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Omaha From a Comparative Viewpoint

About the most natural thing in the world, in the ordinary affairs of life, is to compare your condition and circumstances with that of your neighbors, more or less similarly situated. From that viewpoint, Omaha has causes for self-congratulation. A bulletin recently issued by the census bureau, containing much information of a highly interesting and instructive character relative to the condition of American cities, some of the facts gathered from this official document are appended, showing Omaha's position in financial, industrial, educational and social affairs, as compared and contrasted with that of cities of about the same population. For the purposes of comparison, the condition in cities with more than 100,000 and less than 300,000 in population have been chosen. These include Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Denver, Indianapolis, Providence, R. I.; Rochester, Toledo, Columbus, O.; Los Angeles, Worcester, New Haven and Syracuse. Most of these cities are given a better rating than Omaha in the census reports, but they furnish the best opportunity for the comparisons desired.

In cost of city government, Omaha occupies an enviable position compared with other cities. The figures quoted here cover the cost of city administration, the cost of schools and the provisions for the sinking funds and interest bearing debt, for the year 1905:

| | Debt. | Tax. | Debt. | Tax. |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Providence | \$52,000 | \$16.40 | Columbus | \$88,000 |
| St. Paul | 50,577 | 10.84 | Worcester | 12,450 |
| Rochester | 65,39 | 13.50 | Los Angeles | 62,100 |
| Kansas City | 67,90 | 15.33 | Omaha | 11,289 |
| | | | Syracuse | 68,03 |
| | | | | 14.29 |

Omaha citizens find little complaint with the fire and police protection afforded, yet the expense for this service is below that of almost every other city in the country. These tables show the per capita cost of fire and police service:

| | Police. | Fire. | Police. | Fire. |
|--------------|---------|-------|-------------|--------|
| Minneapolis | \$9,96 | 1.42 | Denver | \$1.40 |
| Indianapolis | 9,96 | 1.72 | Columbus | 1.05 |
| St. Paul | 10,06 | 1.88 | Worcester | 1.47 |
| Rochester | 11,17 | 2.27 | Los Angeles | 1.51 |
| Kansas City | 11,17 | 2.27 | Omaha | 1.15 |
| | | | New Haven | 1.43 |
| | | | Syracuse | 1.31 |
| | | | | 1.71 |

The number of policemen and firemen in the cities used for purposes of comparison is as follows:

| | Policemen. | Firemen. | Policemen. | Firemen. |
|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Minneapolis | 244 | 352 | Denver | 184 |
| Indianapolis | 252 | 248 | Columbus | 139 |
| St. Paul | 254 | 280 | Los Angeles | 216 |
| Rochester | 255 | 231 | Omaha | 94 |
| Kansas City | 261 | 237 | New Haven | 186 |
| | | | Syracuse | 227 |

Omaha's pride in its educational system is justified by the returns. The city makes liberal appropriations for school purposes and that amount is judiciously expended. Omaha compares well with other cities. The per capita cost of operation and maintenance of schools in the Ozark cities of the Omaha class for 1905 was as follows:

| | Policemen. | Firemen. | Policemen. | Firemen. |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Minneapolis | \$4,118,206 | \$8,462,951 | Denver | 1,72 |
| Indianapolis | 8,816,769 | 8,012,300 | Columbus | 1,05 |
| St. Paul | 5,221,887 | 5,221,887 | Worcester | 1.47 |
| Rochester | 8,035,842 | 8,284,231 | Los Angeles | 1.51 |
| Kansas City | 8,698,014 | 8,091,105 | Omaha | 1.15 |
| | 4,765,168 | 5,093,117 | New Haven | 1.43 |
| | | | Syracuse | 1.31 |
| | | | | 1.71 |

The per capita debt and taxation rates are always

| | Policemen. | Firemen. | Policemen. | Firemen. |
|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Minneapolis | 247 | 352 | Denver | 172 |
| Indianapolis | 252 | 248 | Columbus | 4.49 |
| St. Paul | 254 | 280 | Los Angeles | 5.66 |
| Rochester | 255 | 231 | Omaha | 4.44 |
| Kansas City | 261 | 237 | New Haven | 4.44 |
| | | | Syracuse | 4.67 |

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