Idaho Falls, Most Energetic City in Bingham County

barley. The plant was erected and is owned by the farmers. TDAHO FALS, is the most import- |

ant city and has by far the largest population of any city in Bingham county, Idaho. It does a larger business than any other city in southeastern Idaho. It is most centrally located, in the great agricultural portion of the country, from which it draws an immense trade. Stockman and ranchmen living 100 miles away buy their entire season's supplies at Idaho Falls. Her business and professional men are wide awake and thoroughly progressive in every sense of the word. They are invariably active in pushing any enterprise which will enhance the city's welfare or further prosperity. To the business men's energy is due entirely the phenomenal growth the city has enjoyed in the last few years, until today the population is 7,000. Likewise, Idaho Falls is the largest city in southeastern Idaho.

COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE.

Commercially speaking, Idaho Falls is the second largest city in the great Gem state. It is situated in the very Gem state. It is situated in the very center of the great Snake River valley, a territory consisting of over 1,300,000 acres of irrigable land, of which \$00,008 acres is now under good irrigable canals.

canals. All Idaho Falls citizens have an abid-ing faith in Idaho Falls, as the "City of Destiny." The city owns its own sewer system, waterworks and electric lighting plant. Among other things the city has two miles of macadaniz-ed and mutared husiness structs. "The ed and guttered business streets. The city enjoys free mail delivery and an abundant number of carriers make several deliveries in the business district daily.

GREAT SHIPPING POINT.

Bingham county is popularly known as the "grainery of southeastern Idaho," and owing to its favorable location, Idaho Falls does the greater part of the shipping. During the harvest sea-

the shipping. During the harvest sca-son it is a daily occurrence to see from six to eight hundred farmers' teams heavily laden with produce on the streets of Idaho Falls. Idaho Falls is located at that point on the Snake river where the waters go tumbling through a deep and pre-clpitious gorge in the lava for a quarter of a mile. These rapids which are now chained represent a total horsepower of 125,000. Likewise the chaining of the power has made Idaho Falls one of the most important manufacturing cittles in Idaho.

cities in Idaho. Idaho Falls is a city of the second VERY ORDERLY CITY.

Idaho Falls is one of the most order-y, law abiding, and best maintained The city has a large electrical gener-ating plant, that has harnessed the entire flow of the great Snake river, and which furnishes power all the way from Idaho Falls to St. Anthony.

INTERURBAN PROJECT. Idaho Falls is the home office of the ***** Idaho Falls and Interurban Rallway company, a company that is now making surveys and acquiring right of ways for a 35-mile electric road that will be constructed next year, and will be constructed next year, and which will connect the producers living north, east and south of Idaho Falls more closely with the elty. The road has already had promised to it a total tonnage of 220,094.727 pounds, or 5.504 cars, and will pass through a section populated by 3.525 people. The road when completed will cost about \$300,000. The officers and directors are James L. Milner, president; Heber Austin, vice president; A. V. Scott, secretary; Bowen Curley, treasurer; G. G. Wright, A. P. Coltman, S. E. Larabie, direct-ors. All are men of capital and in-fluence in the community. Idaho Falls has one daily, one semi-00000

Idaho Falls has one dally, one semi-weekly, and one weekly newspaper. It is the gateway to the Yellowstone Park and the O S. L. R. R. Park line starts from this point. from this point.

Idaho Falls is the heaviest shipper of freight upon the entire Oregon Short Line system in the state of Idaho.

OUTFITTING POINT.

Idaho Falls is the headquarters and outfitting point for the Birch Crek, Lost River, Salmon River and Spring Moun-tain ming districts on the west and the Carriboo and Snake River mining districts on the east. These districts are destined to become the heaviest pro-ducers in the state of lead, silver, gold and copper.

and copper. Among the new enterprises that will come to Idaho Falls in the early spring will be a large alfalfa meal factory, a woolen mill, a tannery, glove factory, and a large planing mill. The Idaho Falls Development company, limited, republic, the strengest Idahe Falls probably the strongest Idaho Falls booster is closely in touch with the various parties who will take hold of In spite of financial stringency last fall there has been expended this sea-son in the building of new homes over \$225,000 in the city.

