

OMAHA HOLDS ITS PLACE AS LEADING MART FOR GRAIN

More Than Eighty-Four Million Bushels Pass Through the Local Elevators During Last Year.

Notwithstanding the decreased acreage of wheat last year and the resulting decrease in the aggregate number of bushels grown throughout Omaha trade territory, as a grain market, Omaha retained third place among the grain marts of the world.

In the matter of total grain receipts, last year was a record breaker for the Omaha market, according to the figures of the Omaha Grain exchange.

In round numbers, there were received at the Omaha terminal elevators 84,000,000 bushels of grain, against 78,105,100 during 1916.

Money Back to Farmers. These millions of dollars, with the exception of the carrying charges, the commissions and the elevator charges, all went back to the farmers of Omaha trade territory, which territory for grain purchasing purposes, was extended vastly in every direction last year.

The amount of money paid out through the Omaha Grain exchange last year is partially an estimate, but it is as accurate as can be gotten at this time and is on the basis of \$2 a bushel for wheat, \$1.50 for corn, 60 cents for oats, \$1.50 for rye and \$1.25 for barley.

The following tables show the car-load receipts and shipments for each month of the year. They are:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, Month, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Total.

Table with columns: SHIPMENTS, Month, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Total.

Receipts of Year. The railroad car loading schedule for each kind of grain, in bushels is as follows:

Table with columns: Grain, Quantity.

Taking grain men's estimate on the average price for the various kinds of grain, the money paid out was as follows:

Table with columns: Grain, Price per bushel, Total.

Wants to See His Son—Jesse Nelson asks the district court to amend his wife's divorce decree so that he may see his son, Wilmett, occasionally. He avers that he is a man of good moral character and has a great affection for his child and claims that Mrs. Nelson's refusal to let Wilmett visit him has caused him great distress.

OMAHA GETS MANY NEW INDUSTRIES

Ninety-Five Manufacturing Establishments Spring Up in 1917; Concerns Employ 1,091 Persons.

Ninety-five new manufacturing establishments have gone into business in Omaha during 1917. Their combined capital amounts to \$3,127,500. These new manufacturing concerns employ 1,091 persons.

From every standpoint this is by far the best showing Omaha has ever made in a single year in the way of increase. The total includes manufacturing and jobbing concerns and branches of large industries having their headquarters in other places.

The year 1916 showed 68 new factories, with a combined capital of \$2,222,700 and employes numbering 924.

List of Concerns. Following is the list of new concerns for 1917, with the respective number of employes:

Table with columns: Name, No. Employes.

These figures do not take into account the thousands of bushels of sorghum, kafir corn, maize and other grains that are raised in lesser quantities and add many thousands of dollars to the business of the market.

A large portion of the grain marketed through the Omaha Grain exchange last year eventually found its way to Europe and to the allies. The balance was used for home consumption, with a goodly portion of the best held for seeding purposes and for feed during the coming season.

During the year three elevators were erected at the Omaha grain terminals and additions built to others. The new structures added 4,000,000 bushels to the total storage capacity that is now 11,500,000 bushels.

Note—In addition to the foregoing list are several industries secured for Omaha, but not yet classed as producing concerns. The Nebraska Tire and Rubber company, with a capital of \$250,000, has purchased five acres of ground and is remodeling the building on it. The Sprague Tire and Rubber company has purchased its site and is preparing to build. This company has a capital paid in of about \$200,000, which is to be increased to \$1,500,000. The Briction Manufacturing company will build its tire factory shortly and its capital stock will run into the millions. Just outside the city limits, in Ralston, the Crown Tire company has erected a fine building.

The industrial committee of the Commercial club has been an active factor in securing a larger number of these new concerns than ever before. The work of this committee has been untiring and many of the concerns would certainly have located elsewhere but for the active aid of the committee and the industrial secretary.

BUSINESS OF THE PACKING HOUSES BEST IN HISTORY

Omaha Meat Industry Sets New Record, Paying Out Millions More of Dollars Than Ever Before.

Last year was the greatest in the history of the Omaha meat packing business. Statistics show an increase of millions of dollars in the value of the trade during 1917.

Cudahys and Armour's each report their volume of business for the last year at \$85,000,000, an increase of about one-third over the previous year's business for each company.

