

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER.

Would it not be well for those papers that are wont to indulge in ribald jests at the expense of Kansas City to learn a little something about what is here before they write themselves down as being of the following of Dogberry? All the sneers and jibes that have been cast upon this city will surely redound to the injury of the cities whence they emanate, and for the benefit of those newspapers that may wish to do justice the JOURNAL will say that Kansas City is not hurt by their sneers or by their detractions.

Seated at the gateway of the Great Southwest, she is the veritable queen of the plains and into her lap are poured all the offerings of the thrifty tillers of the soil in an immense country unsurpassed in the whole world for productiveness. From North, South, East and West the tributes are brought and through her gates passes the vast traffic from the West to the East. To that empire of the Southwest she stands as the symbol of activity and progress.

Holding, as she does, the seat of honor in the Union, she is the pride of every Western man and the glory of two states. With the greatest cattle and live stock market in the world, the greatest smelting plant in the world, the greatest packing industry in the world and the greatest tributary territory in the world, there is nothing that stands in the way of her becoming the greatest city in the world.

There is no "boom" now in or about Kansas City, but she is going forward with such strides, through purely legitimate business, that even the old "boomers" are astonished. There is no wild scramble after suburban lots, but prices of real estate are stiffening to such an extent that already money is coming from the safe deposit vaults where it has been so long, and is being placed in real estate as an investment that is sure to bring good and absolute profits. Al-

ready the demand for dwelling houses is heard and to-day there are not enough desirable houses to supply the demand.

The sound of the hammer and saw are heard in all parts of the city, and houses are going up on all sides. Not houses hastily built, but dwellings that will be a credit to the city. Kansas City is already noted among the architects of the East as being a city of modern ideas, and the houses are of a class that elicit admiration from visitors from the older cities.

The city itself gives the lie to the slanders that have been printed in the Eastern papers, and scarcely a visitor comes that he does not show that he is surprised by the growth and progress the city has made. Having read so much that is detrimental and heard such sneering and such slanders about our city, he had come to the conclusion that it was a backwoods town with pretensions far beyond its deserts. When he comes he finds a flourishing city with an activity only equaled in New York and Chicago.

What is needed now is that more of the good be told about Kansas City and less of the bad. It is no trouble to get reports of defalcations, failures, robberies, filth or scandal printed about Kansas City, but when it comes to saying anything good about us, the Eastern papers beg to be excused, as they "are not booming Kansas City." They do not care to print facts about a city that is liable to lessen the population of their own city or in any way increase the commercial or financial supremacy of the great city of the Southwest.

Every man who is interested in the up-building of the city knows that the facts exist as stated here, and it is their duty, if they have any pride in their home city, to come to the rescue of the city from the machinations of the slanderers, who are trying to keep away capital and homeseekers. Meet the soliciting committee with an open purse and give so liberally that the whole world may know that you are standing up for Kansas City.