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THREE KILLED, FORTY-FIVE HURT

California Special on the Rock Island is Wrecked Near Trenton, Missouri.

CARS BURNED LIKE TINDER

Only One Sleeper and an Observation Car Remain on Track.

BODIES ARE BADLY BURNED

Number of Injured Rescued After Fire Scorches Clothing.

VICTIMS SUFFER INTENSELY

Wreck Occurs Two Miles from Station and Ground is Covered with Deep Snow—Alarm Sent by Telephone from Farmhouse.

TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three people, two of whom are women, were killed, and at least forty-five injured, when the Rock Island passenger train No. 2, the "California special," was wrecked two miles south of here at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, although it is thought to have been caused by spreading rails. While the train was running at a high speed the engine and tender suddenly left the track and plunged over a five-foot embankment. They were quickly followed by two baggage cars, a mail car, a tourist car and a Pullman sleeper. Of the entire train, but a sleeper and an observation car remained on the track.

Cars Burn Like Tinder.

While passengers in the wrecked cars were struggling to escape from the debris, fire started. The cars burned like tinder. The three people who lost their lives were badly burned. Scores were rescued after the flames had scorched their clothing or burned their flesh. Many were pinioned under the wreckage and begged piteously to be released before the fire reached them.

David Siegel of Cleveland, O., was held for an hour while the flames burned within a few feet of him. He instructed the rescuers to carry water from the tank of the engine and put out the fire nearest his body. This was done and eventually he was rescued, although he will lose an arm.

Heroic rescues were numerous. Men and women who escaped from the cars by kicking out windows or breaking down doors quickly rushed back into the burning wreckage to rescue their less fortunate fellow passengers. At the risk of their own lives they carried the burned, maimed and bleeding to places of safety.

Wreck in Desolate Spot.

Happening as it did far from a station and more than half a mile from a farm house, the wreck caused in a most desolate spot. Not a building of any kind was near the wreck.

The ground was covered with snow and a raw wind was blowing. Thrown into the open air, with but a small portion of their clothing, even those who escaped injury in the wreck suffered terribly. But the strong readily sacrificed everything for the weak. Men gave up their coats to the women and children and injured. Women tore strips from their clothing to make bandages for the wounded.

As many injured as room could be made for were placed in the two cars that remained on the track. Others stood about bonfires made of portions of the wreck until a relief train arrived.

Farmer Gives Alarm.

A farmer gave the alarm. He called the Trenton office, which is a division point, and a relief train was quickly made up. The most seriously injured were taken to a hotel in Trenton. Another relief train took twenty of the injured and the uninjured passengers to Kansas City, Mo. All passengers were provided with tickets to their destinations at that point.

At first it was believed that at least a dozen people had been killed. But tonight practically all of the wreckage has been cleared away and but three bodies have been found.

A rigid investigation of the cause of the wreck is to be made. A coroner's inquest will be started here tomorrow. Rock Island officials have already started an inquiry to determine the cause of the wreck.

Thirty-Four Are Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—One of the women killed in the Rock Island wreck at Trenton, Mo., was Mrs. Gertrude Barnes of Armourdale. The other woman so far has not been identified.

All told thirty-four persons were injured, according to the Rock Island officials here.

