

ARMOURDALE.

THE MANUFACTURING DISTRICT OF THE SUNFLOWER METROPOLIS.

All of the Large Packing Houses With but Two Exceptions are Located There—It Is Especially Adopted for Location of Industries of All Kinds—A Brief Sketch of Some of Its Leading Business Men.

The Sixth Ward, better known as Armourdale, is beyond comparison in the manufacturing line with any city in the State or West. It comprises the southern portion of the metropolis, Kansas City, Kan., but being called Armourdale before the consolidation, it is still called by its old name in many instances. While its foremost business men take due pride in the fact that they are a part of the biggest city in the Sunflower State, every other part of the city feels justly proud of the South side contingent.

Armourdale, when first organized, was named after the Armours—the greatest packers in the world—who at that time first established themselves in old Kansas City, Kan. They were firmly set in the hearts of the people from the fact that its house was the first to employ a small army of workingmen.

John Davidson, member of the City Council, is one official in whom his constituency has rightly placed implicit confidence. Not only in the Sixth Ward does Mr. Davidson count his friends, but in every other part of the city. He has earned the title of "watch dog of the treasury" in the Council, for the reason that when an appropriation is about to be made for what he deems an unnecessary expenditure you can count on John coming to his feet and fighting the proposition until his every means is exhausted. He is a bright light in the Council and makes a splendid legislator. He is a firm believer in cautious expenditure of public funds. He is a convincing speaker and generally makes his point. Mr. Davidson is a carpenter by trade, and for several years had charge of the work in that line at Schwartzchild & Sulzberger's packing house.

James Lillis, the other Councilman from this ward, is a specimen of mankind rarely met. He is one of the substantial citizens, and has done a great deal to advance the growth of the town. He is well educated and of fine address. His popularity is due to his genial treatment of everyone he meets. Mr. Lillis for many years was engaged in the butcher business on Kansas avenue, but recently sold his place of business to accept a very important position with the Swift Packing company. He has been a member of the City Council for two years, and has gained an enviable reputation as a shrewd and honorable legislator. He has shown all along a disposition to watch the interest of his constituency. He is a wheelhorse in Democracy, and at the last election was prominently mentioned for the office of Mayor.