

Busy American Fork, "The Expeditious." Tooele, The Coming Smelter City

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American Fork is at the northern extremity of this charming, bending valley, the distance at that point from the Wasatch to the lake being only about three miles. From a canyon at the east (across the valley) a stream, called Fork creek, which is utilized for various purposes, Alpine, a village so named because of its resemblance to the hamlets that nestle in the Alps near Lake Geneva or Lake Lucerne, has two miles north of American Fork on a slope of sandy loam, Pleasant Grove is the same distance eastward in a region aptly described by the city's name. Three miles northwest of American Fork is Lehi, and between the two cities on the shore of the lake is the largest sugar factory in Utah.

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STATE EXPERIMENT FARM.

A state experiment farm, consisting of 30 acres, is on American Fork ground. Seventy-eight varieties of tomatoes were grown there this year and their yields, colors and the like are under similar investigation.

Thousands of feet of the best timber is on sale by the forest service; and saw mills are producing the same at \$2.50 per thousand feet.

Two transcontinental railroads go through American Fork and afford every opportunity for further advancement. The city is already a fine residence town; and there is every chance for work, education and amusement.

The city park adjoining the business district contains a grand stand erected at a cost of \$1,000, and there are 2,000 shade trees, in every way the city evinces activity and prosperity. A city hall has just been completed at a cost of \$9,000; it with the new city jail has been constructed on strictly modern plans and with up-to-date conven-

iences. The fall alone cost \$3,000. A fine spring a half mile east of American Fork supplies water for the city in a system that has cost the town \$2,500. The system has a 35-pound pressure and the water, which is analyzed by the state chemist, is pronounced absolutely pure and excellent for boiler use. Richard R. Lyman of the state university was engineer.

NEW POWER PLANT.

Some time ago American Fork, Lehi and Pleasant Grove joined in the promotion of an electric lighting plant. In 1904 a corporation was organized with a capital of \$20,000, American Fork owning most of the stock. A new plant was completed last summer at a cost of \$10,000; it is situated in American Fork canyon.

FIRST CITY COUNCIL.

The city was organized June 4, 1875. L. E. Harrington being mayor, John Hindley and William Greenwood, aldermen; and James Clark, Warren B. Smith and Thomas Shelby, councilmen. American Fork is exceptionally rich in its resources and attractions. The mines are spending almost \$50,000 a year in the city for supplies. The Wyoming mine, on Miller Hill, has alone produced more than \$2,000,000 in gold, silver and lead, and at present has a quarter of a million dollars in ore ready for shipment.

SHEEP INDUSTRY.

There are more than 100,000 sheep near American Fork, the wool clip last year amounting to 800,000 pounds, which netted the owners \$100,000. During last July and August, 20,000 lambs were shipped to eastern markets, the returns therefrom being about \$30,000. Thomas Chipman, Dick and Alvin Adams, Wil-

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MERCHANT STREET, AMERICAN FORK.

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TOOELE, the county seat of Tooele county, lies 25 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, at a point that has an altitude of 4,892 feet. The valley in which this thriving little city is located is the fertile fringe along the east of a vast expanse of desert land and waste.

The population of Tooele is 1,200 consisting mostly of sturdy farmers of English descent and miners.

The city's history is as interesting as its life now is active and prosperous. In 1851, after suggestions had been made by Brigham Young, Francis X. Loggery and Judson Tolman, came by ox team to Tooele valley. Mr. Tolman brought his family, but Mr. Loggery was at the time unmarried. Two years later the following party arrived: Mr. and Mrs. John Gillispie, Alfred Lee, Thomas Lee, Samuel Lee and Joseph Lee. From that time on many more came; in fact, so many arrived, that in 1853 the city was incorporated, with Bishop John Rowberry as mayor, and the whole site was surveyed by John Gillispie and others. The first boy born in the city was very likely Judson Tolman, Jr., while the first girl was Sarah Lee.

