

THE STOCK YARDS.

Live Stock and Packing Industries—The Town of South Omaha.

No commercial enterprise has contributed so much to the welfare, prosperity and growth of this city as the Union Stock Yards Company of Omaha, Limited. It was started in the spring of 1884, and the yards were opened for business on the 25th of August of that year.

The original projectors and stockholders were William A. Paxton, John A. Creighton, John A. McShane, P. E. Her, Frank Murphy, B. W. Wood, Milton Rogers, Markel & Swob, C. W. Hamilton, J. M. Woolworth, all of Omaha, Alex. H. Swan, of Cheyenne, Nelson Morris, Isaac Waixel, S. W. Albertson, of Chicago, and B. F. Smith, of Boston.

The present officers are: John A. McShane, president; William A. Paxton, vice president; J. F. Boyd, superintendent; Directors: William A. Paxton, J. M. Woolworth, J. F. Boyd, John A. McShane, P. E. Her, all of Omaha; Thomas Sturgis, of Cheyenne; Isaac Waixel, of Joseph, Mo.; Charles G. Moses, and E. A. Wreth, all of Boston.

The ground upon which the Union stock yards and packing houses are located was purchased by the South Omaha land syndicate, composed of the same parties who are interested in the stock yards company.

The stock yards enterprise was the outgrowth of a general demand for a better market for live stock in Omaha, owing to her location and other advantages, was considered the proper place for stock yards and packing houses.

The result has already proved this. All of the live stock products were going to Chicago, and the object of the South Omaha enterprise was to concentrate the business here and to make Omaha a live stock market.

The receipts of live stock in 1885 were 157,532, and in 1886 they reached 187,000. The capacity for slaughtering cattle is 600 per day, and for hogs 1,000. There are now coming into the Union stock yards are mostly sold and packed in South Omaha.

The producers and shippers of this western country have now an advantageous market near home. By shipping to Omaha they make a great saving, as the Omaha market is nearer to Chicago, and a great deal of valuable time is saved.

ability advance rapidly until they will not fall far short of Omaha property. The stock yards company has also expended \$100,000 during the past few months on waterworks, and the plans for a further expenditure of \$150,000. The works consist of what is known as Cook's system of tube wells supplied with vertical steam pumps.

The completion of the stock exchange building, which will be the room for the company and for the different commission firms, and which is also used for hotel purposes, has necessitated an expenditure of \$25,000. It contains now twenty rooms for commission firms, fifty-six hotel rooms, besides the rooms for the bank and stock yards office.

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is wanted of the past growth and future prospects of the stock yards enterprise than the changed attitude of the Chicago packers and live stock men. A year ago they spoke of Omaha as being too near to Kansas City to have any live stock business.

The commission firm of M. Burke & Sons was founded in 1881, by M. Burke and six sons, George, John, Louis, Milo, Charles and William. For fifteen years prior to establishing their commission house in South Omaha the firm was engaged in stock raising, and they now own large tracts of land for the holding of cattle in the west.

Ever since the establishment of the stock yards the people engaged in business there have been put to the great inconvenience of doing all their banking in Omaha. During the past few years Omaha banks began sending messengers to the yards, which rendered it somewhat more convenient, but was far from satisfying the requirements of the business.

The South Omaha National Bank was established on January 1, 1887, with a capital of \$200,000, and is now ready for business. A. U. Wyman is president, and J. J. Brown is vice-president.

The packing house statistics for the year ending November 30, 1886, show a total of 1,000 hogs and 100,000 pounds of beef. The receipts of live stock in 1885 were 157,532, and in 1886 they reached 187,000.

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to support a city one-fourth the size of Omaha without other resources. An enterprising Real Estate Dealer, Mr. J. P. Hammond, the popularly known real estate agent at room 8, 1522 Douglas street, is one of the most enterprising and enthusiastic dealers in city property, whom Omaha is so justly proud of.

The Midland Guarantee and Trust Company, which was organized in 1884, has a capital of \$1,000,000, and is now ready for business. A. U. Wyman is president, and J. J. Brown is vice-president.

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Mendelsohn & Lawrie, Architects. In the spacious and handsomely appointed rooms of the Paxton building, Fifteenth and Farnam streets, are located Mendelsohn & Lawrie, architects. They are employing, even at this season, ten draughtsmen, a type writer and other assistants, and are preparing the plans for over a half million dollars' worth of work.

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What Omaha Has Done in Buildings, Pavements, Sewers, Viaducts. The past year has been a remarkable period in the building record of Omaha. The number, substantial character, and costliness have never been even approximated by any work of construction in this city since the first wooden house put to shame the dug-out.

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