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A Happy New Year TO ONE AND ALL

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31.—To the terrifying spec- caused by Monday's earth- been added the horror of the fear of a spread of the ruins of Messina, Reg- towns in Sicily and Cala- dles of the dead, which it ssible to extricate, while ousands of hungry and s throng the littered thor- rds are inadequate to ex- of the ruin and desola- tion that has overwhelmed Calabria and Sicily, where the earth's tremblings and fire and water have combined to change the smiling, verdant country into deserts. Messina exists no longer, and at least thirty years will be necessary to repair the ruin that nature's violence have wrought there.

As yet it has been found impossible to obtain any news of the fate of the little villages along the coast, many of which it is believed have been entirely wiped out.

At Work Burying Dead.

In many cases entire buildings have been swept out to sea and no trace of them remains. Flourishing villages have been wiped out of existence. In some of the smaller towns, such as Palmi, near Monteleone, the suddenness and the completeness of the catastrophe was overwhelming. Of the 14,000 people living at Palmi, only a few score are alive today. Yesterday 2,200 corpses were buried in the cemetery there. The survivors of Palmi, reinforced by rescuers from other points, and under the lead of soldiers and directors, are performing prodiges of valor. Many of them have been overcome by the awful conditions under which they are working.

The bishop of Mileto and other priests, with touching devotion and courage, have done much to preserve order by the example of calmness and self-denial they have given the people. They are busy carrying comfort and consolation to the dying and the bereaved.

The first of the survivors of Reggio to reach Catanzaro were so broken down by the shock of their experiences that it was almost impossible for them to give any connected account of the destruction of the city. They speak disconnectedly of whole districts swept away in a moment and entire families annihilated. Reggio remains isolated in ghostly desolation. The railroads and the foot paths through the surrounding country have been utterly destroyed, while the survivors lack food, water and medical supplies.

King Praises Relief Workers.

The visit of the king and queen of Italy to Messina and Reggio has aroused widespread enthusiasm.

In spite of the universal mourning and distress, the sovereigns were saluted when they disembarked by the firing of guns from the Italian and foreign warships at Messina. As the king and his party set foot on shore they were greeted with scenes of indescribable woe. His majesty spoke highly in praise of the Italian soldiers and the sailors from the foreign warships for their heroic work of rescue. He shook hands with several officers, saying it was his desire to be informed of every detail of their splendid work. Accompanied by Ministers Orlando and Bertolini, he visited both Messina and Reggio, spending several hours at each place. He visited personally every quarter of these cities, giving words of encouragement, praise and consolation.

Her majesty, the queen, talked with the wounded on board the ships in the harbor, comforted the women, spoke kindly to the children and promised assistance. Everywhere the visit of the sovereigns has imparted fresh impetus to the work of rescue.

Distribution of Food.

General Marazzi has divided the military forces working in Calabria province into two bodies. One is working on the Tyrrhenian coast and the other on the Ionian shore, and they are converging on Reggio. The troops are distributing rations to the starving people to the utmost limit of their resources.

The waters of the strait of Messina are covered with floating bodies of men and animals and all kinds of wreckage. The shores of the strait have become completely transformed in appearance. The light houses on the head lands have disappeared.

No News from Americans.

No news has been received of any of the Americans thought to be in the devastated district, excepting the Rev. David Sessums of New Orleans, and his daughter, Alice, who are safe at Rome.

It is reported that several Americans lost their lives in the wreck of a hotel at Messina. Ambassador Griscom is about to set out from Rome for the south in an endeavor to secure information concerning missing American travelers.

It is estimated that 100,000 people have fled from the desolated territory in fear of further convulsions.

The latest estimates of dead at Palmi and Bagnara are 10,000 and 12,000 respectively. Two thousand soldiers were killed at Reggio. Survivors say that for half an hour before the quake the heavens were filled with a gorgeous display of light resembling the Aurora Borealis. It is declared that an army of not less than 25,000 men will be needed to rescue the living who are still entrapped in the ruins and to bury the dead.

