

Rapid Development Shown in Wyoming's Industrial Affairs

THE annual story of Wyoming's industrial affairs has chronicled progress, rapid development and increased wealth and population since 1890, and the year 1907, which is about to close, is no exception to the rule...

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which was commenced three years ago. The great Pathfinder dam, and head of the system of irrigation works under it, is located on the Sweetwater river, in central Wyoming.

is 45 miles in length. The two canals reclaim 20,000 acres of very fine land near Lovell. These enterprises were backed and constructed by Mormon settlers from Utah.

The Eden canal, in southern Fremont county will be 60 miles long and will reclaim 60,000 acres at a cost of \$900,000. This land is very rich.

the chief industries in a mining way. In coming at the present time, but of these we will say later. Gold mining has been carried on in Wyoming since 1867, when the precious metal was discovered in the Atlantic City, South Pass and Miner's Delight districts...

major, in Uinta county, were established during the past 12 months, and regular shipments are now being made.

IRRIGATION. Irrigation has come to be one of Wyoming's leading industries. Indeed, irrigation is now the guiding element to the state's future greatness...

EXPENDITURE OF \$35,000,000. From the annual report of the state engineer the astounding information is obtained that during the past two years work has been started, and in some instances completed, on irrigation enterprises worth \$35,000,000.

GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES. Chief among the great irrigation schemes in Wyoming, and which probably attract the most attention, are the government enterprises—the great Shoshone in Big Horn basin, in northern Wyoming, and the Pathfinder, in central Wyoming.

LARGEST IN WORLD. The Shoshone dam, which is the main feature of this great system of irrigation works, will be the largest in the world. It is 260 feet high and will be required to complete it.

ONE OF BEST IN STATE. The LaPrele Dam and Reservoir company is constructing one of the best irrigation systems in the state. The canal is taken from the LaPrele, in Converse county, and has been completed for a distance of 40 miles.

MINING-METAL. Wyoming's reputation in the mining world is yet to be made, but it is as certain of accomplishment as anything on earth. For more than a quarter of a century the mining world has known of the existence of deposits of coal, copper, iron, gold, silver, platinum, nickel, asphalt, gypsum, soda, soap stone, onyx, lead, bituminous shale, arsenic, sulphur, volcanic ash, graphite, manganese ores, epsom salts, plaster of paris, cement shale, natural plaster, clays, tin, glass sand, feldspar, bisulphide of aluminum, fluorapatite, decomposed granite, mercury, borax, etc.

WYOMING'S GREATEST INDUSTRY. The raising of livestock, made for progress during the past 12 months, has been the most important feature of the state's industrial development.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY. The total valuation of all property for taxation in Wyoming in 1907 was \$184,419,177.98.

STATE GOVERNMENT. The business conditions in a state are best reflected in the condition and administration of a state government, and this is especially true of Wyoming.

SETTLED IN CHEYENNE. For two or three years during or after the war, Mr. Warren had charge of a large fancy stock farm in Massachusetts, where high-priced thoroughbred stock was bred and sold.

IRON DEPOSITS. There are several large deposits of iron in the state, chiefly in Laramie and Carbon counties. In the former the mines Hartville and Sunrise have been producing steadily.

MINING-COAL. The mining of coal in Wyoming began almost with the first settlement, for the pioneers found coal sticking out of the ground in almost every section of the state.

OUTLOOK FOR 1908. During the coming year there will be unusual activity among the mineral constructionists. The Union Pacific will continue its double-tracking with favorable conditions.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VERDICT. Hon. William R. Schmitt, secretary of state, and one of the pioneer residents of the state, in discussing the state's advancement with the Desert News' correspondent, said: "The development in Wyoming has been wonderful by all who have given the matter close study."

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