

THE PONCA TOWNSITE COMPANY.



THIS organization was formed by the business men in Arkansas City, awaiting the opening of the Cherokee Strip, and who contemplate going into business there as soon as the law will permit them to do so.

ITS OBJECT.

Its object is to procure land, plat and lay off a townsite and divide the same equally among the members of the company, and further to avoid the break neck run and long continued contests incident to government townsites. Its further object is to build up a city independent of county seats.

THE LOCATION.

The location is the most beautiful in Oklahoma Territory, and the most favorably located for building up a city. It is a natural location, has fine drainage, and excellent water privileges, being situated one and three-fourths miles from the Arkansas river. The best of water can be had at a depth of from twenty-five to thirty feet. This is by far the most favorable location in the strip. It is on a high elevation, and magnificent scenery around.

MEMBERSHIP FEE.

The membership fee is \$2.00, on payment of this amount, the member paying it is entitled to all the rights and benefits of the association in common with every other member. A membership entitles the holder to one or more lots in the townsite, providing the holder is present at the hour of opening. The company cannot hold lots for those who are not present. It has been decided by the executive committee to distribute the lots by drawing. The number of lots a member can get depends upon the number of members in the company. Persons holding membership in this company will be required to register at the Booth the same as those taking claims in county seat towns.

THE OFFICERS.

The officers of the company are business men of undoubted integrity and will all become actual settlers in the town themselves. The money taken in for membership will be disposed of in the following manner:

First—In paying the expenses of advertising and other incidental expenses, and the residue will be used in surveying and platting the townsite and improving the town generally till every dollar is honestly and judiciously expended.

The officers are a president, secretary and treasurer and an executive committee of fifteen members. The office of the company is now on Fifth Avenue, opposite Bryant Hotel, Arkansas City, Kan., and in charge of S. L. Wilson, assistant secretary; after the opening, it will be at Ponca, O. T.

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B. S. BARNES, President.

A. C. HARDING, Secretary.

JOHN W. DALTON, Treasurer

S. L. WILSON, Assistant Secretary.

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C. M. FLORA,

CHAS. BRYANT.

FRED BOWERS.

BICN S. HUTCHINS.

J. J. McMANUS.

ED. D. GRADY.

E. W. KILBOURNE.