REGGIO, Dec. 31.—There is reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned by the tidal wave at Palmi. Three hundred of the soldiers' bodies already have been recovered.

Griscom Goes to Messina.

The Foreign office has completed final arrangements for Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, to leave Naples tomorrow on board an Italian steamer for Messina. Mr. Griscom's purpose is to

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, January 1, 1909.

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THE WEATHER.

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Snow Friday; rising temperature Friday.

For Nebraska—Snow Friday, with rising temperature.

For Iowa—Rising temperature and snow Friday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	9
6 a. m.	8
7 a. m.	7
8 a. m.	6
9 a. m.	6
10 a. m.	7
11 a. m.	9
12 m.	11
1 p. m.	12
2 p. m.	13
3 p. m.	14
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5 p. m.	15
6 p. m.	16
7 p. m.	16

FOREIGN.

The lack of food and early relief measures in proportion to the extent of the calamity in Italy has brought the people face to face with starvation. The American government dispatched a ship loaded with supplies for the Atlantic fleet to Messina yesterday. Relief measures are general over every civilized nation. **Page 1**

A disaffected Cretan fired a shot at the windows of the office of the French premier yesterday. **Page 1**

DOMESTIC.

Charles P. Taft yesterday gave way to Congressman Burton and he will be the next Ohio senator. Senator Foraker pulled out of the race as soon as Mr. Taft's withdrawal was announced. **Page 4**

Mrs. Anna Major was shot by a person who is not identified while she was in a family reunion consisting of thirty people. **Page 1**

Senator Hale says the senate committee has no intention of calling President Roosevelt to account for the secret service message after he is out of the presidency. **Page 1**

Testimony in the Hains case was given yesterday by the mother of the defendant, who said her son was physically weak in his childhood and subject to hysterics. **Page 2**

Interesting testimony was given yesterday at Philadelphia in the Beisel trial. **Page 2**

Warden Haskell of the Kansas penitentiary admitted yesterday that the crib and water cure were used as punishments in his administration. **Page 1**

The city prosecutor of Los Angeles has ordered that no more tips on the races be published by papers sold there. **Page 1**

Secretary Wilson says the foot and mouth disease has been controlled after an expense of $500,000. **Page 1**

The books of the Washington Life Insurance company have been removed from New York. **Page 1**

LOCAL.

New year is ushered in in Omaha with the usual noisy demonstrations and with many watch night parties and services in the churches. **Page 1**

Despite the cold wave, one thief with an eye to the future appropriated some electric fans. **Page 20**

Poultry men suggest the democratic legislature, among other reforms, pass a law to compel the Nebraska hen to stamp the day of all eggs deposited in the nest. **Page 5**

Some Omaha Italians receive news from friends in the stricken district, while the majority are still in the dark concerning the fate of loved ones. **Page 5**

The record for the year 1908 in Omaha shows a distinct advance for the city in all ways, social as well as material. The outlook for 1909 is encouraging to the belief that new records will be made in all ways. **Page 1**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 17**
Grain markets. **Page 17**
Stocks and bonds. **Page 17**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK		Adriatic.
NEW YORK		Kroonland.
NEW YORK		Lusania.
NEW YORK		Alice.
LIVERPOOL		Cymric.
BORDEAUX	California	
SOUTHAMPTON		Oceanic.
BOSTON		Devonian.
PLYMOUTH	Teutonic	
HAVRE	Sardinian	
ANTWERP		Mount Temple.

HAINS' MOTHER ON STAND

Testifies There Were Evidences of Weakness in Son Early in His Life.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 31.—In a story broken by frequent sobs, Mrs. General Peter C. Hains, mother of Thornton Jenkins Hains, told today, before the court and jury of the boyhood of Captain Peter C. Hains, jr., in which, she says, he showed signs of physical weakness.

Those evidences of weakness were the early signs, counsel asserts, of the mental condition that readily developed under the influence of revelations concerning his wife's alleged misconduct. Mrs. Hains broke down twice while telling her story. She was permitted to tell that she had suffered from hysteria. Concluding her testimony, the aged mother expressed the belief that her son, Captain Hains, was irrational.

