

Electricity Does the Work in the Big Packing Houses

THE struggle to keep abreast with the times; to keep up-to-date in matters of economy and labor-saving, is nowhere more apparent than in the large packing houses of the city.

Mr. Vaughn led the way for the party of his interrogators, who were spending an afternoon looking over the machinery of the South Omaha plant, to the engine room centrally located among the numerous buildings which comprise the works.

"Our plant and that of the Omaha Packing company use electricity exclusively as a motive power," said Mr. Vaughn.

"With this engine we move every separate machine or device in the entire plant. There are above 4,000 incandescent lamps in daily use.

"Besides the lighting apparatus, eighty-seven motors are distributed through the plant, varying in capacity from 1/2 to 150 horse-power.

"All of the cutting devices of the meat cutting rooms which can not well be done by hand cleavers and saws are operated by motors.

"As to the economy, I figure the use of motors a factor representing a saving of one-third. This is especially apparent in the driving of the ninety-seven large pumps used in the plant.

the base to the top, with an inside bore of ten feet at the top. These fires are at present hand-stoked, but it is apparent that the great scarcity of this class of labor will soon drive us to use the automatic feeders and car-unloaders.

"Everyone looked up to feel the spray from the condensers, high above, falling on their work without treading on one another, but the lack of individual intelligence necessary even in a stoker.

"From Armour's plant the party went to the new plant of the Omaha Packing company, which also makes use of electric transmission.

At Swift and Company's plant Mr. Patterson informed the party that electricity was used only for lighting purposes and the apparatus was in no way dissimilar to the generators in use at the other plants.

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Old-Time Telegraphers (Continued from Page Three.)

Robert C. Hayes is one of the old time telegraphers of Omaha. He is now and has been for some years contracting freight agent of the Burlington railroad and is daily seen on the streets of Omaha.

ticket agent of the Burlington, when the office was located at Ninth and Farnam streets, where the M. E. Smith building is now located and was with Mr. Deuel when he moved his office to the Grand Central hotel.

Friends of Allen B. Smith, the genial assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, may be surprised to learn that Mr. Smith was once a pounder of the live keys.

George West, general agent of the passenger department of the Chicago & Northwestern road, has headquarters at Omaha, western road, with first quarters at Omaha, began to earn his first money at the key and sounder.

Marshalltown. In 1884 Mr. West was promoted to be day operator and ticket clerk at Des Moines and was then made ticket agent at Cedar Rapids and has been in the ticket department of the road ever since, giving up the work of taking and sending messages.

To Frank Lehmer belongs the distinction of being the oldest resident in point of service in the local offices in Omaha, for Mr. Lehmer was the first messenger boy to carry telegrams in Omaha, which was his occupation here in 1860.

About the time Garfield was shot Mr. West moved west to Excelsior and Mr. Lehmer returned to Omaha and worked in the morning and during the day, he is still able to read or send and delights in sitting by an instrument and hearing the messages as they flash across the wire.

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