

OGDEN, ITS BRICK BUSINESS AND RAPID GROWTH

THE year 1903 has marked for Ogden city an era of perhaps unparalleled progression. The city has certainly been more prosperous than for a long period past. Those who were anxious for employment had little difficulty in securing positions, and business men are unanimous in proclaiming 1903 one of the greatest years in our history. The merchants have been obliged to increase their force of employees in order to be able to keep up with the times. The vast amount of construction work near Ogden, especially on the Ogden-Lucien cut-off, has been the means of bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars into our city, which money has been spent freely, making business in all branches very lively. Ogden has many advantages over any other city in Utah, being situated at the junction of four of the great railroads of the United States, viz., the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande Western and Oregon Short Line. These railroads employ over 1,500 men in Ogden in all of their departments, drawing an average salary of \$75 per month, making an annual payroll of about \$1,500,000 from the railroads alone. The Southern Pacific shops in this city are being greatly enlarged and will employ a very large force of men when completed. The vast work of constructing the Ogden-Lucien cut-off across the Great Salt Lake from Ogden City to Lucien, has been an extraordinarily extensive piece of work, costing millions of dollars for material and labor. The greater part of the amount paid for labor has been expended in Ogden by the men in buying clothing and food and in procuring pleasure and entertainment.

BIG BANKING BUSINESS.

The banking houses of the city have

completed someone had rented them, and it is doubtful if two dozen houses can be found in the city for rent. This speaks well for our city and its growth and prosperity during the year that is about to close upon us.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

There have been many improvements made in our city, especially on the streets. During this year the curbing and guttering of Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets and the macadamizing of these streets from Washington avenue to Jefferson avenue has been done, making two of the most beautiful streets in the city. Two more blocks on Washington avenue have been paved, which is a vast improvement to our city. The office agents throughout the city have been greatly improved.

Another improvement that has been greatly appreciated by the public is the removal of the postoffice to more commodious quarters. The building now occupied by the postoffice department is large and pleasant, making a much more favorable impression on visitors to our city.

Twenty-fifth street has made the greatest improvements of any street in the city. Many of the little frame buildings that stood on the two blocks leading up from the depot have been torn down and modern two-story brick business blocks built in their place, making Twenty-fifth street one of the best business streets in the city. The erection of these new business blocks is not only a credit to the city but the property owners also, and does much to form a favorable impression on the strangers who come within our gates. All of these new structures have been rented to men conducting various classes of business. If during the next two years such rapid growth in the upbuilding of Twenty-fifth street continues none of the little old places of business will remain on the street.

POPULATION INCREASING.

Ogden's population has increased very

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT OGDEN HAS.

Ogden is situated at the junction of the Ogden and Weber rivers, and of four great railway systems: Southern Pacific, Rio Grande Western, Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, and is the second largest city in the state. It is 102 miles west of Omaha, 88 miles east of San Francisco, 430 miles south of Butte, and 37 miles north of Salt Lake City. Its elevation is 4,301 feet.

It has a population of 25,000, and a death rate of only 13 per 1,000. Fourteen church edifices; one "Mormon" tabernacle; four beautifully improved parks; two unimproved; two daily papers; five banks, with nearly \$4,000,000 in deposits; ten hotels, running to full capacity the year round; one opera house; up-to-date waterworks; pure mountain water; public library, cost \$35,000, built by Andrew Carnegie; one telephone system; another being installed; electric light and gas plants, also electric power plant 5,000 horse power capacity; connected to pipe line of 20,000 horsepower capacity; 24 jobbing houses; trade \$15,000,000 per annum; two steam laundries; five flour mills; one brewery; eight canning factories; one beet sugar factory; one creamery; one broom factory; five brickyards; three electric mills for wood work; one pickle and one vinegar factory; two foundries and three machine shops; nine miles of street railroad; four lumber yards; one hospital; four knitting factories; one fruit evaporating plant; one tile and sewer pipe factory; one box and crate factory; three harness and saddle factories; a \$100,000 union depot; three paved streets; two sanitariums; three big railroad and canal construction companies with payrolls averaging \$100,000 per month; thirty secret and fraternal organizations, excellent fire and police departments.

