

Ogden's Twelve Months of Splendid Growth

Ogden, one of the most beautiful cities in the Rocky Mountain region, is the second largest city in the state of Utah. It has a population of 25,000. It is the county seat of Weber county. The population of Ogden, it is estimated, has increased fully 10 per cent during the year of 1904. Notwithstanding this marked increase, the people have generally had plenty of work, and have earned good wages. The people are contented and industrious, and with the many natural resources surrounding Ogden, it is assured that each year as it rolls along, will find Ogden in a more prosperous, flourishing condition.

Many improvements have been made in this city during the past year, such as street paving, curbing and guttering, putting down many blocks of new cement and asphalt sidewalks, grading of other streets to a more uniform level, building of elegant homes, and numerous other improvements. In fact it may be said that the year of 1904 has been one of the most prosperous and beautiful in the history of Ogden City. It has been a year of unprecedented success, and gradual growth, and the people can greet the approaching year of 1905 with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings this year has bestowed. The people of this city do not fully realize the gradual upbuilding of our city, that has been going on during the past 12 months. For many years past Ogden has never experienced such a building boom. Nearly a quarter of a million of dollars have been spent in the erection of new homes. The most of these homes have been small, well built cottages, with modern, up-to-date conveniences, costing from \$1,000 to \$2,000. There have been some elegant residences built, but only a few compared with the many cottages. These buildings have all been rented at a good rate of rent, often before completed, when they were for rent. A goodly portion of the homes were built by the owner for his own occupancy. They are scattered in all parts of the city, so that no particular portion has had more of a boom than another. This building up and beautifying our entire municipality. If many more houses were constructed, it is believed they could be easily rented, and the present time two families are living in one house in many parts of the city.

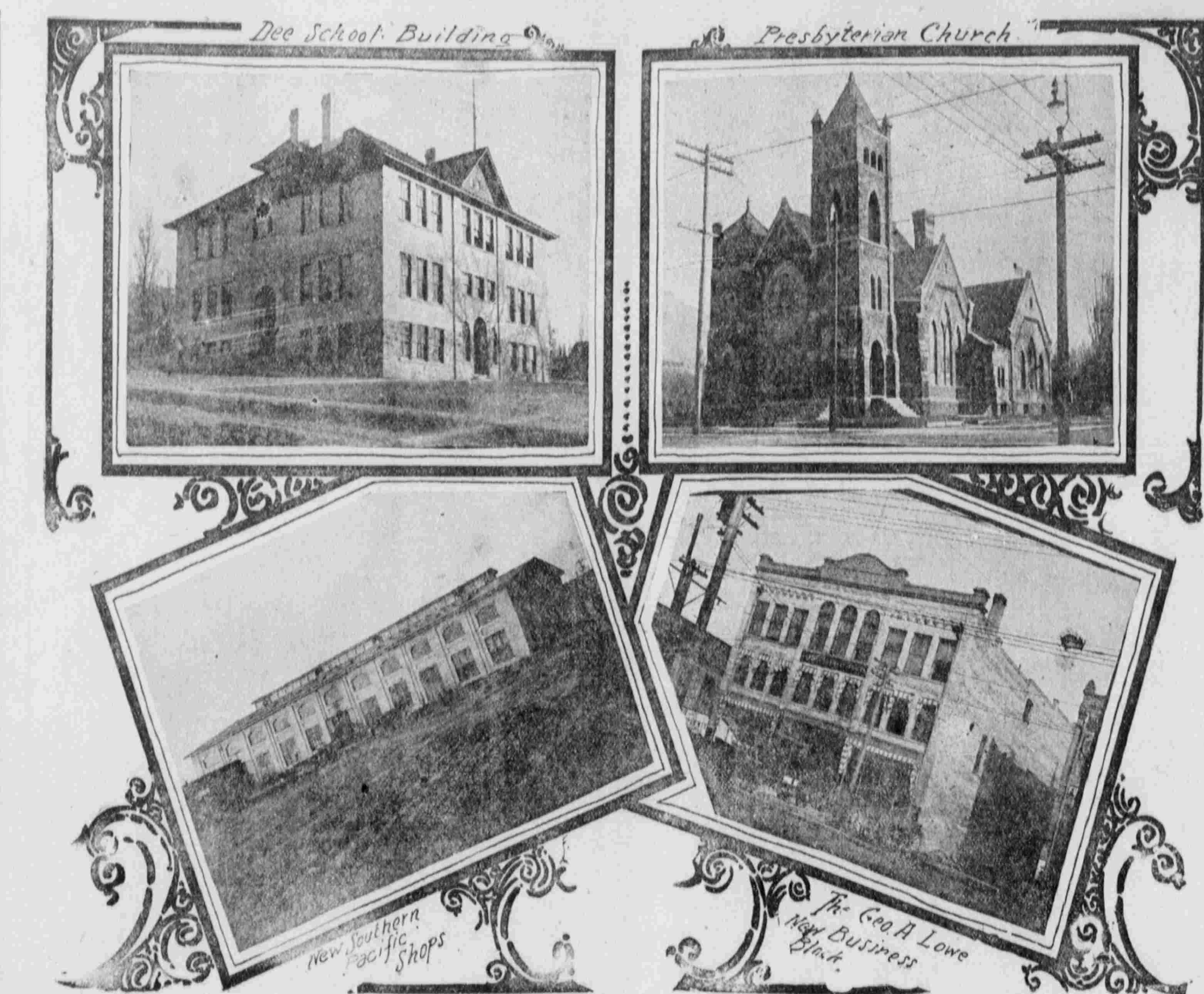
The building of business blocks has been more quiet during this year, only a little over \$100,000 being spent in the building up of business property, but most of the stores in the city have been doing a prosperous business, and few business blocks are for rent. The business men are satisfied with the year's earnings, and today business in Ogden is firm and prosperous. There have been only a half dozen failures during the year, and they were mostly of an undesirable class of merchandising. The mercantile establishments have their shelves loaded with goods, which are paid for, and a better quality of goods is being sold in most lines of business than heretofore.

