Activties of City and County Governments During the Year Just Ended

COUNTY HAS LARGE BALANCE, Marriage is Four

City and County Treasurer Ure Makes Statement of Funds.

TOTAL RECEIPTS NINE MILLION

from, How Much is on Hand and Where It Has Been Spent During the Year.

The annual statement of W. G. Ure, treasurer of the county and city and the school and water districts, shows a balance of \$2,637,876, exclusive of the receipts and dishursements of the last two days of December.

The total receipts for all purposes for 1912 were \$3,128,648. The treasurer's state-

ment of all funds in his sectors for-
lows:
Balance November 30, 1913
City tax\$ 53,930 County tax
Total to be ac- counted for
Met. water district 246,343-\$ 1,677,887
Balance Dec. 29, 1913. \$ 2,437,876 RECEIPTS FOR 1913.
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February
March

May 651.401 J*me Levi-549 Futy Liss.720 August / 1188.884 Reptember 220.884 Dotober 278.731	
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Total receipts for year 1915	\$ 9,128,6 \$11,350,6
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March 227,482	1000
May	200
June 1,488,465	
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Nevember 1,077,88	
Total disbursements for Dec., 1911	\$ 8,902,56
December 29, 1913.	\$ 2,427,87
Bank balances, cash and se	curities a

Kountze Bros., New York. 291,713
Omaha National bank, Omaha 218,062
Merchants National bank, Omaha 215,283
First National bank, Omaha 20,461
Omaha National bank, Omaha 222,942
Nebraska National bank, Omaha 242,942
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Live Stock Mational bank, South aha
ners State bank, Florence
ons State bank, Waterloo
of Waterloo, Waterloo
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of Florence, Florence
on Bank of Millard, Mil-German Bank of M ard Mangold & Glandt bank, Benning-ton Varzhers and Merchants bank, Benson tate Bank of Elkhorn, Elkhorn, Valley State bank, Valley, demington State bank, Benninsin receiving cage....... Cash in receiving case.

Por deposit in receiving case.

Cash in paying case.

For deposit in paying case.

Frust securities.

K. I. D. warrants purchased.

Water Board securities.

Water investment.

Division of Funds. above funds are divided as fol

Total
Taxes Levied.
gentement of the total city and school
taxes levied in various years and amounts
uncollected January 1, 1914:
1913
7913 rincollected landon
1912 uncollected
1912, unconsected 111,812,257
THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OF T
1910\$1,961,277
1910, uncollected 27,000

Street Improvement Bonded. Statement of change in city's street he provement bonded indebtedness during the last year: Street improvement bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1913... Bonds sold in 1912 to fi-nance new paving......

maturity during year 161,000-Outstanding Jun. 4, 1914... The saving made on interest on bonds cancelled was \$18.608.

There is now in the treasury to redeem bonds \$555,000.

Special Taxes.
Statement of Omaha special taxes coltected during each of three years: Bireet Improvement. \$221,239 \$233,949 \$404,784

Regular Taxes. Comparative statement of regular taxes collected in the last three years:

.\$1,128,960 \$1,000,055 \$1,005,176 63,239 \$9,560 20,750 Grand totals. 33,407,670 \$2,979,919 \$2,835,530

MORE MEN ENLIST IN THIS SECTION DURING YEAR 1913

The following table shows the number of men accepted for service at the Omaha recruiting station and its substations for vervice in the United States army :

med August 15, 1918. stablished September 5/-1913.

to One Shot When Taken with Divorce

arriages was the record of Douglas ounty past year, according to figures Cement Culverts Replace Small urnished by Harry Pearse of the office. of the clerk of the district court, and Clyde Sundblatt, clerk of the county The ratio is practically the same as in 1912.