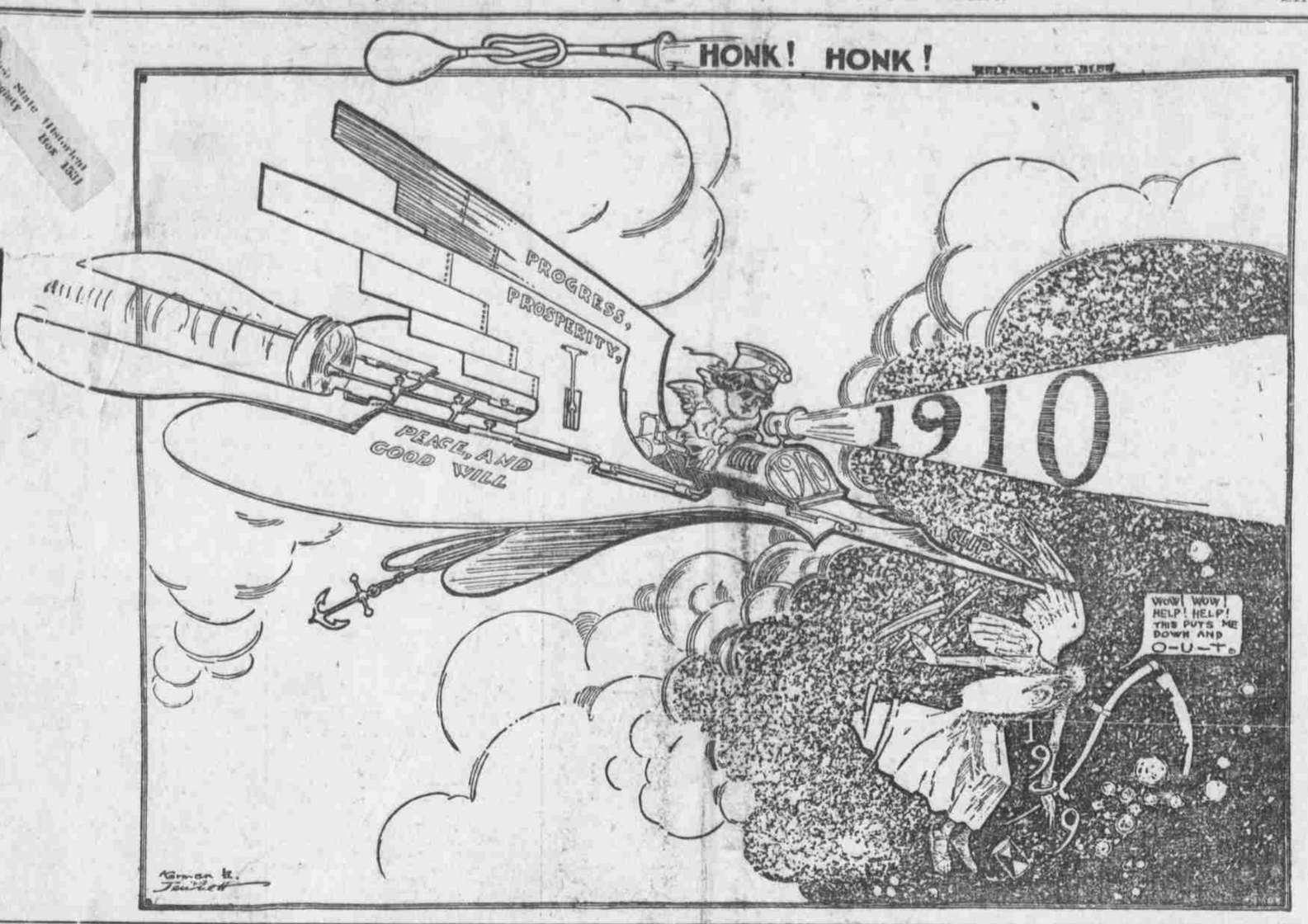
The following list of injured was given out by the officials:

F. H. Bargh, Ishpeming, Mich.
R. A. Farley, Lansing, Mich.
J. W. Campbell, Hutchinson, Kan.
Child of Mrs. F. P. Lyon, Phoenix, Ariz.
P. S. Swartz, San Diego, Cal.
R. A. Wietzke, Los Angeles, Cal.
G. W. Gooding, Iola, Kan.
Mrs. Drusilla Knapp, Adrian, Mich.
George E. Bernard, E. Bernard and Lucien Ledford, mail clerks, all of Kansas City, Mo.
William S. Vinston, Ottumwa, Ia.
M. Porcupile, Parkersburg, Ia.
Steve Howard, Cherokee, Okl.
Michael Flynn, Antigo, Wis.
F. E. McMeans, Davenport, Ia., postal clerk.
W. L. Cline, Rock Island, Ill., postal clerk.
Mrs. M. Schriedewind, Imperial, Cal.
L. Briggs, Chicago, baggageman.
Morris Hartsburg, Chicago, cook.
Gus Carlson, Chicago, chef on dining car.
W. O. Williams, Chicago, dining car conductor.
Mrs. C. J. Foreman, St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Anna Schalienberger, Nichols, Ia.
Dr. Fanny Schaffer, Centerville, Ia.
J. E. Medelsohn, Boston.
Julius Medelsohn, Boston.
J. L. Blankenship, Dallas, Tex.
Frederick Harver, waiter on diner.
W. J. Mills, waiter.
E. Davis, waiter.
Lloyd E. Lefercer, cook.
Claude Descendorn, Marysville, Kan.
A. S. Clemens, conductor, badly bruised.

