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GROWTH DURING YEAR

Omaha Expands in All Directions During Last Twelve Months.

EVERY LINE OF BUSINESS SHOWS ADVANCE

Commercial and Industrial Activity the Most Notable for Years.

BUILDING RECORD A SPLENDID TOTAL

More Than Double that of 1903 and Ahead of Twelve-Year Record.

POSITION AS MARKET TOWN ESTABLISHED

Growth of Grain Trade in Connection with Advance in Other Directions a Most Satisfactory Indication.

Summary of Omaha's Business—1904. Bank clearings, 19,417,002; Total jobbing, 113,047,002; Manufacturing, 282,414,582; Output Omaha smelter, 16,015,000; Retail estate transfers, 2,731,075; Realty mgs. filed, 2,965,570; Building permits issued, 2,965,295; Money orders issued, 465,129; Stamp sales, 557,078; City assessment roll, 102,000,000.

Live Stock Receipts at South Omaha

Cattle, 944,192; Sheep, 1,754,265.

Now that they have the balance sheet before them, the citizens of Omaha cannot help feeling that 1904 was a pretty good year in spite of the several things that tended to retard business development and urban growth.

Probably the greatest single feature of the city's growth during the year was the development of the grain market. This has grown with wonderful strides, until it has come to such proportions that it now commands the respectful attention of rivals.

YOUNGHUSBAND ON THIBET

Head of Mission to Lhasa Has Returned to London from India.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Colonel Younghusband, who headed the British expedition to Tibet, and who has returned in England from Lhasa, says that owing to the magnificent behavior of the British troops the Thibetans were much better disposed toward them when they left than when they arrived.

The Thibetans are a nation of shopkeepers. While the mission was in the country, Thibetan traders were continually being prospected in new fashions to produce and goods. There seems to be every prospect of thriving trade springing up between India and Thibet.

BRITAIN HAS GRAVE PROBLEM

Lord Welby Says Expenses Exceed Income, with Little Hope of Change.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—Lord Welby, speaking at the Budget Liberal club this week, declared the budget prospects for next year to be very gloomy.

"We ended last year—a year of complete peace," said he, "with a deficit of \$2,400,000, and looking at the published returns of the treasury, it looks as if the income would be \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000 short next April."

"Our floating debt was increased from \$2,000,000,000 the year before the war to between \$7,000,000,000 and \$8,000,000,000."

"During the last ten years the expenditure has increased by 50 per cent, and the income has increased by 25 per cent. In manufacturing the total for 1903 was \$19,383,000 and for 1904, \$18,075,000. The per cent of increase over 1903 is 70%."

As was the case last year, the explanation of these important gains is largely in good times and good crops in the western part of the territory, and it made it possible for the dealer to lay in good stocks of merchandise. Collections have been better. The greatest increase in business has been in grain, and is due to the very satisfactory adjustment of rates effected during the year. Other rates have been altered to favor Omaha jobbers and manufacturers.

NEW TERRITORY AVAILABLE

The Great Western entered the territory just at the close of 1903 and its effect was not felt until this year. It has opened up new territory and more direct lines to important sections and is a great feature.

The mid and open character of the fall and early winter was very beneficial in certain lines of business, allowing jobbers to make large shipments of perishable goods in sections usually closed by cold weather. The increase in business is also attributed to the natural growth of the country. The farm lands in the west are becoming more valuable and the inhabitants more numerous and more wealthy. The firms, with each year of business, become better known and

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ENGLAND MAY MAKE SUGAR

Resident of Liverpool Says Soil and Climate is Adapted for Beet Crop.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—England, which the greatest sugar consuming country in the world, might profitably produce it. It required, yet does not produce, a beet crop.

The annual consumption of sugar by English refiners, confectioners and jam makers is about 1,200,000 tons, yet they are entirely dependent on foreign supplies and at the mercy of a host of continental gamblers.

Mr. Stein has a remedy for all this. He has propounded a scheme for growing sugar at home. By means of the convention sugar producers in other countries received similar exemptions from taxes to the extent of 2 shillings per hundredweight. Up to the present there has been no producer in this country, but if during the remaining tenure of the Brussels convention the English government were to guarantee similar treatment to home grown sugar, it would be possible to grow it in this country.

In the event of such a promise from the government the capital would be forthcoming for the factories, and farmers would cooperate by growing the beet at a guaranteed uniform price per ton. To supply the requirements of the country about 400,000 factories would be required, each costing from \$20,000 to \$100,000 to establish and work, and each employing between 80 and 100 hands.

Besides the aggregate number of 300 sugar refineries, confectionery and allied trades would probably be further developed, beet growing would be taken up by farmers and would provide remunerative employment for many thousands of people.

Mr. Stein has been experimenting for fifteen years in all parts of England, Scotland and Ireland and has found that under ordinary conditions the plant grows better and yields better results than in any part of the continent.

The Liverpool corporation has set aside a large plot of land on the sewerage farm at Walton for experimental beet growing, and the yield this year has been thirty-one tons per acre, which is nearly three times the average yield on the continent, and the proportion of sugar in the crop was 18 per cent, against the average of 18 per cent on the continent. The Lancashire Farmers' association recently expressed its willingness to guarantee 1,300 acres of land for the production of sugar for the next five or ten years for the purpose of supporting a sugar factory.

"If we had a guarantee from the government of support similar to that extended to the cotton industry through the royal charter," says Mr. Stein, "a start would be made without delay."

WORLD DRAW EMPIRES CLOSER TOGETHER

Australian Statesman Pays Tribute to Chamberlain in His Remarks.

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BOYCOTTING IN IRELAND

One Family Near Cork Reports a Most Disagreeable State of Affairs.

CORK, Dec. 31.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee.)—The state of affairs has arisen out of the agrarian trouble on the Watergrass Hill estate of Mr. R. L. P. P. Boycotting and intimidation are no longer confined to the Watergrass Hill district, or even to the petty sessions district of Riverstown. This species of social tyranny is now being practiced in the city of Cork, in the presence of the police, who decline to interfere with offenders, on the plea that "their instructions do not justify them in doing so."

In an interview with Mr. P. P. P., junior, one of two sons of the landlords, who rents a farm on the property from his father, he stated: "Long before this eviction took place, for some unaccountable reason, I have been subjected to a petty tyranny and a rigorous boycott. Even the largest farms in this city have been boycotted, and I have been from me. I cannot even obtain the necessities of life without resorting to strategy. Why this should be so I cannot tell. I have always played the part of a good neighbor. For many years I have been obtaining coal from a Cork merchant, but he has refused to supply me any longer. I asked why, and he said he dared not supply me, as he would lose his trade. One of the largest firms of bakers in Cork has refused to sell me bread. Desiring to purchase some hardware goods, an assistant in a leading ironmongery establishment refused to supply me. I appealed to the manager, but he endorsed the action of the assistant. A day or two since my brother came to Cork for supplies. His footsteps were dogged from shop to shop by the brother of an evicted tenant, who openly named the brother of the evicted tenant as 'Fell of Watergrass Hill.' A week ago his two domestic servants were so terrified that they quitted his employment."

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