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Some day a far sighted and progressive business administration will set to work developing the immense sources of wealth and industrial greatness that lie at the very portals of the Gate City of the west. When that day comes, Omaha will find the nucleus of its industrial upbuilding in the packing district and, particularly, in the Union Stock Yards, situated in South Omaha. It will awaken to the fact that it has a live stock market which controls the output of live stock generally grown in the Missouri valley, and that this market without other assistance than the impetus given it by the brains and money of the forehanded men who saw the possibilities of such a market thirty years ago, has grown from a railway station with a cattle shed to be the second market of the world in cattle and the first in sheep.

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE UNION STOCK YARDS.



EVERETT BUCKINGHAM.

of Omaha was a feed station for cattle in transit. Today the Union Stock Yards stands as possibly the finest example of live stock equipment and service in the United States, barring no other market. Chicago, it is true, handles a larger volume of business, but Chicago has not the steel and concrete double decked sheep and hog pens the Union Stock Yards of South Omaha has. Neither has Chicago or any other market the pure water supply that the Union Stock Yards possesses; nor are cattle handled more expeditiously elsewhere than here in South Omaha, bringing to the farmer a price just as great as that obtained in Chicago with a lesser cost of transportation by reason of the short haul.

Thirty Years of Growth.
The Union Stock Yards of today was the dream of such men as William A. Paxton, who saw the necessity for a middle ground or market in the Missouri valley where the stock raisers of the west could meet the feeders of the corn belt and the packers and distributors of meat on a basis that would prove profitable to all. Paxton and his companions realized what such a movement would mean to Omaha, served as it was by a network of railroads, and lying on the banks of the Missouri river with a broad, navigable channel to the Mississippi and the open sea on the south. The dream of Paxton has only partially been realized after thirty years, yet it has blossomed into a reality whose net results in dollars and cents challenge the famous output of Omaha and of Ind. In 1884, when the Union Stock Yards was started, the total number of all kinds of live stock handled in the year did not exceed a hundred thousand. Last year the number of all kinds of live stock handled by the yards amounted to almost 7,000,000 head, and in the thirty years the total number handled amounted to more than 17,000,000 head. Try to compute that in dollars!

Growth Due to Industry.
Nor can you value the Union Stock Yards by the amount of money invested in it or realized upon it. You must consider the thousands and thousands of men and women brought to Omaha by reason of the live stock market. You must stop to think of the millions of dollars of taxable property directly attributable to the location of the Union Stock Yards at South Omaha. Its benefits and effects can be seen in the immense packing houses that have been attracted here in order to be contiguous to the stock yards. Its beneficent influence on the industrial community of Omaha and surroundings is well nigh incalculable from a standpoint of the present or visualized in the dimness of the future. Thousands of men find employment at the Union Stock Yards and the packing houses. Thousands and tens of thousands of strangers, cattle dealers and farmers come here to sell their live stock and to buy food and clothes in the Omaha markets as a result of the location of the live stock market at this point. Real estate in Omaha and for a radius of 50 square miles about Omaha has been increased in value because of the Union Stock Yards and the packing houses dependent on it. Not in the same way, of course, or in the same measure. But the nearer the farms and ranches are to the Union Stock Yards and the live stock market, the more valuable they are as feeding lots for cattle, sheep and hogs.

To the management of the yards must go a great measure of the praise that has made it a success. The men at the head of the business have not only kept up with the times, but have forged a little ahead of the procession and so the live stock market of South Omaha and the Union Stock Yards are still in a period of virile development after thirty years while at the same time has witnessed the rise and decline of other great live stock markets of the country.

Something of a Busy Place.
Steadily the work of building and increasing the facilities of the Union Stock Yards goes on under the efficient direction of E. E. Buckingham, the present general manager. The yards comprises property valued at more than four millions of dollars. A Live Stock Exchange building, a bank second to none in the middle west section, an administration building whence emanates the power and energy that radiate throughout the whole institution. Hundreds of cattle pens, concrete and supplied with the purest water in the world, double decked sheep houses; hog sheds which are steadily encroaching on the building area of the yards, viaducts and covered ways leading to and from the great packing houses, the greatest and most modern horse market in the world, a printing plant and a modern garage, a restaurant and two buffets, hundreds of offices where millions of dollars change hands daily, cattle chutes where the

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When the light comes to the industrial leaders of the Gate City they will see first of all the Union Stock Yards with its total receipts of one hundred and seventeen millions of live stock in three decades. They will see the 6,758,525 six millions seven hundred and fifty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-five head of stock handled here in 1914. They will see the great packing houses and abattoirs that have grown up around the

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