Nebraska

OMAHA FACTORY STATISTICS

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SOUTH OMAHA ALSO INCLUDED

Three Hundred Twenty Factories Enumerated in Commissioner's Report, Made Under Strict Regulations.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A statistical report of manufacturing enterprises in Omaha and South Omaha made by Louis V. Guye, state labor commissioner, shows that Omaha is in the front rank of manufacturing cities of its size. The survey was made under strict regulations that eliminated all industries which might be classed otherwise than manufactories.

Three hundred and twenty factories are enumerated in Commissioner Guye's report on Omaha. Twenty-six of these industries are located in South Omaha. These statistics were compiled as a part of an industrial survey which is being made of the entire state of Nebraska.

The detailed report is as follows:

Omaha has 294 manufacturing enterprises, employing 7,995 persons, of whom 5,976 are males, 1,960 femals and 59 children between the ages of 14 and 16 years. Males and females work on the average of nine and eight hours per day, respectively, receiving an average wage of $2.59 per day for the males and $1.64 for the female employes, with a total yearly wage of $5,088,696.

The total capital invested in such manufacturing enterprises aggregate $27,006,725, the cost of materials consumed being $15,806,953, with a total valuation of output of manufactured products of $35,456,241.

South Omaha has twenty-six manufacturing enterprises, employing 6,761 persons, of whom 6,478 are males and 271 females, and twelve children between the ages of 14 and 16 years, earning a total yearly wage of $4,969,419, with an average daily wage of $2.57 for the males, and $1.57 for the females, with the males working an average of nine and one-half hours and the females eight hours per day.

The total capital invested in the manufacturing enterprises of South Omaha being $37,534,902, the total cost of material consumed being $80,894,214, with a total valuation of output of manufactured products $100,499,945.

Omaha and South Omaha combined, as an industrial center, has 320 manufacturing concerns, employing a grand total of 14,756 persons, or 64 per cent of all of the wage earners in the entire state engaged in our manufacturing industries, the total capital invested in such manufacturing concerns being $64,541,627, or 73 per cent of the entire capital investment in the manufacturing industries of our state. The total output of the manufacturing industries being $135,956,186, or 80 per cent of the total valuation of factory output for the entire state.

The total yearly wages paid by the 320 manufacturing concerns of Omaha and South Omaha for the year 1911 was $10,058,115, or 68 per cent of the entire 1,109 concerns of the entire state. The average daily wages for the males being $2.58, females $1.60, while the average hours constituting a day's labor was nine and eight and one-half respectively.

This survey shows an average of 280 days' employment during the year of 1911, or 76 per cent time lost through the lack of employment after having deducted all Sundays and holidays, thus giving an average yearly wage of $679.08 for the males and $512.44 for the females.

Colored Masons Adjourn.

Contrary to the published program, the colored Masons held the closing program of their meeting last night instead of Friday night at the state house. Governor Aldrich welcomed the delegate on behalf of the state. The response was delivered by Past Grand Master Ricketts, a former member of the Nebraska legislature, but now a resident of Missouri. Several other addresses were made and a musical program interspersed the proceedings.

This morning the closing ceremonies of the lodge were held, after which the organization gathered on the north side of the state house and had their pictures taken. The parade then formed, headed by a portion of the Lincoln police force and the First regimental colored band, Uniform Rank Knights of Templars of Omaha. The Knight Templars followed while other members of the organization brought up in the rear. The procession was about three blocks long and marched north on Fifteenth street to O street and then west to Tenth, where cars were taken for Epworth lake park, where the remainder of the day was spent as a picnic.

Royal Achates in Session.

The biennial convention of District No. 1, Royal Achates, is in session in Lincoln today. About fifty delegates are present. The district extends from Pennsylvania to California and includes most of the state within that limit. N. T. Redmond of North Platte is president of the district organization and Miss E. L. Grinnell of Omaha is secretary. There are seventy-five lodges in the district and most of them if not all will be represented. The convention will be in session today and Friday.

C. W. Havelick of Crete has complained to the game warden that three deer are running wild down in his locality and are playing havoc with his vineyard, eating the vines and fruit. Game Warden Miller will go down and investigate the matter in a few days.

Irrigation Board Meets.

The State Board of Irrigation met again yesterday and adjourned the further hearing of the Loup river water matter until September 16. The Commonwealth Power company desired to secure more important testimony and the adjournment seemed to be satisfactory all around.

Governor Aldrich has gone to Nemaha county today to deliver an address at a picnic.

State Auditor Silas Barton will speak at the old settlers' picnic at Franklin Friday. He will speak again in Deweese on August 28.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings has taken official cognizance of the fact that there will be an unveiling of the statue of Abraham Lincoln next

On August 8, Secretary W. R. Mellor forwarded to Theodore Roosevelt an invitation to speak at the Nebraska state fair.

