

Nephi the Prosperous, the Great Land of Opportunity

FOR some years back and until 1903, Nephi has suffered a re-lapse from the boom days of 20 years ago; but since Senator Des. C. Whitmore and associates succeeded in passing the arid land bill, and the committee headed by that gentleman, Dr. Whitmore and Prof. L. A. Merrill located an experimental farm at Nephi in Juab county, Nephi and the entire county has again come into publicity as a prosperous locality.

GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES MER-IT.

The agricultural department of the United States, at Washington, D. C., have taken reports from this section and incorporated them in their official bulletins and documents.

OLD TIME PROSPERITY AGAIN.

The establishment of an experimental farm at Nephi and the subsequent magnificent results were productive of unquestioned success and a veritable boom in Nephi. The old time spirit of energy was again

attained order and minimum of evil prevail.

UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES.

Nephi has undeveloped resources which await only the magic touch of capital to cause them to spring forth into bonanzas of wealth. Mt. Nebo on the north is full of mineral. A number of developed claims have been worked and valuable finds in silver and lead. Shipments have been continuous for the past four or five years, and during the last year some very heavy shipments have been made. Mountains of rock salt, some of which is being mined and shipped to different parts of the surrounding states, are found in the canyons on the east, and salt springs furnishing material for manufacture of the finest dairy and table salt in the world are only partly utilized, while a great portion of their output runs to waste. The stone quarry behind Mr. Nebo from which the stone in the walls of the Deseret News building was procured, lies dormant. In the mountains to the south an excellent quality of coal is being mined on a small scale, and a little money spent in judicious development will put these coal mines in a condition to furnish all of central Utah with an article of coal of the highest

quality. The work is practical in every respect, and thus appeals to the home life of the child. Mr. E. L. Miner has charge of this branch of the work through the grades and high school, and devotes his entire time to it.

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made and those under way or contemplated. The works are under the supervision of an expert who has been in the business for many years and knows every detail of the manufacture.

"THE BIG STORE WITH LITTLE PRICES."

As the stranger visits the business district of Nephi, the blazing array of holiday goods that meets the eye from the huge display window of the Excelsior Mercantile Co. immediately in-



EXCELSIOR MERCANTILE CO.

dicates one of the sources of business energy that characterizes the "Little Chicago" of today. The store is located in the business center of town, and with the splendid showing of dry goods, groceries, glass ware, queenware, shoes, clothing, notions, etc., it is not surprising that the firm enjoys a big business in retail as well as wholesale lines. The institution has recently been reorganized and at present is offered by J. W. Paxman as president; Geo. W. Sudbury as vice president and manager, and A. R. Paxman as secretary and treasurer. The building is a commodious two-story structure of brick, 120 feet by 120 feet, with a basement, large glass front and elaborate store fixtures, with the various cash carrying fixtures and conveniences of the modern store. The Excelsior Mercantile Co. have a large wholesale trade with southern Utah besides their ample local trade, including the Tintic mining country, and the big supply markets of the sheep and cattle men, together with the recent vast land improving companies of Nephi and vicinity. The firm is known as the "Big Store with Little Price," and well deserves the title.

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HYDE & WHITMORE. There is one landmark at Nephi that is as familiar as the grand hills that are on the east, this is the Hyde & Whitmore merchandise establishment, whose place of business is on the cor-

ner of Main and Depot streets. The firm was organized in the year 1896, and has been one of the steadily growing mercantile institutions of Utah, supplying the needs of the citizens together with an immense trade with the sheep and cattle men located near or living at Nephi. The stock comprises

member of the city council. His other public duties make him a busy man in the community and one who stands in high public estimation.

CHASE BROS. & COLE. In the business center of Nephi is located the Chase Bros. & Cole market, where is found an ample stock of fresh and salted meats, vegetables, green and fancy groceries, fish and other delicacies of the season. The firm comprises some of Nephi's young men who are enjoying a rapidly growing trade. The business has been running for about four years.

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THE NEW NEPHI NATIONAL BANK. In the general prosperity that characterizes Nephi's recent plunge into public notice, a number of her prominent citizens conceived the idea of establishing the Nephi National bank, and on presenting the matter to the citizens, found a willingness to take the stock offered for sale. It was decided to incorporate for \$50,000, with J. S.

Ostler of Nephi as its president; L. S. Hills, the Salt Lake banker as vice president; E. R. Booth of Nephi as cashier, and Messrs. C. H. Grace, T. A. Foote, A. J. Agard of Fountain Green, and J. L. Ellerton of Mona as directors. These gentlemen and the above mentioned officers constitute the board of directors.

The new bank will open on or about Jan. 15, when it is believed that the building now under construction will have been completed sufficiently for occupancy. It is situated in the business center of the town and includes a second story for offices.

The officers, directors and stockholders are all men of well known financial standing fully competent to carry the responsibilities of a national bank and at the same time add to the already high commercial standing of Nephi.

HON. W. A. C. BRYAN. Attorney W. A. C. Bryan has always been identified with Nephi in her social, professional and mercantile interests. He has served as legislator in the territorial days and at various times in county and municipal positions. Mr. Bryan has a most complete law library and is one of the most competent citizens in Nephi. He has ample law practice and is largely interested in the dry farming operation of this vicinity. His tract of land is located

near the railroad track and artesian water is available at a depth of 120 feet.