Twenty-five bundred and one marriage largest in the history of the county. Pigures on disposition of divorce cases

for 1913 and 1912 are as follows: Granted. Dismis'd.Pend'g.Total. and 1912 by months follow:

2,561

ince 1900 are as follows:

Railroads Running Into Omaha Open Large Sums of Money bridges entirely.

ons of dollars were expended in double

building the Belt line and putting its! of the best that could be purchased in the markets. For the coming year this good condition the last year owing to road has some good things in store for the care and attention given by Mr. 222,042 On.aha. The officials contemplate the Harte, chairman of the road and bridge erection of a mammouth freight house committee, who has given all his time too small for the business. Then too, the county engineer, and other members It has about completed the plans for of the board. The county engineer and 25.000 extensive freight yards and terminals at highway commissioner's reports will be 110,000 Raiston, which with the new freight rendy in a short time, showing the endepot, will cost considerable over the expenditure during the last year.

while the Milwaukee has doe, nothing Boiler Inspector It has improved its Omaha-Chicago line, two cities. This has been done by the expenditure of more than \$10,000,000 in practically rebuilding the line. The en-2.500 tire distance has been double tracked with the heaviest of steel. New bridges have been constructed and the curves 1,369 have been eliminated and the grade cut

Millions by Burlington.

During the year the Burlington expended more than \$4,600,000 in territory tributary to Omaha: Nearly \$800,000 was expended in replacing rails with the 2.427,876 heaviest kinds of steel. On the Powder river extension, \$3,000,000 was expended and the line opened to Casper. Work to still progressing east of there and before the end of the present year, Omaha will have another short line to the north-220,001 west coast country. The Ashland bridge 1,007,962 was rebuilt at an enormous cost, \$90,000 \$2 427,576 already having been expended. This bridge is of concrete and steel and is one that will last indefinitely.

Other bridges on the lines out of Omaha have been constructed at a cost of \$146,-000, while industry and team tracks at numerous stations have been put in at an expense of \$325,000. Other improvements, such as coaling stations, tanks, pipe lines and block signals costing of force. \$100,000, or more, have been put in.

The Northwestern's expenditure during the year has been close to \$1,000,000, the sist in the effort, and do it. biggest item being bridges and bridge betterments, costing \$340,000. All of the ongines used west of the Missouri river have been converted into oil burners and this at a cost of \$65,000. Repairs to buildinga have amounted to \$110,000, while new 205,000 buildings have cost \$75,000. Industry already installed smoke prevention de- goods from every part of the globe. tracks and track to industry costing vices, or are installing them at present. \$1,625,600 \$75,000, have been laid and \$130,000 expended in track betterments. Storage tanks for oil have cost \$39,000 and putting electric headlights on engines a like sum,

New Lines Added.

The Union Pacific, always adverse to giving figures relative to expenditures for improvements and betterments, has spent large sums during the last year. It has purchased a large number of new locomotives and cars of all kinds. 18,894 erected numerous new depots, coaling 18,907 stations and other buildings. This road 20,909 during the year has completed the Gibbon-Hastings out off. bon-Hastings cut-off, twenty-seven miles Totals \$607,006 \$406,512 \$519,953 and the Gering-Hatg branch and the Lion branch, eleven miles. It has laid twenty-five mites of new yard and side track and added sixty-three miles of 115 convictions and fifteen acquittals for double track, thus giving it a double 1913, as compared with 143 convictions and track entirely across Nebruska and more

> The block signal was extened eightyeight miles and at North Platte and 1912 there were thirty-chait. Evanston immense round houses were constructed. A fine dopot was built at Hastings and numerous smaller ones at stations along the several lines. More than 2,000 freight cars were added to the

THEATERS PAY LARGE END OF OMAHA LICENSE MONEY

David Berkowitz, city license inspector, collected 1.007 licenses during the year, and the receipts of the department totaled \$13,908. The largest sum was received from theaters, whose license fees for the year, paid in to Berkowitz' avaistant, John Mathiesen, amounted to

BRIDGES COST LARGE SUM Bossie Advises the

County Surveyor Makes Report on Work Done in Douglas County.

TELLS OF ROAD WORK DONE

Bridges in Many Places-Says County Roads Are Kept In Good Condition.

