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 your and the renumber of bushels grown throughout Omaha trade territory, as a grain market, Omaha retained third place among the grain marts of the world. their headquarters in other places. It closed the year with the total re-

In the matter of total grain receipts, last year was a record breaker for the Omaha market, according to the cerns for 1917, with the respective figures of the Omaha Grain exchange, number of employes: In round numbers, there were re-

ceived at the Omaha terminal eleva-tors 84,000,000 bushels of grain, as against 78,105,100 during 1916. In money this meant the distribution of \$121,000,000, as against \$79,277,711 paid out during 1916, which was the previous record year.

Money Back to Farmers.

These millions of dollars, with the exception of the carrying charges, the commissions and the elevation charges all many hard to the formula of the commissions are the formula of the commissions. These millions of dollars, with the 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 mony paid out through the Omaha Grain exchange last year is partially an estimate, but it is as accurate as can be gotten at his 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. These are the going prices now. During the early part of the year they were much higher, then they were slightly lower, coming back they were slightly lower, coming back and remaining at the present standard practically ever since the food administration fixed the selling prices on wheat

The following tables show the carload receipts and shipments for each H. Kohnstamm & Co. (laundry sup month of the year. They are:

RIC	CEIPTS	S.		
Wheat	Corn.	Onts.	Rye P	artev
January 2,001			71	8.5
Pebruary 1.168	1,178	447	29	74
Murch ,1101	1,647	855	314	6.9
April 191	1.606	1.081	114	
May 1.111	1,553	617	94	14
June 591	3,000	575	16	9.1
July 138	2.616	808	1.4	24
August 224	2,247	1,274	23	
September 525	1,466	1,258	81	154
October 1.309	1.038	1,711	16.5	157
November 557	6.6.5	1.433	187	141
December 692	1,635	897	9.2	153
Totals 10,240	00 110			+
Ctry	PMENT	11,329	771	1.005
	Corn		Dre T	instan
lanuary 1.728	1,709	818	134	79
ebruary 1.101		507	29	59
CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY.	1.1-1.1	67-17-4	62.97	10.79

April 956 May 869 1,526 361 839 June 520 2,827 606
July 116 2,697 638
August 104 2,472 893
September 105 1,252 1,043
Getober 682 908 1,408
November 1,169 274 1,593
December 142 607 865 129 145 109 125

Receipts of Year. The railroad car loading schedule Red Crown Macaroni Co.
for each kind of grain, in bushels is Refinite Co. The (water softener) as follows: as follows:

uring on this basis, the receipts during the year were:

The same of the sa	Bushels.
Wheat	12,288,000
Corne	39,498,000
Oats	29,776,000
Rys	848,000
Barley	1.349.000
Taking grain men's estimat	e on the
average price for the various	1.1

Wheat, \$2 per bushel. \$24,576,090
Corn, \$1.50 per bushel. 58,247,000
Cats, 60 cents per bushel. 34,948,000
Ryc, \$1.50 per bushel. 1,272,150
Barley, \$1.25 per bushel 1,683,090

These figures do not take into account the thousands of bushels of speltz, kaffir corn, maize and other grains that are raised in lesser quanities 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,

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

OMAHA GETS MANY **NEW INDUSTRIES**

Ninety-Five Manufacturing Es tablishments 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 sulting decrease in the aggregate made in a single year in the way of increase. The total includes manufacturing and jobbings concerns and branches of large industries having

The year 1916 showed 68 new fac ceipts in excess of any corresponding tories, with a complice cumbering 924.

List of Concerns.

3	No. Employ	
5	Ajax Rubber Co	
á	Alamo Farm Light Co	
X	MIDDECRE LARCE COFG CO	
y	Alexander & Co. (auto repairing)	
Ó	American Auto Repair Shop	
4	American Wet Wash Laundry	
d	Auroragraph Co. The (Electric Photo- graphy)	
- 1	CONTRACTOR AND	

Auto Salvage and Exchange.

Bearings Service Co (auto bearings).

A. E. Bihler (auto repairs).

Collis Products Co. (dried buttermilk). Combination Tiro Mfg Co. Commercial Supply Co. of Omnila (asbestos and magnesia products).... bestos and magnesia products).

Coors, Adolph (malted milk).

