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Substantial Basis for

Omaha's Thankfullness Institutions that Are Making the City Great.



GURDON W. WATTLES. sident Omaha Grain Exchange.

Organized effort has been one of the great factors in the development of Omaha's material interests. Some of the chief factors in the growth of the city are here enumerated.

0 he ought to do all he can to make Omnha a and push the flag of Ak-Sar-Ben to the city of 200,000 by 1910, and the organization builtspa. works to that end.

ceed the sum of the locals to and from as the annual parades. Sioux City. This promise has been partly Many wise men from the east and west, carried out by a tariff which went into north and south, and from places between effect August 28 of this year. The club those points, have declared that the ordaims to be partly responsible for securing mproved passenger train service on the Wahash and Missouri Pacific, and a mail service on the Rock Island which puts Omaha mail into northern Kansas and southern and southwestern Nebraska and Colorado twelve hours earlier than formerly. The club is now working with every road running into Omaha for the improvement of the freight service. The club won last summer before the

western classification committee in its fight against the mixed carload rating proposed by large eastern houses on goods to this part of the country. It has brought a number of manufactor-

is now about to organize a promotion corporation to bring more here. Believing local stocks, the organization was largely instrumental in preventing an advance in assessment two or three years ago.

fight against the Rock Island road for making grain rates discriminating against those living in the Land of Quivera. Omaha. At present a campaign is being waged for stop-over privileges for all per-

sons passing through Omaha. The club makes three trade excursions each year, boosting Omaha by letting the there is on the Missouri river a real live

MAHA, the Market Town," is the the interests of Omaha. From year to slogan of the Omaha Commercial year the organization drafted into the club. an organization which is service the best of the city's business talent, constantly on the watch for the and men from all the professions and walks city's interests. Each member feels of hife were quick to get on the firing line

Woman's Club.

The tends of Ak-Sar-Ben faith have been Original A year ago, in answer to the importunities that the growth and prosperity of Omaha of the club, the railroads promised to place are closely identified with the state and Omaha on a party with St. Paul in the that even in commercialism there is such , matter of merchandise rates to South Da- a thing as appealing to men's sentiments hota-to make rates which would not "x- through such high class entertainments"

ganization known as the Knights of Ak-Sor-Ben has done more for the substantial growth of Omaha than any other one gainsaid that this enterprising organization has performed yooman service in the work of bringing Omaha and the state unto its own. If nothing more than the present renown of Ak-Sar-Ben itself would be cited as a criterion, it would be mete to give it unstituted unates in binaries the heaters the figure it. Nebruska Hay and Grain Co...... Add to these the elevators then in operation— Omaha Elevator Co....... And to these the elevators then in operation— Omaha Elevator Co....... And to these the elevators then in operation— Omaha Elevator Co....... And to these the elevators then in operation— Omaha Elevator Co....... And the two now being erected— State City Malt Co. unstinted praise in bringing the Antelope and on January 1, 1907, the storage ca- the fight for the terminal taxatior of railstate and Gate City to the front in a measure that would be hard to indicate

by any mere arithmetical process Through the kindly offices of Ak-Sar-Ben ing and jobbling industries to Omaha, and the business lines of demarcation between Omaha and the state have been softened . and Omaha's great trade strengthened. obbers were taxed high enough on their Ak-Sar-Ben has served as a beacon light showing the citizens of Omha and those living beyond the city that their paths are after all not divergent. The annual Ak-It is assisting the Grain exchange in its Sar-Ben fail festivities have served as large thanksgiving festal occasions for

In 1884 South Omaha was a cornfield. A few stock dealers were located there, and in the year 1884 they bought 88,603 cattle. 3,686 hogs, 5,593 wheep and 489 horses and people of the tributary territory know that mules. Thanksgiving day of 1996 finds a busy city of 30,000 people, with four pack-

1986, of 21,945 cattle, 170,791 hogs and 162,559 sheep. To the South Omaha Live Stock ex-change, organized in 1989, when the city boasted of but two packing houses, and when receipts had not begun to reach the coornous proportions they have now at-tained, is due a great deal of credit for the advance of the Magic City. The exchange, well organized and well regulated as it is, permits of shipment of live stock without to wast accompanying it, and makes pos-sible satisfactory business of the shippers.

is told thus by President G. W. Wattles: The Omalia Grain exchange was organized in 1995 and commenced its corporate ex-istence on February 1, 1904, with the pur-pase on the part of its organizers to make it the basis for the creation at Omala of a great grain receiving, storing and shir-ping business. We have succeeded in this purpose far-heyend our most sanguine expectations at the trans that were made in 150 from Omala to Chicago and Mississippi river points we had it in mind to create the ability to reship from Omala the grain pro-deved in Nebraska, the ordinary disposition of which was the markets on the Mississippi river. Cheago and at the Atlantic seaboard. The inner diate result was the construction at Omala of the following storage ele-vators. Bushets.