General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., retired, also testified, saying that his father had died from insanity. He was still on the stand when recess was taken.

PEOPLE MURDER TO GET FOOD

Frightful Scenes Witnessed at Catania, Where Bands of Famished Men Roam.

CATANIA, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the ruins of the customs house. Bands of famished individuals were groping amid the debris in the hope of discovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell disembowsled in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child for whom he had sought food.

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Noisy Demonstrations on Streets and Whistles Add to Din.

MANY WATCH THE OLD YEAR OUT

Open House Today, With Special Services at the Y. M. C. A., and Also Services at Many of the Churches.

NEW YEAR'S PROGRAM.

New Year's Day—
Services in Catholic and Episcopal churches.
Y. M. C. A. reception in evening.
Amusements—
Special matinees and evening performances in all theaters.
"Little Johnny Jones," at the Boyd.
"The Prince Chap," at the Burwood.
Vaudeville at the Orpheum.
"Yon Yonson" at the Krug.
Postoffice hours—
General delivery until 10:30 a. m. and 6 to 7 p. m. Money Order department closed. Two carrier deliveries in business districts and one in residential. Collections as usual.
City hall, court house, federal building, army building and banks closed all day.

The year 1908 was set back into history at midnight last night when with the ringing of bells and the toots from whistles Omaha was made aware of the fact that another year had rolled by and a new one giving greetings. The form of entertainment was varied and consisted of theater parties, church services and a new plan at the leading cafes where many of the society people of Omaha gathered to listen to special programs of music as the old year was ushered out and the new year in.

The cold kept many off the streets in the downtown section, and the sight was considerably different from Christmas eve, when every thoroughfare was crowded. The special festival illuminations were all ablaze throughout the downtown district.

A varied list of events ushered in the new year here. While cheerful ones made Omaha howl with rattle of cowbells and crack of revolvers, there were watch-night services at Trinity Methodist church, Immanuel Baptist church, at the Union Gospel Mission, and a number of other denominations and at Trinity cathedral a midnight celebration of the holy communion.

The Young Men's Christian association, following its custom, will keep open house and members of the board of directors and their wives will receive tonight in the lobby on the first floor. Guests, which will include such of the general public as care to come, will be taken all through the building, where various forms of entertainment are provided.

Variety Spice of Program.

In the dormitories many of the roomers will receive guests in their own rooms. On the third floor a mandolin club will be located in the hall. Refreshments will be served in the cafe to all guests. A section in the educational department will be designated "The International Highway," rooms being decorated to represent various nations. Other rooms will contain calendars, posters and one exhibition will be a demonstration in electricity and wireless telegraphy by the Boys' Electrical club, under the leadership of Dr. Milliner. On the second floor, moving pictures will be in operation in the assembly room and in the boys' department.

The principal feature will be a debate on "The Best Country to Be Born In." Superintendent of Schools Davidson will preside at this debate and the following citizens have already consented to defend their native countries: For Ireland, J. C. Baldwin; Denmark, Waldemar Michaelsen; Canada, W. A. Smith; Scotland, Z. T. Lindsay; Scandinavia, John Steel; Russia, Dr. E. Holovtchiner; Germany, Alfred Marchner; United States, T. W. McCullough. These addresses will necessarily be short.

No Official Affairs.

New Year's day itself offers few large formal and official affairs. It being the Feast of the Circumcision, Protestant, Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches will have morning services. In the afternoon the theaters will all have special matinees and will be as crowded as Christmas afternoon, when all sold out, including all available standing room.

The watch night service at the Gospel mission Thursday evening was at 7:45. The service at Trinity Methodist began at 8 and lasted until after the year was born, but was broken up with a "social hour." At Immanuel Baptist service began at 9 p. m., and at Trinity the celebration of the Eucharist commenced at 11:30.

Miss Helen Sommer will play a violin solo at Temple Israel services Friday night. In honor of the new year Dr. Cohn will speak on "From Year to Year."

