

OAKDALE.

A Bit of History Showing How the Town Has Grown From Its Infancy.

In Spite of Serious Set-Backs it Continues to Grow Steadily.

Improvements Going on and More Contemplated Other Interesting Items.

Correspondence of The Bee: OAKDALE, Neb., October 3.—On the S. C. & P. R. R., between Norfolk & Neligh, lies the town of Oakdale.

In the year 1872 the town was laid out by I. N. Taylor, Col. J. H. Note-ward and three others. In the spring of 73 the first house was erected. In August of the same year the large mill now running was commenced, and about the same time a long-headed gentleman, with lots of energy, pluck and money, by the name of R. G. King, purchased one-half the town site, put a hundred men at work on the mill and completed it in short order.

The county seat had already been located here.

The year of 73 saw a boom for Oakdale that made everything lively. In 74 a paper was brought from West Point, the citizens buying it from Mr. C. I. Waldo and hauling it up by wagons. They built a house or office and installed M. S. Bartlett as editor, and then presented him, without any consideration whatever with a controlling interest in the entire property.

This proved to be a slight mistake, for the man, even after he had piled the county treasurership into his overflowing and grasping hand, sold himself and took the paper, its press, material and even the house (all of which had been furnished by the citizens of Oakdale) to an adjoining town that was trying to get the county seat, the consideration being a re-election to the treasurership and five hundred dollars in cash.

Well, a few days after the removal of the printing office, Oakdale's court house was burned to the ground. It was supposed that this was an unhealthy location for the tricky editor, and, on the night of the fire, he arrived in Oakdale at 12 o'clock from Neligh and at 2 o'clock the court house was in flames. The smell of kerosene showed that the building had been duly and truly prepared. A man by the name of Charles McGuire, living opposite the court house, swore that a man who looked like Bartlett was seen by him running from the building when the flames were breaking out. This statement was not deemed sufficient, and detectives failed to complete the chain of circumstantial evidence. However, the blow to Oakdale was a stunner, and the county suffered by not having any means of discovering how much of its funds were in the hands of its commercial treasurer. A few years after, the town of Bartlett's second love failed to endorse him and, in fact, kicked him out of town. He then went to Norfolk and is now publishing The West Point Republican; but the county records were left unburned through some hurry of removal and it was not long before a default for a heavy amount was discovered and this shortage Mr. Bartlett is paying at the present time, and it is shrewdly suspected that a certain congressman has gone his security for the payment of the entire sum.

The county seat in spite of all the efforts, including treachery, arson, and wholesale bribery to secure its removal still remains at Oakdale and its hold is getting stronger every year because the people of this town are men who make friends, and the farmers, as a whole, stand by them.

In this newspaper matter I may have stated matters pretty strongly, but Mr. Bartlett must not blame me for I do not know him personally, and have no ill will, as he has never written or done anything against me, and he must hold responsible for this part of my letter the business men of Oakdale, who have assisted me in preparing my correspondence.

Owing to the drawbacks above enumerated this town was comparatively dead until the fall of 179 when the railroad made its debut.

The Pen and Plow, a very able and spicy paper was started in 1876 by Mr. I. N. Taylor and his partner, Mr. E. P. McCormick. The clippings from their paper were read by every western man, and when the railroad boom struck Oakdale every one knew something of the resources of the town, and so the growth of Oakdale was then rapid and substantial.

THE LAND is a clayey loam in the eastern part of Antelope county, and in the western part it is a sandy loam with some white sand areas.

The valleys of Taylor, St. Clair, Ives, Bazille and the Elkhorn, all located in the eastern portion of the county, are among the most productive corn and grass lands in the state. The government land in all taken up, but there are some 65,000 acres of B. & M. lands in the eastern half of the county; these are as yet, unoccupied, and are not in the market, but it is hoped they soon will be, thereby opening up a very valuable tract of country to the actual settler, and thus vastly increasing the wealth and population of this part of the county.

CROPS. Wheat was nearly a failure, not averaging over eight bushels, which is a terrible falling off for this strip of the state, as it has always been deemed a first-class wheat section; but the corn crop is immense, and it runs from fifty to even a hundred bushels to the acre, and sells for 50 cents a bushel, December delivery. Over half of the ground is in corn. Mr. A. Oldlager has raised about ten thousand bushels this year, and others will

nearly equal his magnificent showing.

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