Another indication of the prosperity which Ogden and Weber county has enjoyed during 1904, is the report of the merchants that less credit business has been done than for many years past. The people have appeared to have plenty of ready cash, with which to pay for anything they desired, and the credit business among the merchants has been cut down at least one-fourth. The farmers and fruit growers have experienced an unusually prosperous year, and have found a ready market for their products, which are shipped to all parts of the west. It is estimated that the fruit crop of the year 1904 has amounted to over \$500,000, a large portion of which has been shipped to other markets by the wholesale produce merchants. The canning factories in the county have put up a much larger quantity of fruit during the past season than at any previous time in their history, which has helped the fruit growers greatly in finding a quick market for their fruits at good prices. The fruits have been of a better quality, as the horticulturists have learned through experience that spraying and careful culture of their trees pays.

The agriculturists have enjoyed a year of prosperity in every department, and the products of the farm have brought high prices. All of these conditions have added to Ogden and Weber county's unbounded success, and prosperity, and the outlook for the future is most brilliant.

OGDEN'S NEW RAILROAD SHOPS.

The building of the Southern Pacific shops in Ogden this year was an acquisition to our city that means much in the way of employment of skilled labor. The Southern Pacific have for many years had small shops in Ogden, but when the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Rio Grande Western, Ogden has been combined under one management, it was immediately decided to construct large machine shops in this city, which has been accomplished, and today over 600 skilled machinists and helpers are employed in the railroad shops. With an average monthly payroll of \$60,000 or about \$750,000 annually paid out by the railroad company in that one department of their systems in Ogden. These men are all under the able supervision of Master Mechanic E. M. Luckett, who is one of the most skilled mechanics in the west. The three railroad companies, also the Rio Grande Western, have the greater part of their repairing of cars, engines, etc., done in Ogden. Most of these machinists have families and their earnings are expended among the merchants,



helping to greatly swell the business of our city.

A move is now being considered by these three great railway companies for the erection of a union freight office in the Union depot yards near the present site next year. The freight depot now used is entirely inadequate in every respect, to the immense freight business carried on in Ogden. The new freight building will be two and possibly three stories high, arranged after the most modern plans.

The Southern Pacific has also completed the trestle work over the Great Salt Lake. A year ago they were employing nearly 2,000 men on the Ogden-Lockville cut-off work, but it is so near completion that only about 200 men are now employed on the work, and they are principally to put the finishing touches on the road bed. The immense trestle which has been built at a cost of several million dollars is one of the greatest pieces of engineering work ever done in America. It is 23 miles long, passing over the Great Salt Lake. Through its completion the distance between Ogden and San Francisco has been shortened 37 miles, and many heavy grades and dangerous curves have been done away with. The Southern Pacific passenger and freight trains all go over the Ogden-Lockville cut-off route now instead of around the lake as they have done heretofore. At least two hours time is saved by the completion of the cut-off. The building of the cut-off has done much for Ogden and Weber county. It has made Ogden the central and most important railroad city of this intermountain region. The company has also put on some new, large powerful engines to pull their immense passenger and freight trains.

