

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. E. 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 town of South Omaha are located was purchased by the South Omaha land syndicate, composed of the same parties who are interested in the stock yards company.

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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 Omaha 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.

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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.

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Mendelsohn & Lawrie, Architects. In the spacious and handsomely appointed rooms of the new 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' work next spring.

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IMPROVEMENTS OF THE YEAR. What Omaha Has Done in Buildings, Pavements, Sewers, Viaducts, etc. 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. The business portion of the city has been almost entirely changed, frame stock yards and buildings have given way to substantial brick structures and the two and three story buildings that always distinguish the architecture of western cities in early life have been replaced by additional stories in order not to be entirely lost in the shadow of new five and six story neighbors.

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