ITS BIG WAGES LIST.

Its material strength is derived from the railroad shops and terminals, largely supplemented by the remarkable horticultural, agricultural and stock interests and manufactures.

Forty daily trains arrive and depart from Ogden. There are 300 business houses in the city, employing 1,000 clerks, assistants and helpers, with annual salaries aggregating \$500,000; 212 employees at hotels and restaurants, \$60,000; 437 at canning factories, six months, \$185,000; 200 at beet sugar factory, 100 days, \$45,000; 40 streetcar employees, \$28,800; 30 printers and newspapermen, \$27,000; 18 at telephone office, \$15,921; 30 bank clerks, \$22,400; 60 at wagon and blacksmith shops, \$36,000; 50 at telephone office, \$14,400; 25 at mills and lumber yards, \$15,000; 60 at laundries, \$11,600.

stead of one, as in 1902. During this year the town of Huntsville has been divided into a city of the third class, with a mayor, city council and all other city officials, and is prospering.

The markets for farm products are better and the market very good. The factory outputs have been very good and the prospects are that many new industries may be started here during the coming year. Good prices have



WILLIAM GLASSMANN.
Elected to Succeed Himself as Mayor of Ogden.

county schools, consolidating eleven districts into two, making fifteen districts in the county instead of twenty-four, has been found to work excellently, as much more good can now be accomplished, bringing the various schools on more equal basis. Supt. Wilson says "the people are investigating this new departure of consolidation, and to investigate is to approve."

The Weber county schools have fifty-five departments, employing fifty-five teachers, 35 females with an average monthly salary of \$37, and 20 males, with an average monthly salary of \$17.75. There are enrolled in the Weber county schools 3,483 pupils. The average attendance is considerable greater than in previous years, and today the schools in the county are on a par with the Ogden city schools.

PLEASURE RESORTS.

Ogden is especially attractive in having numerous pleasure resorts, where the young and old may pass a few pleasant hours after the arduous day's work. Within a mile of the heart of the city is situated Glenwood Park, a beautiful resort, to which the street cars run every half hour throughout the summer months. The most attractive perhaps of Ogden's pleasure places is the beautiful "Hermitage," in Ogden canyon, which is thronged throughout the summer with campers and pleasure seekers who desire a good place to rest and eat. Besides this resort, in Ogden canyon, are Potter Brothers' grove and Winslow's. All of these places are within an hour's drive of Ogden, in the most magnificent canyon in the state. At the mouth of Ogden canyon, this year has been built an immense sanitarium resort with hotel, bathing pools and other attractions. The water at the resort is not mineral water with exceptionally strong medicinal powers. To the north of the city is located the noted Hot Springs health resort, with its dance pavilion, grove and other features. At the top of the beautiful Rocky mountains east of Ogden is located in a beautiful ravine and the citizens of this county and the entire state did themselves proud in caring for and entertaining the distinguished guests. Our irrigators, agriculturists and horticulturists received many new ideas from the visitors that will be of great advantage to them in the future.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The convening of the Eleventh National Irrigation congress in Ogden this year was something of an event, not only to Ogden and vicinity, but to Utah and the entire west. The gathering together in our city of several hundred of the most brilliant lights of our nation along the line of irrigation and agriculture was of great advantage to Utah. The distinguished visitors who spent that week in our city were delighted with our climate, the scenery and the products of the land and factory, and will through their talks do much advertising for our city and her advantages, and the citizens of this county and the entire state did themselves proud in caring for and entertaining the distinguished guests. Our irrigators, agriculturists and horticulturists received many new ideas from the visitors that will be of great advantage to them in the future.

THE LUCIN CUT-OFF.

What practically marked the completion of the Ogden-Lucien cut-off, one of the most stupendous pieces of engineering work ever accomplished in the United States took place Thursday, Nov. 26, 1903. The result of this work has brought Ogden City and San Francisco 43.77 miles closer together by railroad communication. On Thanksgiving day there congregated in this city over one hundred of the most prominent railroad men in the United States who took special trains here and made a satisfactory examination of the great trestle work.