One of Ogden's principal resources is its great railroad advantages. There are over 2,000 railroad men employed in this city in the various departments of railroad work. During the past year the passenger and freight traffic has been greatly increased, therefore the number of employees has been increased, and that means an increase in the amount of money expended annually by these men. Besides being the terminal of the four great trunk lines, the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Rio Grande Western, Ogden has the R. G. W. Pintsch gas plant which furnishes the light for all trains running in and out of Ogden. That plant, during the past year, has been increased to double its former capacity, in order to be able to furnish the increased number of trains with gas. The junction city's union depot is the finest this side of Denver, the trackage in the Union depot grounds has been materially increased during 1904,

and the many vast improvements that are contemplated for 1905 in the railroad works in this city will furnish a great deal of work and strengthen our railroad standing.

BUILDING RECORD.

The record of the building inspector shows building permits issued during the past 12 months to the following persons for the erection of residences and additions to houses:

BRICK.

John Kaufman, \$500; F. A. Peach, \$1,200; George Fry, \$1,000; John Vanderveen, \$1,000; M. H. Parr, \$500; E. J. Hansen, \$500; Andrew Wilson, \$500; John F. Smith, \$500; J. D. Gainer, \$200; Albert E. Mahan, \$500; George Walker, \$1,000; Mrs. Chas. Beyerle, \$1,000; Chas. A. Heister, \$1,200; Mrs. R. Griffin, \$500; Mathias Gillis, \$2,000; Alex. Hogman, \$500; J. G. Kihlstrom, \$1,200; John Contes, \$200; J. W. Miller, \$1,500; Mrs. M. W. Fife, \$1,200; M. Polina, \$1,000; James H. Paulsen, \$700; Geo. Lockhead, Jr., \$1,500; H. F. Dyer, \$2,000; Thomas Toponce, \$400; James Leughran, \$1,000; F. R. Williams, \$700; W. H. Vorhees, \$2,500; Wm. Glasman, \$500; H. C. Jacobs, \$1,000; Adam Patterson, \$1,000; Walter Edwards, \$1,200; J. H. Linsam, \$5,000; Mrs. Janette Reher, \$1,500; L. J. Wright, \$2,000; B. W. Streeter, \$1,500; Daniel Fernlund, \$1,000; George P. Stephens, \$1,800; Wm. G. Chapple, \$500; Hugo L. White, \$2,000; O. O. Stanley, \$1,500; Daniel R. Stephens, \$825; James Owen, \$750; F. W. Hotelling, \$1,000; Orrin Welch, \$1,100; Emily J. De Wolf, \$500; Mary E. Sawyer, \$1,800; W. O. Ridge, \$750; C. J. Humphries, \$3,500; S. P. Woodmansee, \$2,100; Rudolph Van Dyke, \$750; Samuel Banford, \$500; Jonathan E. Browning, \$3,500; Wm. Jensen, \$1,500; Chas. W. Trabe, \$500; August Jensen, \$500; Samuel J. Powell, \$1,800; Mrs. M. D. Watts, \$475; Fred W. Chambers, \$500; Wm. Bostaph, \$2,500; H. B. Forbes, \$1,500; Samuel Banford, \$400; George Fry, \$1,500; Ethel M. Alvord, \$1,500; C. R. Dana, \$2,500; David O. McKay, \$1,000; Wm. J. Gross, \$1,200; J. A. Behler, \$1,000; John Pignone, \$1,200; J. W. Duffin, \$1,100; John Dunham, \$1,700; H. H. Spencer, \$1,500; C. R. Dana, \$1,500; W. S. Read, \$575; J. W. Seibold, \$400; C. R. Cole, \$1,500; A. H. Bailey, \$275; B. N. Stephens, \$500; David C. Eccles, \$4,500; P. A. Isaksson, \$1,800; M. S. Browning, \$5,500; Otto E. Lund, \$1,100; Mrs. Karen Larson, \$1,200; T. H. Ballantyne, \$2,000; Geo. D. Wheat, \$500; W. A. James, \$550; Parley F. Wright, \$7,500; H. O. Williams, \$1,600; Joseph Clark, \$8,250; J. M. Larson, \$575; Chas. Rolow, \$750; Charles H. Barton, \$4,500; Jed Ballantyne, \$1,500; J. W. Stalland, \$2,320; W. L. Russell, \$2,300; A. B. Petterson, \$1,600; Joseph Wood, \$1,500; F. H.

