

# PROSPEROUS WASATCH AND HER BRIGHT OUTLOOK

**P**RAISE to the champions of the wilderness who "broke trail" up the rugged Provo canyon and pitched their tents in the lonesome "Tupanogus" valley.

Above the ashes of their camp fires now stands the beautiful city of Heber, a monument to the pluck and perseverance of those hardy settlers. Where crude "dugouts" once were, elegant homes now stand and prosperity reigns in general where poverty began.

Provo valley, as it is now called, is about 12 miles long and 9 miles wide. Canals, principally from the Provo river, Lake creek, Center and Daniel's canyon, supply water for the fertile fields and gardens. The rapid "Provo" skirting the Western mountains, flows southwesterly through the valley and down the narrow Provo canyon, winding its way to Utah lake. The famous "Bridal Veil" and other falls are to be seen in this canyon, where each summer

prejudices, based on creed or wealth of class, and the stranger is ever made to feel a welcome spirit of hospitality. W. H. Smart is president of the stake, and J. R. Murdoch and James C. Jensen are his counselors. Being live men they are doing much to promote not only the spiritual but the temporal and social welfare of the people.

A splendid system of water works is now being installed in the city. The laying of pipes has already begun and the city council is pushing the work with a view of getting the water in the greater part of the homes ere the new year dawns. The spring of water supplying the place gives an almost perfect analysis as to its purity, and Heber may justly be proud of her up-to-date system of waterworks now being installed.

The city council also has under contemplation the installing of a splendid electric light plant, which is expected to materialize in the very near future.

Heber is well supplied with up-to-date business enterprises. It has six general mercantile establishments, a furniture and a grocery store, two barbers, two tobacconists, a harness and six blacksmith shops. Two meat markets, two tin shops, an undertaking parlor, a live-

## A Glimpse of Wasatch County and Her Business Enterprises—The Opening of the Utah Reservation and the Promising Mining Booms—Water-works System Now Being Installed at Heber City.

From a tunnel at the base a small irrigating stream of hot water is piped to a large bathing house near by. The hotel of Mr. Ritter has ample accommodations for its many patrons.

An irrigation stream of hot water gushes from an underground tunnel not far from Mr. Ritter's resort, and empties into the cold Snake creek stream near by.

The splendid hot pot resort owned by Mr. A. Luke lies northeast of Midway. Near this resort are a number of large dry "pots" with lime kilns at their base. Lime made from this hot pot took second prize at the world's fair at Chicago for being the best lime in the world. The rock is also valuable for building purposes.

### CHARLESTON.

Charleston is known as a town of enterprise. The railroad passes through the place and carries abroad more than 500 tons of beled hay annually, raised on Charleston farms. The Charleston Co-op, with Mr. G. W. Daybell as manager, does an extensive business, while the Charleston creamery is unexcelled in the state. Allen Bros. and Geo.

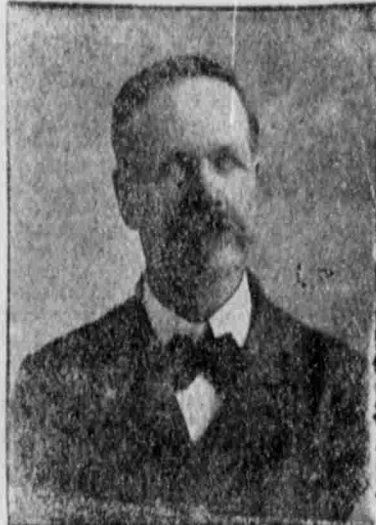


WASATCH COUNTY TABERNACLE.

citizens. The public schools rank among the best in the state. For 20 years Mr. Wootton has acted as county superintendent and in that time has rendered valuable service in promoting the educational interests of his county. Nearly \$45,000 were expended last year for schooling the children of Wasatch. Thirty-three teachers were employed to teach the 1,364 pupils at an average salary of \$55.00 for male and \$45 for female instructors.

The people of each district pride themselves in having beautiful school buildings, and the trustees secure good furniture, and good teachers by paying a good price. More than 500 pupils are enrolled in the Heber schools, where David A. Broadbent acts as principal. Two large and costly school buildings furnish ample accommodations for the pupils in attendance. Free books and other supplies are furnished and the schools are well graded. A school under the management of the New West church is ably conducted in Heber.

