

THE BELLE SPRINGS CREAMERY COMPANY

One of the advantages that the people of Abilene and vicinity have that is not possessed by every city is a modern creamery. The Belle Springs Creamery Company, to whom the credit for such an institution is due, has been established for twenty-four years. They are manufacturers of butter, ice cream and ice. Their plant is one of the most modern and completely equipped establishments of its kind in the country. Although machinery of the very latest pattern was installed in every department when the company was established, they have constantly discarded old machines and installed new when the later models would in any way aid them in turning out a finer or purer product. Twenty-five skilled employees are kept busy supplying the wants of the trade. An ample number of road representatives are employed to ply the country in the interests of the firm. This company has over two hundred collecting points and their products are sold and used all over the United States. They have manufacturing plants established at Salina and Emporia, Kansas. They make a specialty of manufacturing the "belle Springs" brand of creamery butter, which is sold in air-tight carton packages. This establishment is equipped to make 20,000 pounds of creamery butter, 1,000 gallons of ice cream and thirty tons of ice per day, with cold storage capacity of seventy-five cars. This establishment is the largest and one of the most important industries of the city. It has been a successful undertaking, profitable to the stockholders and commands the pride of every citizen of Abilene. With a splendid trade established, a line of goods second to none in their class and the best improved facilities for producing same economically and surrounded by prosperous conditions, the future prospects for this enterprise are indeed very bright. A better idea of the volume of business conducted and the size of this business can be gained when it is stated that the firm was incorporated for \$150,000 in 1904. The officers and members of this firm are J.K. Forney, President; P.G. Hoffman, Vice President; M.L. Hoffman, Treasurer and E.H. Forney, Secretary and Manager. Mr. E.H. Forney, secretary and manager of this establishment, directly supervises the various departments of this business. He is a gentleman of exceptional business ability and sound judgment and the almost phenomenal growth of this creamery is sufficient proof of his able management.