BOY KILLED WHILE HUNTING

Accidentally Shot by Discharge of a Shotgun in the Hands of His Brother.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Francis, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Steever, was killed Thursday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his brother, George, aged 14 years, while out hunting rabbits on his father's farm near Stromsburg. There were three boys in the crowd and the accident happened when the boy who was killed had leaned forward to pick up an animal that he had just shot. The father and mother were away from home when the accident happened.



NO PEACE WITH MADRIZ

General Estrada Firm in Stand Against Zelayan Partisans.

HOLDS CONGRESS WITHOUT POWER

Insurgent Leader Says He Will Never Recognize President Chosen by Illegal Body—Truce Only Government Scheme.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 31.—General Estrada remains firm in his determination not to recognize the presidency of Madriz. He holds that the election of the latter by congress was illegal and that the people of Nicaragua have not spoken. He has refused the offers of peace, through compromise, from Managua and is continuing preparations for a campaign against the capital.

Today the proposed attack on Greytown is under discussion.

General Mena has arrived at Chile after capturing a number of the government soldiers and a supply of ammunition. The prisoners with their supplies were on their way to reinforce General Gonzelas, when the battle at Becreo was fought.

The recent representations by Madriz are viewed here as intended to delay the eastward march of the insurgents. If Madriz had this purpose it has been frustrated. On December 22, Madriz appraised Estrada of the former's assumption of the presidency under an act of congress. He required that the insurgent commander suspend hostilities pending the arrival of commissioners appointed at Managua to seek a way to a permanent peace.

The message was received with skepticism, as every move by Madriz is regarded here with suspicion. It is remembered that his truces preceding the battle of Rama were merely time-killers, while the government troops were awaiting the hoped-for arrival of food and ammunition. His latest proposal was viewed similarly.

On Christmas day General Estrada replied, refusing to stop fighting, but promising to receive Madriz's commissioners, should they come here and have anything to say. They will be informed that peace in Nicaragua is impossible while Madriz or any other person holds or seeks office under the authority of a congress illegally constituted.

Estrada's letter or reply to Madriz was shown to a representative of the press. Its contents admit of but one construction—Estrada is determined that no vestige of the Zelayan regime shall remain in the government of Nicaragua and peace is possible under no other terms. Madriz and the congress, which elected him are regarded as Zelayan in sentiment and intent.

DEADLOCK STILL EXISTS AT THE HOMESTAKE MINE

Men Signing Nonunion List Posted as Traitors—No Sign of Resumption of Work.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The unions made another move in the Homestake lockout trouble by posting notices containing the names of forty-nine men whom it alleged had violated their obligations by signing the Homestake non-union list. The lists are headed "Traitors to the Working Class, Bulletin No. 1," and were widely placarded about the city. They attracted considerable attention, but are not expected to lead to any other result. The notices set forth that he men mentioned had "lost the respect and confidence af all honorable men."

For several weeks a persistent rumor has been in circulation that the company intended resuming operations about January 1, but as the year is over and no preparatiosn have been made, it is evident that the company has no intention of re-opening in the near future. In fact, the best posted business men and those in closest touch with the situation here declare that it will be easily six months before the Homestake turns a hand toward resumption of work. The management has made it plain that no compromise is to be made and that it is content to bide its time until conditions become more settled and it is generally understood that it will manage its own affairs and employ such men as it sees fit.

Elopement, Not Suicide, Back of De Janon Case

Sixteen-Year-Old New York Heiress Believed to Have Run Away with Waiter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—While private detectives and city police have not yet found Roberta E. DeJanon, the 16-year-old heiress who strangely disappeared from Philadelphia on Wednesday, they have discovered facts which lead them to believe she came directly to this city, instead of committing suicide, as she had intimated in letters to her grandfather and to her father, Ferdinand DeJanon of New York.

Robert Buist, grandfather of the missing girl, and with whom she lived at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, asked the New York police to look for her and also for Frederick Cohen, a Bellevue-Stratford waiter, nearly fifty years old.

Mr. Buist, who on last Tuesday had signed papers of formal adoption, making Roberta DeJanon the sole heir to his wealth, which is said to be considerable, informed the New York police that Cohen and the girl disappeared at the same time, and that they had boarded a train together for New York.

Cohen's wife is now here with the police. She says Cohen recently asked her if she would consent to a divorce for a money consideration and showed her a gold match safe which he said Miss DeJanon had given him.

