

## UINTAH COUNTY.

Population 1900..... 6,439  
Assessed Valuation 1900..... \$1,037,373

The beautiful Ashley valley comprises the greatest and most important part of Uintah county, the first real settlement of which was commenced in 1877. From that time until the present its growth has been continuous. The farmers depend entirely, or almost so, on the waters of the Ashley, which are controlled by four independent canal companies, which distribute the valuable water over every section of the valley. As a rule there is an abundance of water, but the last few years have been characterized by drought, demonstrating the necessity of water storage during those portions of the year when the supply is not drawn upon artificially.

Reservoir building may be easily followed with success in this county as nature has done much in that direction herself. Several depressions known as "sink" exist in the canyons, a notable one being in Dry Fork. Occasional efforts to draw water from here have been made but only with indifferent success. A new movement is under way which it is expected will be attended with better results. Should this prove to be the case, and there is little doubt of it, the water supply will be greatly augmented.

### AGRICULTURAL INTEREST.

The agricultural interests of this region are considerable when it is known that the valley is 120 miles distant from the nearest railroad station, and that the intervening road passes over a dreary desert and through rocky gorges which militate heavily against both man and beast. But notwithstanding these difficulties there has been rapid development and where not many years ago there were plains of sand, sage, greasewood and sage brush, are now extensively cultivated fields of alfalfa and other farm products. Wherever the magic touch of irrigation has been applied this transformation has come with the result that the one time barren wastes are now dotted with smiling fields, productive orchards and shade and wood producing trees. This change, however, does not indicate that there is no room left for other settlers; for the contrary is true. There is much fertile land yet to be reclaimed by the application of individual and community industry. The many streams that wind their way out of the Uintah range and which have natural lakes and unexcelled reservoir sites will assist materially in bringing about this desired change. Industry will give plenty of water to irrigate every acre of tillable land in the valley and forestal any possible loss that might otherwise be occasioned by drought. As to this year it is estimated that the loss of crops, through the dry season, was heavier by considerable than the entire expense that would be attended with the completion of the present reservoir projects. With the finishing of this system it is believed that the population of the county will double within the next two or three years.

The climate of Ashley valley is equable and dry, the altitude high and generally unattended by either extreme heat in summer or unusual cold in winter. Fuel is abundant and cheap, as the hills are covered with cedar and pine, and on every side, some of which is on the market at very reasonable figures.

### MINERAL WEALTH.

The valley abounds in much mineral wealth. Copper mines of great richness are found close at hand. Some of these have already been developed into paying propositions while others give promise of results as satisfactory as can be hoped for. It is believed that ore reducing plants and mills will be erected here in the near future. In fact there is little doubt but that they would already be in operation or under way except for the great distance from railroad facilities. Gold, silver and lead have also been found in quantities that will doubtless bring wealth to the men who own such prospects.

### WORLD FAMED ASPHALT.

It is here that the greatest and best deposits of asphalt in the world are found. Not a little of it has proved to be so nearly pure, and free from extraneous matter as to have puzzled the experts. The great Glenite mine here and Fort Duchesne is well known while twenty miles southeast of Vernal is what is claimed to be the largest deposit in existence. Little, however, has been done with them owing to the fact that the Indian reservation regulations have prevented operations.

On three sides of the Ashley valley are tremendous ledges of sand asphalt—veritable mountains of it. This is nature's own paving material and there is sufficient of it here to pave all the large cities of the land. What is necessary to get it upon the market is the advent of a railroad that will carry it to points where it can be made use of. All that is required to put an excellent covering on a road is to heat it until it is soft enough to spread over the ground so that it can be rolled into shape. With this the work is done and after that practically perfect. As ordinary heat or extreme cold will not affect it detrimentally after that.

Iron ore is found in paying quantities; also here in great quantities. Gypsum, onyx, marble, nephrite and laterite are everywhere in evidence. Some of the latter being worked and the products thereof profitably shipped to outside markets. Petroleum and natural gas indications are numerous. Apparently no part of the world has greater undeveloped mineral resources than this.

Again we say all that is needed is the advent of a railroad and the application of capital to make this a regular live of industry.

### LIVESTOCK AND WOOL.

One of the most profitable occupations of Uintah county—in fact the chief one—is sheep raising. About 200,000 head of sheep pasture on the ranges, and it is estimated that the owners of flocks in this valley get about \$100,000 for their wool crop this season. The cattle interests are little less than those that pertain to sheep raising. The number of persons engaged in these two callings amounts practically all of the producers of Uintah county flocks and always being "good pay" thus affording a profitable home market—one of the reasons for a steady material growth.