AS COUNTY SEAT.



VISTA VIEWS OF WONDERFUL WATER POWER SCENES IN AND ABOUT IDAHO FALLS.

taken out on gravity; there is not a flume or a reservoir in the entire valley and the canals are the property of the farmers who own the land. The valley about Idaho Falls has the first water rights on the great river and the canals have been in operation for ten years or more. No walt-ing for promises of water at some future date in this country. You can be-gin to produce a crop at once. All over this broad valley are multitudes of

farmers raising tremendous crops of The next session of the Idaho legis- | hay, grain, potatoes, red clover, sugar farmers, and every year the cost of water is getting less.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU. There are over three million acres of valley land surrounding Idaho Falls, 1,300,000 at present under irri-gation and it is estimated that projects now under consideration by capitalists will increase this acreage to two mil-lion. The Upper Snake river valloy, according to statistics, contains a larger quanity of water available for irrigation purposes and more land to irrigate than any other section of the United States where irrigates is required. So great is the supply of water, that even with the area to be irrigated there is in this mighty river more than twice the amount necessary for this great task.

DRY FARMING.

While on the east the valley is skirted by a range of low rolling green foot-hills extending back for 30 miles and contains at the lowest estimate a million acres of the finest land in every particular, best suited for dry farming that can be found on the con-tinent and which will be in the near tinent, and which will be in the near future, all under cultivation, but at the present writing the land under irrigation is so abundant and so cheap that dry farming has received but very little attention, although enough very little attention, although enough already has been accomplished to prove conclusively that dry farming is no longer a theory but a demon-trated fact. These lands are open for homstead entry, and the wheat yield for several years has averaged from 25 to 35 bushels an acre. COST OF LAND.

The opportunities for obtaining im-proved land in this valley just now are most favorable but these con-

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six figures has been transacted. At the same time Manager Hoff announces his company increased business this year fully 50 per cent over last year. To earn this splendid amount it was necessary for hundreds of thousands of bushels of oats and wheat to pags through the hands of the company. The present concern has been in busi-ness in Idaho Falls sleadily for the past 11 years, and all the time the af-fairs of the company have been han-dled successfully by Mr. Hoff. Besides his business cares Mr. Hoff takes great pride in anything which will help the city to forge ahead and his name is well in the front rank of all subscrip-tions which mean something better HANDLES LATE NOVELTIES. Idaho Falis boasts of one of the mos up-to-date stationery and sportin goods establishments in the intermoun tain country. The founder and con ductor of the business is Mr. Georg M. Scott, who commenced business is October. His place of business is i one of the newer and most modern bus ness blocks of the city, the exact loc tion being No. 435 Broadway. Occupying as he does a large stor Mr. Scott has apportioned his space s that the arrangement of various goo is pleasing to the eye. One of the fea-tures is a reception den for women cu-tomers, similar in arrangement to tho-maintained for similar purposes i large department stores. Stationery-provided free of cost to visitors an writing desks, pens and ink are alway at the disposal of all. One of the very important feature tions which mean something better for the city.

LEADERS IN HARDWARE.

Everything in hardware is handled by N. D. McCutcheon & Co. The busi-ness was incorporated in November two years ago and today the concern does by long odds the largest business in its line in Idaho falls. In addition to hardware and general kitchen fur-nishings the commony does niumbing executes heating contracts and does tinning and sheet metal work.

at the disposal of all. One of the very important feature of the establishment is picture fram ing from the most artistic standpoin No Christmas selection along these lin will be complete by Idaho Falls res dents and those living in that vicini Among things handled by the com-

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MAMMOTH PLANT OF THE INTER MOUNTAIN BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY AT IDAHO FALLS.

pany are included Majestic and Char-ter Oak ranges, tubular hot blast heaters, standard plumbing goods, Am-erican and ideal heating materials, "Keen Kutter" ware, crockery, glass-"Keen Kutter" ware, didukting fishing ware, sporting goods, including fishing ENTERPRISING FIRM. tackle, etc.