Employment Fraud Hits Railroads

Half Million Lost Annually by Northwestern Lines is Estimate.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—That nearly every railroad running through the northwest has suffered from frauds perpetrated by employment agents to the same extent as against the Great Northern, is the belief of those interested in the investigations being conducted under the personal direction of President L. W. Hill of the Great Northern.

Special Agent Ray of the Great Northern has discovered that office collusion on the part of a Great Northern employe made plots of the labor agents easy to carry out.

Estimates of the amount of money said to have been lost to the northwestern railroads through the manipulations of certain employment agents in all parts of the country run as high as $500,000 annually.

Christmas has come and gone and the dressmakers can give you better attention now than when they are rushed.

If you are wise this is the time to have your work done. You can get better work for less money than any time of the year.

Under the head of "Dressmakers" on the first want ad page you will find some special inducements which they are offering. It will pay you to turn to them now.

Have you read the want ads yet today?

WARM WEATHER IS PROMISE

Prediction Cheers Eastern Cities Blocked by Snow and Ice.

OHIO RIVER TOWNS ISOLATED

Many Have Not Had Mail for Three Days and Food and Coal Are Short—Flood a New Menace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The extreme cold spell which has prevailed in many states is on the verge of being broken, according to today's government forecast, and by tonight the temperature will have greatly moderated.

"Warmer tonight and Saturday" is the general prediction for two sections. An exception was noted along the great lakes, where stormy weather is the usual occurrence at this season of the year.

Continued absence of extremely cold weather for the west and middle west is predicted.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Many Ohio river towns have not had mail for three days and some of them are suffering from short food and coal supplies. Though wagons are being driven over the ice-bound river at Tell City, Connellton and other points as far up as Madison, the government officials will not permit the mail to be carried over the dangerous floods.

Old river men say that not since the civil war has the river been so heavily blocked with ice.

The wharf boats at Cannelton and Tell City and other towns are frozen in and ice is gorged high against the Louisville & Nashville railroad bridge at Henderson, Ky.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 31.—Two ice gorges formed in the Mississippi river at Hickman, Ky., last night and for a time there were grave fears of a flood. The water was forced as far up as Cairo. The situation here caused great uneasiness today. The gorges broke and the river held to its channel. Both the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are running full of ice.

Good-Bye to the Toy Pistol

Nebraska Law in Effect Today Prohibiting Sale—Giant Firecrackers Under Ban, Also.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The toy pistol, blank cartridge and firecracker law goes into effect at midnight tonight. This law provides that from January 1 it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, use, offer or keep for sale within this state any toy revolver shooting blank cartridges, blank cartridges for toy revolvers, toy or firecrackers more than five inches in length or three-quarters of an inch in diameter. It provides, however, that caps containing dynamite may be used, kept for sale, or sold when needed for mining purposes or for danger signals or for other necessary uses.

A violation of the law is punishable by a fine of not exceeding $100 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days in the county jail.

Under other statutes it is provided that by February 1 the district clerk of each county shall return to the secretary of the State oBard of Health a report of the marriages and the divorces of the calander year preceding. These reports are to be made upon blanks furnished by the state.

Federal Plan in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 31.—Today is the last day on which the cities in Ohio will conduct business under what has been known for several years as the "board" plan of government. Tomorrow the federal plan will begin, under which responsibility in the conduct of city affairs is centered in the mayor and his two lieutenants, the directors of public service and public safety.

Bell Concern Increases Capital.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—The Delaware & Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone company, a branch of the Bell system, filed an amended certificate here today increasing its capital stock from $400,000 to $10,000,000.

Murdered Man is Neil McCoig

Family at Grand Island Positive in Identification—Woman in the Case.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—It was definitely ascertained here this morning that the body of the man found murdered at Kansas City Sunday was that of Neil McCoig, a horse buyer and farmer, who lived three miles from this city until August last, when he went to Falls City and purchased a restaurant.

Mrs. McCoig only after being quite convinced that her husband was dead admitted having heard of his relations with other women. A letter she found among other effects from a Miss Alice Barber, warned him to say nothing to one "Peet" who had returned to her hotel to get him mad. The daughter positively declared the picture of the dead man, to be that of her father and the mother stated that the piece of cloth cut from the suit and shown to her was that worn by him. Mrs. Mc. Coig did not know how much money he had, but he had carried a watch and an Odd Fellow's pin.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—The jealousy of two men infatuated with the same woman may, the police said today, explain the murder in Kansas City, Kan., of Neal McCoig of Grand Island, Neb. A man who had demanded that McCoig keep away from Mrs. Alice Barber was in the woman's home at 1224 Oak street the night the Nebraska man made his last visit to her home.

