RAILROADS MAKE GOOD FIGHT

Recuperative Powers.

TWO DOZEN GO TO RECEIVERS

Lines Entering Nebraska Make Good Showing and Only One is Pinched Into Receivership During Year.

year just closed as much as they have in previous years, in fact the year 1908 will of road which for years was thorns in go down into history as the worst year for the railroads since the year 1891. While this is true for the entire country, the railroads entering Omaha, the leading ones of the middle west, have pulled through the financial troubles better than roads of any other section of the country and but one of the number has been forced into the hands of a receiver. Very few railroads have been able to show a gain

In spite of the financial depression and railroad managers states over a year ago that no new work would be done, the western lines have managed to take many improvements and none of the roads has been permitted to take any backward steps.

Some Large Figures. Reports show that during the year 3,214 miles of new line have been built in this country, representing an expenditure of \$130,000,000, the smallest amount since 1994, tional work and enlargement or beautifiwhen but 2,832 miles were built. East of cation of houses of worship, shows that the Mississippi river 761 miles of new track the churches of Omaha partook of the genwere laid in 1908 as compared with L884 eral advance all along the line which the miles in 1907, a loss of 59 per cent. West city experienced during the year. of the Mississippi river the decrease was Of new church building there was little

the Nothern Pacific thirty-one.

To the Milwaukee belongs the distinction of building the longest stretch of track in the United States. That road built 7:0 miles throught the states of Montana, Idaho and Washington. The Southern Pacific takes second rank with 448 miles, and the Great Northern third with 274 miles, In Canada, 1,248 miles of new track were iaid and in Mexico 435 miles, which is an increase over the preceding year of 23 per cent.

The number of cars ordered during the year was 75,688 as compared with 153,502 in 1907 and the number of cars built wan 78,271 which is but 27 per cent of the number built in 1907. The total amount ordered during the year was practically \$300,000,000 including 62,000 freight cars, 13,000 passenger coaches and 11,314 locomotives. This is small in comparison with last year when the figures were 151,711 freight cars, 1,791 at Twenty-fourth and Pinckney, having amounting to about \$50,000. This decrease in orders of equipment is taken as a good indication of the decrease in business and are a reflex of business

Two Dozen Receiverships.

Twenty-four receiverships for railroads were made necessary in the year just closed and the mileage and capitalization of the roads going into the hands of receivers was greater than for any year

The total mileage of the roads going into the hands of receivers in 1908 was 8,009 and the capital stock of these roads was \$325,-250,000 their funded debt was \$271,000,000 and their total outstanding capitalization was \$596,359,000. In 1893 the mileage of roads going into receiverships was 29,340 and the capitalization was \$1,781,046,000. The year 1893 was the most disastrous in the history of American railroading and the next worst year was in 1884 when an aggregate of 11,038 miles of road became insolvent.

The number of roads becoming insolvent in 1908 was greater than for any year since 1896. The principal roads which went into receivership last year and their mileage tions were 352 men out of 1,881 applications were: Seaboard Air Line, 2,611; Chicago for enlistment. Great Western, 818; Detroit, T and Ironton, 438; Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, 284; International & Great Northern, 1.106; Western Maryland, 543; Wabash-Pittsburg. terminals, 60; Wheeling and Louisville, 422; Western, 580.

Roads Fast Recovering.

ing a bigger business than ever, but are substations: preparing to do some extensive building during the coming year. One of the move contemplated is for the Union Pacific to connect Omaha with Kansas and Kansas City by a short line of rails and good train service. This will be done either by the Union Pacific building a new line between Omaha and Lincoln or by using Rock Island tracks between Omaha and Lincoln. With the completion of the Topeka and Northwestern last year the Union Pacific now has a good line between Lincoln and Kansas City and all that is needed to permit the Overland to put on fast service between Omaha and Kansas City is a line allowed complement of enlisted personnel between Omaha and Lincoln.

