Valleys on Earth.

Rexburg, The Metropolis of Fremont County, Idaho. This City is the Hub of One of the Best

ter located than Rexburg, and certainly no better growth can be recorded by any place along the Oregon Short Line railroad in the same space of time than has been mde by this hustling, busiling metropolis of Fremoni county. Every resident within her gates is filled with energy and push and her filled with energy and push and her clifteens and husiness men accomplish Enings which advance the city by rapid strides. No city in the great Stake River valley in Idaho today boasts of more joyal clifteens to the weitare and advancement of the general community interests. It is but the question of minutes to raise funds for anything minutes to raise funds for anything which will afford the city good along any legitimate mes. There are mi-laggards in liexburg when the city's in-terests art at stake.

FOUNDING OF THE CITY.

FOUNDING OF THE CITY. Rexburg, was gelected for settlement in February, 1853. The way was pay af for general settlement while the coula-try in and about the present metropolis was covered with two feel of snow, with the weather intensely cold, by Thomas E. Ricks and 14 hardy pio-neers. Little did the founders think probably then that less than a quarter of a century hence that the result of the hardships which they endured would build up a metropolis of the com-manding kind that Rexburg today is in one of the wealthiest counties of Ida-

mone of the wealthiest counties of Ida-bo. However, such is the case. Before passing on it is interesting to note here, that many difficulties were at first encountered; but all these have been perfectly subjurated by the ever onward hand of industry and man's wonderful ingenuity. It was in the present city of Rexburg that during the summer of 1883, following the the summer of 1883, following the breaking up of an extremely hard win-ter that Pioneer Ricks commissioned Engineer, Andrew S. Anderson, one of the best posted men in water lore, to survey the first canal of the country survey the first canal of the country and if was the water from that canal that after kissing the cleared sage brush land that illustrated to the self-sacri-

R finction of being the largest city in Fremont county and the educa-donal center for the entire north-eastern section of Idano. No city or town in the Snake River valley is bat-

to 500 students. When this magnificent educational structure was lately dedicated it was publicly announced that the institution was entirely free from debt. The new institution is under the able decoder as Deced Dece Christianson 93.

direction of Prof. Ezra Christiansen, as-sisted by a complement of a dozen or more able professors and teachers.

FINE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Not even excepting Bolse, the state capital, it is an undisputable fuct that the state of Idaho does not boast of bester public schools. Its district school is conducted and principaled only by Prof. James A. Langton, a graduate of Harvard university. The tatter has Harvard university. The fatter has nine teachers under his supervision to administer to the mental necessities of the rising generation. These schools have a combined capacity to accommo-date 1,000 students and scholars. Owing to the educational advantages

offered in Roxburg during this year at least, 50 families have moved there ermanently.

The Central school building cost to rect \$40,000, being built of stone. It mtains 18 spacious rooms.

Rexburg has three miles of plank sidewalk, than which there is none bet-ter in the entire state. Its social, edu-cutional and musical clements are the equal of those of any metropolitan city. The city boasts of the ablest lawyers, physicians and professional men and vonicn

SPLENDID ROADS.

Rexburg is provided with the best reached by good county roads and driveways. In addition to fine roads and splendid sidewalks, the city has a splendid electric lighting plant argl excellent telephone service, being in communication with all sections of the intermentation exercise.

intermountain country. Large quarries of sandstone lie with-Large quarries of sandstone he with-in two miles of the city. The stone varies in color, running to pink, white and gray. This stone is free to the people who care to build; all they have to do is to quarry it. This insures the lown being well supplied with stone structures.



REXBURG'S PRINCIPAL THOROUGHFARE IS A SPLENDID WIDE A VENUE FOR TRAVEL.

Rexburg, engaged in farming, stock raising and railroad contracting; Ell McEntire, lumber merchant, manager of the Rexburg Lumber company, vice president; James Gillespie, secretary 1 \$30,000.

nd treasurer. No Commercial club in the Snake River valley is a stronger "boosting" organization than the Rexburg Com-

nercial club, and to no other similar

\$30,000. The mains are laid to 30 blocks, thereby assuring to the people the convenience and benefits that come from the same. A splendid roller flouring mill, generous and free as the untrammeled electric light, and telephone plants are supported by the community, and

prairies, in virtue, strong, rugged and lofty, as the Rocky mountains, with each year many parents gather in fair Rexburg in order that their chil-dren may enjoy the many educational rough surface. to set the machinery of a thousand mills and manufactories to spinning. LIKENED TO THE RIVER NILE.

