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Vernal, A City of Unparalleled Opportunities

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opportunity that characterizes the age and regard as a dream of the that golden time of our forefathers when every point of the horizon held riches and honor for the seeking. A nirage, indeed, is such a view for on all sides in this magnificent west is opportunity awaiting the industrious seeker who is encouraged by facilities, equipment and knowledge such as our ancestors never knew.

Vernal, the county seat of Uintah county, is in the eastern part of Utah, about midway between the Denver & Rio Grande railroad on the south and the Union Pacific on the north. In every sense of the word it is a home seeker's paradise, a land of infinite

promise. The new Moffat railroad will pass The new Moffat railroad will pass through the great Strawberry valley on its way to Salt Lake City from Den-yer, and Vernal is the largest and most important city of that vast dis-trict. The coming of the Moffat road is merely a matter of time as already it is not far from the Colorado line. Land hout Vernal is now selling at from 25 per acre upward with usually plenty of water, though the price mentioned is usually for dry farming land. Theso values will more than double when the allroad comes and now is the chance railroad comes and now is the chance to procure large tracts for future culti-

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and Berkshire hogs are bred in large numbers; though Craig and Maybell —great ranching and range cattle centers— and on to the Utah line, where the Green river is crossed at Jensen; then entering the Ashley val-ley, with its 8,000 inhabitants and its thriving farms and fruit orchards; from thence, via the Duchesne and Strawberry valleys, to the spur of the Uintah range, which has to be crossed before entring the Salt Lake what was formerly the Uintah and Uncompahgre Ute Indian reservations thrown open to the public in 1905. This is not only destined to be a straining and fruit raising coun-try, but it is also the location of what is generally known as the hy-dro-carbon field of Uintah county, Utah, containing veins of glisonito (the purest form of crude bilumen), the available tonnage of which has been estimated by the engineers of the United States geological survey is worth \$30 per ton, a vast wealth is here represented. There are also many veins of claterite and ozocerite, which products are still more valu-able, and reefs, miles in extent, of

is worth \$30 per ton, a vest wealth is here represented. There are also many veins of elaterite and ozocerite, which producis are still more valu-able, and reefs, miles in extent, of sandstone asphaltum, which will be rendered available to commerce by the advent of the Moffat road. Among other undeveloped hydrocarbon pro-ducts in this valley are also oil and vast areas of bituminous shales. The region from the Green river to the low divide which has to be crossed before dropping down to Heber, in the Sait Lake valley, is watered by the Duchesne, Strawberry and Uintah rivers and their tribu-taries, fed from the snows of the Uin-tah range on the north, whose peaks reach elevations of from 12,000 to nearly 14,000 feet above sea level; and the average elevation of the valley being only 5,000 feet, it is suit-able for the raising of all kinds of fruit, vegetables, cereals, stock rais-ing and bee-keeping, and is destined to be thickly populated and very pros-perous, and in anticipation of the ap-proach of the construction gangs of the Moffat road, is already rapidly settling up. It is intended to continue construc-tion westward at once. Meanwhile the operated line to Steamboat Springs is on a paying basis, and as the securities of the Ducker, North-western & Pacific railway are now in the hands of a powerful firm of eastern bankers, they will probably be negotiated at an early date, and the line rapidly completed to Sait Lake City. Truly Vernal is the place for the homeseeker.

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# THE UINTAH RAILWAY.

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cliff coloration-such is descriptive of the Colorado & Northern, an in-dependent branch raliway surveyed in to the anthracite mines, about seven-teen miles to the North; then through the 30,000-acre model cattle and stock farm of the Cary Brothers, where thoroughbred draught, saddle and carriage horses, short horn cattle



# HAIRPIN CURVE, 62 DEGREES, G'ADE 7 1-2 PER CENT.

At Mack, Colo., one enters the rall-road hotel constructed on the Adob-esque Renaissance style; and finds lounging rooms and parlors in the mis-sion effect, will gas lights, steam heat and current magazines adding to one's comfort. The diningroom and culsting are of comparative excellence. In fact there is an air of culture and refine-ment about the Mack hotel seldom equaled in similar outlying places of the west. At the station are great quantities At the station are great quantities of sacked gilsonite operation

At the scatton are great quantities of sacked glisonite awaiting the ar-rival of the freight trains. One takes the train and speeds northward over a narrow gauge on the way to Dragon, 50 miles away.