In forcing the Great Western into the hands of a receiver, the year just closed has again put one of the prominent figures | Kidney Remedy at the first sign of kidney of the railroad world into harness. Horace or bladder trouble if you realized that G. Burt, former president of the Union neglect might result in Bright's disease bondholders of the Great Western to look rects irregularities and cures all kidney over that road to see if it was worth re- and bladder disorders. For sale by all building. He was then made one of the re- druggists.

ceivers and word now comes forth that he is to be the new president of the road. That Mr. Burt would accept the presidency Come Out of Depression with Great ention that the bondholders will furnish Many Changes in Personnel of the some money to rebuild the road which cons are commercial centers of the middle

C. & S. Deal Changes Map.

The railroad map of the west was road by the Hill interests and this move is now taken as a forerunner of another battle for possession of territory by those great railroad kings, Hill and Harriman. The purchase of the Colorado & Southern by Railroads have not prospered during the the Burlington marks the finish of the independence of all the north and south lines The shorter mileage to the gulf gave these roads a chance at any time to make a lesser rate to the gulf than the through lines could make to the seaboard to the east or west and thus upset the fabric of

The Union Pacific is the pioneer in the west in the matter of automatic block signals and last year continued the work of spending millions for protection in spite of the financial depression. More than 900 the lack of business and the fact that the year and it is expected this will be increased to 2,000 during the coming year.

TRIAS.

CHURCHES HAVE A GOOD YEAR

Not So Many New Buildings Erected. but General Prosperity is Realized.

Growth in numbers, in extent of institu-

much less, being but 3 per cent, the roads compared to the amount of construction building 2,465 miles, against 3,420 miles in for business and residential purposes. This is not significant, however, of a lack of Montona had the greatest amount of new churchly prosperity, because the city had building as the Great Northern built 161 already built so many large and handsome miles in that state, the Milwaukee 395, and churches, built mainly with an eye to the future, that time will be needed before

their capacity is outgrown. There are some notable exceptions to this statement, nevertheless. Largest of new Omaha. churches building is the new Roman Catholic cathedral, St. Cecilia. This structure, which will be an architectural gain to the city as well as an index of the strength of the given demnomination, will have been cavalry. completed before another twelve-month cycle is completed.

of Christ Scientist has progressed to the only about ten days ago. point that excavation has been nearly completed. The general plans for this have been formally adopted, though the main the post to about \$40,000. Congress was points are established. It is expected that still in session at the time and an approthe contracts for this building, which will priation of \$50,000 was hurriedly secured be of the "church auditorium" style, will for the rehabilitation of the post. Other

soon be let. during the year into a new church home repairs necessitated from the tornado, built there an unusually handsome edifice somewhat similar in design to the exteriors of many public libraries. St. Mark's Lutheran church members also spent the year n a new house of worship. The First Lutheran Evangelical is now engaged in building a new school house at Twentieth and Elm streets.

In an institutional way nearly every congregation or parish in Omaha broadened or intensified its activities. Some do this more formally than other, but all are devoted to good works with the pastor, rector or minister at the head. In eelymosynary and philanthropic labors the year 1907 shows a greater amount of effort than ever before and a corresponding increase

NAVY EXAMS HARD TO PASS About One-Fifth Who Apply Are Recruited for the

Secured for the United States navy at the Omaha recruiting station and its substa-

The causes for rejection were mostly for physical defects, these consisting of poor color sense, flat feet, bad teeth and hernia, The other causes for rejection were noncitizenship, floating applicants unable to The railroads are fast recovering from Following is a summary of the enlistments

	No. of Appli- Station, cants.	Rejected for Phy- slcal Caus	Rejected for Other e. Cause.	En-
)	OMAHA1,337	257	787	193
,		89	50	. 7
	Stoux City 156	81	40	75
	Sioux Falls. 99 Hastings 76	41	11	29
1	Handings 10		207	
	Totals1,881	611	918	75

the year as follows: Hastings....6 months Sioux Falls..4 months Sioux City...2 months Lincoln......2 months Enlistments were suspended for two months during the year by order of the POLICE MAKE GOOD RECORD bureau of navigation on account of th being up to the full allowance.

You would not delay taking Foley's Pacific, was first selected by the English or diabetes. Foley's Kidney Remedy cor-

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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Military Staff.

YEAR OF VITAL IMPROVEMENTS

purchase of the Colorado & Southern rail- Congress Makes Large Appropriations, Quartermaster's Depot is Expanded and Signal Corps Made More Important.

> The year was one of many changes in the personnel of the military staff of the Department of the Missouri.