McCoig knew the man and frequently had told Mrs. Barber of his dislike of the other. Mrs. Barber feared trouble if the two should meet and sent William Nelson, a roomer at her house, to intercept McCoig and prevent his appearance while the second man was present.

"The man you refer to was jealous of McCoig," Mrs. Barber said today. "McCoig had hard feelings against the man and was always knocking him to me. It was a case of jealousy all around, you might say. I don't think they ever quarreled openly, but there were hard feelings."

Liquor Factories Last Day of Grace

Tennessee Law Forbidding Manufacture of Intoxicants is Effective tive at Midnight.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Distillers and brewers must close their plants at midnight when the new Tennessee law forbidding the manufacture of intoxicating beverages in this state becomes effective. Prominent whisky manufacturers say the law will be tested in the courts.

Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga have one brewery each and there are two in Memphis.

There are forty-one distilleries in the state, most of them small plants with a capacity of one to six barrels daily.

SIXTY MEN FALL INTO RIVER

Ice Jam Sweeps False Work from Under Bridge at St. Louis.

FORTY ARE RESCUED BY TUG

Most of Others Are Supposed to Have Escaped on Ice Floes—Damage to New Structure Quarter Million.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Three hundred feet of the false structure of the McKinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river, was knocked out by an ice jam at 5 o'clock tonight. Sixty men were thrown into the river and some of them may have been drowned.

One hundred and thirty men were at work on the structure when the jam began to move. Seventy of them heard the warning snap of the timbers in time to escape to the steel work, but sixty others went down in the twisted mass of timbers.

Three hoisting engines and a traveler also went down, imperilling the struggling men below.

Captain John Short, in charge of a tug and two barges, frozen in, picked up forty of the men and got them ashore after a two-hour battle with the ice, which is jammed six feet high in many places.

Several times the barges threatened to crush the tug and several times the vessel nearly turned turtle when forced upon the ice by the pressure behind it.

The twenty men who were unable to reach the tug are believed to have reached shore across the floating ice floes, but company officials said tonight they would not know whether any lives were lost until tomorrow when the men will be paid off.

The property loss is estimated at $250,000 and the completion of the bridge will be delayed several months.

The bridge is being built by the Illinois Traction system.

CARRIERS AND POSTMASTERS

Congressman Kinkaid Recommends New Appointments for Seneca and Sybrant.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Kinkaid today recommended the appointment of Dal Carney as postmaster at Seneca, vice Ethel Carney, resigned. He also recommended the appointment of Albert M. Clark postmaster at Sybrant, Rock county, vice George Wick, resigned.

The postmaster at Huron, S. D., has been allowed one additional carrier to begin service January 15.

Rural carriers appointed for Nebraska are: Kearney, route 4, William R. Straausbaugh, carrier; no substitute. Litchfield, route 3, Robert C. Brown, carrier; Chester R. Heapy, substitute. Iowa, Bedford, route 5, George W. Brown, carrier; no substitute. Colfax, route 2, Lisle Harper, carrier; no substitute. Mystic, route 1, Charles T. Stark, carrier; no substitute; route 2, Marion S. Taylor, carrier; no substitute; Thayer, route 1, Claude Seeley, carrier; Ralph Seeley, substitute.

Postmasters appointed for Nebraska are: Spring Ranch, Clay county, Otto Mutz, vice D. M. Roush, resigned.

Iowa postmasters: Hayward, Dickinson county, Julia H. Alexander, vice W. Hayward, resigned.

More Money for Diamonds This Year Than Ever Before

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Prosperity has returned, according to the figures of the imports and exports for the calendar year of 1909, just published by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The surest indication of ready money, officials declare, is the diamond market and during the first eleven months of 1909 this has boomed, the importation of cut diamonds amounting to $25,214,541, three times more than during the same period last year and almost $6,500,000 more than during that time in 1907.

In fact, the imports of cut diamonds for this year, with December omitted amounted to more than $1,000,000 more than for the twelve months of 1907, the banner year in such importation.

More than $40,000,00 worth of diamonds and other precious stones were imported into the United States for the first eleven months of 1909. This represents an increase of $28,000,000 over 1908.

The only matter for serious reflection in the report is the statement that the exportation of food stuffs, both raw and manufactured, has fallen lower than has been noted in a decade.

