marriages, while March | follows: Telephoned, 265; fire alarm boxes, witnesses the least number of weddings. 48; still alarms, 31; special duty calls, 71; The total number of marriage licenses issued during the last year fell below the

ALTESTICS.	DECO	DD.	EOD	VE	AD
February March April May June	101	Augus Septem Jetobe Novem	ber .		12 16 16
issued by mont	hs:				
total for 1903, 1903 and 1,365 f					

#### WEATHER RECORD FOR TEAM HOUSE RECEIPTS General Summary Shows No Marked Departures from Normal Conditions.

A general summary of the weather conditions during the year 1904, taken from the records of the United States Weather ory was \$10,597 viewed from a meteorological standpoint. the L. G. Doup fire: Number of alarms. perature conditions during any month of Value of buildings. the year, and the mean temperature for Value of contents .. the year was 50 degrees, being exactly the Total value. same as the annual mean temperature for Loss on buildings. this vicinity. The lowest temperature re-Total loss. Total amount of insurance. Insurance over loss...... zero on August 14. The summer was cool the temperature recorded above 90 degrees A remarkable change in temperature oc curred March 2 and 3; a fall of 68 de YEAR'S WORK OF THE POLICE grees was recorded, being the greatest fall in the same number of hours recorded at Omaha during the past thirty-four years. Year 1903, impressive from the fact that it was ushered in by a gale of forty-six miles per

roll about \$1,000,000 was lost by the sucmiums. This loss was made up in part the electric light company and \$100,000 for the street railway. Other advances were the result of higher individual personal assessments against men and corporations, many returning a greater valuation, voluntarily, than ever before. The banks sustained a 10 per cent increase over the previous assessment. Of the whole assessment roll about \$72,000,000 is for real estate

### Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight Alarms with Remarkably Small Loss.

Aside from the material improvements made in Omaha's fire department during the last year, there were no unusual features to mark the year. In fact, the total loss to buildings and contents was in marked contrast to the year before, owing to the fact that there were no really serious fires during the year, although the total number of fires outnumbered by fourteen those of the year before. The fire houses at Eleventh and Jackson streets and Twenty-seventh and Jones streets, begun in 1903, were completed last year. The apparatus was strengthened to the extent of one metropolitan fire engine, the "Frank E. Moores," one eighty-five-foot hook and ladder truck, one city book and ladder truck, five hose wagons and 5,000 DIVORCES | feet of hose. The new equipment is of a high grade and added materially to the fire-

fighting strength of the department. There were 119 officers and men in the department at the close of the year, as against 117 the same time a year ago. Nineteen firemen were injured on duty dur-There were fifty-five less petitions for di- ing the year, but none were fatally invorce filed during the year 1904 than in the jured. There was one natural death in the The figures are 415 and department, that being Captain Henderson tried the souls of men and women. March year. All the horses fatally burned were November, 1904

January 25. The total of 435 alarms were sent in as no alarms, 16; second alarms, 4. In the summary of the days of the week on which the alarms were sent Wedensday heads the list with 78. Of the morning hours 11 o'clock was the hour for the greatest number of alarms, while the largest number of alarms occurring during the second part of the day happened at 6 p. m. More fires occurred in December than in any other one month.

The largest fire of the year was on December 5 at the factory of L. G. Doup. have not yet been rendered, but Mr. Doup bove any other fire of the year. The at the Omaha Bedding company's plant, just across the street from the Doup establishment. The loss at the bedding fac The following tabulation includes all but

\$5,263,381 49,155 

# Criminals and Unfortunates Less Nu-

merous Than During the

hour from the northwest. A local wind squall, accompanying a thunderstorm, did last year does not reveal any striking con- ber 24, about \$165,000, as against \$200,000 some damage at Krug park on the afternoon of June 19. Another brief wind squall. accompanying a thunderstorm, early in the | while the patrol calls were proportion- months ending November 30, 1994, (omitting

partment is the number of convictions secured in police court on cases where the readily cleared here in Omaha as at any clusive, a period of thirty-five days, no tions of the city ordinances, the figures for precipitation occurred that was apprecia- 1908 having been quite an increase over the ble or sufficient to measure. The first year before. Comparative figures for 1906 and 1904 are

Showing of Finances Made by the Re-

ports of Treasurer and

Clerk.

The following reports of County Treas-

ments for 1903 and 1904 compare thus:

Receipts.

Disbursements.

Assessed Valuations.

Personal \$7,377,462 Lands 5,214,494 Lots 14,169,727

Levies.

State.

4 1-2

.\$28,828,629

21 5-8 23 95-100

Total Tax.

County. | Consoli-

15 S-10 16 4-10

Total .....