VISTA VIEWS OF FARMING SCENES IN AND AROUT IDAHO FALLS

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Lass and is divided into several wards. The wonderful growth during this year coupled with the many new improve-ments has but added new incentive to future progress, and 1909 bids fair to see the city far in the van guard of the largest Idaho cities. MILLIONS IN STOCKS. One of the most significant features of the city's rapid strides is that the world that depends on the natural fall of rain that can begin to compare with the country that depends on irrigation. The great Snake river with its mighty volume of water and many tributaries volume of water and many tributaries makes the supply of water for irriga-tion almost inexhaustible. Owing to the lay of the land canals are easily and cheaply constructed. The valley is as level as a floor, with no uplying and irregular benches, and slopes gently down toward the river through the entire length of the valley. There is no fluming in the construction of the canals, consequently no breaks or washouts resulting from heavy spring rains can possibly occur and with very small maintenance the canals are kept in good repair. The entire valey is a network of canals, many as large as rivers, but canais, many as large as rivers, but here only are nan-eG a few of the most important. The Great Feeder distributes 110,000 inches of water. The Farmer's Progress distrib-utes 40,000 inches of water. The Idaho distributes 40,000 inches of water. The Snake River Valley and Cedar Point distributes 30,000 inches of water. The Great Western distributes 40,000 inches Great Western distributes 40,000 inches of water, Among the other large ca-nals are the Burgess, Harrison, Farmer's Friend, Lewisville, Taylor, Goshen, Lavaside, Riverside, Danskin, Trego, Watson, Cold Corner, American Falls,

feet to the mile. All the canals are | States, the cost varying from 15 cents to \$1 an acre for the year. The cost of the water depended on the canal under which the land is located. All of the canals in the valley now belong to the per acre

are most favorable but these con-ditions will not exist long. Land in the valley can today be purchased for less than half the cost of land in other localities with less than half the resources. Prices range from \$25 to \$40 an acre for unimproved land, and from \$35 to \$75 an acre for Im-

Potatoes yield from 300 to 600 bushels to the acre. Clover seed yields 9 to 10 bushels Alfalfa hay yields 5 to 8 tons to the acre. Timothy hay yields 2 to 4 tons to Oats yield from 75 to 135 bushels to the acre. Wheat yields from 40 to 75 bushels

to the acre. Barley yields 65 to 100 bushels to the acre

STRONGEST OF BANKS. No Idaho city supports stronger or better banking institutions than Idaho Falls. The largest and oldest bank in the city and for that mat-ter, in the entire Snake River valley, is Anderson Bros. Bank. Aside from its many interests in Idaho Falls proper the bank maintains an asso-clate institution at Rigby. This bank was established in 1865 and has stead-ily increased its deposits. Its capital is \$100,000, and its surplus and un-divided profits are \$100,000.

divided profits are \$100,000. Large and small accounts are so-licited by the institution which trans-sacts a general banking business in every sense of the term. The long standing of its organizers is such that in and out of the great Snake River valley the name Anderson Bros. is sufficient guarantee that any transac-tion of a financial character will be theroughly and promptly dealt with. The bank's home is on Broadway in

The bank's home is on Broadway in the heart of the business district of

The officers of the bank are C.

President Campbell is a leader in

What is said of Mr. Campbell, can truthfully be stated of all the officers

STRONGEST OF BANKS.

the city and the institution is provid-ed with every facility known to mod-ern banking methods.

The officers of the bank are 6. 6. Cambbell, president; James E, Steele, vice president; M. M. Hitt, cashler; G. R. Hitt, assistant cashier; A. L. Cambbell assistant cashier.

every opportunity to spend his time and money in any direction that will accure to the general benefit of the rapidly growing "Power City."

