

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

HER RAPID STRIDES FOR COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE.

Fact Becoming the Manufacturing City of the West. The Great Canal.

WONDERFUL INDUCEMENTS TO RICH AND POOR ALIKE.

Fine Homes, Magnificent Water-Power for the Manufacturer—Beautiful Lakes, Parks, Etc., Etc.

For a young city, only fifteen years old, Kearney's growth must be considered phenomenal, yet not so surprising when consideration is given the fact that she possesses many very great advantages over other cities in the west which accounts for her steadily increasing population.

Railway Facilities. Kearney is located upon the main line of the Union Pacific Railway, 200 miles west of Omaha, Neb.; also upon the Burlington and Missouri River Railway, which is a part of the great Chicago, Burlington and Quincy system.

Climate Advantages. The altitude of Kearney is 2135 feet, the climate healthful, and nights, even in midsummer, refreshingly cool. Lung diseases and throat affections are almost unknown.

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ions of our country. In every respect Kearney has elements of growth which equal those of the best of the new towns of the west, while in one particular, its GREAT WATER POWER, it has an advantage which will place it in the front rank.

The accompanying views will readily convince the reader that Kearney is surrounded by a series of most interesting scenery, not to be outdone in any very great degree by the scenery and pleasure resorts of the Northern or Eastern lakes and watering places.

Canal and Water Power. The Kearney Canal and Water-Supply Company has completed the canal which taps the Platte river sixteen miles west of the city, and is now prepared to lease permanent power direct from the canal.

Manufactories, among which may be mentioned the following: STARCH, OAT MEAL, ETC. This section of the West produces corn, wheat, oats, barley and flax of superior quality, and in large quantities, warranting the immediate establishment of mills and factories for the production of flour, starch, oat meal, hominy, linseed oil, crackers, etc.

Electric Lights. Kearney has an electric light plant which furnishes 32 arc lights for the use of the city, and is now placing an incandescent light plant of the Edison system which will furnish 1,000 lights, and in addition power from the canal will be transferred by means of electricity to all parts of the city and the sewing machine of the housewife, the roller mills, the elevators, the planing mills and everything requiring motive power can be furnished by this system at \$20 per annum, and when this is compared with steam power at \$100 per annum, the great advantages of the former are at once apparent.

General Manufacturing Inducements. Kearney offers to manufacturers the following general inducements: A central location in a territory affording a large and rapidly increasing market for the sale of manufactured articles.

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city of Kearney, and indications of enterprise on the part of her citizens would call attention to the recent construction of the magnificent "Hotel Midway," erected in 1887, by J. L. Keck, at a cost of over \$75,000.