Scenses were issued and 62 divorce suits County Surveyor Louis Adams Douglas bridges, and all culverts. The rebuilding, department Bossle says:

steel and wooden bridges, and two Elkhorn river bridges rebuilt, that were washed away during the flood of the for spring of 1911, and Douglas and Baunders ice the same spring. Of this 500 feet is being replaced by steel and the balance repaired. It is the intention of the missioners to fill most of this with sand

and top it with earth.

which are cheaper than pipe, and it will only be a few years until the

tracking old lines, extending new ones of two blade machines at a cost of \$68

a small blade machine for fixing ruts than \$2,000,000 in double tracking and re- and washouts; also there are a number of farmers who are dragging the roads around their farms at \$1 per mile, but this is in excess of what other counties

The county roads have been old one that has become to the work, going over the roads with

Issues Don'ts for the Coming Year

R. U. Wolfe, city boiler inspector, asks operators of steam boilers to observe the following "don'ts" in order to lend some aid to the smoke abatement campaign: Don't put fire into a boiler furnace until you are assured that it has sufficient

water in it. Don't expect the plant to operate effielently or smokelessly unless you have the necessary draught of air through grates, fire bed, stack connections and smokestack, to give you proper combustion of the fuel used.

Don't put coal enough into a furnace to last several hours, when the fuel supply should be replenished at reasonable intervals, and then spread so as to cover the whole grate surface at a uniform depth, thus helping to abate smoke. Don't criticise your neighbor for maintaining a nulsance, unless your own back-

yard is clean. an intelligent person than with a pound

Don't forget that smoke abatement sources of the country.

and not by its bulk.

RECORDS OF CASES BEFORE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

Records of criminal business in the office of County Attorney Magney show twelve acquittals in 1912. Figures in connection with major crimes are similar to those of last year. Forty-five cases were dismissed for want of e tence in 1913; in

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Inspectors of the Country Dairies

Claude F. Bossie, city dairy inspector, his annual report to Health Commisioner. R. W. Connell recommends imediate inspection of dairies in the farm districts adjacent to Omaha and the appointment of an inspector whose sole duty it shall be to inspect stores, pas-

teurizing stations and restaurants. The total cost of maintaining this deincluding salaries, livery and transportation and supplies. Concerning the inspections made by

Only two dairymen failed to reach the required average standard for the year. During the year 1912 there were 1,530 toows (that the dairymen held over from the year previous) tested for tuberculosis. Of these seventy-three reacted and were condemned and slaughtered. Of these thiry were from one dairy and the proprietor delayed somewhat in disposing of same. After the time limit had expired for disposition of these condemned animals, complaints had to be filed daily in police court. This had the desired effect and they were properly disposed of. counties are rebuilding the bridges over feet and they were properly disposed of the east channel of the Platte river west of Valley, 960 feet of which was carried forty-six re-inspections.

During the year 1813 the following im-

Continuing Bossie's report says: The county has bought a steam roller and the necessary tools for repairing the macadam roads, of which the county has about thirty-nine miles, and has had a crew of men repairing the Military road which is about completed

The county also has a crew putting in cement culverts in place of smail bridges, which are cheaper than pipe, and it will only be a few years until the which are cheaper than pipe, and it will only be a few years until the county will have done away with small bridges entirely.

The county has completed about \$6,000 cubic yards of deep grading in different perts of the county on the earth roads, of which there are 650 miles. These have been kept in good shape with the use of two blade machines at a cost of \$65 certified and the change of the county of the county of the county of the care for miles. These have been kept in good shape with the use of two blade machines at a cost of \$65 certified and the poor outfit, but our handicapped with a poor outfit, but our handicapped outfit handicapped with a poor outfit, but our handicapped outfit has a set of the four handicapped outfit has been not to insist upon

our bacteria, which is harmless.

Our bacteriologist, Dr. Millard Lang-feldt, has made examinations for various forms of bacteria and not a single instance have more than two of the type of bacteria known as "colon" been foun

Next in importance to our bacteria work is the chemical analysis of samples; these also are taken from wagons delivering to the consumer. This analysis also western the sample contains the amount of butter fat required by law, or if it has been adulterated with water or skimmed milk. More important, however, the chemist also determines by his analysis whether any preservatives have been added to milk or cream to keep same from souring. Here again I might samples of milk and cream were tested for formaldehyde, borax, boric acid, so dium, formalin and nitrates of all kinds, and not in a single instance did the examinations reveal the slightest trace of any milk preservative. Samples Are Used.

