

Wonders of a Packing House.
What a South Carolinian Saw In Kansas City.

Sheep and Hogs by the Thousand—From the Killing to the Final Packing Each Cow is Handled by One Hundred Men.

Special to News and Courier.
 Kansas City, May 19.—How many people of South Carolina have visited one of the great meat packing houses of this marvellous Middle West? They are wonderful institutions these packing houses, and to undertake adequately to describe the work and different departments of one of them is a task difficult indeed. But perhaps I may be able to tell in my own way some things I have seen at Swift's and Cudahy's and the other great packing houses of Kansas City.

With a party of friends I visited the stock yards, the slaughter houses, the dressing rooms, the packing departments, the canvassing quarters, and the storage and packing rooms. In the stock yards there are

OVER THREE THOUSAND PENS, paved with brick. The pens cover 160 acres of ground and 42 acres of this is under roof and has a floor for cattle above the bricked basement. The daily capacity of the yards is 25,000 cattle, 35,000 hogs and 15,000 sheep. Do those figures mean anything to you, reader? Well, they do to me, for I've just seen this gigantic enterprise. There are 130 buildings about the stock yards connected with the industry, the largest of which the red brick exchange building, with three and one-half acres of floor space, 350 office rooms, and more than 2,300 people are engaged in the traffic in the yards and offices.

THE LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS, at the yards in 1904 reached the enormous figure of 6,265,589, more than the total number returned for taxation in South Carolina for the same period. Kansas City has the largest packing house in the world, it is claimed, and has in all six mammoth plants employing upwards of 15,000 people. The officials told us that the slaughtering, dressing and packing capacity of these plants is equal to the daily cattle receipts of the city!

In the thousands of pens in the stock yards are to be seen these 85,000 cattle, hogs and sheep. And such cows! And such hogs! And such sheep! The continual lowing of the cows, and the unceasing bleating of the sheep and the everlasting grunting of the hogs make

A CONGLOMERATION OF SOUND, which will not soon be forgot. Add to this noise of drivers forever shouting to their droves, the rumbling of the hoofs of the animals as they are running over the brick or wooden floors. The rumbling of the trains, the clank of the trucks and the roaring of the machinery—all these enhance the fear-inspiring noise. The scent of blood—yea, the sight of the gory stream from the slaughter room is something against which one's olfactory organs rebel and from which one's eyes turn away.

A GUIDE TOOK US IN CHARGE. Where the cattle is driven into the slaughter pen is but a long lane, in which there are narrow pens, capable of holding two cows. Men stand at each pen and strike the cows, and pull a chain, which sets the machinery in motion. The fallen beef begins its long ride through the de-

partments of the packing plant. One man cuts the throat, another begins to skin the body, then follows the dressing, a different man doing everything, no less than 100 men being engaged upon every beef before it is cut up. During the time of this dressing, from striking the steer in the slaughter pen until every part of the meat is ready for market or for packing, the beef is continually moving, not being before any one man longer than half a minute.

THE PICKLING DEPARTMENT is cold—so cold that the water spilled freezes almost instantly. The pipes are covered with ice more than three inches thick. In the cold storage room the temperature was so low that we ran out as fast as we could. I am almost afraid to tell of the amount of dressed meat I saw, and hams, shoulders, sides, etc. It was something gigantic, enormous.

IN THE WRAPPING ROOMS girls were handling hams and bacon, and other meats with dexterity and rapidity quite beyond anything I had imagined. The ease with which they wrap and encase and sew up a ham into canvas is never suspected by the housewife, who in her kitchen laboriously cuts and tears away the cloth and paper.

Another thing: I saw THE MEN MAKING "BUTTER"—UGH!

I saw the oil and the fat and the milk and other ingredients used in the manufacture of the stuff for which we pay 30 cents a pound. I watched the big wheel which churns the butter; I stood by and saw the brawny men with a thin cloth dip the butter from the surging, churning vat. I looked upon the great trucks loaded and dripping, as they were carried to the moulding department. Here men with bare arms and naked hands throw the material into the moulds and it is soon cast into blocks, and wrapped into oiled tissue paper, and lo! there is your "butterine" ready for market.

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 M. C. Gardner,
 County Supervisor.

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the animals to be added to the innumerable flocks already in the pens. The number of cows in the stock yards was beyond my computation. While I knew that Kansas City was a great packing city, I was in no wise prepared to find so many cattle in pens, about and near by the packing plants.

As to hogs—well, if South Carolina farmers would raise as large porkers as many I saw, not many would be needed to supply a county. Where do they come from was a question continually presenting itself. But I cannot tell; they are here, and the supply is kept up to a high number. Pork ought to be cheap at Kansas City restaurants—but it isn't. I have no idea how much beef, mutton and pork is made in Kansas City and even if I had the figures they would not convey anything like a correct idea of what is being done at Armour's, Swift's, Cudahy's. Sufficient it is to say that no one of my party ever saw it on this wise before.
 Louis Bristow.

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Capt. Hobson Will Run Again for Congress.

Birmingham, Ala., May 20.—L. B. Murgrove, campaign manager for Capt. R. P. Hobson, announced to-night that Capt. Hobson will again run for Congress from the 6th Alabama district against Col. J. H. Bankhead, and that he will under no circumstances make the race for Governor of Alabama.

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| Ar Chester, | 8 15 a m | 8 45 p m |
| Ar Charlotte, So R | 9 55 a m | 7 10 p m |
| Ar Columbia, So R | 11 30 a m | 1 05 a m |
| Ar Yorkville, C&N | W 9 48 a m | |
| Ar Gastonia, CN | W 10 38 a m | |
| Ar Lenoir, c&n, r | 2 12 p m | |
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| Lv Gastonia | 6 00 p m |
| Lv Yorkville | 6 50 p m |
| Lv Columbia, So R | 6 10 a m |
| Lv Charlotte, So R | 6 15 a m |
| Lv Chester, | 10 00 a m |
| Lv Richburg, | 10 40 a m |
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