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TERRIFIC GRADES.

TERRIFIC GRADES. Here begins a heavy climb toward the sumit of the Book Cliff mount tains, with one mile of 5 per cent grade and thence on an uninterrupted grade of 7½ per cent (!) for five miles to Bax-ter Pass. Two thousand feet of eleva-tion attained in these six miles by an engineering accomplishment that is beautiful in the natural characteristics of the country. There are no other mountains nearby to shut out the view; stendily up the face of this grad radius a file of grade and shipped wagon loads of the yest fork of Evneuation creek to wonderment upon a gorgeous panorama of slopes below, of valleys and desert

of the valleys that lead to the Child canyon of the Colorado. The train passes around curves of 66 degrees and finally reaches Baxter Pass where another panorama appears at the north, equally as surprising and even more beautiful. Below is seen Evacua-tion creek winding out to the Grand canyon of White river, and, over the old Uncompanyer reservation. Raven ridge and Blue mountain 30 miles away. Many miles farther, to the northeast stretches the White river plateau in Colorado; and in the northwest, looking over the Unitah reservation we see the towering Uintah range, 150 miles away. COMBINATIONS OF COLOR.

MONSTER FOSSILS. Here at Dragon the Uintah railway has a hotel, the counterpart of the one at Mack, awaiting our pleasure. One results over night, and is told that by other section of the world is so prolific in its yield of fossils. Monster sourians, many of them being varie-ties not previously known to have ex-sited, have been carried from Dragon to places in the world's museums. Only a few miles away, resting hori-sonally in a great rift of rock, lie the vertebrae of an immense snake or lizarid, fully 60 feet in length. To those whose minds turn in these directions, an extended stay at Dragon will bring most interesting and profit-able.

RECENT DISCOVERIES.

It is also believed the head will be unearthed and if it is it will be the only skull ever found of that animal. This being so Vernal will have achieved new honors in the world of science and many will be led to visit this region of interest and promise. Aiready poople of culture and learning in Dragon and Vernal are deeply in-terested in the progress made. The Uintah railway was constructed primarily to haul the gliootic extract-ed by a steam process from the region about Dragon; but its usefulness as an outlet for the vast Vernal country has become so manifest that soon it must be extended onward to Vernal city it-scif.

management. "The Vernal" was the first to be established in the city, though three years ago it was incorporated and modern fixtures installed Now it is the pride of the whole valley for truly it is not often that one can step into such a place and find leath-

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VERNAL'S LEADING FURNITURE HOUSE.

only a booster and a worker but a A general line of furniture is carried most sympathetic friend. For 14 years and therefore the new building will,

the E. W. Davis Co. has been the larg-est and most exclusive furniture house in eastern Utah; in fact its business has grown so rapidly that a new es-

Garland, the Metropolis of the Bear River Valley

S LX years ago there was scarcely a dwelling in what is now the town of Garland; true there were two or three residences on ranches at a dis-tance of a quarter to half a mile away from what is now known as the business center, but the Garland of that date is the North Garland of the

On Oct. 1, 1903, the late William A. Ray commenced building a merchandise store on the corner of Main and Factory streets. This was in reality the first house to be erected in the town. Shortly following this, the then Utah Sugar company erected 12 cottages for residences for its employes on a tract of 40 acres of land purchased from an old resident, Mr. W. R. Vanfleet. During this time there was no railroad connection nearer than Dewey, from which point all building material, supplies, etc., had to be hauled by team, a distance of six

The occasion for building a town at this point arose from the fact that a modern sugar factory of 800 tons capacity had been located at its present site about a mile east of the town. city hall and jall, furnished with two steel cells, at a cost of about \$3,000; graveled streets, costing about \$3,000. Her business houses are up to date and her citizens are progressive, wide awake, and enthusiastic over the future possibilities of the town. There are three general merchandise establish-ments; two butcher shops and gro-ceries; one weekly newspaper; one bank; one store; one lumber yard; two hotels.

