

Figures Record Year of Substantial Progress in Omaha's Industries

Merchants Report All Sales Records Smashed In 1920

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Viewed from a jobbing trade standpoint, 1920 was a record year so far as the business houses of Omaha were concerned. The aggregate sales for the year were \$458,721,105, as against \$353,462,457, a gain of \$105,258,648 over 1919, which was the previous banner year.

The volume of business last year was \$353,462,457 as compared. The following totals show increases since 1915, and show that this business has more than doubled in five years:

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Merchants in discussing the increased volume of trade assert that it was due in a great measure to ever-growing importance that is attached to Omaha as a market town for the west half of Iowa and a goodly portion of the country lying west of the Missouri river.

The accompanying table shows the volume of trade in the leading lines handled in Omaha. Where certain lines are not mentioned it is not due to the fact that they have been overlooked or ignored.

Auto Sales Increase. It is interesting to note that the sales of automobiles and trucks increased \$15,962,765 over 1919; cigars and tobacco, \$10,345,557, to a total five times that of a year ago; coal and coke, \$6,106,496; dry goods and notions, \$7,577,450; flour, \$14,834,198; groceries, \$18,374,070; crackers, \$4,354,127; hardware, \$2,045,000; cement and concrete, \$1,627,000; drugs, \$3,477,000; phonographs, \$2,415,000, and so on.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1920, 1919. Includes categories like Automobiles and trucks, Groceries, Oils, Commission and produce, etc.

75 Babies Were Born In Salvation Army Home In '20

Seventy-five babies were born at the Salvation Army Rescue home during 1920, as compared to 61 babies in 1919. At the close of the year there were 27 babies in the home and 42 girls.

With one or two exceptions, the girls have shouldered the responsibility of caring for their babies, according to Adjutant Ness, who says several inmates were from good Omaha families.

Omaha Jobbing Figures Show Gains

Following table shows 10 leading lines of jobbing and the comparison for four years:

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Includes Automobiles and trucks, Groceries, Oils, Commission and produce, etc.

Live Stock Market Of Omaha Has Best '20 Record In U. S.

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As estimated that \$12,000,000 is paid out annually to the employees of the various packing plants and although there was a decrease in the receipts of live stock, most all of the employees were kept steadily employed at the different plants.

The principal packing house firms have issued the following resume concerning their respective plants:

Less Hogs Killed. Cudahy Packing Company—For the past fiscal year did a business of approximately \$65,000,000 against \$88,000,000 a year ago, the decrease largely due to the fact that about 13 per cent less hogs were killed and prices are considerably lower this year.

Swift & Co.—Cattle killed, 214,030; hogs, 488,490; sheep, 352,750, and calves, 23,930. Total number employees, 2,625; annual payroll, \$4,100,000; number of cars shipped, 15,033.

Dodge Hill Project Outstanding Public Improvement In '20

Not a Notable Year for Paving Work, Report of Commissioner Roy N. Towl Shows.

Nineteen twenty was not a notable year for paving work according to a report by Roy N. Towl, city commissioner, in charge of the public improvement department. Increased activity in grading work, which was unusual, brought the total operations of this department to \$1,245,996, as compared with a total of \$869,049 for 1919.

City Shows Good Industrial Growth During Year of '20

New Capital Invested Amounts to \$12,430,000, While 1,170 Additional Employees Put On.

Confidence in Omaha as an industrial center was shown in 1920 by the investment of over \$12,000,000 in new plants and equipment, a gain of \$1,658,500 over the increase of the previous year.

Despite conditions which necessitated unusual care in the conduct of business during the past year, especially during the last six months, the industrial growth of Omaha has been quite satisfactory, according to J. M. Gillan, industrial commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce.

While the number of new industries starting up in Omaha has been surpassed in former years, the expansion and enlargement of firms already established here has been greater than in any previous year, according to Mr. Gillan's compilation of facts.

A number of firms have bought property, but owing to the high cost of material and labor and the condition of finances, building and expansion of plants have been deferred until more favorable conditions exist.

The following list of commercial and manufacturing establishments, some of them new and some of them merely expansions, will give a fairly accurate idea of the commercial and industrial growth of the city during the past year.

Table with 3 columns: Establishment Name, Amt., Emp. Includes Burgess-Nash Co., Bradley-Merriam & Smith, etc.

Financial Statement of the OMAHA LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Assets like Loans on First Mortgages, Loans on Association Shares of Stock, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Liabilities like Running stock and dividends, Paid-up stock and dividends, etc.

Savings accounts may be opened at any time with any amount. We pay 6% compounded semi-annually.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

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Manufacturing Shows Big Increase

The following is a list of 13 leading manufacturing lines and their growth for the past four years:

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Includes Packing house prod., Smelting, Butter, Autos, tires, access., etc.

But One Movie Rejected In Year

The Board of Public Welfare has handled 580 domestic relation cases this year, divorces being advised in only 30 instances.

More than 1,000 free legal aid cases were recorded, these covering a wide field of adjustments. In the free employment bureau there were 10,160 persons placed in employment and there were 15,093 applications from employers who wanted workers.

527,220 Books Borrowed From Public Library In '20

Miss Edith Tobitt, public librarian, reports that 527,220 books were borrowed from the public library and its branches during 1920, an increase of 98,643 over the total number borrowed in 1919.

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\$40,000 More In City Treasury Than In '19

The city and county treasury on December 1, 1920, contained about \$40,000 more than on the same date of 1919.

On the same date in 1919, the balance was \$3,446,965.82. The balance on hand, December 1 of this year was made up as follows: City money, \$1,525,203.82; school money, \$1,104,603.69; police fund, \$189,192.04; water district, \$1,510,633.76; gas department, \$38,207.93; county money, \$1,079,413.87.

Burglars Steal Deposit Boxes From Oregon Bank

Hillsboro, Ore., Dec. 31.—The North Plains Commercial bank at North Plains, Ore., was robbed last night. The burglars carried the safety deposit boxes to a hop house, where they sorted out the valuables.

The biggest year in the history of the county attorney's office was 1920, as shown by the report of County Attorney A. V. Shotwell.



May the New Year bring you all that is good and enjoyable.

The OMAHA NATIONAL BANK and The OMAHA TRUST COMPANY. Financial Statement, January 1, 1921. Assets: Loans on Improved City Real Estate, Loans on Improved Farms, Loans on Pass Book Security, etc.

The Conservative Savings and Loan Association of Omaha. Financial Statement, January 1, 1921. Assets: Loans on First Mortgages, Loans on Association Shares of Stock, Interest due from Members, etc.