One of the most significant features of the city's rapid strides is that the merchants carry stocks which total \$1,000,000 in the aggregate. For the 12 months from December 1, 1907, un-til December 1, 1908, the merchants of Idaho Falls did a business in excess or \$5.000.000.

\$5,000,000, The city supports four banks with combined deposits of over \$1,000,000. The clearing house did a total busi-ness for the 12 months ending Decem-ber 1, 1908, of \$4,338,000. From October 1907, to October 1908, there were loaded on the tracks at Idaho Falls, 3,763 ears of products that were exported. This would make a train load more than 25 miles in length. length.

During the season of 1908 the farmers During the season of 1908 the farmers of the great valley surrounding Idaho Falls harvested 1.250,000 bushels of wheat, 2,000,000 bushels of oats, 250,000 bushels of barley, 1,000,000 bushels of potatoes, and over 250,000 tons of sugar beets. The total value of the farm products was in excess of \$3,750,000.

POSTOFFICE FIGURES.

For the year ending July 1, 1908, the postoffice sold \$13,627.93 in stamps, and postoffice sold \$13,627.93 in stamps, and served 7,306 patrons. Five rural and two city mall carriers are employed. The sugar factory at Idaho Falls this season, had 68,000 tons of beets deliv-ered to it, from which it will make about 15,000,000 pounds of sugar. The factory has an annual payroll of \$125,-000 and paid this year for beets over Subory has in annual payrol of \$120,-600, and paid this year for beets over \$308,000, making a total of \$433,000 dis-tributed at Idaho Falls by this one concern during the year 1908. There are 1,200 school children in Idaho Falls and 25 teachers on an an-nual pay roll of \$17,000. The city has what is perchable the finest high school

what is probably the finest high school building in the state. The city has 10 churches, all with large congregations.

BIG CREAMERY PLANT.

Idaho Falls has a creamery plant, owned by the citizens and the farmers, which made over 500,000 pounds of butter this year. Likewise it has one of the largest brick plants in the in-

termountain country. The city supports an up-to-date hos-pital, in which 261 cases were treated this year. The institution is maintained by ladies of the Village Improve-ment society, The city has a large malting plant,

erected last year at a cost of \$30,000. The latter is one of the finest plants in the west, handling hone grown bar-ley, rated all over the United States as being the finest American grown

RAILROAD ROUTE SURVEYED.

Idaho Falls will undoubtedly be the division point of the Chicago & Northdivision point of the Chicago & North-western now surveyed from Wyoming As surveyed the road will pass down the grand canyon of the Snake, up McCoy creek into Grey's lake, down Willow creek, and will enter the valley a few miles northeast of the city. Pres-ent indications point strongly to the fact that the Burlington Route will al-so have a line into Idaho Falls. With the O. S. L., the Northwestern and Burlington railways, Idaho Falls is Burlington railways, Idaho Falls is surely destined to become a second Spokane.

RESERVOIR COMPLETED.

The government has completed building a reservoir of mammoth proportions at Jackson's Lake, on the head waters of the South Fork, while another inf-mense reservoir is being constructed at Henry's Lake on the headwaters of the North Fork of the Snake river. This will insure the commencing, at an early date, of a number or new irriga-tion projects, on a large scale, at present under consideration.

GREAT AGRICULTURAL SECTION.

The Upper Snake River valley is in the southeastern part of the state of Idaho. Its extent is over 100 miles long and averages from 60 to 75 miles wide This section of Idaho is designed to be come the greatest agricultural section of all the arid western states. The climate is such that all the most proclimate is such that all the most pro-gressive farmers in the valley plow every month in the year and their teams can be kept busy at all times as the roads stay in good condition at all seasons. There are no weeds to contend with, the volcanic ash loam being opposed to their growth while land values are much less than half the price of land in other sections with less than half the development, ad-vantages and resources, while crop vantages and resources, while crop failures and short years are unknown.

ITS REAL STABILITY.

