

OGDEN ENJOYS THE BANNER YEAR IN HER HISTORY



New Federal Building



Headquarters 4th District Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ogden, Utah



Ogden High School

THE year 1909 has been a most prosperous one for the entire west. The financial depression of 1907 and the early part of 1908, which was directly due to stock manipulation, has been completely forgotten and the naturally prosperous condition of the country has asserted itself. Those who have watched local conditions closely know that never before in the history of Ogden has the growth and development been more marked. Activity in every line and progress in all, have been the record of the commercial industries of Ogden. The great railroad systems, of which Ogden is an important point, have expended large sums in improvements and are making extensive plans for more, thus manifesting their faith. On every side are the evidences of thrift and prosperity. The agricultural conditions have never been more flattering and with bumper crops in all lines, the farmers in this district are to be envied. The numerous canning factories and the sugar factory have had a most successful year, being rushed to over-capacity during the entire season.

Financial strength, sound and conservative business development and activity in all commercial pursuits, make Ogden a desirable location as a residence city and yet there are many other features which mark Ogden as one of the finest cities in the Intermountain region. The population is well above 30,000. The climate is delightful and extremely healthful. The educational facilities of the city are splendid. There are a dozen large, modern public grade schools, and a public high school which is possibly unequalled in any place in the west. The Weber state academy, the Church institution, is one of the finest schools of its kind in the west. Numerous business colleges and private and secular schools also go to make up the splendid opportunities for educational advancement which the city affords.

It is usually a safe plan to obtain comparative figures of the building permits from year to year, when looking for information as to the growth of any city. Ogden people can point with pride to the splendid showing made this year as compared with previous years. The total permits issued by the city engineer for the year 1907 amounted to \$407,445. For 1908 the total was \$542,352. Although 1909 is not at an end, the total permits have reached the figure of approximately \$500,000, or nearly double the total of

warehouses and residences in all parts of the city. Among the residences completed during the year are: the palatial home of James Pinkree, the three elegant residences on Eccles avenue and many more comfortable and convenient dwellings. Principal among the buildings yet under construction, are the Ogden theater, which is erected on the site of the old Utah theater, costing between \$60,000 and \$75,000 and which will be used for Cort and Klay & Erlinger productions; the Dee memorial hospital at Harrison avenue and Twenty-fourth street costing over \$100,000, erected in memory of the late Judge Thomas D. Dee by the Dee estate; the freight depot of the Harriman lines at the intersection of Wall avenue and Twenty-fourth street, costing upwards of \$100,000. During the year the owners of the Grand Opera house remodeled this building at an expenditure of about \$55,000 and leased it to the Orpheum Theater company for a period of years.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

During the year over two miles of asphalt street paving has been added in the business districts and many miles of gravel sidewalks have been laid. An immense viaduct, constructed of the finest bridge steel with concrete bases, has been built across the railroad tracks on Twenty-fourth street from Wall avenue to the Weber river, a distance of over 3,000 feet. This permits the residents of the large agricultural districts lying immediately west of Ogden, to enter the city without the danger of crossing the scores of railroad tracks in the Ogden yards and is a great benefit to the community in general. Many extensive improvements have been made in the great railroad shops and yards and the new passenger depot has been completely remodeled and enlarged. Five new passenger tracks have been added to the dozen already in use at the west of the Union depot and the entire passenger yard, over a quarter of a mile in length, has been laid in cement. This immense space will soon be covered with sheds to protect the traveling public, as well as the many employees, from the inclement weather.

STREET CAR FACILITIES.

The Ogden Rapid Transit company, the street railway company of the city, has made some very notable improvements and extensions during the past 12 months. Of these, the line through Ogden's famous canyon is foremost. This line is a good piece of railway engineering. Concrete abutments, steel bridges and trestles form a large part of the roadbed which hugs the cliffs and crags of the beautiful mountain gorge. The Ogden Rapid Transit company, by running its cars through the canyon, has made it possible for tourists waiting over for their trains, to make this trip, as only one hour's time is required for the entire run to the Hermitage and return. During the winter the canyon line will be extended into Ogden valley, where several thriving towns are located. Farm products from the valley can be easily transported, by means of the inter-urban line to Ogden.

Other important extensions are the line to the Utah Hot Springs, 10 miles north of the city and the Plain City line, a distance of about 12 miles north-west from the city. Both of these lines run through fine agricultural districts and the benefit to the city, as well as to the country districts, can hardly be estimated. The extension on Wall avenue, a distance of over a mile, is another important addition to the railway lines in the city and it is the means of rapidly building up that part of the town. Many other improvements are planned for the coming year.

UTAH LIGHT AND RAILWAY.

During the year, the Utah Light & Railway company has made many improvements on the gas system. The old mains have been taken up and new ones have been taken their place. The system has been extended into many new districts and by the early part of next spring, the company expects to have gas piped into all the principal residence districts. Upwards of \$50,000 has been spent this year in these improvements and by constructing a new gas plant, which it expects to do within

the next two months, and making the other proposed extensions, a considerable sum will be paid out during the coming year.

FIVE BANKS.