This great piece of railroad work has been a source of revenue for Ogden City that is almost incalculable. On an average for the past year there have been employed on the cut-off about 3,000 men, whose earning capacity was on an average of \$2.50 per day, which means a monthly payroll of \$225,000. About two car loads of provisions have been consumed daily by this army of men. The people of Ogden have not fully realized that the greater part of this vast amount of money has been expended in Ogden for eatables, wearing apparel, pleasure, etc., and it is that which has done much to make Ogden so prosperous in all branches of business during the past two years. The Southern Pacific has built practically 100 miles of new line in order to complete the cut-off. The most extensive part of this work was naturally the construction of the great trestle work over Utah's great inland sea, the Great Salt Lake. The railroad officials who have had the construction of the cut-off under their supervision say that by the time it is completed they will have put at least \$10,000,000 into the new road. There remains much to be done on the line before it is fully completed, and it may take another year and a half before the entire road is in a perfect condition.

WEBER COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The Weber county public schools were never in a better condition than they have been this year. Superintendent W. B. Wilson, who is a man of learning and educational ability, has done much in bringing the Weber county schools up to the high standard they now occupy, being ranked among the leading county schools in the state. The consolidation system which was inaugurated this year in the Weber

cation and its officers and teachers have organized and directed the public schools in this city and of which the benefit is so justly proud, the enormous benefits that are accruing therefrom are matters concerning which all are agreed.

The present members of the board of education and its officers are: Thomas D. Lee, president; R. S. Joyce, vice

president; Henry W. Williams, Dr. E. M. Conroy, and G. H. Isaah other members. Clerk, E. S. Rolapp; treasurer, James F. Burton; superintendent, William Allison.

REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.

The Ogden real estate market has been in a very healthy condition during 1903. At the office of County Recorder Daniel Ellis, during the year over a million and a half dollars worth of property has been recorded as having exchanged hands. This is a half million more than last year, which is itself speaks of the prosperity that Ogden city and the county districts have enjoyed. There were recorded during the year 1,938 warranty deeds, of this number 339, or about one-third, show on the records only a consideration of \$1, while the most of the pieces so recorded were worth hundreds and in cases thousands of dollars. This exchange of real estate, together with the many new homes that have been built speaks well for the prosperous condition of Ogden. The real estate dealers say that the activity in real estate during 1903 has been much greater than for a number of years, and present indications are that 1904 will eclipse this year by nearly a million dollars.

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Total number of instruments in writing of all kinds filed and recorded, 3,239. Total number, same period in 1902, 2,898. Total amount in considerations, \$5,622,949. Total amount in considerations, same period in 1902, \$2,230,202. Total number of warranty deeds recorded, 1,938, amounting to \$1,658,176. Total number warranty deeds recorded, same period 1902, 1,418, amounting to \$1,028,252. Total number of mortgages recorded in Weber county, 467, amounting to \$530,118. Total number of mortgages recorded same period 1902, 418, amounting to \$552,473. Mortgages recorded, covering property throughout the state, \$2,500,000 (percentage of the Telluride Power company). Total number of releases of mortgages, 205, amounting to \$414,262. Total number of miscellaneous instruments, such as leases, liens, contracts, mining claims, agreements, bonds, etc., etc., 1,335, amounting to \$73,384.

COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

The wealth of Weber county is evidenced by the assessment for 1903, made by Assessor Edwin Dix:

Real estate \$ 3,342,696
Improvements on real estate, 3,211,468
5,370 horses and mules 167,996
9,141 cattle 175,321
86,575 sheep 82,106
1,394 swine 4,470
1,230 colonies of bees 2,440
Merchandise 866,788
Machinery 208,268
Solvent credits, mortgages 94,237
Other personal property 1,113,602
Railway, telegraph and telephone companies 1,758,735
Total assessed valuation, \$13,126,907

OGDEN POSTOFFICE.

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together with the able corps of clerks and carriers.