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aible satisfactory business transactions at long range. The interests of the shippers are always protected by the rigid rules of the organization. Loose and unquestionable methods are practically an impossibility, for in case of an infraction or an evasion of the rules the penalty falls swiftly and surely. With the exchange as a founda-

The Real Estate exchange is another organization that has always been active in all movements for the upbuilding of they city. It was a strong factor in the fight of 1902 to equalize taxes in Douglas county. a campaign ospecially directed against the franchised corporations of the cliv of Omaha, and which ended in raising the assessed valuations of these corporations

from \$4,551,678 to \$22,475,368. This campaign added \$40,000,000 to the assessed valuation of property in Douglas county, a large part of which had previously paid little or no taxes. Emboldened by the success of this movement, the exchange in 1908 launched out in



the principle was more widely advertised for an anti-cigarette law. than it had ever been, and the belief be- The club has nine different departments

porters that it would some time be adopted. pose in an educational way, The exchange meets once a wick to dis-4 The Omaha Improvement league is diin the city are invited to these meetings, and what they hear and see often makes them able disseminators of the gospel of a Greater Omaha.

At present the exchange is preparing a booklet descriptive of the city, and this will be distributed all over the country. All the material has been gathered and the exchange has taken up the solution of the financial question involved in its publication.

The Quiaha Woman's club has always been at the front in any movement for the unlift of mankind in general for Granication three years ago it has enuplift of mankind in general, for Omaha womanhood and childhood in particular, and for the interests of Omaha as a city. It has done real work to make Omnha a city beautiful and has been a strong influence In arousing a healthy interest in a good- co-operation of the schools, and 1,000 chill looking city. Just to show how a street should be, the club maintained a model block for a time, on which it kept the seeds were distributed and 1,700 children streets and sidewalks clean with a body of competed. An exhibit of flowers and vegewhite wings employed by the club. As one tables raised was made in the city hall, outgrowth of this campaign for cleanliness one sees today on the street corners large Ak-Sar-Ben carnival grounds in connection boxes into which the citizens are supposed with the exhibit of the Douglas County to throw their papers, cigar stubs and other Agricultural society. Vegetables, corn.

measure. The bill failed of passage, but stores and factories. For years they fought

came more fixed in the minds of its sup- of work, each of which has a distinct pur-

the routine of the realty business. Visitors rectly responsible for the establishment of the public playgrounds, which are at Twontieth and Harney streets. Last summer the league brought a superintendent for the playgrounds from Chicago and kept him through four months' work. Next summer he will come again. The league hopes to induce the park board to grant space in each park of the city for playgrounds, and will also endeavor next year to establish neighborhood playgrounds in charge of capable boys and girls.

The main purpose of the organization to make Omaha a city beautiful. Since to improvement by giving prizes for best kept lawns and gardens and flower beds. In the first year of the existence of the league 15,000 packages of flower seeds were distributed among the children, with the dren competed for the prizes given. The second year 25,000 packages of flower This year the exhibit was held on the



Hurrled Flight.

ACK in the '80s a Chelsen celebrity was "Tight" Howe, slways look-B ing for a chance to perform deeds of valor, always boasting of his courage, and really having more and a roller towel on the back porch sufficed sana than judgment.

With "Tight" could always be found a semi-sporting element, knowing there would household watched in silence the visitor's a new southern congressman once did. be "something doing." One night in pass- efforts at making a toilet under the uning a saloon where there was a great deal favorable auspices, but when on the third went off to a photographer's to be photoof noise, "Tight" halted his admirers and day the toothbrush, nail, file, whisk broom, graphed. 'I want my likeness taken.' he cigar, smiled at the two men with pity. said: "Boys, stay right here and I'll go in etc., had been duly used and returned to there and throw 'em all out, and one of their places in the traveler's grip, he could The southerner reddened and looked pleased. extra. "-Boston Herald. you count 'em as they come." In he went suppress his curiosity no longer, so boldly 'No,' he answered, 'just a plain everyday In a few minutes out came a man through put the question: the window, sash, glass and all, and one of the crowd yelled with all his might, trouble to yo se'f?"-Lippincott's Magazine. "One."