Ogden has five banking institutions, whose splendid condition is a credit to the city. The annual statements of these banks show that conditions are better than ever before. The increase of business of most of these institutions, as shown by their statements, is remarkable. There are more depositors this year than ever in the history of the city and the wealth per capita is high.

Ogden's wholesale houses are among the largest west of Omaha, and the merchandise of all varieties distributed from this point runs into millions of dollars every year. The warehouse and wholesale district of the city is growing rapidly and the class of buildings here is as substantial as any to be found in the country. The unexcelled railroad facilities of Ogden, make it the natural location for handling large quantities of merchandise.

PULLING TOGETHER.

There is a strong growing sentiment in Ogden regarding the unity of her citizens. The better class of business and professional men are beginning to feel that much harm has been done to the city in the past years by differences of political opinion and on many

occasions the lack of public spirit has been strongly manifested. An awakening has started and on all questions of public interest in the future the hearty support of all classes is assured. Such organizations as the Weber club, the Ogden chamber of commerce and the Civic Improvement league have done a great amount of good in the upbuilding of the city. The last named organization has for its sole purpose the betterment and up-lifting of Ogden and deserves the full support of every public spirited citizen. Many improvements have been made in the city entirely through the efforts of the men composing this organization.

In order to ascertain the feeling among the business interests of the city, a representative of this paper made a few calls on various business men and asked for a brief statement regarding the outlook for Ogden's future development. The substance of those statements follows:

H. H. Rolapp stated that present conditions were more than satisfactory and that there were evidences of prosperity on all sides. This is particularly so among the farming communities, where modern comforts and conveniences are rapidly taking the place of the old-fashioned tungsten lamp in the residences of the people. This lamp has been cut down the consumption of current, until the generators are not carrying more than one-half of their capacity. On account of small copper in some districts and great distance from transformers, some of the customers have conceived the notion because of the lights in those sections that the company is at the end of its resources for current, but this is not in any sense true. The present generating equipment is capable of furnishing twice as much power as is needed.

Manager Brown has made a brave fight with his plant against opposition which would have daunted a less tenacious man. The company is giving a better service than the average plant and customers generally are satisfied.

RICHFIELD'S PROSPEROUS BANK.

The State Bank of Sevier is one of the progressive institutions of Sevier county. Its success has already surpassed the expectations of its founders. "Safety first" has been the watchword and the efforts of its directorship it has won a name and place among the strong institutions of the state. It is an institution of many shareholders and among the number are not a few of the strong, conservative, wide awake business men, farmers, ranchers, sheep and cattle owners of Sevier and other counties south. The efforts of the little city of Richfield were considered by some as too many, but it has been demonstrated that the resources of the section represented are ample to justify, as all the banks enjoy a heavy patronage.

The State Bank of Sevier has just completed its splendid bank building, and all its patrons, as well as the general public, are delighted. The interior is especially inviting, being equipped with all the modern conveniences, a new feature being introduced in the "Scagliola" wainscoting, made from a product of Sevier county, Bickel's Utah Keene's cement. It would be quite impossible for a person not familiar with marble to detect this im-

itation marble from the genuine article of the richest and best. The bank railing is plain and beautiful, being made of white oak and verde antique marble with copper grill work.

A WARNING DREAM.

The Vision Lincoln Saw Several Times In His Sleep.

Napoleon believed devoutly in dreams as warnings or even as forecasts of what was to come, and even he who most prides himself upon his freedom from superstition knows of or has experienced at least one dream that cannot be explained as a mere result of overfeeding.

When we contemplate dreams and their ramifications science can help us but little in their explanation. Wilkie Collins showed this to be so in one of his most ingenious novels, "Armadale." Warning dreams or premonitions may be the result of natural laws which we do not understand.

Lincoln was not counted superstitious because he had some confidence in the prophetic character of one dream, at least, for it visited his sleep on several occasions, and he spoke of it seriously to members of his family and to his closest friends. In telling of this vision he said he seemed to be in "a singular, indescribable vessel, but always the same, moving with great rapidity toward a dark and indefinite shore."

The dream preceded several marked incidents during his occupancy of the presidential chair, notably before the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg.

On the morning of the memorable 14th of April he informed members of his cabinet that he had dreamed this same thing the night before and believed that they were on the threshold

of some momentous issue. So impressive were his remarks that his auditors were profoundly moved, but no scar among them could read the warning aright and foresee the awful news of his assassination which should be flashed that night to a stunned and horrified people—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Right now is a good time to study plans and get the best ideas and latest developments in different classes of building.

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There are some people who, though a misconceived idea, consider an architect as a sort of a luxury to be dispensed with when expense is a consideration. Now that is just when an architect is needed most of all for besides giving you the benefit of his scientific training which enables him to plan your work more economically and satisfactorily, he actually saves you, in almost every case, much more than his commission amounts to by the competition he creates among the contractors in submitting their figures and also by his judicious handling of the work.

Remember we do work all through Utah and Idaho and outlying districts. Our charges which are based upon the cost of the building are as follows: 1 per cent for preliminary sketches, 3 per cent for plans, specifications and details; 5 per cent for the above including superintending the work until finished and 10 per cent for contracting designing.

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