

Business Thrives in Murray, "Utah's Busy Center."

THE outpouring of peace and unprecedented prosperity that has been so bountifully bestowed upon the entire country during the year just closing has also been shared in by our own state and Murray has received its full and unstinted share. Murray, which has heretofore frequently been referred to as the smelting town of the west, is now so fully and firmly established that it may be regarded as the coming business center of Salt Lake valley.

The confidence which business men have in the future of Murray could be manifested in no better way than in the erection of the fine business blocks that are to be seen on vacant lots and unoccupied corners of a year ago, and that have supplanted the temporary lumber shacks of the past. Smelters or no smelters, Murray is here to stay, and is destined to become a thriving city, come what or come woe. Notwithstanding the controversy between the smelters and the farmers, which may we hope will yet be solved in such a way that we may retain both industries, business men manifest no uneasiness and are now laying plans for new enterprises and increased business facilities.

Business generally is reported to have increased from 25 per cent to 40 per cent over 1905, and this increase is confined to no particular line. Banking and bank deposits, which is the true barometer of business, has increased beyond the most sanguine expectations, and the mercantile trade in every line has experienced the same advance. The rush of livery and excursion business could scarcely be handled during the past summer, and real estate has fairly boomed. Building would in all probability have been much more extensive had it not been for the scarcity of material, yet it has been heavy.

A walk through Main street will readily show to one who has been absent for a year the improvements that have been going on. The Miller-Cahoon building on the corner of Seventeenth South and State is a monument of architectural beauty, neatness and convenience. The front presents an imposing appearance as anything of the kind in the state. Fine business buildings have also been pushed to the north of Seventeenth South, and many other buildings will be recognized as being new, or greatly enlarged and improved. In the construction of the new city hall the fathers of the city have shown their determination to provide for an actual necessity and enhance the beauty of the city as far as means will permit. The building was commenced July, this year. The corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies on the 20th day of September, and was witnessed by a large assembly. The schools were closed and the children, 600 strong, marched to the site in a body. The building will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000 when completed and will be ready for occupancy early in the spring. A much needed city jail is also in course of construction in the rear of the City hall, and will be modern in every respect.

The Business & Promoting association has taken an active interest in affairs looking to the welfare of the city both present and future, the results of which will yet be more apparent. The Murray Progress company, securing a franchise from the city, has laid water mains along the principal streets of the city and an ample supply of pure water can now be secured on business blocks and resident property. This affords not only a necessary commodity but lessens the possibility of an extensive fire, and as a result a lower rate of insurance. Since the installing of a water system a volunteer fire department has been organized under proper rules and regulations which have been accepted by the city council, and an expenditure ordered for hose

and fire fighting apparatus amounting to some \$2,500.

THE PROGRESS COMPANY.

This company was organized and incorporated on the 5th day of April, 1907, for the purpose of developing electrical energy for light, heating and power purposes, with a capital stock of \$100,000. On July 6, 1906, the company was greatly enlarged and the stock increased to \$500,000. Three light and power plants have been erected and are furnishing light and power for Murray and Bingham Junction. The company also operate a water system already referred to, which has been taken advantage of by the business men and residents of Murray. The development of these enterprises will prove to be of incalculable value to the towns and settlements adjacent to their plants. Changes in an ecclesiastical capacity have also been made during the year, which also prove material growth. Murray, which heretofore was in one ward, has been divided into two, with a com-

THE MCMILLAN COMPANY.



The McMillan company are wholesale and retail dealers in fresh meats. They also handle poultry and vegetables, fish and green groceries in seasonable times, and are among the progressive meat dealers in the state. Feb. 1 of this year they opened business in their new building at the corner of Seventeenth South and State street. No finer building adorns the streets of Murray. Energy and push is bringing to this company a large and reliable patronage.

In evidence of this prosperity we note that they employ two slaughtering men, three delivery and two shop

