

Omaha World Herald (1878-1983)

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Overview

A noted watchdog, the *Omaha World Herald* has a long history of exposing corruption and inequity in the Midwest, from its condemnation of a 1919 lynching to a 1964 investigation exposing political bribery in Chicago. As onetime editor William Jennings Bryan put it, “The aim of *The World-Herald* will be, first, to ascertain the truth, then to present it fearlessly and with singleness of purpose.”

Eyewitness accounts of major global events

With firsthand reporting from the Battle at Wounded Knee and the Spanish-American War, the *Omaha World Herald* established its outsized ambitions early on. At first, the paper was in direct competition with other Omaha dailies, but as its competitors folded one by one, the *World Herald* became the one of the most-read papers in the Midwest and a vital source of international news. By World War II, the *World Herald* was Omaha’s last major paper. It sent two reporters to the front lines to send back reports of Midlands residents fighting in the war.

Insight into the events that shaped the Midwest

From the effect of the stock market crash on Nebraskans to the environmental, social and economic repercussions of the Dust Bowl, the *Omaha World Herald* offers insight and analysis into events that shaped the lives of Midwesterners. Omaha’s race riots are covered in depth, as are the region’s agricultural ups and downs, the arrival of the meat-packing industry and Midwestern sports teams. The *World Herald* was also an early advocate for education and the environment, offering researchers unprecedented opportunity to track these and other issues over time.

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