

OMAHA'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Municipal Housekeeping of the City Set Down in Detail.

DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Summarized Statement of the Activities and Organization of the City and County for Business Purposes.

Omaha has an estimated population of 120,000. It was authorized as a municipal corporation by a special charter by the legislature February 2, 1857, and was organized as a city March 5, 1857.

The area of the city is 246 square miles; its greatest length is 34 miles and its greatest width 4 1/2 miles. It has 32.84 miles of streets and 15.14 miles of alleys.

15,827.78 yards of general paving and 2,822.21 yards classified as private work, which consisted of repaving paving disturbed by public utility excavation and other work.

Sewer System.

The sewer figures given out are as follows: Prior to 1906, 148,878 feet of sewer pipe were laid.

Grading Improvements.

The grading record makes the following showing: Previous to 1906, 3,277,505 cubic yards of earth were excavated.

Health Department.

Statistics from the office of the health commissioner show that Omaha's mortality rate for 1905 was among the lowest of the cities of the world, being only .0086.

Police Department.

The police department is composed of eighty-two patrolmen and one police chief, including Chief of Police J. Davidson.

Fire Department.

Omaha has a fire department of 119 men, including Chief Charles A. Salter and his staff.

Bonded Debt.

Omaha, Douglas county and the school district of Omaha are much better off in the matter of bonded debt than most other municipalities of the state.

Paved Streets.

Omaha has a total of about ninety-five miles of paved streets.

ASPHALT.

Table with columns: Streets, Square Yards, Total Cost. Lists streets like Capitol Avenue, Seward, etc.

BRICK BLOCK.

Table with columns: Streets, Square Total Cost. Lists streets like Sappington, 24th to 26th, etc.

MACADAM.

Table with columns: Street, Sq. Yds., Cost. Lists streets like Dodge, 40th to 41st, etc.

Paving Report.

A municipal paving report was issued by the city engineer in 1905 as a cost of \$5,000, the contract being performed by the Star Machine Works of Indianapolis.

Table showing revenue from various streets like Harrison Park, Milwaukee Park, etc.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

What the Revenue of Omaha from Direct Levy is Based Upon.

Table with columns: Year, Assessment, City and School Levy, Mill. Shows data for years 1904-1905.

Douglas County.

Elective officers of Douglas county who were elected at the general election held November 7, 1904.

Register of Deeds-Frank Bantz.

County Auditor-Robert Schell.

GREAT PLANTS IN DAILY USE

Public Service Corporations Fully Up to Modern Standards.

OMAHA WELL EQUIPPED IN THIS LINE

Gas, Telephone, Electric Light, Street Railway and Water Service of the Best for Citizens' Use.

Omaha citizens are supplied with light, water, power, telephone and street railway service by corporations whose officers are thoroughly alive to the needs of the city.

Omaha Gas Company.

Table with columns: Year, Net Post of Omaha, Royalty. Shows data for years 1904-1905.

Omaha Electric Light and Power Company.

The officers of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company are: President, F. A. Nash; vice president, C. E. Claffin.

Omaha Street Railway Company.

The officers of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company are: President, George C. Barton; vice president, W. W. Wattle.

Omaha Water Company.

The officers of the Omaha Water company are: President, Theodore A. Woodbury; general manager, E. M. Fairfield.

TEN FINE HOSPITALS OPEN

Omaha Well Equipped With Open Hospitals for the Care of the Sick and Injured.

There are ten hospitals in Omaha. Combined they have capacity for 1,000 patients.

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns: Tax collections, Miscellaneous collections, Total. Shows figures for 1904 and 1905.

DISHURTEMENTS.

Table with columns: Paid state taxes, Paid city taxes, Paid school districts, Redemptions, etc.

South Omaha Statistics.

Table with columns: Year, Real Estate, Personal, Total. Shows data for years 1904-1905.

Parques and Boulevards.

The parks and boulevards of the city are described elsewhere in this issue. The year in the department was noteworthy.

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