COOPER, PYPER & CO. The plumbing, tinware, hardware, paints, heating and cooking stove utensils are being looked after by the Cooper, Pyper & Co., of which John Cooper is the manager and principal owner. For 20 years he has been in business with varying success, but gradual increase in facilities. Mr. Cooper is serving a second term as a

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Mrs. E. S. Dudley

FAIR PLAINTIFF HAS FOURTEEN LAWYERS.

Kingston, N. Y., is being regaled by a long drawn out suit being brought by Mrs. Edward S. Dudley against Mrs. Elizabeth Battelle Vanderpool from whom she demands \$100,000 for alienating the affections of her husband. The latter, has astonished New York state folk by the claim that he was never married to Mrs. Dudley. During progress of the suit Mrs. Dudley has employed successively fourteen lawyers.

HOW VINES GROW IN CALIFORNIA.



The picture illustrates a not unfamiliar sight in southern California, where vegetation of all kinds makes a wonderful growth in a single season. This particular pumpkin vine grew along the roadside near Los Angeles and completely covered the trunk and remaining branches of a dead tree, extending to a height of about twenty feet. It was a pretty sight during the blossoming period, and later, when the golden fruit hung from the branches, it was even more beautiful.

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RETIRING AND INCOMING CITY OFFICIALS 1905-6.

Beginning on the front row, left hand side are: Alfred Lund, Denis Wood, W. H. Peterson, Walter Brough, Wm. G. Orme. Second row: John Cooper, Robt. Winn, Samuel Winn, A. R. Paxman, James Garrett, Jr. Third row: John S. Cooper, Henry Adams, H. D. Alfred, Thos. C. Winn, Hyrum Burton and J. A. Hyde, Jr.

ground and the land for miles around was taken up and thousands of acres of arid land was made to produce big crops.

A tract of 6,000 acres was taken up by a company headed by Prof. J. A. Wilson of the B. Y. university, Provo. Six 600 acres were broken up and planted the past year and from this portion 9,000 bushels of hard wheat were gathered. A local company called the Dog Valley Dry Farm company headed by Mr. E. R. Booth, has also produced some remarkable crops from hitherto valueless land.

In all it is said 75,000 bushels of grain were raised in this vicinity (in addition to the regular harvest of irrigated lands) all on arid land.

WAGON TRAINS OF HARD "HEAT."

It is nothing unusual to see trains of wagons bearing off big harvests of hard wheat, a crop that is making for Nephi and Juab county a reputation all parts of the west, even to the

grade. In mountains lying to the west are the croppings of a mammoth ledge of marble extending for miles in a northerly and southerly direction. This ledge has been opened up at different points and discloses a white marble of the finest quality, but being so near the surface, is as a matter of course, more or less shattered, and not susceptible of being taken out in large blocks, but when capital shall have taken hold of it and penetrated beneath the shattered upper crust, there will without doubt be brought into utility one of the largest and most valuable marble mines in the United States.

The city officials are now wrestling with the paving problem and are this paper gets before the public the sidewalks will present a very different appearance and ere another year is gone by, the main streets will have pavements that are commensurate with the town's importance.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB. The Nephi Commercial club is an organization that is but a year old, yet it numbers 55 members, comprising the best known and most capable business men in the town. Its constitution and

by-laws are very similar to those adopted by other clubs, and is making itself a factor in the general advancement and prosperity of Nephi. Its officers comprise the following well known gentlemen: J. A. Hyde, president; L. H. Grace, vice president; T. L. Foote, secretary; W. C. Andrews, treasurer; Jacob Coleman, chairman. Chairmen standing committees: Finance, Hyrum Jensen; house, W. T. Denn; commercial, J. W. Paxman; legislative, T. A. Foote; city affairs, J. W. Ord; membership, T. C. Wilson.

THE NEPHI INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL. To the city of Nephi is due the credit of establishing the first public high school wherein agriculture, domestic science, art, manual training and music receives a prominent place in the curriculum. The success of the school is marked. The patrons of the school and the public are justly proud of the advancement made along the lines of industrial education.

A new building has recently been erected to accommodate the work, and in it are to be found well equipped laboratories.

The equipment of the manual training department consists of eight branches with a complete assortment of carpenter tools for the work in wood. Drafting boards are used upon which the plans are first drawn by the students and upon which the use of drafting instruments is learned. A class of 20 can be accommodated in the room devoted to wood working.

The domestic science department is fully equipped with the necessary apparatus for the scientific teaching of the household arts. The kitchen is furnished with suitable tables, and each one supplied with the necessary cooking utensils. The department is convenient and sanitary in every detail.

The sewing room is furnished with seven new sewing machines, six sewing tables and all incidentals pertaining in every way to an ideal sewing room. The chemical laboratory is up-to-date in every particular, being modeled after the best-equipped laboratories in the state, and the teachers are all well qualified for the work they are expected to teach.

It is the intention of the officers of the school to build an institution similar to the one in Wausau, Wis.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The public schools are up-to-date in every particular, and in some instances are more up-to-date than those of towns of even larger size. They are closely graded with not more than fifty pupils to the teacher. In order to secure close grading a school for pupils who are not able to attend the full year has been organized. Individual work is done with each pupil until he is finally passed into the grade for which he is best

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