Smith, \$475; John Pignone, \$750; J. L. Thompson, \$500; Patrick Martin, \$500; Herbert R. MacMillan, \$3,500. Grand total brick residences, \$153,670.

FRAME.

C. D. Price, \$1,200; P. J. Lammers, \$1,000; B. Wick, \$1,000; August Carlson, \$700; Mrs. G. A. Munford, \$500; H. D. Brown, \$500; T. J. Uphelm, \$250; Mrs. L. C. Morton, \$1,200; William De Groot, \$500; Mrs. Aleja De Groot, \$500; William De Groot, Jr., \$500; August Carlson, \$1,000; William Empey, \$400; L. E. Frost, \$250; J. M. Harbortson, \$500; J. M. Leutz, \$500; Patrick Martin, \$500; Mrs. Catherine Culver, \$1,000; Lars C. Jensen, \$2,000; Lilly W. Smith, \$1,500; Thomas Brown, \$400; J. H. Cardon, \$500; Klina Alkema, \$500; Joseph C. Mann, \$500; George A. Poulter, \$350; Mrs. Amelia Goodman, \$3,000; Mrs. G. Mills, \$450; Chris Christensen, \$750; Louis Fitzman, \$500; Hyrum Balmup, \$250; Mrs. Minnie Peterson, \$250; John A. Taylor, \$475; Dudley W. Stone, \$500; L. B. Balch, \$500; A. H. Martin, \$1,500; W. G. Child, \$1,500; George W. White, \$500; Gabriel Doyle, \$250; R. D. Brown, \$750; J. W. Wilcox, \$500; J. E. Thurston, \$1,000; J. W. Wilson, \$475; Charles Pincock, \$1,000; Max Davidson, \$500; Thomas Williams, \$750; Frank Struppick, \$1,000; Thomas McClellan, \$500; E. N. Ives, \$2,500; M. H. Smith, \$500; Zelpha Stephens, \$500; C. Stuart, \$300; Thomas H. Vallantyne, \$2,000; M. A. Krauss, \$400; Warren G. Child, \$1,500; Herman Tebrunzen, \$500; Mrs. Kate Van Dyke, \$500; Henry Kolerwyn, \$500; T. G. Foster, \$1,000; Mathias Gillis, \$2,000; Thomas A. Reid, \$1,500; Sidney Stevens, improvement company, \$2,200; Robert B. Wilson, \$1,800; Mrs. E. S. Orth, \$1,600; William H. Wheelwright, \$500; Adam Gladhill, \$1,000; J. A. Randall, \$1,100; Thomas H. Ballantyne, \$4,375; Albert Ellis, \$750; Mrs. M. A. Reid, \$2,500; J. E. Sherlock, \$1,475; James E. Horrocks, \$1,300; Elizabeth Becker, \$1,000; R. S. Joyce, \$1,800; Cornelius Osborne, \$400; Charles Becker, \$1,200; grand total of frame residences, \$75,440; grand total of all residences built during 1904, \$229,110.

BUSINESS BLOCKS AND CHURCHES.

Permits to construct business blocks, churches and other large buildings from brick and stone during the past year were granted as follows: Southern Pacific machine shops, \$12,500; Presbyterian church, \$22,500; Geo. A. Lowe, \$22,000; W. O. Kay, \$750; H. L. Griffin & Co., \$1,500; board of education (Dee school building), \$12,700; George A. Craig, \$1,200; Peery Estate, \$1,800; J. P. O'Neill, \$5,500; Isaac Beltman, \$5,500; John Contes, \$750; Eccles Lumber Co., \$450; Wilson Brothers, \$500; G. W. Parkins, \$1,500; H. C. Wardleigh, \$1,700; Charlotte E. Driver, \$2,850;