In February of this year the Ogden postoffice was made depository for northern Utah, southern Idaho and eastern Nevada, which greatly increased the work of the postoffice employees. There are now employed at the Ogden postoffice 27 clerks and carriers and 29 postal mail clerks who run out of Ogden and are paid from the Ogden office. During the year the postoffice receipts have increased \$2,000 over 1902. On account of the increased business of the year in February it was found necessary to establish a branch postoffice to supply the northern part of the city at Five Points under F. E. Johnson. There have also been established during the year four free rural delivery routes in Weber county. The following statement will show the vast volume of business transacted during 1903:

Total postal receipts \$ 46,339.11
20,843 domestic money orders issued, amounting to 198,916.52
Domestic money order fees 1,576.07
1,686 foreign money orders issued 40,308.12
Foreign money order fees 469.31
Received for deposit from designated depositories 82,210.09
18,362 domestic money orders paid 238,021.47
107 foreign money orders paid 1,853.27
Amount paid postage employees and railway postal clerks 67,784.50

Total cash received and disbursed, made for the improvement of the amount of money orders received and paid at Ogden, 238,021.47

Amount of money orders issued and sent away from Ogden, 198,916.52

Showing a balance in favor of Ogden of \$ 39,106.65

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The state industrial school of Utah is located at Ogden. During the past

Manual training department, 6,000.00
Library of several hundred volumes 500.00
Laundry with latest equipment 2,500.00
Excellent gymnasium 1,500.00
Sewer and city water connections 2,500.00
Fine green house 500.00

Total expenditure \$55,500.00

There are confined at the school at the present time 65 inmates. On page 152. Under the jurisdiction of the school, 219.

Sept. 11, 1903, the merit system was established at the school, which is proving a great success. By the new system each student knows just how he stands and through obedience to the rules and regulations they receive merit marks and may, through good conduct, work themselves out of the school.

Superintendent E. M. Allison, Sr., is a very able man to manage the school, and his wife and other officers are doing a vast amount of good for the unfortunate who are sent to the institution.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND.

The state school for the deaf and blind is located at Ogden. The buildings and grounds are some of the finest and most beautiful in the state, valued at \$200,000. The school was established in 1884, and since that date there have been admitted to the institution 221 deaf and 33 blind pupils, of which number 18 have graduated and are now all earning good salaries. Of the graduates Miss Elizabeth De B. A. is now teacher; Nephil Larson, instructor in carpentry; Lillian Swift, junior student at Gallaudet college; Elmo Kemp, and the blind students are in the New Haven school of gymnastics.

The present enrollment at the school is: Deaf, 48 males, 36 females; blind, 11 males, 7 females. Total, 102. Of these 78 pupils are from Utah; 16 from Idaho, five from Wyoming and three from Arizona.



THE C. W. CROSS BLOCK.

been doing a very prosperous business during the year and their deposits today are a half million more than a year ago, which is another indication of the prosperity which the city has enjoyed during the year of 1903. There has been only three or four business failures during the year and they can be accounted for by the unbusinesslike methods employed in the conducting of them.

STEADY GROWTH.

Ogden has not had a building boom during the year, but a continual growth of fine business structures and residential buildings. There has been nearly a half-million dollars expended in the construction of new buildings and today very few business blocks or homes are for rent. There is not a modern residence in the city that is unoccupied. Many pretty cottages have been built during the year, but before they were

materially during the past two years. In 1903 there were dozens of vacant houses in the city, while today none are to be found, showing that our city is growing rapidly, but this growth is not limited alone to Ogden City, but it extends also to all parts of Weber county.

IN THE COUNTY.

The various towns throughout Weber county are growing rapidly. The people are improving their farms, building more beautiful homes, and appear in every respect to be in a much more prosperous condition. These improvements in conditions they attribute principally to the presence in our county of the Amalgamated Sugar company's plant, the numerous canning factories, creameries and other industries, some of which have been established during this year.

Weber county has two cities now in



NEW RESIDENCE OF MRS. D. H. PEERY.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN S. CORLEW.



KIESEL BLOCK, INTO WHICH THE POSTOFFICE RECENTLY MOVED.

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MAYOR GLASSMANN'S NEW HOME.



RESIDENCE OF THOMAS C. FOLEY.