From the gutter came "Tight's voice, saying: "Stop counting! Stop counting, Senator Beveridge was talking one after-

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you' damn fool; it's me that came out."- noon in Washington to a group of newly Boston Herald. elected congressmen.

Is Trouble to Himself. stop at a country home where a tin basin yourselves away." The unripe congressmen laughed, and for the family's ablutions.

For two mornings the small boy of the hate to hear that one of you had acted as them said: "He, as soon as he reached Washington, said. 'Cabinet?' the photographer asked. congressman." "-Buffalo News. "Bay, mister, air you always that much

It is an Extra. William C. Whitney, jr., who has spent a year in Indian territory learning practical Is Only Plain Congressman. mining at Quappy, described at a dinner

New in

argument about the pineapple, one claiming

that it was a fruit, and the other that it "You hoys," he said, "must on no account was a vegetable. In the midst of their ar- of chemistry of the Department of Agri- any of your women friends will try on it." appear green. Keep cool, go slow, think gument the waiter entered in his shirt culture, was asked the other day by a re---Sait Lake Tribune. General Sherman once had occasion to before you speak; then you won't give sleeves and looked about to see what was porter why he did not investigate rogue "Rouge," the reporter said, "may be very the cause of the loud talking.

man cature. A young girl was buying a

"The miners decided to let the waiter set- harmful, very poisonous, sir. Don't you Senator Beveridge continued: "I should the their argument, and accordingly one of thirfk that it requires investigation?" Wiley smilled. "No," he answered. "I 'Pete, what is a pineapple? Is it a fruit can't say I do. If rouge were poisonous.

unnumbered women would have died of it or a vegetable? The waiter, flicking the ash from his long ago. By the way, Fil tell you a queer thing about rouge. It is something that I came upon one day in a pharmacy, and "'It's neither, gents,' he said: 'It's an I think it illustrates an odd phase of hu-

Shows His Collection.

John Burroughs, the famous naturalist and poet, author of that fine poem "My Own Shall Come to Me." loves to tell a story which has to do with a friend of his married Orr.

On one of his trips Mr. Burroughs hap pened to be in the town where Mr. Orr ives. Meeting him in the street, Mr. Burroughs insisted that his friend should accompany him to the hotel for luncheon As they were cating Mr. Burroughs inquired if his friend was not interested in any specialty.

"I think," said the naturalist, "every man ought to have a collection of some It adds must to life."

"Oh, yes," said his friend, "I have quite a collection; I am interested in flowers. Come home with me and I'll show them to you.

As they approached the Orr home, six tine healthy children, playing on the lawn. ran to meet their father.

"These." said Mr. Orr, with a twinkle in his eye, "form my collection of orchids. Are they not grand specimens?" Mr. Burroughs agreed that the collect tion of Orr kids was the finest he had ever seen .- People's Magazine.

Has His Hevenge.

Butcher Ludwig was continually being robbed of meat by a large black tom cut belonging to a next door neighbor. Finally his temper got the best of him, and he poisoned the cat.

The cat's owner the next morning found the animal lying dead before his door. He knew at once who had done the killing. and with a low bitter oath he took the dead cat up by the tail and went indoors. Butcher Ludwig had happened to advertime for the week a mark down sale on sausage. That night his shop was thronged with sausage buyers.

Suddenly, when the crowd was thickest, the outraged neighbor elbowed his way through the people and threw upon the chopping block the dead body of the huge

black cat. "There you are. Mr. Ludwig," he said That makes thirty-five. I'll bring the

The salesman bowed and rub off?' 'I do.' the clerk answered. "This, answered: "About 560,000 Francs, madam. like all all our rouges, is warranted to It is the proprietor."-San Francisco Ar-Dr. H. W. Wiley, the chief of the bureau stand the hardest kiss of investigation that gonaut.

Obeying Parenial Information W. A. Woodbury has a young friend who

Stuaning Figures.

entered Yale this year. The boy's father has two hobbles-brevity and politeness. Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, when she is in Paris, "If you pass your mid-year's telegraph spends a good deal of time in the shops me the word 'Yes.' If you don't pass, wire

of the jewelers and dealers in antiques 'No.' I'll know enough then," said the and objects of art. On a rather dull after- father. But he forgot his own instrucnoon Mrs. Leiter visited an art shop in tions, so when the son passed and telethe Rue de la Paix. She looked at brenzes, graphed home "Yes." the father puzzled a jeweis, drawings and other things, and while and finally replied, "Yes, what?" At finally, pointing toward a dusky corner. midnight he was called out of bed to get she said to the police young sulesman: this answer, "Yes, sir!"



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