The real wealth and stability of an irrigated country are measured by its righted country are measured by its facilities for supplying water for ir-rightion. Of all the great irrighted valleys of the west there are none to compare with the Upper Snake River valley for abundance of water, or cheapness of construction and main-tenance. The valley has a fall of six tenance. The valley has a fall of six

SOIL PRODUCTIVITY.

Government reports place this section of the country above all competition in of the country above all competition in productivity of soil, which is nothing short of marvelous. As you stand in the Snake River valley you loook over a region covered by volcanic ash loam, varying from three to 20 feet deep, and a subsoil of river wash from five to 20 feet deep, which affords an ideal drain-are for irrigation, and all underlied hu age for irrigation, and all underlaid by lava. This is a soil that will never wear out, it having the same underlying strata as Italy, and whatever country has this substratum of basalt has top soil which will never wear out, for it is almost immortal. By some curious is almost immortal. By some curious process of chemistry the soil is born anew again and again, taking its strength from the strong ingredients

below. There is no alkali, hard pan, sleuth land or rock outcroppings in this valley, and the water in the river comes direct from the snow and is as soft as velvet.

COST OF WATER.

PRODUCTS AND AVERAGE YIELD. The valley had the cheapest water fo Sugar beets yield from 15 to 25 tons to the acre. irrigation to be found in the United

delay

of a future greatness that the settler of a few years ago never dreamed of.

Now is your opportunity and those

who would have the cream must not

Farms for rent are available all through the valley and hundreds of settlers, particularly young men, have demonstrated that a successful begin-ning may be made in this way.

of the gentlemen engaged in banking associated with other Idaho institu-tions. This, of course, speaks volumes for Idaho Falls, because with finan-The difference in price depends on location and distance from the railboad, The fertility of the land is practically for Jaho Falls, because with finan-the same all over the valley. With cial leaders taking a back seat, prog-



THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS' BANK BUILDING AND HOME OF IDAHO FALLS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

the greatest water supply to be found ress is an almost unknown quantity in the community where they do busianywhere these prices can not pre-vail long. During the last ten years land has been steadily increasness.

THE STATE BANK.

ing in value; during the next five years it will increase four times as fast as it has during the last ten. No banking institution in the city is better equipped for taking the very best care of its clients than The State fast as it has during the last ten. There is no place in the United States today where equal results can be ob-tained with as little labor and capital. Of all the aird lands of the west, of all the rich virgin solls anywhere, none offer the possibilities or insure a more certain or quick return on your investment than those of the Great Upper Snake River valley. Lands are cheap, water is both cheap and abun-dant, endless miles of free range for your stock, at your very door, and a Bank. While it is the youngest but one bank in the ctiy its quarters are by far the most spacious and its growth has been equal with other "Power City" banks. The institution is housed in its own handsome bank-ing building on Broadway and the structure is by long odds one of the handsomest banking buildings in handsomest banking buildings in Idaho Falls. It is a two-story brick block, 120 feet in depth. The banking furniture and fixtures your stock, at your very door, and a delightful climate insures this country

are of the very latest design, and the interior arrangements are such as to afford light, ease and comfort, not alone to the employes, but to clients,

The officers of the bank are: S. E. Larable, president; W. F. Gullette, vice president; C. G. Peck, cashier; O. J. Ellis, assistant cashier; R. D. Larable, assistant cashier.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK.

No Idaho Falls bank occupies a firmer standing in the Snake River Holder & South State

General repairing in every line is one of the features of the business and all commissions placed with the firm are certain to receive prompt attention. The company maintains a well equipped workshop and its entire manwell agement is under the personal super-vision of Mr. N. D. McCutcheon sec-retary and manager of the concern. All goods ordered from this com-pany are shipped out without delay, and patrons can rest assured of prompt service at all times.

The officers of the company are O. E. McCutcheonfi president; N. D. Mc-Cutcheon, secretary and manager, as above stated, and A. E. Carlson, treasurer.

SPLENDID BUSINESS.