The latest approved methods of teaching are employed throughout the county and school facilities in every particular compare most favorably with the best in the state.

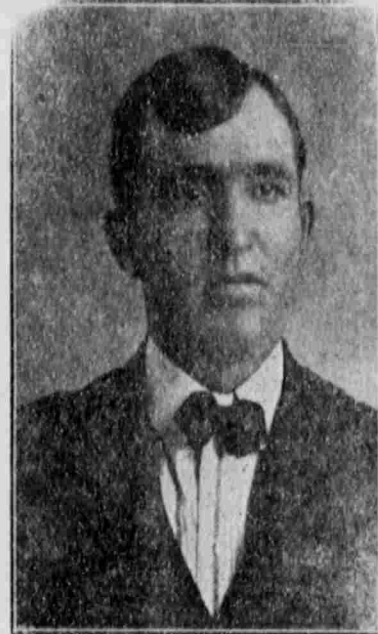


FRANK FRAUGHTON, County Commissioner.

The remaining present county officers are Thomas S. Watson, clerk and recorder; Attwell Wootton, county superintendent of schools; William Bonner, Jr., sheriff; P. H. McGuire, assessor; Charles J. Warlick, attorney, and Lizzie McMillin, treasurer.

### EDUCATIONAL.

The status of educational affairs in Wasatch is a source of pride to all her



JOHN E. AUSTIN, Chairman Board of County Commissioners.

### MINERAL.

The hills surrounding Heber City are particularly valuable for their numerous mineral belts of silver, copper, lead and gold.

The Snake Creek mining district is just over the hill from Park City and the region is well covered by mining claims. For a new mining field Snake Creek is rapidly coming to the front. Thousands of dollars are being spent in driving tunnels and most flattering assays point to a mining boom next summer. The Elk Horn mining district also has a bright outlook. Many tons of rich ore have already been hauled to Heber by teams and shipped from this district, the same coming from the well known Valeo mine.

Many of the persons directly interested in these mines live in Wasatch, and the vast sums spent in working them, buying farm products and mining property has done much the past year in benefiting Wasatch.

A solid mountain of red sand stone lying in perfect courtyards is located six miles east of Heber. Notwithstanding the fact that hauling by team is very expensive, much of this rock finds its way to Salt Lake and other cities. There is no finer building rock in the state. On account of this splendid rock and good brick yards Heber is indeed a city of beautiful homes.

The extensive grazing lands of the reservation have done much towards making Wasatch a leading county in the production of sheep and cattle. More than 2,600 head of beef cattle are exported annually, while about 100,000 head of sheep each year are loaded on the cars at Heber. John E. Austin, Murdoch Bros., J. J. Phillips, the Smith Bros., and Cleworth & Coleman are among the leading sheep men of the county.

### FRUITS.

On account of the altitude only the hardier fruits, such as apples, plums, etc., can be raised successfully in Wasatch county. But such fruits as are raised are free from worms and of a superior quality.

In the vegetable line potatoes is the principal crop. Both for quality and quantity Provo valley is admirably adapted to the growth of "spuds," and a starch factory in this place would no doubt prove a most satisfactory investment.

### THE RESERVATION.

The Utah reservation with its 2,000,000 acres of land, to be thrown open

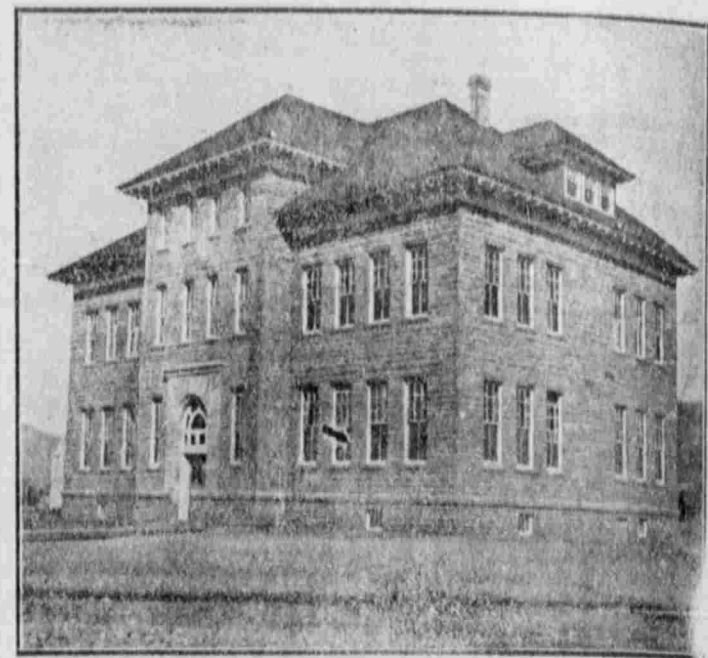
quality of goods and prices, and has built up a splendid trade by this means and by courteous treatment to his customers.