FIRST MERCHANTS.

Bishop John Rowberry and Thomas McKenide put up a small store and John England, began to make shoes, the first pair being for Orson Hyde, just prior to his going to Palestine.

It was a time of hardship and almost famine. Joseph Vernon in Rush Valley and others in Middle canyon were killed by the Indians, who not only endangered the lives of the whites to such an extent that the people constructed a mud wall 12 feet high as a protection, but they also drove off the cattle of the settler. The wall was built in 1855 after two years of hard work by squads of 15 or 20 men, per Gillispie being superintendent. And then famine came, the grasshoppers having been so thick in 1854 that they clouded the moonday sun. Millions of locusts came in swarms eating every particle of green before them. The Indians, of course, gathered the locusts, dried them, ground them into meal between stones and cooked them, and then afterward with a relish and a resulting fatness altogether inconsistent with the times. From 1854 to 1856 John Gillispie says he lived on pig waste and other scraps of food, surviving on the same diet.

At that time the people gathered their hay from a point 12 miles north of Tooele, where meadows and swamps were numerous. Cattails were plentiful in the swamps and the settlers gathered them for beds. The Indian name for "cat tail" is Tooele; so the city can now be said to have been named after its first feather beds—the cattails taken from the rushes in the swamps.

Times have changed now, however; and Tooele valley is one of picturesque beauty and fertility. The mountains form a horseshoe with the points toward Great Salt Lake; in the bend at the south lies Tooele on streams that come from Middle and Settlement canyons.

AGRICULTURE AND MINING.

Agriculture and mining are the city's chief occupations. Throughout the valley the brands are "High Potent," "Silver Coin" and "Bakers' No. 1" flour, graham, graham, besides other mill stuffs. Alvin A. Walters, Tooele's mayor, is president; J. C. Orms is vice president; E. M. Orms, county treasurer, is secretary, treasurer and manager; and these together with W. W. Sagers and G. M. Huffaker are the directors. The mill is equipped with the latest roller machinery and has cost altogether \$15,000. Four men are employed and in every respect the mill is one of the leading centers of Tooele's activity. Both it and the city are men of ability and public confidence and there is every indication that with the incoming of the new smelter the mill's activity and importance will be greatly enhanced. A. M. Orms is also judged by the integrity of its citizens as the strength of its business establishments; and the Tooele City Milling company is an enterprise that well satisfies either requirement.

TOOELE CITY MILLING CO.

The largest flour mill in Tooele county is the Tooele City Milling company which was incorporated in 1885 with a capital of \$50,000. It does an extensive business throughout the valley and especially in the mining camps its chief products being well known. Its leading brands are "High Potent," "Silver Coin" and "Bakers' No. 1" flour, graham, graham, besides other mill stuffs. Alvin A. Walters, Tooele's mayor, is president; J. C. Orms is vice president; E. M. Orms, county treasurer, is secretary, treasurer and manager; and these together with W. W. Sagers and G. M. Huffaker are the directors. The mill is equipped with the latest roller machinery and has cost altogether \$15,000. Four men are employed and in every respect the mill is one of the leading centers of Tooele's activity. Both it and the city are men of ability and public confidence and there is every indication that with the incoming of the new smelter the mill's activity and importance will be greatly enhanced. A. M. Orms is also judged by the integrity of its citizens as the strength of its business establishments; and the Tooele City Milling company is an enterprise that well satisfies either requirement.

TOOELE MEAT AND STORAGE COMPANY.