A branch line of the town. A branch line of the Oregon Short line, extending from Brigham to Gar-and, had also been decided upon, this being a necessity to afford transporta-lon for the beets, fuel, line rock, and a housand other things to be brought in, and among other things, the machinery ind material for the construction of the lagar factory, which alone required hout 300 cars; also to transport the manufactured sugar to the market. From the first the town took on a healty growth and has grown in six years from nothing to a population or any 1,000 people, with numerous resi-lences for an increased population frowing up in almost all parts of the town. Considering the age of the town.



A thriving German colony, together with natives of Utah and other states, are developing this fertile valley. They yelloy the modern conveniences of tele-phone, rural free delivery mail service, good schoolhouses and churches of vari-ous denominations. Farm hunds receive good wages here, and good land can be rented on most avorable terms. A few good farms can be purchased for much less than there value. The poster willey is capable of the Bear River willey is capable of the porting 200,000 population. SOME RECORD CROPS. Observe the following reports of the best farming on the best soil: Alfalfa hay, five to seven tons per Apples, 500 to 1,000 boxes per acre. Apples, 300 to 1,000 boxes per acre. Sugar beets, 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Barley, 60 to 90 bushels per acre. Wheat, 30 to 50 bushels per acre. Potatoes, 250 to 450 bushels per acre. Porty thousand acres of oats, wheat, surley and alfalfa is the annual prod-ct of irrigated lands in the Bear River alley. alley. Nearly 5,000 acres of peach and apple rees now growing in the Bear River Nearly solve wring in the Bear River d valley. More than 5,000 acres of sugar beets are grown annually in the Bear River valley. The finest apples, peaches and straw-berries are grown here. Poultry and dairy products are pro-stable influstries in Utah.

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country. William H. Rowe says in an article on Bear River valley: "Sottlers of the Bear River valley have reason to be proud of the fact that neither farming land nor town lots prices have ever been affected by the speculative craze known as a boom," hence there is no danger of a collapse, as so often occurs where prices have been inflated by speculators. There is no large amount of land now offered for sale in the Bear River valley. So far as we have been able to estimate the amount of good hand for sale here does not exceed 2,000 acres, and nearly all of this is either owned by non-resi-dents or by farmers who wish to reduce the' holdings, for the reason that they find the same amount of labor, applied to a smaller area of land. will produce large profits. About 80 acres of land with oats or barley, and a proper rota-tion with alfalfa will often yield brees.

It has as many if not more and better public improvements than any other town and many older cities of the state. UP-TO-DATE CITY. She has a water works system, cost- ing approximately \$15,000; an electric light line extending from the Bear river power plant, at a cost of about \$10,000;	The town derives itr name from Wil- lam Garland, the contractor and build- er of the famous Bear River canal. BEAR RIVER VALLEY. Garland's chief commercial import- ance lies, howover, in the fact that it is the metropolis of the Bear River val- ley, of which something must be said.	Cattle and sheep from the mountain range consume thousands of tons of the valley. The Sugar FACTORY AT GARLAND, WHICH WILL TURN OUT 20,000,000 POUNDS OF SUGAR THE PRESENT SEASON. The Bear river, 300 miles in length, from north to south, and about 10 miles in length through this valuey into the Great Satt	vation than if the same amount of la- bor be expended on a larger area of land. Some even prefer 40 acres of land with, say a 10-acre orchard, and five acres in polatoes or sugar beets, and the remainder in alfalfa or grain." Garland is worthy of the deenest com-
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# Evanston, the Hustling Headquarters of Western Wyoming