### WOOLFEN BROS.

Store is situated adjoining the post office at Heber City. The gentlemen conducting this business are natives of Wasatch county, where from the youth up they have been well and favorably known. By honest dealing and fair prices they have built up a splendid trade in the lines they carry, namely, candies, groceries, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

### THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

A few years ago Mark Jeffs began business in the old "Carter" building with a stock of goods worth no more than the price paid now—days in some fashionable overcoats. Today he has a fine department store on Main street, Heber, where an annual business



ONE OF HEBER'S NEW SCHOOLS.

for settlement next spring, is almost entirely within the borders of Wasatch county. Heber City lying about 15 or 20 miles from this reserve is a desirable source of supplies for home seekers. The merchants there are preparing for the rush. Miners as well as home seekers are getting ready to start from Heber to the reserve as soon as it opens. Vast beds of hydro-carbon bodies are already "spotted" by the anxious prospector, and splendid samples of the precious ores promise a mining boom next summer of great magnitude.

The proposed Moffat road from Denver to Salt Lake is already surveyed through the reservation and should it follow its survey down Daniel's canyon, which it very likely will, and the proposed branch line connecting Heber with Park City will be built, Heber will then be a junction city, and an objective point for the railway's machine shops.

Wasatch is indeed prosperous and her outlook most promising.

### CLEGG BROS.

Henry J. Clegg is now the sole proprietor of the store formerly owned by Clegg Bros. This store is located on South Main street, Heber, where "going to town" usually includes a stop at the Clegg store. All kinds of produce are handled by this establishment besides a carefully selected line of shoes, hats, candies, notions, dry goods, groceries and more. Mr. Clegg has labored hard to please his patrons both as to

### J. W. BUCKLEY.

Among the most enterprising merchants of Wasatch county is J. W. Buckley of Heber. In 1900 he came to Heber from Provo, and established a general furnishing and clothing store. Since that time his business has prospered until today he receives a liberal patronage. Mr. Buckley carries a stock of goods aggregating \$5,000. Besides being in the mercantile business he is a busy stockholder in the Buckley mine and Provo, which bids fair to be one of Utah's great mines.

### ISAAC ARMITAGE, TAILOR.

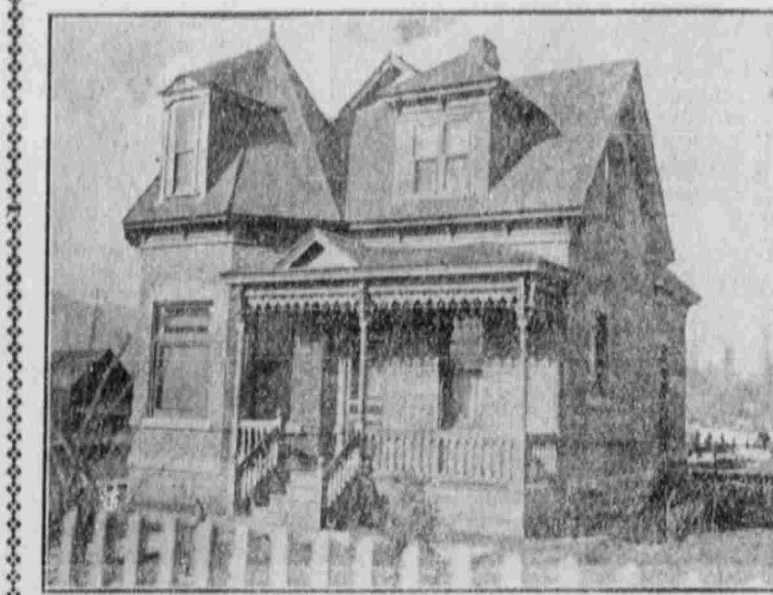
Why buy ready made clothing when you can get clothes made to fit by our home tailor. We make and repair gentlemen's clothes and besides make a specialty of ladies' work. In buying your Christmas clothes call on our samples and give us a trial. Office at Main street, Heber, Utah.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN AUSTIN, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.