The Snake river has been likened to the Mile, but unlike the Amazon of Egypt, the Snake never overflows its banks. Imprisoned between sheer and solid walls of lava stone, the wild waters have for ages arose in mighy wrath and beat themselves to fourn and fury against the restraining walls without against the restraining walls which ut avail; and as if in seeming hopeless-ness at ever gaining their liberty in any other way, they rush with terrific speed toward the broad and bounding

At points the banks converge until a the chasm, and down through this narrow, but almost bottomless defile, the waters sweep in mighty volume, mag-nificent tumult and stupendous power. foday, in the westward sweep of clylization, capital realizes its golden op-portunity and is harnessing this turbu-lent and untamed force. The hum of factories and mills is proclaiming to all

factories and mills is proclaiming to all the world that Rexburg and vicinity is a manufacturing center and a market for the raw product of the country. This is not an idle dream of fertile fancy, nor does Horatio behold theso things in his mind's eye. As has been stated, the people who live in Rexburg have an abiding faith in the ultimate destiny of their city, and that faith is based upon the abundant material and latest facilities that are thereabouts for future development. future development.

ITS FUTURE GREATNESS. The way Rexburg and vicinity have grown and been built up in the past few years, it is reasonable to believe and safe to predict that the immediate fu-ture will see the beginning of the consafe to predict that the immediate fu-ture will see the beginning of the con-summation of great things for the city. But the people are not relying upon "coming events that cast their shadows before." The agricultural resources of the country are sufficient, and the de-velopment of them profilable enough to keep the people busy and making money too easily to think much about other avenues of industry. For the present the people are contented and prosperous, and when the time comes, as it must sooner or later, that the mighty Snake will be made to contrib-ute its mighty strength to the further development of the country it is a cer-tain fact that the present great horse-power will be there when wanted as it is today. Certainly any one who has beheld the Snake in all its majesty and might and has figured upon what

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HUNTING AND FISHING.

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HANDSOME RESDENCE OF JAMES W. WEBSTER, ONE OF REA-BURG'S LEADING CITIZENS.

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GREAT FREMONT COUNTY. Fremont county, of which Rexburg

people have settled Fremont county the neighborhood of Rexburg. Ent prise, more than numbers, devel a country.

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FIRST WARD TABERNACLE, ONE OF THE FINEST CHURCH EDIFICES IN IDAHO.

ficing ploneers that they had opened up in and about Rexburg a veritable gar-den of Eden for the thrifty farmer and rancher.

FIRST CROP YIELD. The first season's crop yield from

and brought under irrigation from the yanal was splendid and the work was further, prosecuted the following year. Duly 600 acres were served and planted as a trial, but land was held at a preinium after that. Yet it was from that small start that Rexourg began to Hourish and each year has added to its greatness until today she has grown to proportions which made her the envy of every other city in the Snake River valley. The present population is nearing the 3.500 merk and every city in the state is watching Rexburg for fear that one day it will not alone occupy its commanding lead in Fremont county, but possibly may outstrip sev-eral other larger cities. If enthusiasm and determination counts for anything Rexburg will make them hustle to keep their laurels

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

One of the features upon which Rex-burg prides itself is its great public school system, than which it is recognized in educational circles there is no better anywhere in the United States, Here in this garden spot of the Snake River valley the great total of 1,000 children and more advanced pupils and Academy building. No other city of similar population in the great inter-monitain country can show a record along these lines to in any way compare with Rexburg.

Perhaps some better idea can be had of the ilberality of Rexburg efficens when it is stated that during the last three years on an average \$100,000 each year has been apent in public improvements.

RESOURCES OF COUNTRY. The main resources of the country round about Resources of the country round about Resburg are farming and stock ruising. Alfalfa, whoat, vego-tables and oats, together with sugar beet raising, afford plenty to keep the farmer burg.

farmer busy. The sugar factory, which is located within three miles of Rexburg, distributed in three months to raisers of sugar bests this year about \$1,000,000. 81,000,000. A great deal of the money to distributed again finds its way into the coffers of Rexburg merchants. The altitude of Rexburg is 4,900 feet nbove sea level and the average tem-perature for the year is 52 degrees. No

cyclones or blizzards visit this section of Idaho. The Oregon Short Line railroad passes directly through the city, and during the present year the Rexburg station has handled 12,000 cars of mer-

chundise, stock and produ IDEAL WATER SYSTEM.

Rexburg has completed and has in active service a splendid water system, and is serving water procured from under 60 feet of lava rock and there-fore furnishes the purest and best wa-ter in the world to the residents for lo-eal and domestic use.

Rexburg at the present writing has 0 splendid homes and dwellings in course of erection, many of which are not exceeded in exterior and interior contour to those of any large city in the intermediate of any large city in of Rexburg

the intermountain country. It is not at all uncommon for Rex-burg residents to expend from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in home building.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB,

Reaburg has a Commercial club num ering in membership 75 of the most energetic and hustling business and professional men of the city. The

MAP SHOWING REXBURG'S FAVORABLE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO ALL FERTILE LANDS IN FREMONT COUNTY.