More than 4,000,000 animals have been slaughtered at the Omaha packing plants within the last 12 months. More than half this number were hogs. The greater part of the hog products were sold to the government, either to be used in the camps and cantonments, or to be shipped to the soldiers abroad.

Thousands of Employes. It has required the work of thousands of employes to do this work. Cudahys and Armour's each report that they employ 2,200 men, and Swift 1,600.

The packing companies of Omaha paid their employes almost \$8,000,000 last year. Armour's pay roll was \$2,225,000, Cudahy's \$2,188,000 and Swift's, \$1,792,000 in salaries.

Armour shipped 13,434 cars of product during the year and received 5,041 carloads of supplies. Swift shipped 15,013 carloads of products.

The Armour company has completed a new beef cooler and hide cellar and is finishing an ice manufacturing plant. R. C. Howe, manager for Armour, stated: "We do not contemplate any large improvements during the coming year, as we believe we should conserve labor and material."

Additions to Plants. Manager M. R. Murphy reports that the Cudahy company has constructed \$224,000 worth of improvements during 1917. They are: Fat hardening plant, \$52,000; two new ice machines, \$98,000; electric and transformer house, \$12,000; remodeling and equipping canning factory, \$62,000.

Swift has erected a brick and concrete garage, a new employment office, a three-story concrete hog pen and steel viaduct leading from the pens to the killing floor, a brick and concrete shipping office and a car shed where cars are repaired.

The three packing plants which have reported show that during 1917 they killed:

Table with columns: Month, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Calves, Total.

The six independent packing companies reported that they did about \$3,000,000 worth of business during the year.

Mothers' Pension Fund for 1917 Approximately \$40,000. Approximately \$40,000 was distributed to mothers in 1917 under the mothers' pension law, according to the report of the county clerk's office. In 1916 but \$34,045 was distributed from this fund. In 1917 278 mothers, having a total of 878 children, made application and were granted relief under the mothers' pension law.

STOCK RECEIPTS SET NEW RECORD

Seven and a Half Million Animals Received at Union Stock Yards During Last Year.

Live stock receipts at the Union Stock Yards again have gone soaring and have set a new high record at 7,613,898 animals received during 1917. Cattle receipts were 2,990,015 ahead of last year. Receipts in horses increased 5,354 over last year's figures.

The majority of the hogs, sheep and cattle received have been killed by the Omaha packing companies; but, recently, owing to the meat shortage and in accordance with the advice of the government, much feeder stock has been sent back to farms to be fattened. The large amount of short corn in the state also fostered the movement of feeder stock back to the farms to be more thoroughly finished before they are slaughtered.

Stock yard statistics and comparisons with previous years are:

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Planning Commission Puts In Busy Year in Omaha

One of the most important features of the work of the City Planning commission during 1917 was the planning of a major street system. For that traffic study, maps were compiled, showing street and roadway widths, age of pavements, ungraded streets, and traffic counts were made on the principal thoroughfares. A complete map has been prepared of the city and its surroundings, and on this is shown the proposed major street system to be submitted to the city council for adoption. Besides the recommendations for extensions and widenings, indicated on the major street plan, detailed plans and estimates have been prepared and submitted to the city council, for improvements of Douglas, Dodge, Harney and Howard streets, Dewey and St. Mary's avenues and Twelfth and Twenty-second streets.

To redeem for residential use large areas in the southeastern and southern parts of the city, rendered inaccessible through numerous deep ravines, preliminary studies have been made and field surveys are now under way for topographical data to enable the intelligent platting of roads and streets for these districts.

The planning of boulevards has received considerable study, especially with a view remedying the present lack of continuity in various places. Preliminary plans have been made for a boulevard extending from Dorcas and Tenth streets, south to Child's Point.

McAdoo Takes Measures To Relieve Coal Shortage

Washington, Dec. 31.—Immediate measures will be taken to relieve the coal shortage in New England and in New York, Director McAdoo announced today. Orders, he said, will be issued before night giving to coal shipments preferential movement.