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During the year all recommendations that I made in my last annual report were incorporated into the ordinances of the city. The cream standard was raised the city. The cream standard was raised.

The last year has been exceptionally. from 18 to 18 per cent, the milk standard was increased from 10 to 22 per cent. The last year has been exceptionally was increased from 10 to 22 per cent. The backeria standard was reduced from the destruction control of this department.

Customs Receipts Decrease Because of Tariff Changes

On July 1, 1813, the customs service was Don't walt for "Bill to do it first," if Nebraska and Wyoming, and also in- ler says: you want a nulsance abated; help your cludes Council Bluffs, In., and tributary "During the year 1913 this department means a conservation of the fuel re- larger than in any year in the history tom." of the office, which means that Omaha Following is the department's statistical Don't doubt that the campaign for the has handled around \$1,000,000 in value of report: abatement of the smoke nuisance is on, imports from all parts of the world. for many of our best citizens who have These imports represent all classes of

The new tariff act became effective Ocwhile steel water tanks along the lines can get the same results from an in-have cost \$15,000. Ferior grade of fuel that can be obtained that in time the gross amount of reve-

> iness, Omaha was made an exchange Don't hesitate to call on the smoke in- office for the state of Nebraska for pos- BANDLE FILES REPORT OF spector at any time you need his service, tal union parcel post packages from all THE REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS over the world. The year closed Decemsistance in the effort to clean up Omaha ber I for this class of business, and while

City License Income Amounts to \$265,020

City Clerk Thomas J. Pivnn's report for the year 1813 shows a total of tess July licenses issued and total receipts of \$265,-000.95. Of the amount received the largest sum, \$2,965, came from theater licenses. and \$2,625 from the sale of dog tags. Milk wagons, pawnbrokers and billiard halls were next in amounts pa'd for licenses. With the exception of the dog tage the majority of licenses sold were

for milk wagons, stores and second-hand placed on first and second readings, and loon licenses were lasted and forty-five Forfeited bonds 18,504.25 of this number 612 reached the third druggists' permits to sell intoxicating Altogether 1.578 pages were liquors for medicinal purposes were added to the clerk's record.

City Highway Maintained at Cost

NEW PLAN OF FLUSHING USED Destruction Coused by Torondo Entails Extra Expense for Department Controlled by Com-

missioner Kugel.

were started in 1912. Both totals are the county, during the year 1913, spent \$138, partment during the year was \$2,749.19, the havor caused by the tornado. Persons killed in auto accistretched his financial apportionment to the limit and covered the entire city. The report for the year shows a new scheme of street cleaning, and the fact that much curbing was reset, work formerly performed by the department of public improvements. The report follows:

The different branches under which this

These appropriations include all labor, tool expense, material and new equipment.
A summary of the work accomplished
during the year, under their classified
heads, is herewith given:

leys graded and rounded up. 1,471 920 Blocks of washouts filled... 550 528 Blocks of payement cleaned. 74,530 109,272 Blocks cleaned by flushing
(summer months) ... 14.112
Blocks of weeds cut ... 2465
Holes filled ... 320
Loads of cinders hauled ... 648 Loads of aweepings removed 12.161 Loads of crushed asphalt hauled to Center street ... 36 onds of crushed asphalt hauled to Leavenworth street

Asphalt laid (square yds.)... Brick laid (square yds.).... Stone laid (square yds.)....

There are 157 miles of paved streets and 550 miles of unpaved streets and alleys to be maintained and kept in good repaid During the last year, there was approximately four miles of new streets opened up and one and one-half miles of alleys. The fifty-one new culverts put in by this department and the 641 feet of curbing reset heretofore have been a part of the work of the department of public improvements. Previous to the last year,

this investment that it is the intention

The last year has been exceptionally was increased from 3.0 to 3.2 per cent. The bacteria standard was reduced from 180,000 to 160,000 per c. c. during the winter months. An ordinance was passed by the council compelling all restaurants, cafea and lunch rooms to sell milk in bottles that were bottled and sealed at the dairies or creameries. After an arrest and conviction of one of the cheaper class of restaurant men for violation of this ordinance, the case was appealed to the district court and the law declared district court and the law declared district court and the law declared district out and the law declared district court and the law declared district court and the law declared district out and the law declared to the out of the loss caused thereby, not to speak of the extra expense in the hirlaw of the destruction caused by the tornado to the streets and pavements being extreme. This had to be thoroughly examined before any idea could be gained as to the nature of the loss caused thereby, not to speak of the extra expense in the hirlaw of the law declared to the out of the law declared to the out of the law declared to the out of the district out of the law of the