No illustration of the truth of fair dealing in business methods is better offered in Idaho Falls than in the splendid success which has attended the efforts of Mr, Alma Marker, who deals in musical instruments, strings and trimmings, orchestra and band music and music books. It is Mr. Mark-er's undisputed claim that he carries one of the largest and most complete stocks in the state of Idaho, in his various departments. Besides the things mentioned above, Mr. Marker things mentioned above, Mr. Marker carries watches, jewelry, stationary, books, blank books, school books, cut-lery, notions, fancy goods, guns, re-volvers and ammunition, confection-ery, tobacco, cigars, pipes, machine needles, extras and olls, fishing tackle and a large assortment of Christmas toys for children.

No real estate firm in Idaho is wide awake to the necessity of general pub-licity bearing on the Gem state tha licity bearing on the Gem state that Clay & Huston, and with this end i view a splendid missionary work done each year in the nature of adver tising throughout the United States b means of pamphlets and other printe matter calculated to interest the in tending purchaser of Idaho property of farm lands. Likewise he carries a very large assortment of Eastman kodaks and sup-plies and one of the latest and most up-to-date lines of Conklin fountain

pens. Mr. Marker's establishment fronts

two steets and the principal entrance is on Broadway. Situated in the cen-ter of the business district and in close proximity to the hotels and banks the place is easy of access.

MAMMOTH PLANT OPERATING.

One of the largest plants in Idaho Falls and the Snake River valley be-Fails and the Snake River valley be-gan operations last July, when the Inter Mountain Cement & Brick com-pany began the manufacture of brick from sand and lime. The daily ca-pacity of the plant is 25,000 and the product is the very best the market offers. The plant itself cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to erect. Every

farm lands. The firm is erccting a two-stor building on Broadway close to it present location. The lot occupied 48 by 70 feet and an eight-foot base ment will be constructed. The build ing when completed will contain a modern conveniences such as steal heat, hot and cold water, etc. In or corner of the ground floor the Arn will have its offices. Other portion of the lower floor and second floor wi be devoted to offices. PIONEER BEAL ESTATE MAN. farm lands.

PIONEER REAL ESTATE MAN

Clay & Huston, real estate dealers

handlers of farms, farm loans, livest ments and brokerage, and represent ing five Scottish loan companies, hav been firmly established in the busines world of Idaho Falls for six years During that time the firm has conduct of a general real estate busines an

During that time the firm has conduct ed a general real estate business an today it is recognized as one of th leading concerns in its business, no alone in Idaho Falls, but throughou the entire Gem state. Both member of the firm are young and energetic an by dint of perseverance and hustlin have established a record in real es-state circles in that section of the stat cough to that of any other concern.

one thing which is highly essential in real estate dealing is the knowin perfectly of every foot of land in an community where such business is ef gaged in. Both members of this fir-

have given all such matters careful an

close attention. The very smallest d-tails regarding property in and abou Idaho Falls is at their fingers' end and being further fully versed in wate lore the firm has located large num bers of families in the Snake Rive

One particular specialty of this firm

is catering to non-resident investors With this end in view the list of splen

did bargains than can always be foun

upon the books of the concern make the firm's office at all times a ver

valley.

busy one.

To no single individual perhaps do Idaho Falls owe more for its rapidevelopment than to Mr. A. V. Scot better known likewise all through II great Snake River valley as "the plu neer real estate agent and insuran-broker." It is of course something is be proud of to hold this important di-tinction in connection with a city of Idaho Falls' importance. Howeve Mr. Scott carries the distinction with honor and he is the last person in it world to mention the fact. To no single individual perhaps do world to mention the fact.

Nevertheless, Mr. Scott has alway been a hustler and he accomplish things. Besides being one of the lead ing real estate agents of the city, he likewise one of its heaviest propert owners. He is the exclusive selim agent for some of the very choice vacant property in Idaho Falis prope and his renting property is the be-

on the market. Among other things, Mr. Scott is sel ing agent for a wealthy land owner, non-resident of Idaho Falls, who de



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF IDAHO FALLS, TWO SECTIONS LOOKING EAST FROM RIVER.