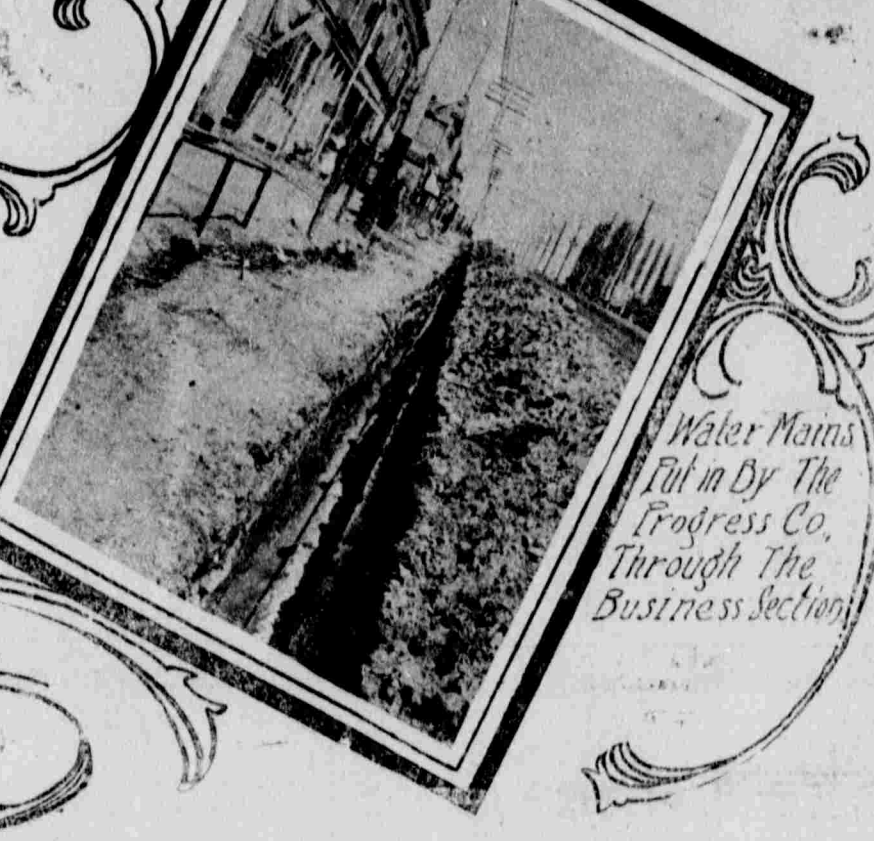
men, a sausage and a wholesale man and an office girl. They own and operate their own slaughtering houses and are the largest wholesale dealers in the county. Over their counter can be secured the choicest cuts of meat, and they make prompt deliveries far out into the country on either side. They make it their business to see to it that all customers are satisfied, and by means of fair dealing they are rapidly gaining trade. The members of the firm are Neal and Parley McMillan, father and son. Parley is manager, and it is under his direction that the business has made such enviable progress.

Looking North on Main Street.



Water Mains Put in By The Progress Co. Through The Residence District

Looking South on Main Street.



Water Mains Put in By The Progress Co. Through The Business Section

MURRAY CO-OP.



The Murray Co-op had its beginning February, 1902, and each consecutive year since then has had a rapid growth with a banner year just closing. Never before in its history has this institution enjoyed such a large and reliable patronage which comes as a result of the public's having learned from experience where a dollar brings the most in quantity and the best in quality. With such an era of prosperity and increasing trade, the company soon found that its quarters were wholly inadequate

to its business. Accordingly a directors' meeting was called which resulted in the purchase of the entire building the south half of which they had occupied up to the present time. With this purchase they came in possession of the largest building and best location from a business viewpoint of any in the city. Having thus secured more room the stock was enlarged, the business was increased and Murray Co-op continues to stand preeminently above its competitors. Everything is carried in groceries, fruits, vegetables, hardware tinware,

crockeryware, chinaware, drygoods, underwear, ladies ready made goods, hats, boys' clothing; men's, women and children's shoes; rugs, carpets and linoleums. Their holiday goods excel and are suitable for the old, the middle aged, the young people and the children. A call will convince the most skeptical that this is true.

Hon. Charles Brown is manager, and has proved himself a most judicious buyer, a possessor of excellent business methods, and his honesty and reliability is demonstrated by the confidence he enjoys.

never used a needle or thimble before. Their work is done while the boys are in the shop. The teachers receive outlines and instructions from an able supervisor and then conduct the work in their respective rooms. Pupils are also making favorable progress in music and singing. Glee clubs have been organized by the supervisor and are practicing regularly. In fact a healthy condition pervades all the work, and the holiday spirit is believed to be second to none in the state.

HOLLIDAY. The beautiful town of Holliday, snugly sheltered under the towering peaks of the Wasatch, has enjoyed its share of prosperity during the year. The town supports five stores, all of which are doing a good business. The leaders are Hyrum Neilson and Bagley Brock, about whom more has been said elsewhere. Two modern schoolhouses are well filled with children whose healthy faces and well-fed cheeks bespeak the prosperity of the community. The farmers are all in comfortable circum-

stances, own their farms, and are thrifty and enterprising. They have enjoyed a bountiful harvest in fruits, cereals and vegetables, for all of which the soil and climate are admirably adapted.

During the past summer the farmers organized themselves into a company and have put in a water system costing \$4,000, and now enjoy the luxury of the purest water from Spring Creek, piped into their houses. Already about 150 houses are connected with the system and extensions will be made as necessity demands. Holliday is destined to become a wealthy community.