It certainly is a pleasure to happen upon a meat market that is equipped with a cold storage and a new building of modern, clean and pleasing appearance, such as that of the Tooele Meat and Storage company. Brigham City and a few other cities in Utah have cold storage meat shops, but as a rule it is seldom seen in a small town. Green meat is the unpleasant consequence where such a concern does not appear. This company was incorporated four months ago; the meat market at Stockton being under its management, William Clark is president; V. S. Cline, vice president; Harvey Anderson, secretary and treasurer, and Gustav Anderson, manager. The Tooele building was erected of cement blocks this summer at a cost of \$10,000, with its equipment. In the basement is a compressor with ammonia tank and pipes which connect with the storage rooms above, having on them on the hottest day of summer several inches of frost. Delightfully tender meat, secure cleanliness, courteous service (Leo Isgrum is employed at Tooele) and excellent, progressive management, such are the characteristics of the only cold storage company in Tooele county.

TOOELE LYCEUM COMPANY.

It is a credit to a small city to have amusements characteristic of much larger places. The Tooele Lyceum company, incorporated, is in its Pelton and Sultzer (International) circuit, and the city enjoys the same plays that are given at the Grand Salt Lake. J. M. Goudreau is president; Frank Atkins is vice president; E. Green, secretary and treasurer. Alfred M. Nelson, manager and actor, has together with A. Bevin, as director, just now the opera house being thoroughly modernized and painted, many men being at work on the improvements. The spring of hard wood floor is lowered to the level and best dancing halls in the county. The company is in a flourishing condition; the business done per year amounting now to over \$100,000. The men behind the enterprise are active and progressive and the manager, Mr. Nelson, is a young man well adapted to the details of his business, to date opera house and his own little doubt that the people of Tooele get much satisfaction, amusement and pleasure out of their opera house and dance hall.

PASSED EXAMINATION SUCCESSFULLY.

James Donabus, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and the third cured me completely. I have now passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure is a backache, kidney trouble, kidney, bladder trouble. For sale by F. H. Hill Drug Co. "The Never Substituted."

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ONE OF UTAH'S SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS FIRMS.

PUSH AND FAIR DEALING PAY.

TWENTY years ago—in 1887—Hewlett Bros. Co. commenced business in a modest way. They could not then boast of a large factory, but with a fair capital of experience and a big capital of "push," energy and determination they began to produce goods of high quality that soon won the confidence and appreciation of the people. During their twenty years of business experience, Hewlett's Three Crown products have been exhibited and tested at different exhibitions, and without a single exception they have scored on the merits of high quality. This record, of which they may be justly proud, is attested by forty-three gold medals and diplomas, which have been awarded the Three-Crown line. They have grown in experience as well as in capital and today they are proud to produce the best goods of their line in the market, and to be housed in the finest equipped and largest plant between the Missouri River and the Coast. On the twentieth anniversary of their establishment they exhibit a strength that characterizes them as one of Utah's first business firms.

TOOELE MERCANTILE CO.

Incorporated in January, 1903, with a capital of \$10,000, having excellent quarters and being managed by such energetic young men as John A. Lang-

VOWLES AND EVANS.

Twenty years ago the father of W. H. Vowles ran a small meat market that grew and grew with the development of Tooele; and now that the partnership of Vowles & Evans has control, it has developed into one of the great business concerns in Tooele. This year a fine new building was completed at a cost of \$4,512, the first story being used for the meat market and the upper for the most important of business offices. There is every indication that with the incoming of the new smelter the mill's activity and importance will be greatly enhanced. A. M. Orms is also judged by the integrity of its citizens as the strength of its business establishments; and the Tooele City Milling company is an enterprise that well satisfies either requirement.

NEW RESIDENCES.

During the past year many fine new residences have gone up in the city. J. A. Lundberg, John Marsten, George L. England and Benjamin Stewart being among the owners. Vowles & Evans have put up a building, a butcher shop and office building, which the Tooele Meat and Storage company have erected a big cement block establishment.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The public school system under the guidance of W. S. Marks, John Tate and Peter M. Clegg is especially fine. The main school building is a beautiful structure that would be a credit to any city. The school population is about 700 and the teachers receive salaries ranging from \$40 to \$95. Alfred M. Nelson is principal.

THE MAJESTIC THEATRE.