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Number of Postal Appointments in Nebraska, Iowa and Wyoming.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Carlo, Hall county, Sylvester Deffenbaugh, vice A. H. Shull, resigned; Cascade, Cherry county, Lizzie B. Keller, vice W. E. Cady, resigned; Foster, Pierce county, Wellington M. McConnell, vice Sherman S. Allen, resigned. Iowa—Hale, Jones county, Samuel W. Reyner, vice O. E. Walston, resigned; Massillon, Cedar county, Joe Ihns, vice H. R. Schulze, resigned; Promise City, Wayne county, Ernest A. Rea, vice W. W. Kinser, resigned. Wyoming—Stewart, Albany county, Ben P. Wigton, vice S. J. McNealey, resigned.

William S. Campbell has been appointed regular and Clarence Russell, substitute rural carrier for route 1 at Milton, Ia.

Major Richard W. Johnson of the medical corps is relieved from duty in Cuba and from further duty at Fort Crook and will proceed to St. Louis and assume charge of the medical supply depot in that city.

PRESIDENT TAKES DAY OFF

Chief Executive Enjoys Rest from Care at Home of Surgeon General Rixey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today is enjoying his only rest on the holiday season at the country estate of Surgeon General Rixey, of the Navy, near Cherrydale, Va., just across the Potomac river. He left the White house at an early hour today and behind a speedy span of bays was driven to the Rixey home where, removed from cares of state, he is passing the entire day rusticating in the manner of a private citizen.

The president probably will spend an hour or so in rifle practice and then after luncheon will go for a long tramp through the woods and, later on, for a ride upon one of his favorite horses.

READY FOR THE CUE.

From the New York World.

ATLANTIC FLEET TO RESCUE

Sixteen Battleships May Go to Aid Italy in Distress.

ORDER HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN

Only Question is Whether, Arriving in Middle of January, Vessels Can Be of Any Real Benefit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The United States naval supply ship Celtic sailed from this port today with $1,500,000 of navy rations for the Italian earthquake sufferers. The Celtic will go direct to Messina. The ship is loaded with the rations which were intended to supply the battleship fleet which is steaming around the world, but at the suggestion of Commander Harry McL. P. Huse of the Celtic and of Rear Admiral Goodwin the Navy department has authorized the delivery of the supplies to the destitute Italians and Sicilians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The great American battleship fleet, built for purposes of destruction, may after all have to go down in history as one of the greatest humanitarian agents in modern times. Not content with the outpourings of private charity, it is probable that the American government will direct this great fleet, away from its own maritime progress toward home, to the stricken city of Messina and the other Italian ports where devastation beyond the unaided efforts of the Italian people themselves to repair has been wrought by earthquake and tidal wave.

The matter of dispatching the fleet on this mission of mercy is now under consideration and a speedy decision in favor of such employment is expected.

The sixteen warships are now making their way through the Red sea and should arrive at Port Said on the eastern entrance of the Suez canal by Sunday. Here the ships will get orders by cable, if indeed they have not previously got in touch with their cable station with Port Said by wireless.

Ships' Supplies Are Low.

Supplies must be taken on, for the ships are just completing one of the longest legs of their remarkable voyage, namely, from Colombo to Suez, about 3,440 miles, or a distance greater than they will have to cover to cross the Atlantic. So the coal bunkers will be nearly empty when the ships make port. No emergency, however great, will warrant a warship in starting on a voyage without sufficient fuel supplies to make the next port, and as the distance from Suez on the western end of the canal is about 900 miles, the battleships must spend at least two days in the canal taking on coal. A full supply will be required, because it is quite certain that even the great commercial port of Messina is now no longer in position to supply fuel for marine use.

Then at least two days probably will be spent in passing the sixteen great ships through the Suez canal from the Red sea to the Mediterranean, and altogether the estimate made at the navigation bureau of the Navy department today was that the American fleet would reach Messina about January 15.

Some May Go Ahead.