Pignone National bank, \$1,200; W. D. Gourlay (Utahna Theater), \$4,500; George Ketratus, \$2,000; William E. Newman, \$325; Ogden Troy Laundry Co., \$4,750; Walker Scovcroft Lumber Co., \$4,500; Benjamin Jensen, \$450; Wright Investment Co., \$5,350; Rio Grande Western (ice house), \$3,500; C. E. Peterson, \$1,600; Baumlester Brothers, \$750; 1904 total of business buildings, \$143,040; grand total of all kinds of buildings, \$382,150.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Some very interesting statistics of what Ogden and Weber county has, that makes it such a busy prosperous place, are given below. Six banks with about \$5,000,000 deposits. Five hundred thousand dollar sugar factory with a daily capacity of 400 tons, and will be increased to 800 tons per day next year. Monthly payrolls to railroad employees nearly \$400,000. Three daily and two semi-weekly newspapers, thirty jobbing houses, annual trade about \$18,000,000. Three steam laundries, employing 75 people; five flour mills; annual output over \$500,000; \$25,000 Carnegie Public library; two medicinal summer resorts and springs; three soda water factories; fifteen canning factories; four creameries; two knitting factories; one sewer pipe factory; three brick factories; two iron foundries; one pickle factory; three saddle and harness factories; one vinegar factory; three machine shops; one broom factory; three electric planing mills; two telephone systems; two telegraph systems; four distinct railroad lines whose terminals are at Ogden; two construction companies; five lumber yards; fifteen hotels, fully occupied; over 200 business houses; \$100,000 union depot; one business college; two academies; fifty school houses; over 10,000 school children; state school for deaf and blind; state industrial school; 45 passenger trains daily; two freight depots; one electric power plant, 10,000 horse power; three candy manufactories; well equipped fire department; fine waterworks system; sewerage in all parts of the city; population of 45,000; railroad shops employing 300 men; 45 places of worship; \$100,000 Catholic cathedral; \$40,000 "Mormon" tabernacle; elegant city and county buildings; three theaters; five pleasure resorts; one race track and county fair grounds; one baseball park; four improved parks; four miles of paved and macadamized streets; fifteen miles of street car trackage; 300 fine fruit farms. Death rate of 13 per 1,000; the elevation 4,301 feet; two fine mountain streams, which furnish good fishing; 30 secret and fraternal orders; one large modern hospital; 225,000 acres of agricultural land; five printing establishments; 25 miles of railroad; 75 miles of telegraph line; 60 miles of telephone lines.

PUBLIC PARKS.

Ogden City is well provided with parks, pleasure resorts and places of amusement. There are three well kept parks in the residence part of the city. Besides the Glenwood park, also the beautiful grounds surrounding the state school for the deaf and blind. There are two hot springs, health bathing resorts. A new one built at the mouth of Ogden canyon this year and the Ogden Hot Springs. The bathing in these springs is very healthful and invigorating. Ogden canyon, one of the most beautiful drives to be found anywhere in the west, has some very beautiful scenery. There are also several beautiful summer resorts located in the canyon. The Hermitage, a magnificent place with a large, fine, modern hotel, owned by County Commissioner William G. Wilson. The Oaks, a pretty little resort conducted by Potter Brothers, and Winslow's hotel and grove, Ogden also has two vaudeville theaters, and a large theater with seating capacity for over 1,500.

OGDEN SCHOOLS.

Ogden City has a public school system second to none in the west. It has some of the finest school buildings in the state, and the board of education which consists of Thomas D. Dee, president; R. S. Joyce, vice president; G. H. Isalaub, H. W. Gwilliam and E. M. Conroy, has given the public school careful attention, and the needs of the children is watched with every possible care. Ogden has some very valuable school property, which consists of nineteen elegant school buildings, valued at \$214,000, and the sites are valued at \$65,000, furniture and apparatus, \$10,900, making a total valuation of Ogden school property \$289,900. The school population of Ogden, according to the 1904 census, is 6,050, an increase over last year of 222. Eighty per cent of the school population is enrolled in the schools, with an average daily attendance of 3,728. There are 107 teachers employed. The total cost for the maintenance of the schools for all purposes during this year is \$107,735.05. Of this amount \$52,734.75 has been paid out for teacher's salaries. During the year the board has made some good improvements. To each of the large buildings they have added a beautiful piano, and much interest has been taken, and good work accomplished in vocal music in the Ogden public schools under Prof. Squire Coop's supervision. An elegant school building constructed of brick, with sandstone trimmings, named the Dee building, has been erected on Twentieth street during the past year, at a cost of \$18,000. It was named in honor of Judge Thos. D. Dee, who for more than

a quarter of a century has been connected with the schools of Ogden, and is at the present time president of the board of education. Telephones have been installed in each of the large school buildings to be used in case of sickness, fire or other emergency. Superintendent William Allison, who for a number of years has been at the head of the Ogden public school system, is one of the best and most progressive educators of the state, and is the most credit for the high standard to which Ogden's public schools have attained.

