

SIoux CITY.

The Pride of Iowa and the Center of a Great Railway System.

The Distributing Point for the Great Northwest—The Corn Palace City.

Surrounded by the Great Range and Corn Belt of America.

Facts As to Her Rapid Growth—Pork Packing and Other Industries.

Nearly Five Million Dollars' Worth of Improvements During 1887.

And Double That Amount to Be Expended During the Present Year.

Sioux City, the county seat of Woodbury county, Iowa, is known the world over as the City of the Corn Palace. But there are other things which the readers of the *GLOBE* should know about Sioux City. For the past five years the growth of this city has kept steadily increasing, and she stands today the pride of Iowa, the commercial metropolis of the state and the center of a great railway system. Ten years ago Sioux City was hardly known beyond the limits of Iowa, but with a steady, healthful growth the population, commercial and manufacturing enterprises have increased beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who had every confidence in her future prosperity.

No wonder Sioux City has risen from the small town of a few years ago to the beautiful and enterprising city she is today. Nature could not have afforded a better spot. A glance at the map will show that Sioux City is located in the most fertile section of the Missouri river valley, where the waters of the noble Missouri first became available for commercial navigation and at the gateway to the great Northwest, with its rich grain fields and

inexhaustible mines. Within three miles of Sioux City are the limits of Southeastern Dakota, with her wealth of soil and abundant crops of grain; on the south, the rich prairie lands of Nebraska, with her fine stock raising and grain raising; on the west, the great cattle ranges of Dakota, Montana and Wyoming territory.

With such an extent of territory, comprising a belt 700 miles long and 200 miles wide, covering 140,000 square miles, all of which depend on Sioux City for an outlet to the great markets of the world, why should this not become a large and prosperous city?

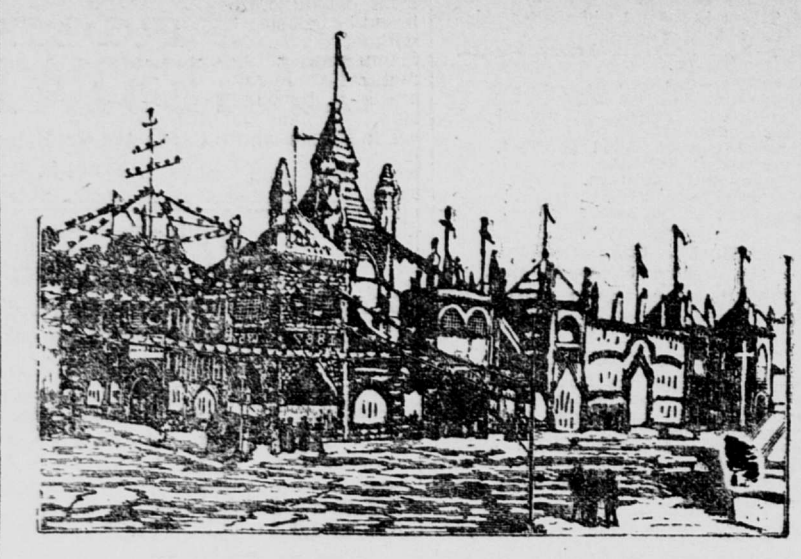
While nature has thus demanded that this should be the spot selected for a great city, capital has not been left to tend a helping hand and scatter broad the requirements of the increasing demand. Although the growth of Sioux City has been rapid, the most marvelous increase has been within the past twelve months. The enterprise and capital have not lagged behind the growth, but have kept pace with it, filling the requirements. The immense corn fields of Iowa are immediately tributary to this city. The best corn raised in the Eastern markets, and raised and fattened here, and the great herds of range cattle from the West are brought here to be corn-fed and prepared for the Eastern markets. In order to keep up with these interests, large packing houses were necessary to prepare the hogs and cattle for market. Stock yards have been established, and railway facilities were necessary to carry on the business. Alas for their interests, the citizens of Sioux City did not delay in getting into the race. Then came the Sioux City & St. Paul road, which is now the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha road, and a part of the great Northern Pacific system. This road, with its extensive shops located here, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul were the next to strike this point, making extensive and far-reaching connections, penetrating a vast scope of beautiful and productive country and affording easy and rapid communication with St. Paul and Chicago.