Of course, it is possible that Admiral Sperry may decide to concentrate the activities of the coaling stations and the supply stores on the canal banks upon one or two of the swiftest of the ships and drive them ahead full speed to the scene of distress, in which case it might be possible for the advance guard to be on the ground by the 8th or 10th of January. Naturally, the question has arisen in the consideration of this projected relief movement whether the ships would arrive too late in the Italian ports to render any effective service. The decision of the department was that they could still do much good, for the experience of the government agents of the dreadful Mont Pelee disaster was that a great amount of work remained to be done even a month after the eruption, and that there was continued need for the issue of food supplies and of medical assistance and for police duty for many weeks thereafter.

Trained Workers at Hand.

With their 15,000 thoroughly disciplined American sailors, a splendid corps of medical officers and surgeons; with abundant supply of medicine and food, it is believed that the American fleet will still be a

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CRIB AND WATER CURE USED

Warden Haskell of Kansas Penitentiary Admits Their Use on Refractory Prisoners.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 31.—The "crib" and the water cure, until recently, have been used in the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing to subdue refractory prisoners, according to a statement made here last night by Warden W. H. Haskell at a preliminary meeting of a joint investigating committee appointed by the governors of Oklahoma and Kansas. The investigation is the outcome of charges made by Miss Kate Barnard, state inspector of prisons and charities of Oklahoma, who alleged that the prisoners of that state sent to the Kansas institution have been mistreated.

Warden Haskell spoke with feeling in defending the prison management and urged a full and prmopt investigation. Mr. Haskell said:

"The crib is something that has been in use here for a great many years, but which we have used little, and recently took it from the room where it was kept, as we thought the room more desirable for other purposes.

"The so-called water cure has been used only in a very few instances, and then only on incorrigible prisoners. It consists of handcuffing a man and confining him in a sitting posture and turning water on him from an ordinary garden hose. The water was never forced down his mouth, nor did it ever result in any physical injury, it always being used under the directions of the prison physician."

DISEASE NOW UNDER CONTROL

Foot and Mouth Infection About Eradicated from Four Quarantined States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"I believe we've about gotten the foot and mouth disease corralled," declared Secretary of Agriculture Wilson today. "No new outbreaks of the disease have been found since that which occured in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, on December 18," continued the secretary. "I want to emphasize, however, that we are letting up in our investigations very slowly, because if we did not, foreign countries migh quarantine against the whole United States, as they are very suspicious of getting the infection."

The department has had a force of 150 veterinarians and as many more non-professional men engaged in the work of eradicating the disease, the cost of which, it is estimated, will be fully 500,000, in the four states. The total number of animals slaughtered was 3,626, valued at $88,268, of which the federal government will pay two-thirds and the states affected one-third.

PEOPLE LIKE PURE FOOD ACT

Chemist Wiley Says New Law Has Met With Approval of Public Generally.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—That the influence and efforts of the leading scientists in the country will be concentrated in the effort to establish a national organization for the conservation of public health was demonstrated at today's meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. H. W. Wiley of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, read a paper. In speaking of the pure food law, he said:

"The general attitude of the public has been strengthened respecting this law so that it has the support of a more unified and enthusiastic public opinion. Add to this the almost unanimous support of the courts in all cases which have come before them and we see that the food and drugs act has been firmly established and will continue the good work in which so much has already been accomplished."

ARGUMENTS IN RATE CASE

Attorney General Hadley Will Speak After He is Inaugurated Governor.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Judge Smith McPherson of the federal court announced today that January 15 had been agreed upon as the date upon which arguments in the Missouri railroad rate cases will begin. Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general, who will make the leading plea for the state, will be inaugurated governor on January 11.

CLARK OUTLINES PLATFORM

Not in Favor of "Immediate" Payment of Bank Depositors.

STOECKER SENDS OUT CIRCULARS

Candidates for Speaker and Appointive Offices on Hand, but the Lay Members Still Keep Away from the Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Ralph Clark of Richardson county was among the candidates for speaker who arrived today and opened headquarters at the Lincoln.