TAYLORSVILLE. Taylorsville is situated on the west side of the Jordan and on both sides of Seventeenth South street. Many of the residents are prominent sheep and cattle men, who graze their flocks in

Utah and adjoining states. The locality is well adapted to farming, hay and grain being among the principal crops. There are two stores in the town, the leading one being that of E. Lindsay, who carries a full line of all kinds of merchandise. The town has a modern schoolhouse which is second to none in the state, and the school is believed to be in harmony with the building. Taylorsville is growing and progressing and is a credit to Salt Lake county.

WILLIAMS BROS.

That Murray is no place for real estate dealers, was the opinion of one of the local people, three years ago when Williams Bros. first opened up an enterprise. This opinion was proved to be unfounded. They went into the field adhering strictly to the commission and by acting fairly with the buyer and seller, they gained the good will and confidence of both. This kind of dealing won for them the good reputation they enjoy and brought to them the numerous sales they have effected. Like all struggling, but honest, business men, they have succeeded. At first only a few rooms were rented. Later a room was secured and an office established. Business continued to increase and after three years of profitable return the firm erected a building of its own, located on Main street, Murray.

It can be said without exaggeration that this firm has a larger list of property for sale than any of its competitors in the state. Especially is this true of farm property, which they make a specialty. The business would still be greater had they not refused to list a great many properties, and which commission was to be received over and above the owner's price. If you consult them you can depend on getting an honest opinion as to the value of property, even if by so doing they lose the sale. They endeavor to make you their friend, by honest treatment, knowing that if they succeed in securing your friendship by the means of a sale, a sale will follow. If you desire information regarding Murray City or farm land in Salt Lake county you will do well to consult them either by mail, by telephone or by personal call. They will treat you obligingly, and will go into the minutest detail regarding any property they have listed.

BRINTON & GUNDERSON.

The old Brinton corner at Seventeenth East and Seventeenth South is not viewed as it was a year ago. Instead of seeing the old shop occupied many years by Brinton & Gunderson, there is seen a new two-story building that would be a credit to any community. The writer has visited most of the shops in the county but has seen none as well equipped. The convenience of it is as complete as the ingenuity and experience of a blacksmith of 20 years could plan it, and tools of the latest pattern and of every description are in evidence.

Brinton and Gunderson are gentlemen of long experience in blacksmithing, and their sober and industrious habits have resulted in the large patronage they enjoy and the commendation of Holliday's reliable people. They do all kinds of blacksmith work and give special attention to horseshoeing. Their late improvements and their skilled methods enable them to guarantee their work, and they turn it out with promptness.

These gentlemen also have the agency of C. W. & M. company and can furnish anything handled by this company at the same price as at the Salt Lake house. If you need anything in the line you would do well to give them a call. They have done business with satisfaction of the majority of the people in the community, and can do for you.

THE LEADER.



The Leader was established in 1902, with Mr. A. Frank as manager, and as its name implies, is by far the leading department store in its line of any in the county. From the beginning it has had a healthy and progressive growth. This store consists of three departments, namely: clothing and gents' furnishings, ladies' ready made goods and a shoe department. All of these departments carry as complete a line as it is possible to secure, and their goods are unexcelled in price and quality. The clothing and gents' furnishings line embraces everything from the every day wear to the finest textures, and from a standpoint of merit and

cheapness they cannot be duplicated. The line in ladies' ready made goods is extensive and the most modish can be suited from every point of view. The shoe department is fully equipped to meet the demands of the intelligent public, and consists of a variety for men, women and children. The famous Walk-Over shoe for men and Drew-Seely shoe for women are among the best carried in stock, and also handled. Altogether there are garments carry a line of the latest goods in fit, style and pattern. Buyers of any of these goods should visit the Leader before going to Salt Lake City.

New Store! New Goods! New Prices!

IMPLEMENTS.

We are Jobbers and Retail dealers in all kinds of FARM IMPLEMENTS. A portion of our stock consists of Birdsall Wagons, La Porte & Fuller Buggies, Milwaukee Mowers, Binders, Reapers and Rakes, Superior Ranges and Heaters, Loudon Hay Tool, Sharples' Separators, Pope Electric Automobiles.



LUMBER.

We are prepared at all times to fill large or small orders, for all kinds of building materials. We are wholesale and retail dealers and run in connection with our Lumber yards, a Hardware Store, second to none. We deal extensively in

CEMENT, PAINTS, OILS.

When wanting anything in the building line, examine our line. You will find our prices right, goods considered.

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Garfield, Utah.
14th So. 2nd West.

MILLER-CAHOON CO.
PIONEER IMPLEMENT DEALERS OF UTAH.

GENERAL OFFICE:
Murray City, Utah.