HEBER CITY BANK.



RESIDENCE OF WM. SMART, PRESIDENT OF WASATCH STAKE.

mer numerous pleasure seekers with lunch basket and fishing pole, seek cool air, rest and recreation. The circle of mountains surrounding Heber are picturesque and grand. The bold and lofty peaks of the Wasatch range lying to the west stand out like mighty sentinels ever adorned with a perpetual crown of snow. Countless springs of pure water come from both mountain and vale and are readily utilized by the industrious farmer.

### HEBER CITY.

In the mid of Provo Valley lies Heber City, the hub of Wasatch county, from which well kept wagon roads lead out in every direction to nearby settlements. A branch of the R. G. W. railroad, built in 1899, connects Provo with Heber, the capital and metropolis of Wasatch.

Heber has a population of about 2,300 people, and is steadily increasing in numbers. As a residence city in summer it is ideal. The green mountains and fields are delightful to look upon. The days are just warm enough to be pleasant, and the balmy nights cool enough to insure sound and refreshing sleep. The climate is mild and equable, with pure, bracing and health giving air that make Heber a favorite spot for the health seeker. The social conditions, too, are very desirable. The citizens meet for pleasurable purposes free from any exhibition of narrow

every stable, a photograph gallery, three millinery shops, two hotels, a candy kitchen, two drug stores, an opera house, two dance halls and a tailor shop. A grist mill, two lumber yards, a creamery, two implement houses, a printing office and a bank. Besides this, Heber has a real estate company, and is well supplied with professional men, such as lawyers, doctors and dentists. The "Wave" is the only paper in Wasatch county. It ranks among the very best country papers in Utah.

### MIDWAY.

Of the Wasatch county towns, Midway ranks second to Heber in population. It is located at the base of the Wasatch mountains in the western part of the valley. It has a system of waterworks, and some beautiful homes and business enterprises befitting the needs of the people. The town is particularly known for the famous "hot pots" found there. There are about seventy-five of these pots. They vary in size and shape, and most of them are dry. The water in some of the pots is hot enough to boil an egg, but the general temperature is about 50 degrees.

The "Mammoth" hot pot at Mr. W. Ritter's resort is 30 ft. high, and has been sounded at 300 ft. without finding the bottom. Steps have been cut in the rocky mound leading to its summit, as shown in the illustration.



HENRY T. COLEMAN, County Commissioner.

Daybell & Sons have \$20,000 stock farms. They make a specialty of handling the best breeds of cattle and sheep and have captured a number of prizes at the state fair.

The other settlements of Wasatch are alike prosperous and enterprising. Wallisburg and Center each has a creamery that does a good business. Wasatch county is an admirable dairy region on account of its splendid mountain pastures and the superior qualities of its alfalfa and grasses.

### THE SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.

Wasatch county is fast coming to be recognized as an important beet raising district. Not alone in point of saccharine contents but in the average yield per acre. "In the matter of saccharine tests," said Mr. John Crook to a "News" reporter, "Wasatch county beets are the best in Utah. There are about 160 acres of beets in the county which average a yield of 15 tons to the acre."

### OFFICERS.

The success of any county depends largely upon the progressiveness of its public officers. In this respect Wasatch is and has been very fortunate in having active and able men. The present commissioners, John E. Austin, Henry T. Coleman, and Frank Fraughton have been alive to the needs of the county the past few years and have made some valuable improvements.



CRATER OF A HOT POT NEAR MIDWAY.

### JAMES B. WILSON.

Elected to succeed himself as Representative of Wasatch Co.