### MONEY IN REES.

Another, and a new industry that is making astonishing strides, and one that promises to forge still further ahead in this once sterile desert section is bee culture. The honey produced here cannot be excelled either in purity, flavor or whiteness, besides it is produced in quantities quite surprising. Aside from the local consumption, \$40,000 pounds were shipped this year netting the producers a cents a pound after deducting all expenses. The success which has followed the efforts of the bee-keepers of this part of the State has encouraged them to equip their apiaries with the most recent appliances, all of which shows a thoughtful and intelligent pursuit of the business. It is a little less than marvelous that so much real success should be found in such a one time desert like and forbidding region.

VERNAL, THE COUNTY SEAT.  
The Ashley valley, in which Vernal is

located, is about twenty miles long by six wide. The busy little city, which is the county seat, is centrally situated. It is a progressive town with neatly graded streets, paved sidewalks, well equipped business houses, carrying large and intelligently chosen stocks of goods. In the matter of taxation it stands as a model. It has never loved what is known as a town tax, and it is absolutely free from debt, with a good balance in the treasury.

Many modern residences adorn the city and a general air of business activity and prosperity prevails. The public buildings tell their own story of the spirit of the people. Take, for instance, the new county court house. It is a building which in size, architectural design and equipment, stands as a



UINTAH COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

This handsome building was erected during the last summer at a cost of \$14,000 and Judge Booth of the Fourth Judicial District held the November term of court therein. It is the most imposing piece of architecture in Utah, and of which the people of Uintah county are particularly proud.

a monument to the enterprise of the people. It is located in the center of an eight-acre plat, and "shows off" to good advantage. It is a brick and stone structure, amply large for all requirements for many years to come.

Then, again, there is the new eight-room school house also of brick and stone, thoroughly modern and up-to-date with accommodations for 500 pupils. The rapid increase of the school population is such as to necessitate the erection of another building soon, however, as already the building referred to is crowded to its full capacity.

The Uintah State academy is an institution of learning that commands respect and good support. It has an attendance of about 100 students. A. D. Anderson is principal, and is ably assisted by R. L. Woodward.

### CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Geographically Uintah State comprises precisely the same territory as the county. It has, in all, six wards. S. R. Bennion is president of the Stake, and R. S. Collett and James Hacking are his counselors. They are now engaged in erecting a new Stake tabernacle. Lycurgus Johnson is superintending the work. The structure will be a blessing to the people and an adornment to the place.

The first and most important ward is, of course, Vernal. The other wards are Dry Fork, which is in the extreme west; Mill ward in the northwest of the valley; Gilnes ward in the southwest and Merrill to the south and Jensen in the east end of the county on Green river. Each ward has a complete ecclesiastical organization of its own.

The touring mill work of the district is now done by a mill of fifty barrels capacity a day. Unfortunately a big modern flouring mill was destroyed here not many months ago.

### WHAT IS NEEDED.

Again we say that all that is needed to make this county a producer of great wealth are capital and transportation facilities. Those will come in time—we hope very soon. When they do depend upon this Uintah county will do more than to come travel double over and over again, and its people will become more prosperous and happy.

The county abounds with picturesque and romantic scenery. At the point where the Green river enters the Ashley valley is a wild looking sandstone gorge evidently the work of some disruptive agency of nature. It seems as if the mountain had been cut in twain to make way for the passage of the river. As to the Ashley, it comes through another similar gigantic crevice known as Split Mountain, and the Dry Fork stream zig zags its way through a rugged break in the mountains known as Saw Tooth Gap, which is rightly named.

### A PATRIOTIC LESSON.

The sandstone cliffs which stand like towering sentinels on either side of Dry Fork canyon, with their smooth surfaces are a wonder to look upon, rising as they do many hundreds of feet into the ethereal blue. And here an incident found expression during the outbreak of the war between Spain and the United States, which bids fair to become a historic scene. The American people were wrought up to a pitch of patriotic frenzy over the destruction of the Maine in the Havana harbor. The citizens here partook of the spirit that was rampant elsewhere and it occurred to the Hon. William Gibson that an enduring reminder should be emblazoned there not only for the people of Uintah county, but for those who should in years to come travel through that section. Accordingly he attempted to have a picture of the ill-fated battleship, together with the now notable war cry, "Remember the Maine," painted upon the face of one of those giant cliffs. The painter succeeded in portraying this historic slogan, but when it came to painting the big armored cruiser, his nerve failed him on account of the dizzy heights at which he worked. So the picture of the ship was never made, and the travelers only see the words, "Remember the Maine." When he stops to ask the reason why the ship was never finished, and is informed by those who are aware of the facts he will cease to wonder that the man who had the paint pot in his hand was not a painter of the most hazardous heights; and the only marvel is that his courage held out to a point of completing a portrayal of a cry that

thrilled the nation a couple of years ago, perhaps as no cry ever thrilled it before.