PROPRIETOR OF ROAD HOUSE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

PAPILLION, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Al. Small, proprietor of a road house at Sarpy Mills, was arraigned this morning on a charge of selling liquor after 8 p. m. He pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance to appear for trial August 29. The complaint, which was filed by County Attorney Jamieson, asks cancellation of the license.

Telephone Girls Race at Their Annual Picnic

SPLENDID OUTING ENJOYED BY 1500 AT COURTLAND BEACH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Assessment oard Makes Changes in Charge to Counties

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The board of astsessment this afternoon reduced the state levy 1 mill. The levy for 1912 will be 4 mills general, 1 mill university and one-fifth of 1 mill bridge, making a 5⅕ mill levy.

LINCOLN, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the State Board of Equalization and Assessment yesterday afternoon at the close of the hearing, it was decided to equalize the assessment by raising eleven counties and making a decrease in ten.

The percentage in each county changed was as follows:

Lowered.	Pct.	Raised.	Pct.
Burt	15	Boone	10
Cedar	20	Butler	5
Clay	5	Dundy	10
Nemaha	10	Gage	10
Pawnee	10	Harlan	15
Polk	5	Hooker	10
Seward	10	Johnson	10
Thurston	10	Knox	10
Wayne	15	Platte	5
York	5	Richardson	10
		Saunders	15

This will make the total assessment of the state $463,379,889. The assessment last year was $415,670,075, which makes an increase in the total valuation of the state of $47,709,814.

The board also made some changes in personal property. Garden county got an increase on horses of 20 per cent, Hooker, 25 per cent, and Thomas, 20 per cent. The increase on mules was Garden, 20 per cent; Hooker, 25 per cent, and Thomas, 20 per cent.

Cattle received an increase in Grant of 10 per cent, Hayes, 30 per cent; Keith, 30 per cent; Keya Paha, 25 per cent; Loup, 20 per cent, and Phelps, 20 per cent.

After Secretary Seymour has made the changes agreed on on the records, the board will then meet to make a levy. If it is possible the board will make the levy one mill less than last year, though some of the members are inclined to think that a reduction of that much cannot be made and meet the unpaid appropriations of the last legislature.

Rumor Has Metcalfe Bull Moose Nominee

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A bomb was exploded in the democratic camp today when assertions were made that Richard L. Metcalf would be the nominee of the new bull moose party for governor.

Some of the framents from the exploded bomb are said to have hit the state house and caused consternation around the office of the governor.

Just how much the story is worth cannot be told at this time for the reason that Metcalf cannot be located, but one of the fanthful intimated that he knows all about the matter and is holding himself shy so that he will not be called upon to deny or affirm. It is an open secret that Mr. Metcalf and brother Charlie of the Commoner have not been getting along well together lately and some go so far as to say that they are never together any more than is necessary while performing their duties in the office of the Commoner.

SECOND DAY'S SCORES AT THE MADISON TOURNEY

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The festivities of the closing day of the firemen's and base ball tournament were attended by a large number of visitors.

The 100-yard hook and ladder dash was won by Norfolk; time, 19 seconds; ladderman, August Kell; Humphrey made the run in 30½ seconds, William Geltzen climbing the ladder, and William E. Mader for the Leigh team reached the top round of the ladder in 20 seconds. Purse, $45.

The wet hose race of 100 yards was won by Humphrey, the coupling being made by Frank Thebe and George Whitler in 31 seconds; Leigh was a close second with a coupling in 31¼ seconds, and Norfolk took third place in this race at 33½ seconds. Purse, $75.

The water fight late last evening between Norfolk and Newman Grove was a battle royal, lasting one hour and a quarter, with the hose nozzles scarcely three feet apart, resulting in a draw for the reason that the city did not care to waste more water.

Judge McDuffee today issued marriage licenses to the following Norfolk people: Robert S. Ballantyne, son of J. A. Ballantyne, and Miss Ethel Eugenia Calwell, daughter of A. J. Calwell, and John Miller, son of John F. Miller, and Miss Katherine Horst, daughter of Henry Horst.

Rev. F. M. Drullner of the Methodist Episcopal church joined in holy wedlock this afternoon at the church parsonage Elmer Cook and Miss Teal Mather, both of Norfolk.

Plattsmouth Notes.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. Herman Greeder, against whom complaint was filed Monday for speeding his automobile on Chicago avenue in excess of the rate prescribed by law, on August 10, 1912, today appeared before Justice of the Peace M. Archer and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined $5 and costs, the total being $10.40.