Brigadier General Charles Morton was in emporary command of the department for over a year, succeeding the late Brigadier General T. F. Wint. Brigadier General William H. Carter, who was assigned tha permanent command of the department over a year ago, did not enter upon the

command until December 12. Other changes during the year in the personnel were: Major Chase W. Kennedy, succeeding Major Charles R. Noyes as adjutant general; Major Jacob G. Galmiles were equipped in this country last braith, succeeding Major Loyd S. McCormick as inspector general; Major D. E. McCarthy, succeeding Major Cruse as chief quartermaster; Lieutenant Colonel Frank F. Eastman, succeeding Captain T. B. Hacker as chief and purchasig commissary; Lieutenant Colonel Will-Evans, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Alferd C. Sharpe as chief of staff; Major Herbert D. Lord, succeeding Major George T. Holloway as chief paymaster; Lieutenant Colonel William B. Davis, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel John M. Banister as chief surgeon; Captain Fred E. Buchan, succeding Captain William G. Donne as judge advocate of the department, and Captain John L. Hines, suceeding Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Swobe as assistant to the chief quartermaster and quartermaster in charge of the quartermaster depot in Omaha.

One Death in the Year.

There has been but one death among the army officers stationed in and near Omaha during the year, that of First Lieutenant Otto B. Grimm of the signal corps at Fort

Only one regimental change was made in the department. The Sixth United States cavalry was sent to the Philippines and succeeded at Fort Meade by the Fourth The only post abandoned in the depart

ment was old Fort Washakie, Wyo., its The \$100,000 church for the First Church abandonment having been accomplished In May last a tornado visited the vicinity

of Fort Crook and succeeded in damaging improvements have been made at Fort The members of Immanuel Baptist moved Crook during the year in addition to the

Significant Improvements.

The big balloon house and hydrogen gas stables will reach another \$50,000. Exten-Kan., and at Fort Mackenzie, Wyo., and and, excepting January, 1880, was the for a new water system at Fort Meade. S. D., aggregating a total of \$500,000. All eight years.

Supply Depot Larger.

ance of the quartermaster depot at Omaha, years. quartermaster depots of the country. under 18 years of age being unable to se- proximately about \$30,000, but under the north, on February 18. cure the consent of parents or guardians, new order the supplies to be bought here. The most remarkable feature of the year expenditure of \$75,000.

Of equal importance to the purchase of monthly purchase of commissary supplies, which will reach the sum of \$25,000, and during the year special purchases are made of cured meats for the use of the army in the Philippines, Alaska and other insular possessions of the country which will reach the possession which will be possession to the possession that the poss Subrecruiting stations were closed during the Philippines, Alaska and other insular over \$500,000 annually.

Larger Force More Nearly Able to Cope with Big Task Before Department.

A substantial increase in the strength of the police force and the continuance of high standards of discipline and efficiency marked the year just closed as a successful and entirely creditable one. Pifty-one men were added to the force.

There are 109 patrolmen, as against sixtyeight in 1907.

The percentage of stolen property recovcunting a drummer's trunk containing worth of stolen property has been recovered. About \$33,560 worth of property was reported stolen during the last twelve covered last year was about 66 per cent, of the \$40,000 worth of jewelry, in which 100 per cent was recovered. The police at North Platte. officers are not counting it in their annual right that they should, it would make their percentage so high that other police departments would not believe them. And they also modestly say that it was too cay a job, anyway.

Crime and criminals have been checked and punished to about the same extent as in previous years. There have been five murders, as against four in 1907, but, on the other hand, more fugitives from justice have been apprehended this year. Of the latter, amounting to M2 altogether, 112 were taken on criminal charges, twentyeight were runaway children and four

were insane persons. The five victims of murderers during the ear were: Giuseppi Fiorenza, the Italian brutally murdered and robbed on the river bottoms; Hattie Ruthburn, killed by her husband, who committed suicide; Edna Kennett, shot by a disappointed lover; Eva Hart, shot by Sewell Sleuman, who then killed himself, and a supposed holdup man who entered a lower Farnam street sulcon

all the tragedies ever enacted in Omaha. One point on which the police deserve credit is their ability to handle crowds and carry on their work without outside help during carnivals and conventions. In almost all other cities assistance is naked from nearby cities at such times.