It would require more space here than can well be given to state at length the advantages of the coming metropolis of the great Northwest, as the growth of a city is to be taken from what she has accomplished, so a brief statement of what Sioux City has accomplished within the past year will enable the reader to judge of her actual worth, and from it her prospects. The population of Sioux City to-day exceeds 20,000, very close. She has quadrupled her population in five years, and is now placed alone in point of population what no city has ever done in the history of man's development. During the past year over \$1,000,000 have been expended in new business acquisitions. In city improvements \$1,000,000 was expended. In 1887, for the same purpose, but \$1,450,000 was expended. From this alone can be judged her marvelous growth. No other city in Iowa accomplished such results. In new residences, \$118,450; business blocks, \$775,000.

In the matter of city improvements ten miles of water-main and eight miles of sewer have been laid. Added to this four and a quarter miles of street paving and more than 500,000 yards of grading, and the record is as follows: For a city of the size of Sioux City. One thing is to be said to the credit of the city, and that is that she pays cash as she goes on, and her warrants are at par.

In the following table last year the sales were \$7,015,000; the average stock carried was \$2,657,500, and 104 traveling men were employed.

In real estate no city in the Union,



THE SIOUX CITY CORN PALACE.

and that is saying a good deal, can boast of holding property so cheap. The record of the past two or three years in real estate transactions has shown no better can be said of this city of the Western cities. Additions have been pushed out in every direction; and so great an impetus has been given to building that it is only the possibility of indefinite expansion, and the thousands of acres of circumferential lands equally good, and equally desirable, which has kept the price of unimproved realty down to its present reasonable and relatively low figure.

The real estate transfers of '88 as compared with '85 showed an increase of over 30 per cent. During '87 the sales amounted to \$7,250,000, an increase of at least 250 per cent over '85. Figures such as these speak for themselves, and in the minds of thinking men must carry considerable weight. The steady growth of the amount of transfers cannot but bring additional capital.

The following will show at what prices the different kinds of real estate are selling:

Best wholesale corner lots.....	Per Foot.
Best wholesale inside lots.....	300
Best retail inside lots.....	300
Best retail outside lots.....	100
Ordinary business corner.....	100
Ordinary business inside.....	50
Best residence corner lots.....	40
Best residence inside lots.....	40
Workingmen's residence inside lots.....	15
Workingmen's residence outside lots.....	10
Acre property, near city limits, per acre.....	50

Compared with other cities of less pretensions the prices are from 30 to 50 per cent cheaper.

The corn palace of Sioux City is known all over the world, for the novelty of its design, its rapid conception and lightning-like erection. Perhaps no better can be said of this city of the Western cities. Additions have been pushed out in every direction; and so great an impetus has been given to building that it is only the possibility of indefinite expansion, and the thousands of acres of circumferential lands equally good, and equally desirable, which has kept the price of unimproved realty down to its present reasonable and relatively low figure.

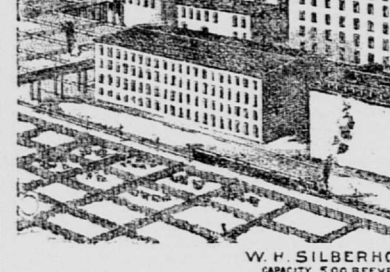
Extensive tracts of Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota are by soil and climate particularly adapted for the cultivation of

has been accomplished in less than a year. The packing-house capacity of Sioux City is, in detail, as follows:

House.	Hogs.	Beef.
Booge.....	1,500	1,000
Silberhorn.....	3,000	1,000
Power.....	7,500	1,000
Cudahy.....	2,000	1,000
Total.....	14,000	2,000