No city in the state of Idaho sup

STAKE HEADQUARTERS.

IN THE VALLEY OF HEALTH.

Rexburg is situated in one of the most ideal sections of Fremont coun-ty, in what can truthfully be termed

"the valley of health." Here are some of the things which Rexburg proper

Numerous grist misls, valued at); sheep grazing annually number of acres of patented

Its principal industries are ag-

SOCIAL REFINEMENT.

organization in the state of Idaho in eredit due for extensive ad-sing of Idaho's advantages. vertising. and resources throughout the inter-mountain country and east of the Rocky mountains. Perhaps to no one investment. BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Hocky mountains. Perhaps to no one single member of the club is more credit due for compiling data and having the same printed, published and distributed than to Mr. Hyrum Kleks, one of the leading attorneys of the city and chairman of the pub-licity and advertising committee of the creativation. The club never falls ports its own institutions more loyal-ly than Rexburg and the consequence is that the large and well stocked mer-cantile establishments are among the finest and best in the intermountain country. Every line of business is represented and as the city is growthe organization. The club never fails to raise money for all purposes that ing rapidly there is always splendid in any way advance the interests

MODERN BUILDINGS.

Rexburg business blocks and all its structures will compare favorably with the best in or out of the state. Most of the buildings are built of the choicest cut stone, quarried from the hillsides near the city. The business blocks are substantially and beauti-culy built. That four forme business fully built. But few frame business buildings are to be found in the city. Six cut stone business blocks have rear has been apent in public improve-ments. COSTLY ACADEMY BUILDING. The Ricks academy structure, named Dig officered by Charles H. Woodmansee, Dig officered by Charles H. Woodmansee, Inresident, a large property owner of Dig officered by Charles H. Woodmansee, Inresident, a large property owner of Dig officered by Charles H. Woodmansee, Inresident, a large property owner of Sta cut stone bisiness which cost

facilities that the city possesses, Rexburg is an ideal place to make a home and rear a family; also for And not only will the visitor find in Rexburg an enlightenment not inferior to his own, but a morale equally as excellent.

INDUSTRY AND THRIFT.

Strangers entering the city quickly tote and remark upon the atmosphere f order, industry and thrift that pervades the place and that seems to ani-mate every one. The riff-raff, the shiftless and the "sporty" elements that usually accumulate, and drunkenness, brawling, "loafing" and the and criminality that so frequently charac-terize western cities of its size, are noticeably absent in Rexburg. The residents are justifyably proud of their city, and have boundless faith

opportunity for any live merchant to succeed. One of the largest manufacturing establishments in the state is located at Reyburg, a flouring mill, with a daily capacity of 150 barrels. in its future greatness. They are all public-spirited and patriotic, and take an active interest in any enterprise that is calculated to conduce to the Rexburg is stake headquarters for Latter-day Saints and the entercity's interests and improvement. prising citizens will erect at a cost of

GREW FROM A WILDERNESS. \$75,000 one of the handsomest taberna-cles in the state of Idaho.

an average of 138 bushels per acre, and the wheat weighed 2½ pounds per bushel more than machine measure. The ground was carefully prepared for planting, but virgin soil and water at the right time did the rest. Nothing seems impossible where soil and water and sunshine unite their powers and wark to be more Glancing at Rexburg retrospectively, one beholds it established in a barren and desolate wilderness; notes that wilderness reclaimed to civilization and while these rectained to civilization and cultivation by an undaunted and pro-gressive people. And as one has watched with startled gaze this sudden and complete transformation, iol and be-hold. Rexburg has sprung forward to its present status—the metropolis of an imperial domain, receiving rich toll from the teening surrounding tori work in harmony. from the teeming surrounding terri-

And now, standing on the threshold And now, standing on the threshold of the present, with mind filled with wonderment at the rapid growth and great development that has taken place in the few short years of the past, and surveying Rexburg as it is, surrounded with so many natural advantages, il-limitable, and, as yet, undeveloped pos-sibilities, the reader doubtless will turn an inquiring glance at the prospect of

a inquiring glance at the prospect of the city, and wonder, perhaps, at what the inscrutable future holds in store

Inscrutable future? Hardly, the fa-dilar phrase is not applicable here, or the destiny of Rexburg is plain to to observin

THE GREAT SNAKE RIVER. The great Snake river that surges tear the city's gates in its mad rush to the sea, seems to sing in its mad rush to the sea, seems to sing in its interm-inable roaring, the words of Teanyson; "For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever."