YEAR OF GOOD TIMES IN OMAHA

Twelve-Month Just Passed Brought Rich Material and Ethical Blessing to This City.

BUSINESS MAKES NEW RECORDS

Manufacturers Turn Out $191,000,000 in Wares, Jobbers $115,100,000.

BANK CLEARINGS ARE $735,000,000

Unprecedented in History of City and Deposits About $55,000,000.

BUILDING PERMITS $7,000,000

Year of 1909 Marks Epoch of the Skyscraper in Omaha and Introduces More Than One of Them.

RECORDS OF TWO YEARS.

	1909.	1908.
Bank clearings	$735,225,568	$609,583,607
Bank deposits	53,778,978	46,936,607
Factory output	191,872,000	168,172,165
Jobbing trade	115,133,000	93,297,000
Realty transfers	12,361,283	9,262,887
Bldg. permits	7,204,140	4,590,650
Smelter output	30,304,364	34,883,235
Public works	853,471	1,030,322
Live stock receipts (head):		
Cattle	1,124,616	1,036,625
Hogs	2,135,493	2,424,851
Sheep	2,107,014	2,105,949
Grain (bushels):		
Receipts	43,128,200	44,056,100
Shipments	34,466,500	34,731,500

The year 1909 was more than passing prosperous for Omaha. It marked a new era in the business life of the city—it is recorded as the epoch of the skyscraper. It saw not only the beginning of the first really tall building in Omaha, but witnessed the erection of several flights of the City National bank's sixteen-story structure at Sixteenth and Harney streets and just about saw the close of the long-pending negotiations of the Woodmen of the World for a site on which to shoot up a building of sixteen stories.

The year was boundless in its blessings to the city. And these blessings are not confined to material prosperity; the man who is looking on the ethical side of the ledger may find a snug balance on the right side. Churches, educational institutions and moral forces generally have moved onward and upward, sharing in the swiftly flowing current of good things. With the establishment, in an embryonic state still, of the University of Omaha the city gains one new school whose founders believe will some day be a substantial credit to Omaha.

And with a better and more prosperous city has come also a more beautiful city. More than $100,000 has been expended on parks and boulevards alone, while more than $850,000 was devoted to the improvement of streets and other city property.

Commerce and Industry.

Coming down to the commercial and industrial side of Omaha's life 1909 was in the concrete a distinct triumph. The wholesale jobbers of the city surpassed their splendid record of 1908 by $22,705,000, doing a business in the aggregate of $115,133,000. These figures represent goods sold by the wholesale merchants and have no relation to goods made here. The manufactured articles for the year which the industrial plants of Omaha turned out mount up to the lofty height of $191,872,000, which is another healthy gain over the figures for 1908.

The packing houses of South Omaha come in for the lion's share of these gigantic proceeds. Their output for the year brought the enormous sum of $121,000,000, which represents an increase in revenue over 1908 of $6,500,000.

Reach New Territory.

These enlarged revenues of the jobbers and manufacturers of Omaha speak very loudly on the subject of commercial conquest; they point unmistakably to the fact that Omaha goods are finding their way into new territory, that each year the field of operation is being extended.

This fact has a solemn significance when compared in conpection with that other fact of trade evangelism. There can be no gainsaying that Omaha factories and Omaha jobberies are reaping the harvest of judicious advertising. This advertising has been done in so many substantial forms that it would be alike unfair and unsafe to try to ascribe its success to any one thing. The trade excursions, of course, have a large part; Ak-Sar-Ben claims its important place and the National Corn exposition, now an annual function, must be given a prominent position, while the general publicity work inaugurated by enterprising and far-seeing citizens and carried on under the auspices of the Commercial club, militating to the advantage of the city in spreading its good name and bringing here people and conventions, must not be overlooked in the summary of the causes making for the ultimate and splendid success and prosperity of Omaha.

Biggest Building Year.

In building, 1909 must stand out in bold relief against a background of excellent building years. There is the City National bank building in course of construction, the immense Brandeis theater and business block at Seventeenth and Douglas streets, also under progress; the $1,000,000 court house moving steadily toward the form of modern civic structure; and a host of smaller, yet notable buildings on which work has been nearly completed or has begun. And in this connection it may be said that 1909 made for building as much as it did for the [illegible] Before 1910 is ended the long [illegible] proudly heralded new [illegible] Pacific railroad will [illegible] ward completion if [illegible] and occupied. The [illegible] Fifteenth and Dodge [illegible] twelve stories and [illegible]

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