Gas Commissioner Says Lights Are in Better Condition

Gas Commissioner Joseph P. Butler, in down from 136 to 49. The Omaha district uniform manner in 1913 than any previous No. 46 and comprises the states of year. The pressure varied only 1.2. But-

neighbors to shate it by lending your co- territory. The headquarters of the dis- has increased the flow of gas from three operation, remembering that with an trict is Omaha, and I snow called the cubic feet per hour to three and one-half sunce of reason you can do more with district of Omaha. The custom house at feet, adding 20 per cent to the efficiency Lincoln was continued, reports now to of the service at increased cost of \$2 per Omaha and is administered by the col- lamp. We have also bought all supplies Don't think the smoke nulsance cannot jector of customs at Omaha, with a dep- used in this department direct from the be abated, but try and think how to as- uty in charge at Lincoln. Figures for the manufacturers, thereby saving from 20 calendar year are not available, but it is to 30 per cent, instead of buying from known that the volume of business is middlemen, which was formerly the cus-

Tests for heat unite, 304; tests for light

units, 118; tests for sulphur, 13; tests for specific gravity, 18; tests for sulphide hydrogen, 304; meters tested, 298; meters vices, or are installing them at present, can testify to the fact; and further, the effort will be more vigorous as time progresses and conditions permit.

Don't allow yourself to believe that you can get the same results from an inferior grade of fuel that can be obtained from the better grades, for fuel should be judged by its relative heat unit value, and not by its bulk.

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Reductions in the number of real es it was estimated that the office would tate transfers and in the income from only handle around 3,600 packages for the fillings mark the annual report of Frank large figures. year, the report shows that there were W. Bandle, register of deeds. A surplus, pandled 14,797 customs packages. This however, of about \$5,650 was turned over usiness has grown so large that a spe- to the county treasurer by this office. cial cage is being installed in the first Real estate transfers decreased in total floor of the postoffice for the purpose of valuation from the record sum of \$17,- the meeting of the Wyoming Wool Growfacilitating the handling of these pack- 152.666 in 1912, to \$9.271,201, about the same ages, and this will be put in operation as in 1911. The expenses of the office were \$13,660 in 1917, and \$13,142.50 in 1912. The report follows

.16,419 \$23,350 15,816 Total ... Real estate transfers in 1911 39,389,277; 1912, \$17,152,644; 1913, \$9,371,391,

More Licenses Granted. During the year 634 ordinances were as an excise board three unprotested sa-

granted

STREETS AND ALLEYS CLEAN, Police Make Their Report of Crime and of Accidents

The annual report of the police departent shows that the year of 1913 has been a busy one, although in respects much different from that of 1912. Increases in certain branches of police work have been offset by decreases in others, which catalogues the last year as one of very ordinary events. Following is a summary of the happenings:

Accidents reported Arrests made Buildings secured, being found open
Burglars frustrated.
Dead bodies reported and
taken to morgue.... Destitute persons cared for. Fires attended Fires attended
Insane persons cared for
Lodgers accommodated
Lost children taken to
parents
Lost children taken to sta-.\$120,000 Murders and dead animals wagon
Meals furnished prisoners.
Packages stolen, property
recovered
Prisoners taken to county
jail
Sick and injured taken home.
Sick and injured taken to hospital
Sick and injured taken to station
Shooting affrays
Stabbing or cutting affrays
Stray teams cared for
Stray horses taken up
Sulvides reported
Suicides attempted
Turned over to juvenile officers Amount of property reported

(Continued from Page Thirteen.)

work to be on the same lines as that carried out in the work in this division

during the year just past. Two or three new concrete subwaya leading from the yards to the various packing boures, relieving any congestion in the handling of stock going to slaughter, and facilitating the movement of

tion of vantage among the exchanges of the west and the northwest. "Equity in trade" is the basic principle of the exchange, according to Secretary A. F.