32,874 4,699

6,551

290

Accidents reported... Arrests made....

luildings secured ... Bodies taken to morgue.
Destitute cared for.....
Fire alarms given....
Fires attended.....

or the year.  A table spowing the normal and monthly	Insane cared for
nean temperatures and the normal and	Meals furnished
otal monthly precipitation is furnished	Miles traversed by patrol
ierewith:	wagon
-Temperature Precipitation-	Number of ambulance calls
Nermal, Mean, Normal, Total,	Miles traversed by ambulance.
anuary 19 20 0.69 0.63	Nulsances and dead animals
bruary 25 20 0.79 0.10	reported
darch	Prisoners taken to county jail.
April	Packages stolen and recovered.
day	Runaway horses stopped
Utio	Sick and injured taken home
uly	Sick and injured taken to hos-
118711NT	pital
eptember 65 66 2.91 2.0)	Sick and injured taken to sta-
etober 53 57 2.47 1.40	tion and cared for
Sovember 37 45 1.06 0.19	Stray teams cared for
Vovember 27 45 1.06 0.19 December 27 *28 1.01 *0.57	Stray horses taken up
* For twenty-nine days.	Sulcides reported
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.	Suicides attempted
AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY	
The Control of the Co	Shooting affrays

#### CITY ASSESSMENT ROLL Stabbing affrays 11 7 Stolen property reported 12,639 14 385 ON Total Valuation Will Be Nearly Two COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

Millions Greater Than Last Year.

Tax Commissioner Fleming has not yet present number, 25, making a total increase completed computations of the city assess of 29 permanent employes. Total number of ment roll for 1965 as left by the Hourd of sub carriers, 12; total number of special Review, but he estimates that the total delivery messengers, 9; making the total amount will be about \$102,000,000, or from official force (including clerks, carriers and \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 greater than the assubs), 224. Added to this number there is sessment roll for 1994. Despite the fact on the Omaha office pay rolls 825 rural car- that about \$2,000,000 worth of improvements riers, against 600 carriers in 1903, and 155 have been made to real estate, reductions railway postal clerks, making a total force on land values, particularly in the south of 1.3% employes at the present time on part of the city, has brought the net inthe Omaha postoffice pay roll. The aver-age pay roll per month for the above more than \$500,000. During the year the

Paid state treasurer \$128.623.67 \$ 163.753.97 County warrants paid ... 410.023.21 437.781.35 Paid city of Omaha ... 48.368.51 184.528.49 Paid city of So, Omaha 10.194.41 24.752.16 Paid school districts ... 135.767.16 190.687.76 Redemptions, etc ..... cess of the foreign life and fire insurance companies in their suits to prevent the city from assessing upon the gross preby a \$500,000 increase in the assessment of

# and \$30,000,000 for personal property. work this year on the boulevards and parks BUSY YEAR FOR THE FIREMEN

4 1-2 7 3-8 7 1-2 8 7 6-8 7 5-8 6 3-8 6 3-8 16 7-10 16 7-10 16 7-10 16 7-10 Tax. Miscel-State laneous Tax. Taxes. Year | County 494, 981.05 11,534.06 53,415.69 5.9,530.25 550.082 54 12,543.59 64.067.28 626,243.41 537,125.55 10,544.33 57,628,24 609,474.63 543.896.30 10,072.20 59,098.87 613,08.37 486,129.65 8,685.41 59,842.50 555,697.16 515,185.31 9,644.64 69,850.30 535,640.25 468,391.13 9,365.06 69,435.53 538,191.72 538,938.09 12,056.28 69,386.39 611,390.65 540.337.45 10,262.08 43,762.08 594,331.61 544.533.99 10,802.99 44,096.19 599,342.08 594,637.72 10,696.50 48,695.24 650,029.01

Collections. December, 1903 January, 1904 February, 1904 March, 1904 18,295,38 19,636,43 169,423,90 30,052,29 72,843,07 Totals \$752,948.75 \$413,981.98

# OUTPUT OF OMAHA SMELTERY

Over Three Millions a Month Added to the World's Wealth at This Plant.

metals by the Omaha plant of the American office of the quartermaster general at Smelting and Relining company during 1904. Washington. The figures herewith given to commerce and industry of the output. kinds, the expenses of running the depart-For instance, \$14,100,000 is the actual value ment, transportation, purchase of clothing, of the silver product, but the coin value 1307-9 Nicholas street. The exact figures would be \$18,189,000. The total footing of the products of the plant is exactly \$36,has estimated the loss as not far from 015,000, while the total for 1901 was only \$33,809,961. There has thus been a substantial increase in the output of each department next fire of importance was on August 13 of the local plant, which can best be shown by the following comparative table, cover-

ng two years:		
Fold Hiver Joad Copper Hive vitrol	9,800,073 90,522 876,888	1904 \$10,850,000 14,100,000 10,005,000 530,000 470,000
Total	\$33,809,961	\$36,015,000

### MILLIONS FOR GOVERNMENT internal Revenue Collections for the

Year Fall Off Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

A survey of the police records for the said that they footed up, through Decemtrust to that of the year before. The total for the corresponding days of 1903. The \$17,400 expended in improvements during number of arrests were somewhat less, details of the collections for the eleven

including the United States government proximate from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000. But age to trees, buildings under construction, tures of the year's work in the police de- the collections for the corresponding eleven

months	of 1903 in adjoin	ning cotum	1911
Beer st Spirit st Cigar st Tobacco Special Renovat Mixed fi Documen	(sundry assessment amps amps amps amps at a stamps as a stamps and butter stamps are a stamps are at a stamps are at a stamps are at a stamps are a stamp are a st	1904 5.593 293,679 1.679,779 70,255 5,171 86,767 9,048	\$ 2.655 202.626 2.018.637 67.115 41.99 79.219 12.005 17.253
Total	×	\$2,119,803	\$2,509,060

