

MILFORD'S MILLS.

A Bit of History Concerning Them.

How they Have Grown—The Flour they Manufacture.

Outsized Ends from that Thriving Place.

Correspondence of The Bee. MILFORD, Neb., November 14.—About a thousand Nebraska towns are aspiring to be great in some way, but Milford has achieved greatness in one respect, at least. For years she has been striving to secure the proper utilization of her manufacturing resources, and to-day I had the pleasure of examining, by far the finest mill in the state of Nebraska. From a little country saw and grist mill, step by step they have grown until they have reached a height of eighty-three feet, only seven less than the rear wall of Boyd's Opera House. From making corn meal of common grade and fourth rate flour they have gone up to the state fair of '81 and came back with first premium and all attendant honors. From a little frame structure these mills have developed into a mass of stone, brick and timber 48x52 feet, and seven stories high, with two elevators, nearly as large, and flour dust room, offices, etc., situated in the rear and connected by a wire rope business it has now evolved into a merchant mill with the Hungarian reduction system which is now used by the Minneapolis mills. Steel rollers take the place of burrs, and the wheat is cracked in the first roller, mashed in the second and pulverized in the following five, each set of rollers being closer than the preceding. After the wheat passes these rollers it is bolted or sifted through coarse cloth. This cloth lets the disintegrated particles of wheat through and passes off the large pieces, which are run through another set of rollers and again reduced.

and she will get it and don't you forget it. There is not a spot in Nebraska that has such advantages for making a pleasant camp. This town proposes to become Nebraska's pleasure resort and, judging by the past, she will be successful in becoming universally acknowledged as the Saratoga of the west.

The farms here and heretofore are among the very best in the state. The business men are live, enterprising, and keep their town shining.

There is a new school house going up here. It is to be of brick, two stories high 40x50.

G. W. Hamlin & Co., lumber dealers, complain that it is almost impossible for them to get lumber enough to supply the demand.

The Milford State Bank, Wyand & Emerson's general merchandise store and the postoffice form a combination that transacts a vast amount of business.

The following table is official, and shows the number of the live stock as enumerated by the census of 1870 and 1880:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1870, 1880) and Stock types (Horses, Mules, Oxen and other cattle, etc.) with corresponding counts.

No. of establishments, 1870, 670. Hands employed, 2,955. Capital invested, \$2,169,763.00. Wages paid, \$1,390,587.00. Materials, 267,215.00. Products, 667,428.60. Per capita production, 1,967.52.

The figures given for 1880 are not the final official figures. The final reports when the work of all the special agents is concluded may change them slightly, but we have no hesitation in saying that the growth will be found approximately as above given.

PROGRESS OF NEBRASKA.

The state of Nebraska will not be fifteen years old until the 1st of next March, and yet to-day it has a population of nearly 500,000. In 1855, a year after the territorial organization, the population was less than 5,000.

Table showing population statistics: White, Colored, Indians, Native, Foreign, Total for various years (1850, 1870, 1880).

These mills are named The Quanchaga Mills, and they manufacture the Shogo, the Kohlianna, and the Popotne brands of flour. Any one reading this letter should be careful when he comes to these names. They are not dangerous, provided you let them alone, but don't take them in your mouth for they are loaded and might go off. The words are Aztec, Popotne means good, Kohlianna means better, and Shogo means best.

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The original grist mill was erected on the present site in 1856. Reed, Davison & Wortendyke, were the pioneer mill men, and their building was 20x20. One burr and a primitive water wheel was the outfit, and feed, corn meal and flour, all went through the same burr.

It is strange how many things there are in this world that we don't know. Now I never dreamed that Nebraska had such a mill as this. I had seen such in Minnesota, but did not presume that Nebraska cared much about big mills.

Milford, however, is not yet satisfied. There is another mill site here, and it won't be long before wool, paper, starch or glucose will be manufactured here, and mayhap all four, as there is no limit to the power if that Lincoln creek canal once gets a portion of Plate river running through the Blue, thus giving the same head of water all the year round.

Milford claims to be the most picturesque and beautiful town in the State. She has bluffs, cliffs, gorges, springs, groves, a small lake, a small river, garden-like country around and, from an observatory fifty feet high, Lincoln, Crete, Seward and several smaller towns can be seen. Boating, hunting, fishing and swimming parties visit Milford and the wealth, beauty and brains of the large cities of the state have picnic'd here for weeks at a time.

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MASTER'S SALE. In the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, James K. O. Sherwood, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Butler & Rebecca Fuller, Debtors.

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FOSTER & GRAY, -WHOLESALE- LUMBER, COAL & LIME, On River Bank, Bet. Farnham and Douglas Sts., OMAHA, - - - NEB.

MARBLE HEAD LIME CO.'S Double Strength White Lime FOR SALE AT ST. PAUL LUMBER YARD C. N. DIETZ, Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Thirteenth and California Streets, OMAHA, - - - NEB.

J. S. CAULFIELD, -WHOLESALE- BOOK SELLER AND STATIONER -AND DEALER- Wall Paper and Window Shades. 1304 Farnham St., Omaha Neb.

I. OBERFELDER & CO., IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF MILLINERY & NOTIONS, 1308 and 1310 DOUGLAS STREET. OMAHA, - - - NEBRASKA. The only exclusive wholesale house in this line in the west.

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS. ISH & McMAHON, 1406 DOUGLAS STREET, OMAHA, NEB. The Only Exclusive Wholesale Drug House in Nebraska. SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO MAIL ORDERS.

F. C. MORGAN. WHOLESALE GROCER, 1213 Farnham St., Omaha, Neb. HEADQUARTERS FOR MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. We desire to call the special attention of the trade to our elegant lines (at BOTTOM PRICES) of Underwear, Cardigan Jackets and Scarfs, Buck Gloves, Overshirts, Overalls, Hosiery, &c., now open. Wholesale only.

FEARON & COLE, Commission Merchants, 1121 Farnham St., Omaha, Neb. Consignments made us will receive prompt attention. References: State Bank, Omaha; Post & Co., Baltimore; Post & Basher, Chicago; M. W. & Co., Cincinnati.

Max Meyer & Co. OMAHA. Guns, Ammunition, Sporting Goods. FISHING TACKLE, BASE BALLS, and a FULL LINE OF NOTIONS AND FANCY GOODS. SEND FOR PRICE-LIST. MAX MEYER & CO. Omaha, Ne

Max MEYER & CO., WHOLESALE TOBACCONISTS. Tobacco from 25c. per pound upwards. Pipes from 25c. per dozen upwards. Cigars from \$15.00 per 1,000 upwards.

J. A. WAKEFIELD, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN LUMBER. Lath, Shingles, Pickets, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS, MOLDINGS, LIME, CEMENT, PLASTER, ETC. STATE AGENT FOR MILWAUKEE CEMENT COMPANY. Near Union Pacific Depot, - - - OMAHA, NEB.

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