One of the main features of the exchange is the protection of both the shipper and the seller and the buyer to the end that dishonest practices may not creep into the trade. During the year 1912 there were handled at the South Omaha yards approximately 92,000 cars of live stock. This live stock was sold by the members of the exchange at the rate of about four sales per car, or an aggregate for the year of something like 348,000 transactions. During this period there were but nine disputes in trade serious enough to call for the attention of our arbitration committee. This ic considered proof conclusive of the avstematic, honest manner in which this large volume of business was transacted. New fields for the distribution of the feeder stock of the range are constantly being opened up. The commission man 's his annual statement to the mayor, says not only seeking to secure shipments of entirely reorganized, the districts cut gas was served to consumers in a more live stock to this market, but is also busily engaged in securing additional ourlets for this stock. Feeder sheep from the Omaha market are today well known in New York, Ohlo, Indiana, Michigan,

> day being fed in Indiana. Kentucky and other far distant states. This colarged market as compared with years past is chiefly the result of activity upon the part of the members of the exchange and the stock yards management. Competition between the several large market centers of the country is very keen and that markt best succeeds which is most wide-awake in not only securing live stock, but in converting it into the largest possible amount of money. Those engaged in the live stock within a few years this market will be outclassed by some in the United States Its geographical location upon the edge of the producing country and its proximity to the heart of the corn belt seem to make this reasoning very logical.

The Membership.
The membership of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange is approximately 250. This seems small as compared with other commercial organizations, but when one stops to think, however, that during the year just passed these 350 men handled live stock to the value of more than \$125. 900,000 the business per capita runs into

nterests here are at present arranging for a trip to Cheyenne, Wyo.; Sale Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo., to attend Growers' association and the American National Live Stock association which are to be held the latter part of this

Cases Appealed from the Police Court Are Doubled

1.798 Police court business for the year 1913 1.892 ran a bit short of the record of 1912, so far as a lucrative showing is concerned. 19.314 In the matter of appeal cases, however, records were more than doubled. Following is a comparative record of

Total cash received. \$28.634.15 Appeal cases, 1913, 579, 1912, 36 Bound over, 1912, 214; 2912, 185

HUMMEL GRATEFUL TO ALL

Park Commissioner Thanks Those Who Helped Him Out.

MANY GAVE HIM ASSISTANCE

Both Individuals and Cornerations Lent Efforts in Beautifying Various Parts of Omaha and Vicinity.

Joe B. Hummel, park commissioner in making his annual moort, expressed Improvement clubs, Norris & Norris, d. E George, the Union Pacific railroad, Mrs. George A. Joslyn and others. His report follows:

Hanscom park received the greatest improvement of any of the parks in the system. There has been erected the conservatory donated by Mrs. George A. Joslyn and the rebuilding and construction of greenhouses, with walks and steps, necessitating an expensiture of \$10,000, \$2,000 of which was donated by Mrs. Joslyn. From other funds it was possible to complete the greenhouses in one season. Two comfort stations have been built during the season, with fitting planting to obscure the walls; also a broad walk was laid around the ponu, leading to the pavilion.

practing to obscure the walls; also a broad walk was laid around the pond, leading to the pavillon.

In Levi Carter park a lagoon comprising some three acres has been excevated and the earth used in filling the low lands. The Union Pacific Rairoad company removed the tracks leading to the ice houses around the banks of the lake to the outer edge of the park on a grade built by this department. This was done by the company at a large expense and had it not been done the expenditure could not have been made by the city this year. Grading and sloping of the banks has been accomplished to a noticeable extent. One thousand trees have been planted and the park at the northwest is now ready to receive detailed attention, and it is hoped by another year that the park will be opened to the public.

Parks AH Maintained.

Parks All Maintained.