Louie Miller, an Austrian who was arrested for attempting to stab Joe Schmarder and cut Marshal Sam Seybert at Louisville a few days ago, was given three months in the county jail by Judge Beeson.

Campbell Brothers' Circus Attached by Bank and Others

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Campbell Brothers' circus, which was "stranded" here Saturday, owing to labor troubles and heavy indebtedness has been attached by John Heasty, counsel for the First National bank of this city, on a $50,000 chattel mortgage. Seventeen other creditors of the Campbell Brothers have merged their claims with the First National bank, which aggregate $50,000. The property has been appraised at $20,000.

Mr. Heasty has appointed James L. Hutchison as care taker until, according to law, it can be sold at sheriff's sale. In the meantime, the entire circus, comprising its elephants, horses, menagerie, etc., will be removed to the headquarters of the circus two miles south of Fairbury.

When first "stranded" here it was confronted with serious labor difficulties. Several hundred employes of the circus were paid $2,300, or about 23 cents on the dollar and they became enraged and threaened violence. It was necessary for Sheriff Ed Hughes of this county and Chief of Police Cooper to put on an extra force in order to prevent a riot. A large number were thrown into jail.

The Campbell Brothers and a number of employes of the circus have employed former Adjutant General J. C. Hartigan to institute proceedings against the circus and have it placed in the hands of a receiver. They contend that a chattel mortgage does not take precedence over the claim for labor and other debts.

FAIRBURY WOMAN BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—While returning from a trip to the country in a buggy, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, the wife of a well known passenger conductor, was thrown out and seriously injured. Mrs. Mitchell was driving toward Fairbury in a buggy, two miles east, when a motorcyclist came up from behind and frightened her driving horse. He shied out of the road and partly upset the buggy. Mrs. Mitchell's nose was broken, three ribs fractured, her back bone and both thigh bones cracked. She is in a precarious condition. Her husband is a passenger conductor of this city.

Humbolt Postmaster Resigns.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 15.—Postmaster Cury Cooper has resigned and expects to retire September 1. Other business matters have induced him to take this step. A petition has been circulated for E. C. Colhapp as his successor and sent to United States Senator Norris Brown, and the appointment of Mr. Colhopp is daily being expected.

Culled from the Wire.

Governor Wilson will leave today for Washington Park, Gloucester, Pa., near Philadelphia, where he will speak at the farmers' day celebration.

Orders were received by Colonel Larnett, commanding the transport Prairie, to prepare to sail from the Philadelphia navy yard in forty-eight hours.

Elizabeth, dowager duchess of Genoa, grandmother of Victor Emmanuel III, the present king of Italy, and mother of Dowager Queen Margherita, is dead.

Gunboat Smith of California defeated "Porky" Flynn of Boston in a ten-round contest at the St. Nicholas athletic club, New York, last night.

G. Philipps Bryant of Melrose led in the second day's sport of the thirty-fourth annual championship tournament of the national archery association at the Harvard stadium.

It is said that the Austrian foreign minister, Count Von Berchtnold, is sounding the powers as to the advisability of encouraging Turkey in its present policy of decentralization.

The revolutionists eluded the federal forces at Ladura, Sonora, Mexico, and took a circuitous route toward the west coast. Trains bearing federal soldiers were said to be headed for Torres.

A mass meeting which typified the public indignation aroused by the revelations of police corruption growing out of the murder of Herman Rosenthal was attended by a crowd of 4,000 persons in New York last night.

The thanks of the emperor of Japan and the ministry of foreign affairs for the sending of a special mission to the funeral of the late Emperor Mutsuhito has been conveyed to the State department by Viscount Chinda.

Unable to compete with a steamship line subsidized by New Zealand, the Ocean Steamship company of San Francisco has obtained the annulment of its contract with the Postoffice department to carry the mails between San Francisco and Tahiti.

Representative Akin of New York was reprimanded by a special house committee appointed to investigate the propriety of two speeches he inserted in the Congressional Record under the "leave to print" privilege. The speeches attacked Secretary Wilson and Chief Moore of the weather bureau.

NO DOLLAR GAS FOR OMAHA

Legal Lights Declare Only Hope is in State Legislature.

WILL DRAFT BILL AT ONCE

City Attorney and Gas Company's Counsel Will Prepare Law that Will Permit Council to Enter Into Certain Agreement.

Dollar gas for the city of Omaha, a hope revived following the announcement from the gas company that 10 per cent of the gross receipts of the plant would be given the city to apply on occupation taxes, royalties and the reduction of the cost of gas was last night again declared an idle dream under existing conditions.