N southwestern Wyoming just over the Utah line is one of the most pro-gressive little cities of the inter-mountain region. Evanston represents opportunity, progress, solidity and culture. In many ways it is favored by nature and man, Elmer L. Blake recently said of it:

"This city and county impress me as a fine place for the emigrate to, either for health, wealth, or pleasure. He can find all here with-out question. The more I see of this section the more it impresses me. Its natural advantages are second to none. The people I find are progressive, pushing and very hospitable. These are all true western traits. The merchants and business me are all very progressive in their ideas, courteous and gentlemanly in their transactions, and it is a great pleasure to meet such a staunch set of accommodating gentlemen as it has my pleasure to meet here.

that in whatever walk of life he may elect, success awaits him way beyond his expectations, if he decides to take up with Evanston. Evanston and Uintah county have surpassing natural advantagest in any and all lines, and its future is before it in reseate due.

is before it in roseate due. "The Union Facilie railroad is plan-ing large and extensive improvements bot this city in the shape of car shops, pair shops, and general equipment pulldings, removing the same from baden to this place, Eventually Evans-ton will not only be a division point, but the location of the superintendents. Mices in this entire division, it is lamaned by this railroad to cut Ogien ind Salt Lake at some future due from he main line, and this will lend to en-lance the value of all property greatly, serieds increasing the population by everal hundred persons, as all this work will take many hands to accom-lies. "The same hear the same to be accom-tion." "The same hear the same from the same hear the same and this will be a same from the matrix of the same from the main line, and this will be a to be serieds increasing the population by every in hundred persons, as all this work will take many hands to accom-ties.

lish. "Then you have the prospect of the aurlington system touching Evanston in the near future, it having made its urveys through this city and south-estern Uintah county. We have also he prospect of the electric road, run-ling from Evanston Heights to Mont-eller, through the entire Bear river pointry. Of course this line will bring large number of people to Evanston, he also will bring trade of the people tom the entire Bear river section, rest and north, to Evanston.

are now going to waste, from the halt-uada water supply of Bear Tiver.
"You also have in prospect several large trrigation projects, which will bring millions of acres of land in this bring millions of the city and this bring millions of the list of the set tree year mountain and hill sides in this vicinity should not be coverel by forests, as it is the intention of the United States government to encourage tree plenting on all these barren hill sides. There is no question in my mind but what they produce an unlimited supply of good and valuable timber. "You have an ever increasing number of mines underlying this entire country. Especially I wound mention the coal mines, of which you have some 20 odd operating companies, and which will be ever increasing in number.



## HANDLING THE WOOL CLIP AT EVANSTON, WYO.

the purpose of refining the same, and the promise of two new refineries in the early spring. The largest new company that has come into this field, the Inter-national Limited, with a capital of \$25-000,000 has already secured 100.000 acres of some of the best oil land in Ulntah county. You have many younder and smaller companies with very good pros-pects.

county. You have many younger and smaller companies with very good pros-pects. The prospect of trade increasing in the city is enhanced by its being the conter practically for 500 miles of sur-rounding country. This country is be-ing rapidly settled up, and this in-creases the trade with Evanaton. "Your land values in the city and county are rapidly increasing. Your taxation is low, your valuation not high. All these tend to induce the land investor to take hold of land questions in this county or city, as many com-mercial companies, all being managed y influential men of good standing, are amply able to take care of the in-creasing business. "You have a steady and ever increas-fing call for residences, and the same thus exclus and farms surrounding by east-on hivestors at large and rapid-y advancing prices. "Tour ranches and farms surrounding by east-on investors at large and rapid-y advancing prices. The see tothing redict that the next 25 years will see its value, its popula-tion of its becauty increased at least 500 per cent."



FIVE years ago Messrs. Edholm and

ishment, a stone building 28x80 de-ligned by F. M. Ulmer, and corting \$11,-30, strictly modern in its equipment ind the largest jewelry house in west-im Wyoming. Everything in it is of the very best; in fact Edholm & Kin has the reputation of being the Milamond house" so excellent are its

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