The following figures show the comparative work of the police department during the fast two years;

Į.	The state of the s	1908.	1907.
ı	Accidents reported	266	20%
١	Arrests made	9,806	10,010
ı	found open	191	165
l	Dead bodies reported and	6	7
ŝ	taken to the morgue	77	81
1	Destitute persons cared for	64	55
1	Fires attended	249	157
1	Insane persons cared for		71
1	Lost children taken to par-	2,288	1,661
١	Number of calls for patrol	39	40
1	Number of miles traveled by	5,090	B,076
1	Number of calls for ambu-	5,075	7,658
	Number of miles traveled	83	57
	by ambulance Number of meals furnished	400	295
1	prisoners at city jail	36,960	37,776
1	Nuisances and dead animals	9	
	Packages stolen, property	618	609
d	recovered	744	728
2)	Sick and injured persons ta-	1,498	1,341
l.	Sick and injured persons	65	78
	sick and injured persons taken to police station and	377	171
	cared for	114	113
6	Stray teams cared for	101	85
	Stray horses taken up	67	24.0
	Suicides reported	20	24
	Suicides attempted	21	16
	Shooting affrays	23	11
i	Stabbing affrays	41	25
ř.	Turned over to juvenile of-	200	

Amount of stolen property reported \$33,500 \$26,728.85 ount of stolen property \$22,000 \$16,907.00 In police annals South Omaha has recorded six violent murders, all of which were in a degree more than usually shocking. The murdered men were: Frank Kohanowski, stabbed by Mike Panjevich January 2, 1908; Detective Simon Drummy, shot by William Jones, February 15; Dan F. Banner, shot by Mrs. Atta Banner July 20; John Wrede, shot by Gerald Schofield, and George L. Bond, May 22; J. W. Chenault, killed with a hatchet by Laura K. Porter, November 22.

WEATHER IS NEARLY NORMAL

Annual Mean Temperature is Fifty-Two, or Two Degrees Above Average.

The following summary of the weather conditions at Omaha during the year 1908, up to and including December 28, was taken from the records of the local office of the United States weather bureau:

The annual mean temperature was 52 de-

grees, or two degrees above the normal. The highest temperature recorded was 96 degrees, on August 3. This date was also the warmest of the year, the mean for the day being 86 degrees. The lowest temperatur recorded was 3 degrees below zero, on Appropriations to the amount of nearly December 7. The occurrence in December \$750,000 have been made for extensive addi- of the lowest temperature was remarkable, tions to Fort D. A. Russel, Wyo., and as it usually occurs during January or Febabout \$150,000 for additions to Fort Robin- ruary. The lowest temperature recorded previous to December 7 was 1 degree below zero, on February 1, and, while the plant at Fort Omaha were completed at a lowest temperature occurred on December 7. cost of \$150,000, and other new buildings the actual coldest day was February 1 at that post, including the bakery and with a mean of 4 degrees above zero, the quartermaster store houses, sheds and mean of December 7 being 13 degrees above zero. January was unusually warm, the sive appropriations were made for new mean temperature of the month being 30 buildings at Forts Leavenworth and Riley, degrees, or 10 degrees above the normal, warmest January during the last thirty-

The total precipitation to December 28 was 27.10 inches, or 3.48 inches less than In addition to the extensive building and average annual precipitation at Omaha during the last thirty-six years. The heaviest repair work at these posts, there was expended through the office of the chief inches on July 5 and 6. The heaviest fall quartermaster of the department during of short duration occurred on June 27, the year for forage about \$500,000 and a like when 1.33 inches fell in forty-three minutes. The heaviest snowfall of the year was twelve inches on February 17 and 18. The provision was made by the War de- being the heaviest fall of snow occurring partment for largely increasing the import- in February during the last thirty-eight

placing it in rank with the five other big Hourly wind velocities of forty miles per your or more were recorded on four sep-Hitherto the annual expenditures for sup- arate days. The highest velocity recorded Southern Indiana, 237, and the Norfolk & give an account of themselves and minors plies for the Omaha depot have been ap- was forty-four miles per hour, from the

for issue will reach the sum of \$150,000 was the heavy monthly rainfalls that octhe depression of 1906 and are not only do and rejections at Omaha and the other per year. Contracts are now pending for curred in May and June. The total fall the first six months installment of quar. during these months was 15.37 inches, or termaster stores, which will call for an more than one-half of the entire precipitation during the year.