### THE INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

To the west of the Ashley valley are the Uintah Indian reservation and agency, the Fort Duchesne military post, while to the south is the Uncompaghe reservation. These are all a source of revenue to Uintah county people, and after every distribution of money, either as an annuity to the Indians or of pay to the soldiers, money is quite plentiful. These, together with wool and cattle and honey proceeds and the excellent business done in Vernal augmented by mineral wealth and a good agricultural market, insure a great future for the county. Altogether the Ashley valley is an excellent place in which to make a good home. It has, as we have shown, not only the material resources that are necessary to this end but it is also provided with excellent social and educational advantages.

## BIG GAINS IN UTAH VALUATIONS.

Assessment Reached \$104,070,253 In 1900, a Net Increase from \$80,343,166 Last Year.

COUNTY.	1900 Valuations.	State Taxes.	1899 Valuations.	State Taxes.
Beaver .....	1,489,465	11,849.96	1,280,813	10,543.81
Boxelder .....	4,713,695	37,709.76	4,885,760	39,086.46
CACHE .....	6,232,095	41,856.76	5,182,158	41,667.26
Carbon .....	1,443,696	11,703.10	1,231,831	9,674.33
Davis .....	5,559,119	43,473.48	5,257,701	42,064.81
Emery .....	1,292,395	10,359.19	1,170,231	9,361.85
Garfield .....	678,655	5,423.05	678,269	5,417.33
Grand .....	1,016,224	8,129.79	910,029	7,289.16
Iron .....	1,042,720	8,339.93	903,509	7,289.16
Kane .....	3,993,173	31,947.74	3,652,285	29,467.16
Rich .....	424,974	3,392.77	428,108	3,391.90
Millard .....	1,339,701	10,709.23	1,342,487	10,732.14
Morgan .....	803,506	6,421.19	780,833	6,244.44
Plute .....	419,151	3,352.29	442,538	3,538.28
Sanpete .....	752,960	6,033.68	740,167	5,921.33
Salt Lake .....	88,888,000	711,111.11	86,898,735	695,062.25
San Juan .....	282,750	2,261.49	229,404	1,834.54
Sanpete .....	2,890,788	23,126.30	2,213,326	17,706.60
Sevier .....	1,883,597	15,055.83	1,565,765	12,522.12
Summit .....	4,291,250	34,325.94	3,842,508	30,728.98
Tooele .....	2,670,161	21,343.67	2,374,791	19,079.56
Utah .....	1,057,373	8,459.30	866,839	6,935.11
Wasatch .....	10,082,123	80,656.27	9,827,360	77,016.71
Wasatch .....	1,201,174	9,592.16	1,090,691	8,717.10
Washington .....	793,378	6,347.02	811,022	6,488.25
Wayne .....	425,056	3,400.44	392,486	3,139.65
Weber .....	10,724,138	85,511.49	10,426,321	82,419.42
Totals .....	\$104,070,253	\$839,647.40	\$80,343,166	\$674,550.63

## POPULATION OF UTAH.

Counties ..	1900	1890	Increase
Beaver .....	2613	2340	273
Boxelder .....	10669	7642	2927
CACHE .....	18129	15509	2620
Carbon .....	2964	*	*
Davis .....	7667	6751	1246
Emery .....	4657	3676	981
Garfield .....	3400	2457	943
Grand .....	1149	541	608
Iron .....	4546	2983	1563
Tooele .....	10032	5422	4610
Kane .....	1811	1856	136
Millard .....	5678	4933	1624
Morgan .....	2045	1789	256
Plute .....	1954	2942	988
Sanpete .....	1246	1527	281
Salt Lake .....	77728	58457	19268
San Juan .....	1023	365	658
Sanpete .....	14312	12146	2167
Sevier .....	8402	6199	2203
Summit .....	9439	7733	1706
Tooele .....	7381	5700	1681
Utah .....	6458	2742	3696
Wasatch .....	4736	3595	1141
Washington .....	4612	4069	543
Wayne .....	1971	*	*
Weber .....	25230	23723	2057

\*Organized out of Emery county.  
\*\*Organized out of Plute county.

## WHERE CROWNS ARE MADE.

An English manufacturer drives something of a trade in crowns. They are real ones of solid gold, with cap of crimson velvet, incrustations of gar-

net, topaz and other kinds of cheap but showy stones, and are supplied to the Kings of Africa—of whom there are several hundred—at a highly satisfactory return of ivory and other merchandise.

## BUY CANE STAMING.

Sugar manufacturers in Queensland invariably purchase the year's crop of cane standing, and cut it at their own cost.

## The Greatest Honey Producers.

During the season of 1900 Bartlett Bros. Merkleys of Vernal, Utah, produced 53,000 pounds of honey from 160 colonies of bees, an average of 3314 pounds per colony. This enormous yield was the result of a finely bred strain of Golden Italian bees. The above mentioned firm have spared neither time nor means in securing the best honey bees in the known world. Their stock that has given them such marvelous results was secured by G. M. Doolittle, of New York, a breeder who has devoted thirty years to developing a superior race of honey gatherers. Bartlett Bros. & Merkleys make a specialty of honey in carload lots, and sending highly bred Italian queen bees by mail.

