

Factory: Kearney Oat Meal Company

Location: East side of Kearney by coal chutes

In southern part of East Lawn; at 25th & R

Nov. 19, 1889 – Probable site in middle of 22 st near Ave I

Nov 22, 1889 – Site decided in East Lawn at 25th & S

Years of operation: Letter of inquiry from a firm wanting to build an oatmeal factory costing \$25,000 received by UP agent, Gibbons, reported in Hub Sept. 11, 1889

Nov, 1889 – A. G. Scott & Son would probably build in spring

Nov 11, 1889 - Someone from Sioux City in town getting estimates. Prob. their elevator near B & M depot would be used.

Nov. 15, 1889 – Arrangements made, build within 10 blocks of UP depot

Nov. 22, 1889 – Plans for 4-story building with one story section for boiler and engine, side track beside it from UP, 50 barrels a day output. To be ready for machinery in Jan.

Dec. 3, 1889 – building nearing completion

Dec. 2, 1890 – Oatmeal mill will be running in two months

Jan. 2, 1891 – wind blew engine room walls 20 ft. away, brick walls blown in leaving only corners standing

Oct. 5, 1891 – shell of building complete but not clapboarded, no machinery yet. Boiler house has to be built. Should begin production Jan. 1. According to by-laws the company was to manufacture oatmeal and different products of corn and in a year build another grain warehouse for shipping grain out

Jan. 8, 1892 – Confident it will be started in next 10 days. The B & M and UP each received a car of machinery for the Oatmeal mill

Jan. 23, 1892 – The oatmeal mill commenced operations today.

Feb. 3, 1893 - Closed by

Sept. 3, 1895 – Owner (John Brady) asked city council as conditions for opening – hydrant by building to reduce insurance, permission to put a stockyards on east side, and city give electricity so he could compete. Intends to put in corn machinery. City passed resolution saying Kearney Canal & Water Supply and Kearney Electric Co. were authorized to furnish \$3000 worth of electricity annually for 20 years beginning in May 1894. Permission was given for the stockyards and the hydrant request was given to the fire and light committee.

Nov, 22, 1895 _ Kearney oatmeal offered for sale at Sherer's grocery

Dec 9, 1895 – issue of providing electrical power was not settled yet.

July 23, 1896 – operating but not at full capacity

March 1897 – Barrel of oatmeal or \$5 to Buffalo County boy under 21 who raises the best one acre of white side oats.

July 1897 – Mill running regularly

Sept 2, 1897 – Behind on orders, employes 12, running day & night, 100 barrels oatmeal Per day plus corn meal. Makes its own barrels in cooperage. Supplies Coddington & Son, ships to Portland, OR

Poor road passed it in 1899