

RAILROADS MAKE GOOD FIGHT

Come Out of Depression with Great Recuperative Power.

TWO DOZEN GO TO RECEIVERS

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

Railroads have not prospered during the year just closed as much as they have in previous years. In fact the year 1908 will go down into history as the worst year for the railroads since the year 1891.

In spite of the financial depression and the lack of business and the fact that the railroad managers status over a year ago that no new work would be done.

Some Large Figures.

Reports show that during the year 2,214 miles of new line have been built in this country, representing an expenditure of \$150,000,000, the smallest amount since 1904.

Montana had the greatest amount of new building as the Great Northern built 351 miles in that state, the Milwaukee 286, and the Northern Pacific thirty-one.

To the Milwaukee belongs the distinction of building the longest stretch of track in the United States. That road built 70 miles through the states of Montana, Idaho and Washington.

The number of cars ordered during the year was 76,688 as compared with 153,402 in 1907 and the number of cars built was 75,271 which is but 27 per cent of the number built in 1907.

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 since 1892.

The total mileage of the roads going into the hands of receivers in 1908 was 8,000 and the capital stock of these roads was \$25,000,000.

Roads Fast Recovering.

The railroads are fast recovering from the depression of 1908 and are not only doing a bigger business than ever, but are preparing to do some extensive building during the coming year.

NAVY EXAMS HARD TO PASS

Only About One-Fifth Who Apply Are Rejected for the Sea.

Secured for the United States navy at the Omaha recruiting station and its sub-stations were 252 men out of 1,881 applications for enlistment.

Police Make Good Record

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

Land Cases Most Dramatic

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

Death Claims Its Number

Grim Reaper Removes Several Prominent in Local Affairs.

Law and Medicine Suffer Most

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DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

Many Changes in Personnel of the Military Staff.

YEAR OF VITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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 temporary command of the department for over a year, succeeding Brigadier General T. W. Wint.

Other changes during the year in the personnel were: Major Chase W. Kennedy, succeeding Major Charles R. Noyes as adjutant general.

CHURCHES HAVE A GOOD YEAR

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

Growth in numbers, in extent of institutional work and enlargement or beautification of houses of worship, shows that the churches of Omaha partook of the general advance all along the line which the city experienced during the year.

Of new church building there was little compared to the amount of construction for business and residential purposes.

There are some notable exceptions to this statement, nevertheless. Largest of these churches building is the new Roman Catholic cathedral, St. Cecilia.

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 Omaha.

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 degrees, or two degrees above the normal. The highest temperature recorded was 86 degrees, on August 2. This date was also the warmest of the year, the mean for the day being 86 degrees.

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Start the New Year Right by resolving to "boost" for Omaha and Nebraska and to patronize "Home Industry" by always calling for Metz Beer. Includes a large illustration of a beer bottle and a glass.

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