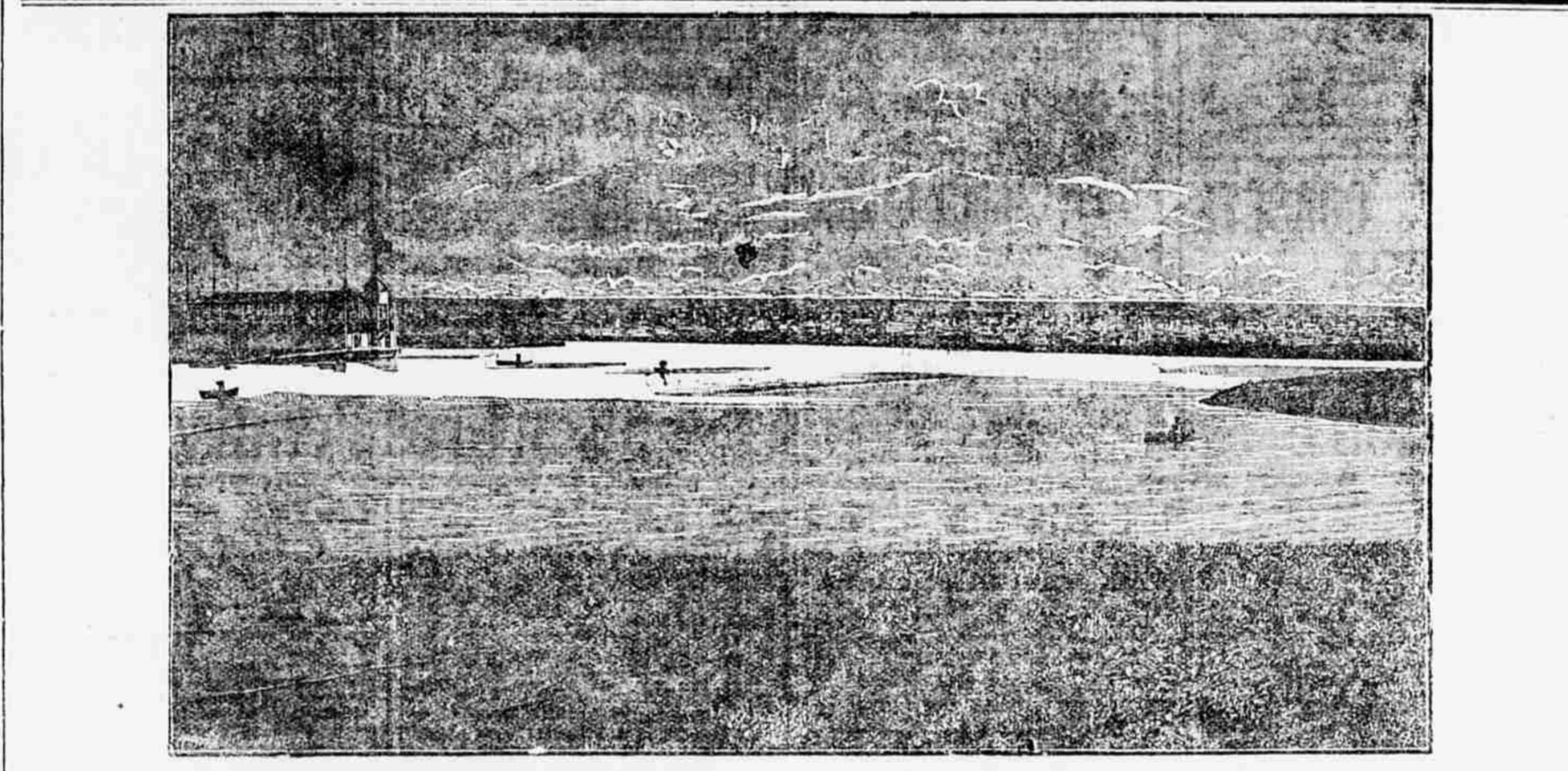
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LAUNDRIES. The "Diamond Steam Laundry," Garley & Kanatsher, proprietors. Capital \$3,000; capacity, \$200 per week running on orders and have about 12 employees.

The Davis Steam Laundry has a capacity of \$150 per week; \$4,000 invested and gives employment to 10 persons.

National Banks. The "Kearney National Bank," J. J. Bartlett, President; W. C. Tillison, Cashier. Capital \$100,000. Surplus and undivided profits, \$42,000.

Churches. Presbyterian—Pastor, Rev. J. D. Kerr. Methodist—Pastor, Rev. D. K. Tindall. Congregational—Pastor, Rev. John Askin.



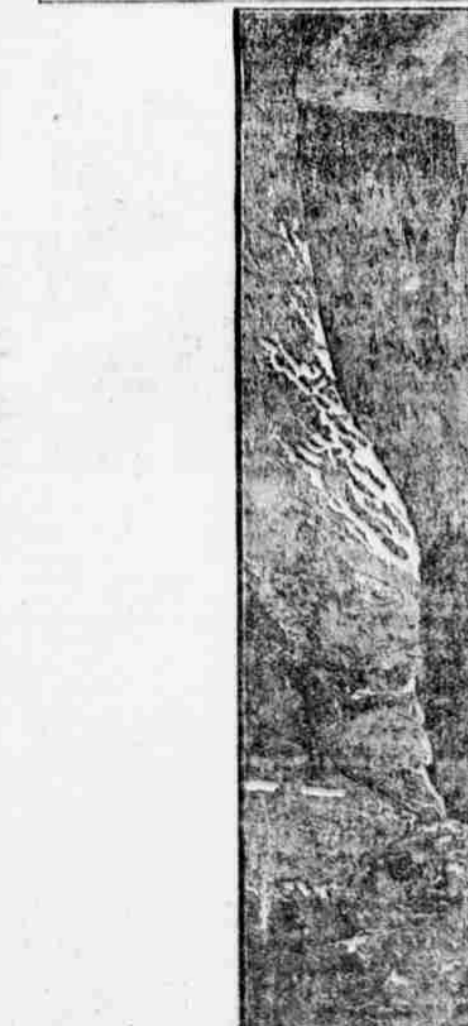
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materially aid in properly curing the corn. Excellent facilities exist for the distribution of the manufactured article. CANNING FACTORIES. No place in the West can offer superior inducements for the establishment of canning factories.

Kearney's Milling and Elevator Company's roller mills are the largest and most complete of any in the west. They have a capacity of 200 barrels of flour and 50 barrels of meal per day, and ship 1,000 carloads of grain per annum.

BRICK. The "Kearney Brick Company," using the "Penfield" stock brick machine and the "Ame" dry pressed brick machine, have a \$12,000 plant, fifty horse-water power with a capacity of 50,000 stock and 12,000 dry pressed brick daily.