"I am in favor of carrying out the platform pledges," said Mr. Clark, "and I am satisfied that is what the legislature will do."

In discussing the proposed bill for the guaranty of bank deposits, Mr. Clark said: "I am in favor of prompt payment of depositors in case of a bank failure, but I am not in favor of paying depositors before an investigation is made and the books checked over. If payment is made to depositors as soon as the bank closes its doors fraud may be perpetrated. For instance, a dishonest cashier may arrange with a confederate and give him a certificate of deposit, when the confederate has made no deposit. The next day the bank examiners pay that certificate and the two men meet and divide their spoils. I favor prompt payment of losses, but not until the books have been checked up and investigated."

Stoecker Writes to Members.

W. F. Stoecker of Omaha, candidate for speaker, has added to the joys of the season by his letter sent out to all the members soliciting support in his candidacy. Mr. Stoecker eliminates all but three candidates. But here is his letter, it speaks for itself:

OMAHA, Neb., Dear Sir: Considerable has been said in the newspapers as to the possibilities for speaker of the lower house, and it has finally come down to three good democrats, one who is considered to be a local county optionist and one who is in favor of the guaranty of bank deposits, with a deferred payment plan which will amount to as much as nothing, in my opinion, and I should rather take a man to be against such a measure, being not entirely for it. I put him down as being against it. While this party may think it good policy to place his faith as to success with the activeness displayed by the banking interests.

I want to say regarding myself as a candidate for the speakership, that I am absolutely opposed to local county option, and strictly in favor of a guaranty of bank deposits, with an immediate payment to depositors, if demanded by them, and no deferred payment plan as favored by other candidates for the speakership.

I am in favor of having the old plan of precinct assessor brought about again by electing.

This is my declaration to you regarding the principles I stand for without flinching. Under these and no other conditions will I accept the speakership, and should this agree with your principles, I would be proud of your support. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am, Yours respectfully, W. F. STOECKER.

A. H. Bowman of Nuckolls county came in this afternoon preceded by a big lobby composed of such stalwarts as W. W. Peebles, general agent and manager; R. D. Sutherland, G. W. Spohn, H. H. Mauk and George Felton. Mr. Bowman is also in favor of carrying out the party pledges.

Other Candidates Appear.

With all but one or two candidates for speaker on the ground, with only themselves and Mr. Bryan to work upon, comes the candidates for the lesser places. Comes first J. R. Hunter of Andrews. He asks for the office of secretary of the senate. He enters the race severely handicapped. Tacked onto his coat he has no certificate from the Bryon volunteers. He did not join that political organization. He did not contribute his $10 to help the Peerless One carry the great state of Nebraska. He was solicited, but refused to cough up. Now that is the story that is being circulated around the hotel lobby. And it is being talked by men who claim to know. So with such a handicap Mr. Hunter will have to jump a pretty good sized hurdle before he gets a lookin on the purse.

Then comes a boom—fairly good size—from South Omaha for Major J. M. Fowler for sergeant-at-arms of the house. This ex-police judge through his friends is getting some very favorable talk started in his behalf, and the fact that he is an old soldier and South Omaha is the home of Jeremiah

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BIG YEAR FOR OMAHA

Record for 1908 in All Lines Shows Increase.

MATERIAL GROWTH OF THE CITY

Banking, Jobbing and Manufacturing Make New Records.

BUILDING TOTAL RUNS UP HIGH

Real Estate Transactions Fall Behind Year Before.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO PROSPERITY

Figures Support Assertion of Growth in Social, Spiritual and Vital Lines as Well as Commercial and Industrial.

OMAHA'S 1908 RECORD.