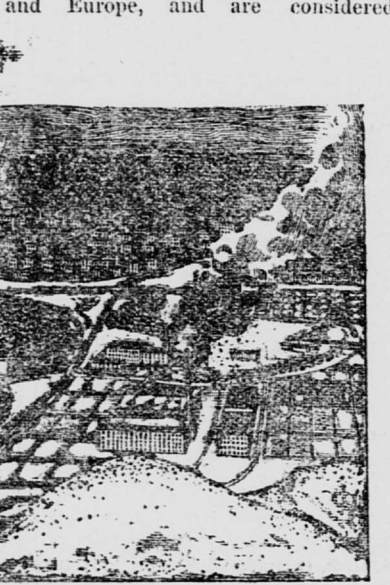
THE SILBERHORN COMPANY.

The pork and beef house of this company is considered the most complete in the Northwest. It is only just finished, but has been partially running since



W. E. SILBERHORN'S PACKING HOUSE.

December. It has a daily capacity of 3,000 hogs, 1,000 cattle and 500 sheep. Tracks of all railways run around the building, and they are having built their own line of refrigerator cars, and will soon be competing with all of the foremost beef houses of America. The Silberhorn company is not new, having been in existence since 1835 in New York city. It has a branch in Chicago, where it has been and is still one of the leading houses of the country, and is well known throughout this country and Europe, and are considered

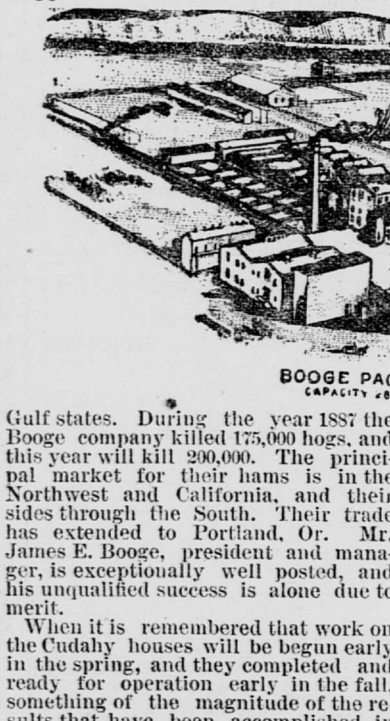


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THE BOOGE PACKING HOUSE.

In May, 1887, the packing business of Sioux City was carried on by a single establishment, with a capacity of 2,000 hogs per day, running winter and summer. The sales of meats last winter averaged \$1,500,000, the profit being shipped to the Pacific coast and to the



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Gulf states. During the year 1887 the Booge company killed 175,000 hogs, and this year will kill 200,000. The principal market for their hams is in the Northwest and California, and their trade is steadily increasing. Their trade has extended to Portland, Or. Mr. James E. Booge, president and manager, is exceptionally well posted, and his unqualified success is alone due to merit.

When it is remembered that work on the Cudahy houses will be begun early in the spring, and they completed and ready for operation early in the fall, something of the magnitude of the results that have been accomplished in Sioux City may be inferred. These vast establishments are the very demonstration of the destiny of Sioux City in its relation to the corn country and the cattle ranges of the Northwest. But they are only the beginnings of this tremendous development, only the first unfoldings of the manifest destiny of Sioux City. Other great packing establishments will follow inevitably in the near future. It may be stated that there is now practical assurance that one of the greatest dressed beef companies in the world is about to locate in Sioux City, and upon grounds owned by the Stock Yards company, as are all the above packing companies, except the Booge.

All means just one thing—Sioux City forever the packing center and stock market of the Northwest.

Sioux City possesses fine oil mills with the greatest capacity in the world.

This company is incorporated with a capital of \$300,000 and a large surplus. They consume 600,000 bushels of flaxseed in a year and produce 300,000 barrels of linseed oil and 10,000 tons of cake. The manufacture is the most complete of its kind in the United States.

Goodies are forwarded to Chicago, New York and Liverpool. The wonderful success of this company is chiefly owing to the fact that they are in the midst of the best flax-growing region in the country.

The capacity is over 2,000 bushels a day.