The work in Fontenelle, Miller, Elm-wood and Riverview parks has been that of general maintenance. Of the smaller parks Carolyn Mercer park has received the most improvement. Gracing and bulking of sidewalks and curus has been the principal work, but bids have been advertised for and funds set aside for the paving of the boulevards, which will be accomplished when weather permits.

By the donation of funds from the Omaha Street Railway company it was made possible to give a series of con-certs in the various parks. Materials have been bought for the construction of a portable bandstand, which is now

of a portable bandstand, which is now being built.
Playground apparatus was purchased and a plot of ground set apart in Hanscom park was equipped with slides, teeters and swings, and other devices are being assembled in the park workshop, so that when the season of 1914 opens playgrounds in several of the parks and the corners set apart for the children will be established. On the triangle seats have been built and the ground put in good order for ball games.

ground put in good order for ball games.
These grounds along the boulevard will be improved the coming season.
Of the boulevards, aside from keeping them in condition, there has been a them in condition, there has been a large amount of grading on the boulevard north of Bemis park to Maple street, and work under contract is being rapidly completed to Thirty-first and Sprague, and on a part of it graded trees have been set out. The Happy Hollow boulevard, with the co-operation of J. E. George, has been developed and will make one of the pleasing drives in the city. Florence boulevard at Ohio street received considerable attention in lowering the grade and improving the lowering the grade and improving the

Howell Summarizes Work of the Water Board for the Year

R. Beecher Howell, general manager of the metropolitan water district, in his annual report summarizes the work of his board of directors and himself as follows.

The year 1913 has been one of the most

The year 1913 has been one of the most important years in the history of Omaha water plant so far as construction and development is concerned. The forty eight-inch pipe line leading from Flor ence to the city was completed during the fore part of the year. As a consequence the management has been able to close down the flurt street pumping station, with the result that water of better quality so far as bacteria are concerned. close down the Burt street pumping station, with the result that water of better
quality, so far as bacteria are concerned
has been furnished since the new pipline has been put into use. In addition
marked improvements have been made
in the water supply afforded, so far as
turbidity is concerned, through the reconstruction of the sedimentation basin;
at the Florence plant. The capacity of
these basins has been increased 10 per
cent, so that there is now a total capacity for sedimentation basins of some \$0.000,000 gallons, or something more that
four days water supply. In other words
at the present time water passing through
the sedimentation basins requires four
days for passage. As a result of these
improvements in the settling basins the
turbidity of the water, for instance, for
the month of November, 1912, was on at
average of 2.5, whereas the average turbidity for the month of November in the
year 1913 was 4.3. Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Thousands of feeder cattle from this market are to-

bidity for the month of November in the year 1913 was 4.3.

These improvements include the construction of the new forty-eight-inch pipeline and its completion, now afford Omaha an ample supply of water to meetall emergencies. At the Florence pumping station there have also been installed four new boilers of 400-horsepower each together with automatic stokers and a new chimney and underground flue lead ing from these boilers and affording capacity for additional boilers has been largely completed. The second coal stor-age plant developed in Omaha for stor-age of coal under water has also been installed at the Florence pumping station, together wit locomative crane for handling coal. As a result some 5,5% tons of coal were purchased this fall at a saving of something like \$2,000 in the cost of the coal alone, as through the storage and the availability of the locomative crane it was possible to store commotive crane it was possible to store conas it has never been possible before therefore the coal could be purchase when cheap.

The Walnut Hill basins have been re-

paired and put in order, being thoroughly lined throughout at an expense of about 25,000. In addition, sixteen miles have been added to the distribution of the water plant probably more miles of distribution than has ever been added to the plant since its construction. In addition to sixteen miles of distribution when the sixteen miles of distribution was a sixteen miles of distribution and the sixteen miles of distribution was a sixteen miles of distributio paint since its construction. In addition to sixteen miles of distrubution mains there have also been added 294 hydrants probably twice as many hydrants as have ever been added to the system it any one year, thus greatly increasing the possibilities of fire protection.

One thousand six hundred and sixty three new services have been added during the year, an increase added during the year, an increase and added during the year, an increase and added during the year, and the year.