	1908.	1907.
Bank clearings	$602,525,857	$567,515,738
Jobbing trade	92,227,000	88,046,000
Factory output	188,172,165	.....
Packing output	114,500,000	.....
Smelter output	34,935,235	47,400,571
Building permits	4,590,650	4,536,643
Public works	1,020,322	.....
Realty transfers	9,263,897	11,299,678
Live stock receipts, head:		
Cattle	1,036,570	1,158,716
Hogs	2,424,624	2,253,652
Sheep	2,105,802	2,033,777
Grain (bushels):		
Receipts	44,056,100	42,588,800
Shipments	34,781,500	43,767,000

Another year of growth for Omaha. Another array of figures to which the citizens will point with satisfaction, as showing the steady increase in wealth and importance of the city of their choice. In every way a distinct advance over the record of 1907, and a steady maintenance of all prestige formerly gained.

Most eloquent in the story, perhaps, is the showing made by the record of transactions of the clearing house banks. Although 1908 is certain to be catalogued as a year of general business depression, owing to the panic of 1907, and the disturbances resultant on the presidential election, in Omaha the volume of business, as shown by the totals of banking transactions, far exceeded that of 1907, and of any other year, save one, since the clearing house was established. A total volume of more than $600,000,000 in clearing house transactions, or above $2,000,000 a day for the business days of the year, is surely an encouraging showing, and indicates the immense amount of business that is done in Omaha.

Commercial and Industrial.

Jobbers and wholesalers show an increased volume of trade, their business being several millions greater during 1908 than the preceding year. The year witnessed a steady increase in the territory supplied by Omaha houses. Conservative merchants say that the trade would have been tremendously increased over 1907 figures but for the fact that all over the west, as in the east, the policy of buying for immediate consumption was followed. A great increase is anticipated for the coming year. The factory output, as well as that of the packing houses, is satisfactory, and shows a healthy activity. Omaha's importance as a manufacturing center was increased during the year by the establishment of two large cracker factories and the addition of milling facilities far beyond the former capacity of the city. The discrepancy in receipts and shipments of grain is very largely accounted for by the fact that much of that not sent out of town was used by the local millers.

Building and Real Estate.

In building, the year exceeded all, save one of the city's history, and very nearly approached that one. It was not thought likely that the record of 1907 would be equalled, but it was passed, proving that the growth of the city for that remarkably prosperous year was but normal. Building already projected for 1909 promises activity fully equal to the last year, and it is not improbable that a new record will be set in this regard. Real estate transactions were not so numerous in 1908 as in 1907, and yet the total volume of business done was very satisfactory. The sales were mostly of small lots of ground to home builders. The fact that fewer foreclosures were made during the year than in 1907 indicates the healthy condition that prevails in Omaha's real estate market.

Social and Vital.

Forty-seven new concerns in various lines opened their doors for business in Omaha, and these all report closing their first calendar year here with a good business. The social and vital statistics of the city are equally satisfactory with the commercial and industrial. More marriages and fewer divorces than for 1907; fewer fires and smaller losses, more births and fewer deaths; fewer arrests and less crime; more children in the public and private schools; prosperity among the churches and a general growth in all desirable ways is shown by the figures The Bee prints this morning. Altogether, the record is one the citizens may well feel proud of.

NO MORE TIPS ON THE RACES

Los Angeles City Prosecutor Issues Order that Will Affect Newspapers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31.—Nothing in reference to betting on horse races, tips as to probable winners or matters that in any way gives a comparative estimate of horses that have run or are to run in any race may hereafter be published in any newspaper or pamphlet placed on sale within the corporate limits of Los Angeles. This affects not only the Los Angeles daily newspapers and publications, but the San Francisco newspapers sold here, and any other publications giving tips and racing news relative to the betting. It also probably will cause the prohibition of the daily form chart, as gotten out by the racing association.

Such, in effect, is the order issued by Guy Eddie, city prosecutor, which went into operation today. Eddie has notified all the publications doing business here and informed the managements that violations would be prosecuted.

INSURANCE BOOKS REMOVED

Records of Washington Life of New York Said to Have Been Taken Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The books and policies of the Washington Life company of this city, which was recently sold to a group of men who own the Pittsburg Life and Trust company, have been removed from this city, according to Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey. The company had assets of $19,000,000 and $60,000,000 of insurance in force.