FOR DEAF AND BLIND.

The Utah state school for the deaf and blind is located at Ogden. It has an enrollment of over 100 students, and is accomplishing a wonderful work with the pupils. A class of five was sent to the world's fair, St. Louis, 1904, under the supervision of Miss Eddy and Miss Driggs. Their work there was an amazement to the thousands who would rather around their department and observe their work. The school is accomplishing a magnificent work in teaching the children to speak, read, write, and various kinds of trades. The manual labor department of the school is excellent. An online containing some samples of the school's fine work, done both by the girls and boys, was also sent to St. Louis, and admired by many. Prof. Frank Driggs, who is superintendent of the school, is an exceptionally bright, capable man, whose whole heart is in his work, and with his able corps of instructors is doing a wonderful work in teaching the deaf and blind. The school has some magnificent buildings and grounds, and the surroundings are made as attractive and pleasant for the pupils as possible. Several new departments in the manual training work have been installed in the institution this year. The school was never before in a more prosperous or better condition than at present.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Another of the state institutions, the Industrial school, is located in the Ogden city. This institution is accomplishing a good work in educating and training the incorrigible of the state. At the present time there are 30 pupils at the school, an increase over last year's enrollment of 14. Of this number 34 have been committed during 1904 and 10 who were paroled, were returned. Some excellent improvements have been made at the school this year. The grounds have been greatly improved, also the buildings. The boys are now domiciled at one building and the girls at the new girls' cottage, which was completed this year at a cost of \$15,000. Special attention is given to the manual training department, in the school. The boys are taught blacksmithing, carpentering, shoemaking, hammock-making, music, etc., and the girls are educated in sewing, fancy work, knitting, lace making, etc., besides spending several hours each day in book learning. E. M. Allison, who has been at the head of the institution for a number of years, is performing a fine work with the inmates.

IN THE COUNTY.

Weber county, outside of the city is well provided with schools, every one of the districts having a graded school. Supt. W. B. Wilson, who for three terms has faithfully and energetically supervised the county in their schools, will sever his connection with the schools on Jan. 1, 1905, and will be succeeded by William Petterson, a very able young educator. Under Mr. Wilson's supervision the schools have progressed very rapidly and rank foremost among the state's schools. There is a school population in the county of 3,275 children between the ages of 6 and 13. Fifty-six teachers are employed, with an annual salary of \$24,053.32. During 1904 6,293 free text books have been bought.

A new departure was instituted in the county schools this year, a primary supervisor, Miss Tillie Petterson, filling the position in a most creditable manner. Her work with the teachers and pupils has proven a grand success. Supt. Wilson, in speaking of the consolidation of several districts into one says it has worked well, and the benefits of consolidation are beginning to be felt. He stated that much better results have been accomplished and greater success is assured for the future.

COUNTY POPULATION.

Weber county outside of Ogden City has a population of approximately 11,000. The county is divided into 34 precincts or settlements and Ogden City. It has a larger area than either of the states of Rhode Island or Delaware. It is one of the richest and most fruitful parts of the state of Utah. An assessed valuation is \$15,925,805, of which two-thirds is in Ogden City, classified as follows:

Railway, telephone and telephone companies	\$1,760,739
Improvements	3,281,419
Horses and cattle, 5,385 head	168,976
Cattle, 8,244 head	178,951
Sheep, 91,575 head	93,214
Swine, 1,298 head	4,372
Colonies of bees, 1,316	1,065,722
Merchandise	217,868
Machinery	217,868
Solvent credits, mortgages	92,967
Other personal property	1,120,504

Total assessed valuation, \$15,925,805. There are located in the county one beet sugar factory, with an annual output of 10,000,000 pounds; five creameries, that contain over 1,125,000 pounds of milk per month; eight canning factories in the county districts, that have an annual output of more than 250 carloads of tomatoes, fruits, beans, peas, etc.

A GROUP OF NEW OGDEN RESIDENCES.



HOME OF PRESIDENT C. F. MIDDLETON.



RESIDENCE OF PARLEY F. WRIGHT.



JOSEPH J. CLARK'S NEW HOME.