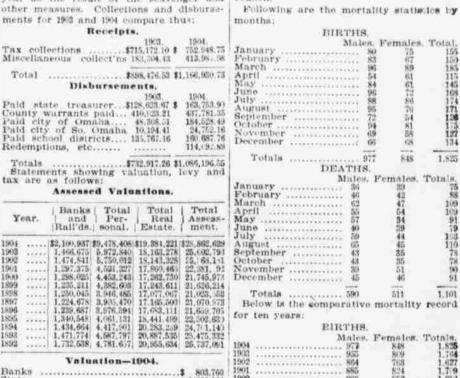
It should be remembered that the December collections are not included in these totals. They were \$23,071 for 1943 and will probably reach \$190,000 for 1904.

#### 1904 MORTALITY STATISTICS General Bealth of City Good, with More Births and Deaths.

Than in 1903,

General good health marked the year 19M in Omaha. While children's diseases were somewhat prevalent, they did not at any time assume the proportions of epidemics. The number of births exceeded that of 1903, 96 but the number of deaths was greater also. 194 Diphtheria, which has been pravalent throughout the west, visited Omaha, but to no very great extent, the culture tube system in use by the health department. finding 105 out of 178 suspected cases to be not diphthetia, leaving only seventy-three positive cases. Assuming two children in a family, this meant a gain of 725 weeks in school. Besides this, the annoyance and expense of from four to six weeks of quarantine was avoided in 105 cases. There were eleven deaths from diphtheria. Of thirtythree cases of smallpox twelve were traced to origination outside the city. There were 33) cases of scarlet fever, or five less than urer Robert O. Fink and of County Clerk 1900. Several analyses of the water supply John C. Drexel will show how much the have shown it to be healthful, these tests ounty revenues have been augmented this being made at the direction of the city year as the result of the scavenger and council.

Following are the mortality statistics by



# 514 1894 LAST YEAR AT THE LIBRARY

Institution Shows Steady Growth In

DEATHS.

Males. Females. Totals. . . . 590 511 1,101 . . . 508 439 945

Substance and Popular Usefulness. Figures supplied by Miss Tobitt, the ibrarian, show that during 1904 the public library continued to add to its equipment at about the same ratio it advanced during \$456.029.55 \$173.175.79 \$120,748.65 \$749.954.00 previous years. The \$10,000 bequest of the late Frank Murphy was the greatest event of the year. Attendance and Issue records show the popularity and usefulness of the

library is growing with pleasing rapidity. These are the statistics: Total number of volumes accessioned to date.

Total number of volumes withdrawn to date.

Total number of volumes now in the 15,197 library tumber of volumes added in 1904.... Number of cards issued in 1904.... Number of cards now in use Books issued for home use Books issued for reference..... Visitors to the reading room..... Visitors to the Byron Reed room

### MONEY SPENT BY THE ARMY Nearly Two Millions Expended in

Maintaining the Department of the Missouri. The total amount of money on hand and received for the Department of the Mis-

souri, U. S. A., during the calendar year up to December 28, 1904, at the office of the chief quartermaster was \$1,875,102.80. During the same period \$1,666,333.40 was expended. These expenditures do not include those made by the constructing quartermasters

Over \$36,000,000 in real value was added to at the various military posts of the dethe world's supply of precious and useful partments, these being paid through the But this does not indicate the exact value include the payment for supplies of all horses and general equipment. Aside from the quartermaster's depart-

ment the sum of approximately \$350,000

was paid out during the year now closing for commissary supplies through the office of Captain T. B. Hacker, purchasing comdissary of subsistence. FEDERAL BUILDING FEATURES

#### Some Important Improvements Made at Uncle Sam's Headquarters During the Year.

The Omaha postoffice building, which ranks about sixth in magnitude and cost of the federal buildings in the United States, has been brought to completion during the year 1904, at a total cost of \$1,845,000. A number of important improvements have been made in and about the building, largely increasing its efficiency and convenience for the purposes intended. These improvements include the repainting and re-The receipts of taxes at the Omaha office | decorating of the east wing, at a cost of of the United States internal revenue col- \$7,000, this work having been done by ector for 184 will show a decrease of Messrs. Rutherford & Jensen of Omahu. about \$60,000 as compared with the previ- The slate roof over the main work room ous year. This failing off is in the sale of the postoffice has been removed and re-of tax-paid spirit stamps, the other desemble placed with glass, at a cost of \$5.700. A partments showing for the most part a new cement sidewalk has replaced the slight increase. December collections are former lawn that surrounded the building, not included in the totals, but it may be costing \$1,700. Additional radiation has cost about \$1.000 and other miscellaneous improvements \$1,000, making a total of

the year. morning of July 11, did considerable dam- ately smaller in number. One of the fea- fractions of a dollars) are as follows, with Additional Statistical Review on Page 11.