good repair. The resources and alvantages to And just as sure as this great stream home-scelers in Fremont county in and about Rexburg are unlimited. Upwards of \$32,000 acres of t_ber lands in the county furnish an acumdant supply of building and fencing material. continues to plunge in glory down its precipitous channel, and sing its end-ess song throughout the countless cenless song throughout the countless cen-turies that are to come, so certain is the great destiny of Rexburg. Of all the natural resources that surround Rexburg, and which, when utilized, will make of it a great city, none are more potent and potential than the possi-bility that lies latent in this great Snake rivec. Not only does this wonderful stream supply rich, auriferous sards for the ininer, and an inexhaustible volume of water for irrigation, but at various points in lis fortuous and tempestu-While Rexburg lays no claims to

majority of the citizens are intelligent, well-educated and refined. Eastern-ers and newcomers to Rexburg will find in the Fremont county metropolis points in its tortuous and tempestu-

castern corner of Idaho, with Wyoming and the Yellowstone park on the east and Montana on the north,

tribute to water monopolies. Price (The county is approximately 60 by 0 miles. It is six times as large as 100 miles. and includes water. Being near the timber, with a low price for lumber, homes can be erected comparatively cheap. Fencing can al-Rhode Island, three times as large as Delaware, one-fourth larger than Con-necticut, almost as large as New Jersey, and two-thirds as large as New Jer-sey, and two-thirds as large as Massa-chusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont or Maryland. Seven counties as large as Fremont would cover the state of so be done cheaply, for the same rea-There are good opportunities in the county for all kinds of business enter-prises, and unexcelled opportunities for Ohio and lap over into all the adjoining few

states A packing plant at Rexburg would encourage the raising of hors, and would be profitable for the investor No more healthful climate can be foun The county was organized in 1893. with a population of 4,000 and assessed valuation of \$1,000,000. At the present time the population is more than 26,000 and an assessed valuation of over \$4,anywhere, summers and falls are de lightful beyond comparison. The thous 00,000 at a very low valuation. In point of population, it is the first county in the state of Idaho. In wealth, ands who have visited the Yellowston park and passed through the couply en route, can attest this fact. it ranks second, being surpassed only by Ada county, in which Boise, the

BIG CROP YIELD.

One Fremont county farmer raised 1,104 bushels of wheat from eight acres,

ABUNDANCE OF COAL state capital, is situated. In the opportunities presented, Coal abounds in the county and it being mined in a small way for local ection of the entire west can surpass

onsumption. There is every prospect of a trans-continental line at an early day, an ex-tension of the Northwestern from Cas-Residents of the county have great pride in the county's rapid develop-ment, and the proud position it occuples in the state. It is often referred to as the banner county of the state, and in many respects this is true. Yet in pl ant of wealth and development, it is per. Wyo., to Boise and thence to the coast.

LEADING RESIDENTS.

nly in its infancy. About two-thirds of the area of the Information regarding Reaburg. advantages and its opportunities to t resident and investor will be cheer furnished by any member of the mercial club or its officers, prefit county is mountainous, much of which is heavily timbered, and one-third available for agricultural purposes. available for a particular purposes. Only a small portion of this vast area has been reclaimed, yet the irrigating canals in the county, placed end to end, would more than encircle the state. named in this article, or by the follo ing

L. T. Wright, manager of the Con-solidated Wagon & Machine company leading implement dealers in Resburg: Hyrum Ricks & Sons, real estate agents; Henry Flamm Company, limit-ed, department store; Resburg Lumber company, limited; the Cash Goeers company, Limited; the Cash Goeers company; John H. Squi books, stationery, etc.; of the Pioneer Livery St National bank, through I Woodmansee or Cashler stock; Hans C. Jensen, pr Enterprise Meat Market;

ly, the Ricks Academy: Young Furniture compa Bell: the City Meat Ma Secondary to agriculture around Rexburg comes the stock interests of the county. The mountains furnish the most ideal summer ranges, with abun-dance of water and feed. About 15 per cent of the assessed valuation of the Beil; the City Meat and Renner, the confectioner: ensperger, jeweler; Get Ricks & Soule, lawyers; State Bank, through Procounty is represented by the stock in-terests. Cattle, sheep and horses are profitably grown. Comparatively few hogs are raised, scarcely more than enough to supply the local demand, as State Bank, through T Cosgriff or Cashier Jam Hegsted & Jensen Earl eral merchants; C. M. S tor of the Idaho hotel; C. plement dealer; Rexburg the extensive free range makes other stock more profitable. pany; Lewis & Company Orson Waldrum, druggist Waldroff

SUGAR INDUSTRY. The sugar industry has assumed | Middlesex Banking comp



REXBURG'S DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDING, CONTAINING 18 LARGE CLASS ROOMS.



RICKS ACADEMY, REXBURG, RECENTLY ERECTED AT A COST OF \$60,0