City Commissioner Ryder, Corporation Counsel Baker, Assistant City Attorney Lambert, President Hamilton and W. T. Douthirt and W. H. Herdman of the gas company conferred over the 10 per cent proposition and were unanimous in declaring that the city council is without power to ask or accept such an arrangement, the gas company's franchise expressly forbidding it.

Council is Without Power.

The gas company of its own initiative might submit such a proposition and request the city to accept, but the attorneys who conferred yesterday doubted the authority of the council even to sanction such proceedings.

With rejection of this proposition the last hope of a compromise in the dollar gas suit, now in the courts, was crushed and a new way was sought out of the difficulty.

Representatives of the gas company and the city law department therefore will work together to draft a law giving governing bodies of cities of the metropolitan class power to accept from corporations a certain per cent of gross earning to be applied on reducing the cost of the product to the consumer, such legislation to do away with occupation taxes and royalties.

Work for Enabling Act.

This law will be introduced at the next session of the legislature. The necessity of its passage will be urged upon the legislators and corporation and city counsel will work to secure its passage.

If such a bill is not secured no relief can be afforded until home rule is obtained here and a new charter that will meet the exigencies of the time is written. This will not be secured within the next twelve months and possibly not for two years, as it must be submitted to popular vote of the state.

As the dollar gas case now stands there is no hope of early settlement. A master has not been appointed and will not be until October. It will take him two or three months to make his findings and these undoubtedly will be appealed from and taken to the United States supreme court. The only thing left to do, the city and gas company representatives declare, is to draft this law and secure its passage.

BIG AREA RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE BY WILSON

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Taking effect tomorrow, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has issued an order releasing from quarantine on account of the disease known as mange or scabies, in cattle, 51,664 square miles in South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas. The progress made by the bureau of animal industry in eradicating the disease is responsible for this action.

So prevalent was the disease in cattle, ten years ago, when the work was first undertaken, that the entire region west of the Mississippi river was quarantined. There now remains in quarantine only a comparatively small area, consisting of about one-third of Montana, the eastern fourth of Wyoming, small areas in South Dakota and Nebraska, the eastern third of Colorado, the eastern third of New Mexico and parts of the Panhandle of Texas.

PEDIGREED BULLDOG VOTED ON NEGRO'S NAME

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The house committee investigating the elections of Representative James A. Hughes, republican, of West Virginia; Representative Crago, republican, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Wilson, republican, of Illinois, has prepared reports sustaining the right of each to his seat.

It was developed in the investigation of Mr. Hughes' election that a pedigreed bulldog was voted in place of a negro voter. The report, it is said, will arraign franchise conditions in that districts.

Insane Man Tries to Kill Attendant with Sharp Table Knife

Violently insane and laboring under the hallucination that he had been kidnaped, Ed Morrison, formerly connected with the Omaha police department, made an attempt to kill an attendant at the St. Bernard hospital in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon.

Morrison had been acting queerly ever since his dismissal from the police department and had a narrow escape from death Saturday afternoon when he drove an automobile over a thirty-foot embankment near South Omaha. His machine was wrecked and he was badly injured. He wa taken to St. Catherine's hospital here and later to the St. Bernard hospital in Council Bluffs.

Physicians ordered absolute quiet for him, and Morrison thinking that it was an attempt to get him out of the way, stole a table knife and waited for the attendants he believed to be responsible for his condition. The knife he sharpened to the keenness of a razor by rubbing it on a stone wall.

When the attendant approached he leaped up from his bed and chased the man from the hospital. He was calmed by a courageous sister who coaxed the knife away from him and Sheriff McShane was notified.

Yesterday he was brought back to Omaha and placed in the county jail on an insanity charge. Today he will be taken before the insanity board.

Last week the police were notified by Mrs. Morrison that her husband was becoming insane and an attempt was made to arrest him. He eluded the officers and later told the police over the telephone that he would shoot the first officer that tried to get him. He armed himself with two weapons and had been carrying them up to the time he met with the accident.

Stolen Horn's "Honk" Gives Thief Away

Like the man who fell into the clutches of the police, when a pig, which he had stolen "squealed" on him, Gus Smith got into trouble when he stole an automobile horn.

Smith, who the police say is a vagrant, unbolted a valuable horn from an auto in front of the Hotel Loyal yesterday afternoon. He tucked it under his coat and was making his getaway when he saw Officer Eddie Morgan. Thinking that the policeman knew all about his deed, he started to run, and as he moved his leg came in contact with the bulb causing the horn to emit a pained exclamation of surprise.

Morgan heard the "honk" and seeing where it came from, promptly arrested Smith. At headquarters Smith said that he bought the horn and had it under his coat to scare folks with, but the only effect his explanation had was to make the desk sergeant add another chapter to the police book of poor excuses. Smith was given ten days.