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Such Is The City Of Eldora As Seen By A Visitor

City Of Elegant Homes.

Eldora and some of the Outlying Landmarks--Beautiful Pen Picture--Well Graded Streets. The following was written by Mr. Percival, son-in-law of Geo. Pattee, of Ackley and brother-in-law of Dr. Diehl of Eldora, for last Sunday's Omaha World-Herald:

Drive To Eldora

One of the popular drives is along the river from Iowa Falls to Eldora, a distance of eighteen miles. The road, which has been worked until it is almost as smooth and hard as macadam, follows the course of the stream a greater portion of the distance. Through fields of grain, orchards, the trees of which at this season of the year are bending beneath their load of ripening fruit, and through patches of woodland this road winds. The panorama is so changeable that one never tires of the beauties spread out for miles in every direction ...

... Eldora still farther down the Iowa river, is one of the most prosperous towns in the county if not in the central portion of the State. It has two railroads, one the Iowa Central and the other the Iowa & Dakota, better known as the "Slippery Elm." This name was attached to the latter road on account of the fact that a dozen or more surveys were made before a final location was decided upon. At the present time the "Slippery Elm" is controlled by the Northwestern and is one of its most valuable feeders, as it runs in a diagonal direction across one of the richest agricultural portions of the State.

An Eastern Town

Eldora has the appearance of a typical old fashioned eastern town. The business portion, which is largely of brick and stone, is built around a public square, in the center of which is the court house, erected a few years ago at a cost of close to \$50,000. It has a fine opera house with a seating capacity of 1,000, a large number of manufacturing industries, including a tile and sewer pipe plant, flour mills, foundries, machine shops and vitrified brick works. The State Industrial school for boys is located here.

The resident streets of Eldora are probably the finest of any small city in the west. Large shade trees are on either side, in many instances so large that their branches reach across the roadways and touch. The town being the home of a dozen men who are worth from \$100,000 to \$500,000, makes it somewhat aristocratic. There are scores of residences costing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and it is said that the women of the town set the style for all others in the county. It is a town of fine horses and it is no uncommon sight to see fifty fine turnouts on the boulevards any pleasant evening.

Not far from Eldora is a park, fronting the Iowa river. In this park nature has been most lavish in bestowing her bounties. She has backed it up with a stone wall, rising sheer and straight a distance of seventy-five feet, while along the front she has caused the river to flow. Here the river is broad, slow flowing and deep. It is a favorite boating resort. The Eldora Boating club is one of the organizations of the town. It has 100 members, most of whom own boats of some description. They have a fine boat house which during the summer months is used as a club house ...