The following table shows the normal and



LAND CASES MOST DRAMATIC

Yeast, Baird and Edmisten Principal Important Defendants in United States District Court.

During the year 1908, fifty-three criminal and civil cases were disposed of in the United States district court at Omaha Of All Vocations These Lose More There were but few important criminal ered during the year is remarkable. Not cases and three of these were land cases The first was the case of the United about \$40,000 worth of jowelry, which was States against Perry A. Yeast, convicted stolen, taken out of the city, located and of conspiracy in land transactions, who returned along with the thief, within a of conspiracy in land transactions, who few hours by the detective force, \$22,000 was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve three months' imprisonment. Fred- fered a heavier blow at death's hand durconths. The percentage of property re- yet been sentenced, his case pending a pos- Judges Joel N. Cornish and Isaac S. Hassible motion for a new trial. James H which is considered high for any police Edmisten entered a plea of guilty to fraus spectively, while the attorneys summ force. This does not count the single case dulent land transactions and is now serving included John N. Baldwin, who died April

Following is a summary of the work of report for the reason that, although it is the district court during the year 1908 as Rustin September 2, is still vivid in compared with preceding years:

> ...136 55 Criminal and Civil Cases disposed of none whose death was more widely The number of bankruptcy cases filed mourned than that of Alfred Darlow, who during the year as compared with the two oled October 12. A younger man whose preceding years: 24

during the year. The most important of these cases are those against Patrick J. and Lawrence E. King, in the Chicago Ranch matter, and in which one of the defendants, F. S. Baird, has already been convicted.

The year 1908 was not especially prolific Cleaveland, who died the tenth of last and threatened the bartender. This does of important cases in the United States month, Mrs. George Heimrod, wife of the not include the case of Dr. Frederick Rus- circuit court. Only eighty-four cas a were consul at Berne, whose end came two tin, whose case is considered as suicidal instituted in this court during the year, months ago in the Swiss capital. by the police. It was the most famous of but none of these were out of the ordinary. The death of only one clergyman

LAW AND MEDICINE SUFFER MOST

Representatives - Alfred Darlow One of Keen Pub-He Losses. The law and medical professions suf-

crick S. Baird was convicted of conspiracy ing the year just over than did the merin the Chicago Ranch case. He has not cantile world or other occupations. Former ca'l died on June 7 and January 17, rea sentence of three months imprisonment 15; Charles E. Clapp, March 14, and Albert Swartzlander, July 15. Of the medical profession the tragic death of Dr. Frederick memory. Other physicians and surgeons iaid at rest were W. H. Christie, May 27; 106 19; Peter von Lockum, February 13.

Grim Reaper Removes Several Promi-

nent in Local Affairs.

useful life was prematurely cut short was George H. Palmer, only son of Captain H. 84 E. Palmer, 18 Cmaha ic Gmaha lost many good women in the

... 97 29 1:5 year of grace, 1968. Prominent among these There are still pending about thirty land was Mrs. Harriet Pritchard, daughter of cases which it is intended to dispose of A. J. Hanscom, who gave the park bearing his name to the city. Mrs. Pritchard, who was recognized as one of Omaha's foremost hostesses and social leaders, was the mother of Mrs. John L. Kennedy. Among the good women gone during the year were Mother Mary Powers, mother superior at Mt. Carmel, Mrs. Katherine

C. Pennock, who passed away June 23. 13, in Italy; George E. Basset, contractor Robert E. Allen, a real estate dealer, was February 17; W. N. Bucknum, general summoned February 7, Edward Stringer agent Pennsylvania lines. April 27; Nichand O. M. Underhill, who were engaged clas Bainbridge, grain dealer, October 15; in the same business, died October 15 and T. A. Connors, grain dealer, Septem-September 15 respectively; George W. ber 13; R. L. Davies, newpaper man, June Forbes, November 9; Thomas F. Johnson, 20; C. H. Paul, dentist, October 5; Arthur September 14; Charles McMeneny, Decem- H. Sheetz, Insurance, April 18; Churchill Other deaths of prominent men were as W. E. Findley, architect, December 24.

Parker, former councilman, February 7:







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