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THE WALKER BROTHERS DRY GOODS COMPANY.

The accompanying illustrations fairly represent the exterior and a portion of the Walker Brothers Dry Goods building. It is the largest retail store and most perfectly equipped in the State of Utah, and like a majority of successful houses began in a small way. That was in 1852, forty-eight

years ago. This present structure has a frontage of 165 feet on Third South and 165 feet on Main street, giving a floor space of 50,000 square feet. There are three artistic entrances, thoroughly modern display windows that cover entire fronts, a cafe and richly decorated ladies' parlor on second floor, a commodious passenger elevator, a cash carrier system and telephone connection with every department; in brief, the building is thoroughly metropolitan as the best architectural skill could make it—every known modern device having been utilized. Those composing the firm are: M. H. Walker, president; J. R. Walker, vice president; J. R. Walker Jr., secretary; S. V. Shelp, general manager and J. A. Graham, assistant manager.

That beer is the national beverage of the country, there can be no dispute, and these great brewing interests combined pay millions of dollars in revenue to the government.

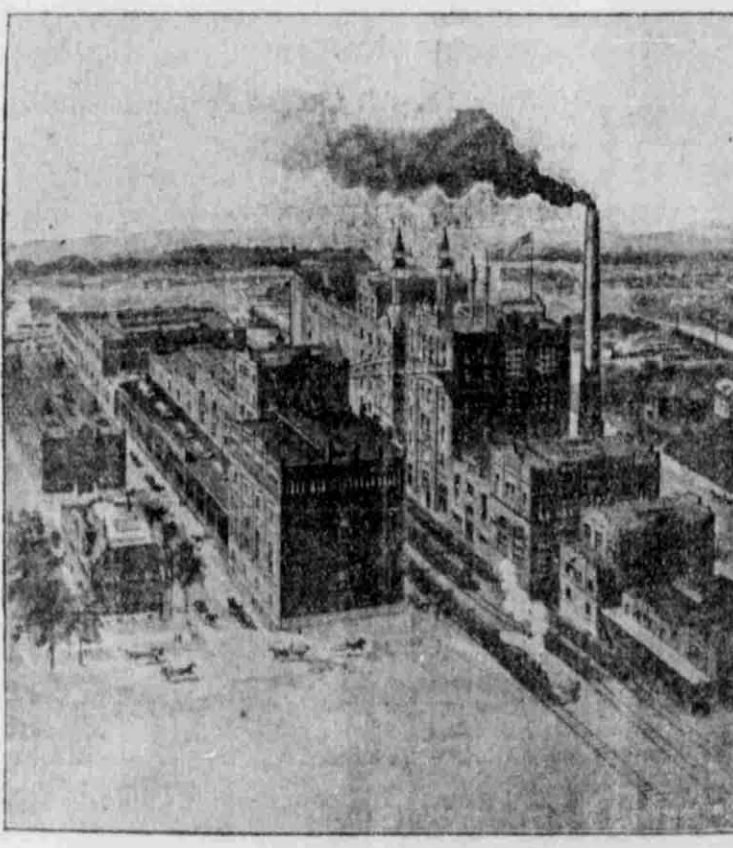
There are, however, many grades and qualities in beer as there are of anything else, and from an humble beginning the above named brewing company, by its superior products and the equitable dealings of its proprietors and originators, has attained enormous proportions, and is without doubt one of the largest and most thoroughly equipped breweries in the West. The main plant is located at Omaha, Nebraska, a branch of which was established in this city in 1886, which, besides handling their goods, carries a fine line of imported and domestic wines, liquors and cigars, and other goods, one of their specialties.

Their agency in this city requires two addresses, their finely appointed bar and saloon at No. 216 South Main street, and a warehouse for the storage of goods, situated on the Oregon Short Line tracks.

Salt Lake people have come to know and to believe that the Fred. Krug Brewing company's beer is one of the best for the stomach, and since most men have a proper regard for that very important section of their anatomy, this company furnishes a goodly supply of the trade in this city and their beer is shipped all over this State and its adjoining territory.

The director of this agency is Mr. Adam Snyder, who is a native of Indiana, thirty-four years of age, and one of this company's most trustworthy employees. He has been connected with them since the 6th of March of the present year. Mr. Snyder is a member of the P. O. E. and of the Eagle society, and his squareness and liberality, together with the superior quality of the goods handled by him, have made the trade his firm friends.

## FRED. KRUG BREWING COMPANY.



KRUG BREWING COMPANY'S PLANT.

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