Hubbard & Gere is the firm name, both gentlemen of undoubted ability and excellence of judgment.

Among the most energetic men, and one to whom Sioux City owes more than she can ever repay, is a self-made man, A. S. Garretson stands foremost among the business and moneyed men of Sioux City. A shrewd investor, he has accumulated a considerable competence. He is looked up to in all public movements and is ever ready with his purse and his brains to help Sioux City forward.

Most instructive and obliging for Sioux City many of her most valuable additions in the way of public improvements, foremost among which is the new bridge across the Missouri. Mr. Garretson occupies in the minds of the residents an enviable position. Mr. Garretson is manager of the Sioux National bank. It is an United States depository, and also a depository for many banks in Iowa, Dakota and Minnesota. It has a paid-up capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$75,000. The business transacted by this bank is enormous. In the business of this bank a comparative statement between 1886 and 1887 is as follows: Capital, \$200,000; in 1887, \$200,000; in 1886, \$200,000; exchange

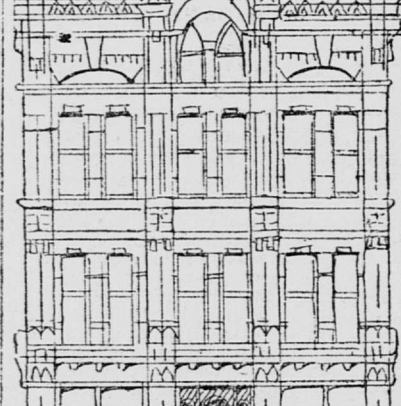
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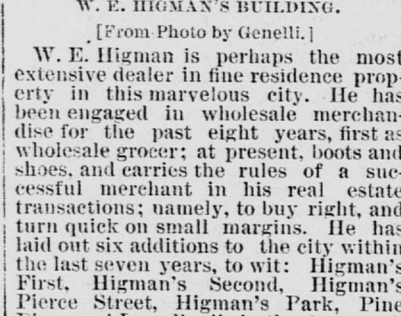
W. C. McNAMARA.

W. C. McNamara, the senior member of the railroad contracting firm of McNamara & McCarty. He is one of the leading bridge builders of the Northwest, and has been engaged in the timbering and bridge building at the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad bridge at Kansas City, the bridging on the C. St. bridge on the Chicago & Northwestern, South C. & D. railroad (C. R. R. branch), and is now grading the approach to the Chicago & Northwestern bridge across the Missouri river at a single establishment, with a capacity of 2,000 hogs per day, running winter and summer. The sales of meats last winter averaged \$1,500,000, the profit being shipped to the Pacific coast and to the



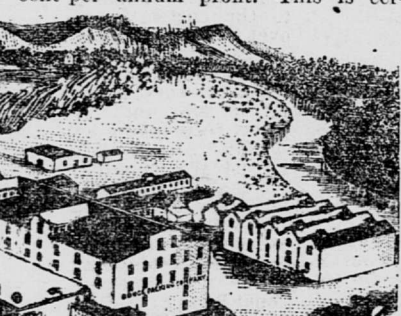
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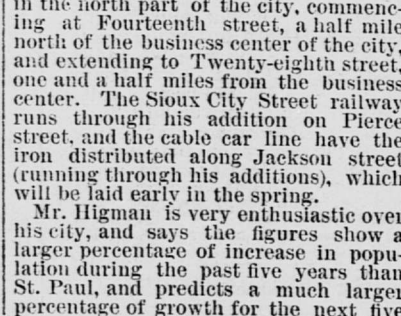
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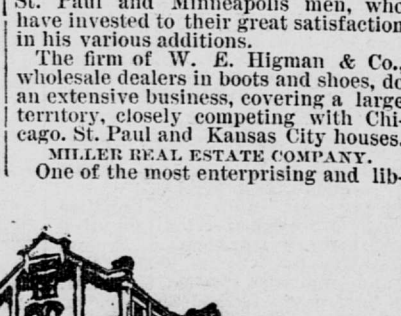
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