Criswell & Livering Machine Co.

Delco Farm Light Co.

Dercott Electric Car Co.

Dictaphone Co. Dictaphone Machine Co. Elsasser Bros. (auto repairs).

J. B. Ford Co. (cleaning specialties).

Fowler Lock & Cooperage Co.

Fontenelle Feature Film Co.

Gates Half Sole Tro. Co.

Carl B. Co. (building ma-

cus Carl B. Co. (building marents)

fey-Wilson Electric Light Co.

Introduction N-Ray Co.

Ier Rubber Co.

rele-Soule Co. (creamery products),
yer, Wm. C. Co. (X-ray supplies)
seiszippi Valley Seed Co.

dern Electric Co.

dor Company (Elgin)

stor Supply Co.

Caffrey Motor Co.

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Culley & Widener Co. (plumbing and

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1 Sales Co. (automobiles and trucks) braska Trunk and Hag Co... son Leose Leaf Corporation son & Zarp (paint manufacturers)... hols-Rice Motor Co... raska Paterson Auto Co.

ew Idea Spreader Co..... orth Side Garage (automobile North Northwestern Construction Co. (Adv.), Oakland Motor Car Co. O'Brien-Hicks Icless Container Co... Oimstead Grain Co. Omaha Body Co. (auto truck bodies). Omaha Roller Mills. Omaha Roller Mills.
Omaha Salvage Sales Co...
Peperkorn Auto Repairing
Persian Rug Cleaning Co.
Purington Pawing Brick Co.

Wheat, 1,200; corn, 1,400; oats, 2,000; rye, 1,100; barley, 1,800. Figuring on this basis the receipts during on this basis the receipts during the state of the

M. F. Shafer Co. (printing and adver-tising specialties), new building. Smith-Gwynne Co. (advertising service) Standard Film Corporat Triangle Distributing Co. (films)

Walker Mfg. Co. (farm implements). Warren Investment Co. (industrial se Western Alkali Refining Co. Wiens-Omaha Brush Co...... Yousem Bros. (storage batteries)...

Note-In addition to the foregoing list are several industries secured for Omalia, 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 Brictson 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 elsecommittee and the industrial secre-

BUSINESS OF THE **PACKING HOUSES**

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

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

Cudahys and Armours each report their volume of business for the last year at \$55,000,000, an increase of about one-third over the previous year's business for each company, feeder stock has been sent back to Cudaliys reported the total volume of business for 1916 at \$40,000,000; Armours, \$42,000,000.

More than 4,000,000 animals have peen slaughtered at the Omaha packing plants within the last 12 months. slaughtered, More than half this unmber 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 thou sands of employes to do this work. Cudahys and Armours each report that they employ 2,200 men, and Swift The packing companies of Omaha

paid their employes almost \$8,000,000 ast 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 proluct during the year and received 5,-

041 carloads of supplies. Swift ship-ped 15,613 carloads of products. The Armour company has completed a new beef cooler and hide cellar and is finishing an ice manufactur-ing 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 ma-

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: Cutdahy . 242.219 617,950 420.861 45,619 Armour . 225,623 614,418 352,758 9,198 Swift . 262.250 509,113 422,780 15,540

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

Mothers' Pension Fund for 1917 Approximately \$40,000

Approximately \$40,000 was distribu-ted 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.

and have set a new high record at 7,613,898 animals received during 1917. Cattle receipts were 299,015 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 shortage and in accordance with the advice of the government, much 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 throughly finished before they are

Stock yard statistics and comparisons with previous years are:

Cattle,	Hogs	Sheep. H	s-M's
January 147,249	441,104	283,922	1.724
February 100,621	377.484	237,330	2,108
March 109,469	294,189	214,056	3,229
April 107,401	229,289	150,854	2,641
May127,034	244,315	105,145	1,235
June 106,610	244,200	74,143	1,044
July 89,400	260,556	147,621	1,889
August 123,153	166,303	264,213	1,424
September 184.197	93,614	529,538	5.465
October250,256	97,558	516,248	6.341
November222,253	147,897	241,555	3,892
December 155,676	217,694	268,834	1.848

Totale ...1,733,319 3,814,283 3,033,456 33,840 Total Receipts:

Cattle, Hogs. Sheep, H's-M's 1914 ... 926,694 2,267,384 2,147,434 28,561 1915 ... 1,225,000 2,639,000 2,310,000 41,600 1916 ... 1,434,304 3,115,820 3,170,908 27,436 1917 ... 1,733,319 2,814,283 3,033,456 32,840

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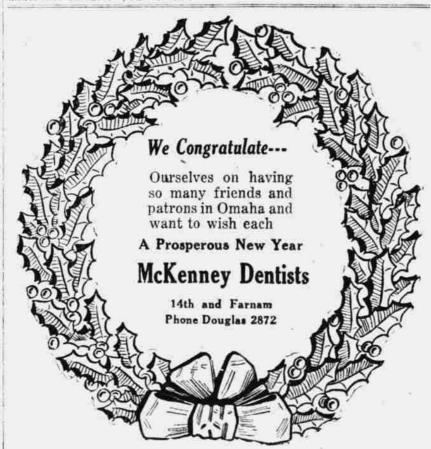
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE

Ideal Button & Pleating Co.

308 BROWN BLDG. (Opposite Brandeis Stores)

16th and Douglas Sts. Doug. 1936





HAPPY NEW YEAR

For the 29th time we wish all our friends, all our customers—yea, even those, alas, who perhaps are now neither one nor the other, but who eventually we hope (really why not now?) will become both-

A HAPPY NEW YEAR Charles R. Sherman, Andrew B. McConnell.

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 & McCONNELI **DRUG COMPANY**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE

The Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., by its officers and with the consent, aid and hearty co-operation of its 100 or more employes, has resolved to quit "loafing on the job," and from and after this date "get busy" and more than ever live up to the motto it long since adopted, viz! "To give the best in Drug Store Service and Goods.

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.

Planning Commission Puts

One of the most important features of a major street system. For that traffic study, maps were compiled, showing street and roadway widths, age of pavements, ungraded streets, areas in the southeastern and southern

In Busy Year in Omaha prepared and submitted to the city lack of continuity in various places. ond streets.

its surroundings, and on this is shown and field surveys are now under way Live stock receipts at the Union the proposed major street system to for topographical data to enable the Stock Yards again have gone soaring be submitted to the city council for intelligent platting of roads and nounced today. Orders, he said, will

council, for improvements of Doug- Preliminary plans have been made for las, Dodge, Harney and Howard a boulevard extending from Dorcas of the work of the City Planning com-streets, Dewey and St. Mary's ave- and Tenth streets, south to Child's mission during 1917 was the planning nues and Twenttieth and Twenty-sec- Point. To redeem for residential use large McAdoo Takes Measures

and traffic counts were made on the parts of the city, rendered inaccessa-principal thoroughfares. A complete ble through numerous deep ravines, map has been prepared of the city and preliminary studies have been made adoption. Besides the recommenda- streets for these districts.

tions for extensions and widenings, in- The planning of boulevards has re- shipments preferential movement.

dicated on the major street plan, de- ceived considerable study, especially tailed plans and estimates have been with a view remedying the present

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 and be issued before night giving to coal

Bergs

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

These Prices Being a Reduction of

MORE THAN ONE-HALF We won't say much more about the suits. When garments sell for less than half price it's merely a question of whether or not you need a suit.

All colors, materials and sizes will be found in \$85.00 Coats will sell for....\$39.50 the assortment-about 125 suits in all.

January Clearance of All **WOMEN'S COATS**

Beautiful, Late Style Models BOLIVIA BROADCLOTH POM POM VELOUR VELVET

\$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

ALL SILK BLOUSES

Georgette, Satin, Crepe De Chine

Choice of All Silk and Serge Dresses at AFTERNOON, STREET AND PARTY DRESSES

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 frocksall are unusual values.

ALL SEPARATE SKIRTS Silk, Wool Novelties

SILK PETTICOATS

Choice of the Shop One-fifth Off

1621 FARNAM

ALL FUR SETS Scarfs and Muffs One-fourth Off

WOMEN'S SHOP

1621 FARNAM

PRICE

In the Spirit of Civilization

WE HOPE, with you, that the year nine-teen 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 loftly 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

We know that the test of the United States is at hand and that if we fail. the blood of our children will pay for our betrayal of Democracy.

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