Evangelical Lutheran—Rev. K. J. Stamer. Scandinavian—Rev. ... New Catholic ... The Baptists and Catholics are erecting new buildings this season.



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Opera House. Arrangements have been perfected. The work on the new Court house is being pushed forward rapidly, when completed it will be a model structure and the pride of Buffalo county.

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within the past ten days by which Kearney is to have a new opera house, to be constructed immediately, with a seating capacity equal to "The Boyd," in Omaha, and with all the stage and scenic conveniences of our modern theaters. It will cost not less than \$50,000.

Petrification. The climate and soil at Kearney are both most excellent for fruit growing—the plum, peach, apple, pear, cherries, grapes, strawberries, currants, raspberries and blackberries, all grow in abundance in this locality.

The citizens of Kearney deserve great credit for their energy and determination to keep down the prices on real estate so that the poor as well as the rich, can afford to settle there and build their own homes. Certainly nothing can be more commendable than this, it shows enterprise in the right direction.

A Negro Boy's Dollar. One of the best jokes of the season is current in the City of Bank buildings, says the Duluth Tribune. All the lawyers are laughing about it.

In a Russian Prison. A Russian army officer who was condemned to "kartzog" for an assault committed in a moment of excitement, several years' detention describes the Opeza prison, where he was confined, as follows:

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Smoke Solderberg's Figure and got the best result in the world. M. Meyer & Co., wholesale depot.

PETRIFIED HUMAN BODIES.

A Woman Statue With an Angel's Face.

SOLDIERS TURNED TO STONE.

The Works of Nature at Kearney, Neb.—Strange Freaks and Happenings—A Startling Recital of Facts.

Petrification. KEARNEY, Neb., May 31, 1888.—[Special to THE SUNDAY BEE.]—Before presenting readers of THE BEE with the truly authentic account of the bodies that were found petrified at Fort Kearney, Neb., I will pass in review some of the different localities of this country abounding in petrifications, and enumerate the species of matter generally found in this marvellous condition.

From the observations of scientists and from the accounts of reputable persons who have traveled much in this country, I have learned that there are many places which about to a greater extent in petrifications than Nebraska, but, on the other hand, no place presents so many and so wonderful, marvelous and scarcely credible instances of this change of the nature and very substance of things as our own state.

The first two instances I cite, are authentic, established by reliable witnesses, and men of repute, who will willingly corroborate every statement in regard to this matter. Fort Kearney, situated south of the center of the Yellowstone park, contains a tree stump two feet eight inches high turned into solid rock. In the state of Georgia a few miles from Macon, there was discovered a petrified human figure, supposed to have been petrified. But after it was analyzed the constituents were proven to be of egg shells, calcium, soft soap, and other things of a vegetable nature. Now let us return to Nebraska.

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The bodies of the two men were on exhibition at Fort Kearney for some days, and finally transferred and interred in the burying grounds at Fort McPherson. At the time of this discovery many bodies in the same grave yard were re-examined, some were raised by relatives for the sake of burying them in adjoining cemeteries, but the raising of others was prompted by mere curiosity. A singular incident in connection with the body of a little girl who was removed from the same cemetery by her relatives will be of interest. The stone into which the body of the girl was turned, was mentioned had been turned, was it will be remembered, of a dark gray color, but the body of the little girl who was also found petrified, was of a much lighter color, and was much harder than that of the other bodies. It is very difficult to account for the difference in color and nature of these two petrified stones, for the body of the little girl was adjoining that of George Gates.

The fourth and last body found petrified in the same cemetery, that of a woman, was mentioned in connection with this discovery are truly wonderful. No head stone marked the resting place, and no other mark was visible. The body was found in a grave, and was a woman neatly dressed in a black silk dress, with long, dark hair flowing over her shoulders, a perfect piece of statuary. The body must have been quickly petrified after burial, for the expression of the face, although of stone, was angelic, the features quite lovely; and the sight would have been surely beautiful and less shocking, had it not been that there upon bosom, neck and shoulders of this once beautiful woman, now a piece of statuary, were coiled four monster Mexican snakes, with their huge eyes flashing fire, their venomous stingers protruding from their mouths, their large heads turning first in one direction and then in another, at the same time keeping up a low and continual hissing. Those engaged in raising the body, as well as the bystanders, lost all control of themselves in the presence of such a dreadful sight.

Finally the large monsters were killed and the corpse examined, but no marks of identification could be found. On the following day the petrified woman was buried in an adjoining graveyard. Her new resting place was decked with flowers and a marble tablet was placed in the grave with the following inscription: "Keopset in pace, quae nubes non est natu."