Among the representatives of the state Legislature of Utah re-elected to office the name of Jas. B. Wilson of Wasatch stands in the first rank. Mr. Wilson was born at Carson, Nev., in 1856, but returned with his parents to Salt Lake City in 1858. The past 20 years he has resided at Midway. In 1876 he graduated from the University of Utah, and since that time has played a very active part in the public affairs of his county. Thrice has he served as president of the Midway town board, and for the second time has been honored with the office of representative of Wasatch county.

Mr. Wilson is a fearless advocate of whatever he thinks is right, is plain and outspoken and strictly honest.

### BANK OF HEBER CITY.

Few enterprises throughout the state can boast of the phenomenal growth that has characterized the institution known as the Bank of Heber City, located at the seat of Wasatch county.

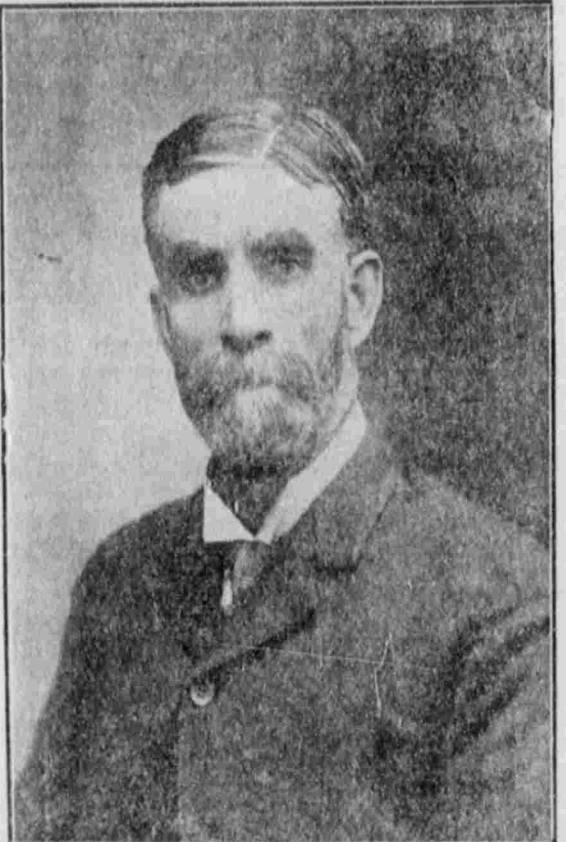
In the spring of 1902, the spirit of enterprise in the county awakened sufficiently to realize that such an institution was a necessity to future commercial progress; and that the people themselves should stand behind it and be the direct beneficiaries thereof. Guided by this spirit, and under the leadership of Mr. William H. Smart, a banking corporation was effected, with a capitalization of \$25,000, upon the broad basis of popular subscription. On the 23rd day of April, 1902, the doors of the institution opened to the public for business as a general commercial and savings bank.

Conservation marked the policy of its management and it began life in a small, temporary building leased and equipped for the purpose. From the beginning it proved a paying business. A dividend of 5 per cent was declared the first year, and since that time the institution has been paying a regular 6 per cent dividend with a surplus placed in a "sinking fund" each year. It was soon apparent to the bank officials that its temporary "ramp" should be substituted by a permanent dwelling.

The thought was father to the action, resulting in the erection of a fine, two-story red sand-stone building, costing about \$15,000. The structure is situated on Heber, facing north and east. It moved into its new quarters about the 1st of December. Two fireproof vaults are provided—one for the bank proper and the other for safety deposit boxes. The interior of the bank is splendidly finished with curly brick fixtures. Two business apartments are located on the ground floor of the building, one of which is occupied by the Heber City Pharmacy.

The increase of the bank necessitated the increase of the capital stock to \$35,000. The stock sold readily at 105 per cent of its face value, there being applications for about three times as much stock as was placed upon the market, and by local people. Its deposits at present approximate \$125,000. The official staff of the bank, under whose management its business has so wonderfully increased, comprises a board of 11 directors besides the cashier.

The personnel of the directorate is as follows: William H. Smart, president; Abram Hatch, vice president; Reed Smoot, Joseph R. Murdoch, James W. Clyde, A. M. Murdoch, Albert Smith, John E. Austin, Joseph A. Rasband, Attwell Wootton and James H. Moulton, directors. James G. Jensen is cashier.



HON. JAMES B. WILSON.



RESIDENCE OF GEO. W. DAYBELL.