Berg's 1621 FARNAM STREET Berg's Starting Wednesday, January 2d, Our Fifth Annual JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE Of All Women's Apparel in Our Shop Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Waists and Petticoats---Everything Goes Clearance of the Entire Stock of WOMEN'S SUITS In Three Big Sale Groups \$1475 \$1975 \$2475 January Clearance of All WOMEN'S COATS Beautiful, Late Style Models BOLIVIA BROADCLOTH POM POM VELOUR VELVET These Prices Being a Reduction of MORE THAN ONE-HALF \$25.00 Coats will sell for... \$15.00 \$45.00 Coats will sell for... \$25.00 \$50.00 Coats will sell for... \$27.50 \$55.00 Coats will sell for... \$35.00 \$65.00 Coats will sell for... \$37.50 \$85.00 Coats will sell for... \$39.50 Choice of All Silk and Serge Dresses at AFTERNOON, STREET AND PARTY DRESSES 1/2 PRICE We frankly admit that our sale last week cut down our dress stock considerably, but there are still about 95 dresses to select from, and if you can find one that appeals to you it will prove a wonderful bargain at half price. Some serge dresses, some silks and a few party frocks—all are unusual values. ALL SEPARATE SKIRTS Silk, Wool Novelties 1/4 OFF ALL SILK BLOUSES Georgette, Satin, Crepe De Chine 1/4 OFF SILK PETTICOATS Choice of the Shop One-fifth Off Berg's ALL FUR SETS Scarfs and Muffs One-fourth Off 1621 FARNAM WOMEN'S SHOP 1621 FARNAM

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In the Spirit of Civilization WE HOPE, with you, that the year nineteen hundred and eighteen will commemorate the final victory in mankind's long struggle for liberty. Slowly it has been realized by Americans that the world is not yet free—that a false and barbarian philosophy still delusively sways certain strong peoples—menaces the rights and privileges so long commonplace in this Republic. Reluctantly and sadly it has been our duty to oppose brute force in the only way intelligible to brute force—to prove again that the sword of justice must ever triumph over the sword of iniquity. Step by step, painfully and with infinite heart-breaking—through the Roman Empire and the Dark Ages; the centuries of Feudalism; the folly of Religious Intolerance; the despotism of Kaisers and Kings—has the world steadily been made better for those who live in it. Resolutely the free peoples, cemented in the most lofty cause, now march forward to determine once and for all that Fair Play between nation and nation and between man and man shall prevail. Dimly do we perceive the great and far-reaching issues of this tremendous struggle in which practically the whole world is now engaged—the intimate and personal influences which the result is to exert upon the improvement of the common lot for generations upon generations to come. Let us steadfastly stand together, our hearts uplifted by the majesty of our cause, our minds serene in the knowledge of righteousness and our hands industrious to the full measure of our abilities. In this solemn spirit we wish you a Happy New Year Nebraska Power Co. By J. E. DAVIDSON, Vice President and General Manager.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Ancient and Recent History The firm of Sherman & McConnell was established in September, 1889, by its present owners and active managers, C. R. Sherman and A. B. McConnell. This business has not grown by "leaps and bounds," but its development has been of the "slow but sure" sort—like the oak, rather than the catalpa. In January, 1900, the original store was moved from its first location at 1513 Dodge to the corner of 16th and Dodge, where a constantly increasing business is done. In June, 1907, the second link in our chain of Drug Stores was forged and established at 16th and Harney. The chain now has 5 links with prospects that at a very early date it will be a sextette. The fire at our warehouse on October 12 was a most disastrous one and has given us an immense amount of work, something we do not grudge nearly as much as we do the annoyance caused our customers and we acknowledge now, most gratefully, their patience and good nature. We are now back in our warehouse at 509-11 So. 12th street, which has been restored and is more commodious than ever, and is rapidly being filled with fresh, clean drug store merchandise. SHERMAN & McCONNELL DRUG COMPANY Chas. R. Sherman, Pres. & Treas. A. B. McConnell, V. Pres. & Secy. D. L. Gaskill, General Manager. H. C. Goodwin, Mgr. Owl Drug Co. N. H. Seiler, Mgr. 19th & Farnam. J. H. Prather, Mgr. 24th & Farnam. Mrs. A. Baker, Mgr. 49th & Dodge. Miss Marg't. Lyons, Gen. Of. Mgr. and over 90 other loyal employes.