

Prosperous Richfield and Sevier County.

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Richfield, in Sevier county, is the gate-way to southern Utah. No intermountain place has a more promising future than this city. Being on the Rio Grande Western railway, which will soon be a transcontinental line, and located midway between Grand Junction, Colorado, and Los Angeles, California, it is the objective point for the location of this company's machine shops. This city has an abundant supply of the purest water, a delightful, uniform climate, and is altogether a most beautiful and happy place to live.

Within the last eight years, the property values of Richfield have increased from \$15,000 to over \$1,000,000, the cost of building alone being about \$800,000, and there seems to be no indication of stopping, for the last year has been the most substantial of any. During this year a complete system of waterworks, and been finished, consisting of between twelve and fifteen miles of water mains, and costing about \$25,000.

Richfield is the county seat of Sevier county, and is situated in the central part of the Sevier valley. There are a number of good sized towns and villages in the county, all tributary to the city of Richfield, Salina, Richmond, Aurora, Vermilion, Sigurd and Venice lie to the north. Monroe, Elsinore, Joseph, Annabell, and Central are on the south; while Glenwood, the "garden spot" of the valley, lies six miles to the east.

There are in this valley about 50,000 acres of exceedingly rich agricultural lands, all under well regulated systems of irrigation, making a perfect net-work of canals and laterals, aggregating over 400 miles in length.

This valley is among the best watered sections in Utah. The Sevier river courses directly through it, and the farmers own several large reservoirs for the storing of water, among which is the Otter Creek reservoir, the largest

storage reservoir in this intermountain region, its capacity being 50,000 acre feet, which alone is sufficient water to irrigate every acre of agricultural lands in Sevier county.

On all sides of Richfield and Sevier valley are beautiful mountain ranges, and literally surrounding the city and valley are numerous mineral belts of gold, silver, copper and coal in abundance. Richfield is only about



STREETS AND SCENES IN RICHFIELD, THE METROPOLIS OF SEVIER COUNTY.

ley dates back to the time the first settlers began to locate there, but has undergone some radical changes and improvements since that time, until at present it is recognized as being one of the leading industries of the valley.

The early settlers, being handicapped on account of no shipping facilities, regarded dairying as a secondary consideration, and when the calf could not take all the milk from the cow, would make what was left into cheese or butter. This product was then bought up by freighters for from 5 to 15 cents per pound and was hauled to the mining camps or to the nearest railway station and marketed under very adverse conditions.

In the summer of 1894 the first creamery was established in Sevier valley, but not until the summer of 1900 was there much advancement in the creamery or dairy line.

In 1900 more creameries were established and more interest begun manifesting itself in the dairy business, and since that time the creamery or dairy business has grown steadily. The farmers are taking better care of their cows, are continually bettering the grade of cows milked, and have also begun to realize that a good warm stable is not an expense, but a saving.

The question of raising good calves and selling milk to the creameries or skimming stations has been one that has perplexed many farmers of this valley on account of the skimmed milk returned to them from the creameries or skimming stations having lost considerable of its feeding value by being hauled over the road, and being mixed with milk of all temperatures and taints and often times being sour before it is returned to the farmer, and consequently much new milk has been fed to calves that will hereafter be separated first. A number of farmers have purchased individual or hand separators and claim that where the skimmed milk is fed fresh from the separator with the animal heat still in it, together with a little chopped grain, just as good calves can be raised as when all whole milk is fed, and at much less expense. This system seems to be taking in favor with the farmers as their skimmed milk is not only worth more, but they get more for it, butter fat their cream contains, and they do not have to pay for hauling the skimmed milk to and from the creameries or skimming stations.

We refer to the different modes of handling the milk as it explains best the evolution of the creamery business in Sevier valley from dairy products for any year did not exceed \$5,000, while for the year 1903 there will be from \$30,000 to \$40,000 distributed to the farmers for butter-fat only, the skimmed milk being returned to the patron.

The above figures illustrate whether or not dairying is a paying business in Sevier valley, and with the business yet in its infancy we predict even greater

several more, and no doubt a canning pickle and vinegar factory would be a well paying investment; the mining camp in the southern part of the state offers a ready market for all the surplus fruit raised.

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twenty-five miles from Gold Mountain and Marysville mining camps, in which the farmers find a good market for their surplus produce, and in return the miners of these camps find in Richfield large mercantile houses to purchase supplies from, as well as first class hotels for their accommodation and a highly desirable city for their families to live in.

Many of the persons directly interested in these mining camps live in this city. They have realized handsomely on their mining properties, and have invested the money in substantial improvements here, thereby enhancing the wealth of this city between \$150,000 and \$200,000, as a result of driving tunnels, striking gold and silver ores, and the

sale of prospects and mining properties.

FRUIT INTERESTS.

In the production of a general variety of fruit, Sevier county is fast coming to the front. Some of the finest apples, pears and plums in this state were raised this year from young orchards, planted within the last six years. The young fruit trees in this county produced about 5,000 bushels of fruit, equal to the California product in quality. The apple crop amounted to over 10,000 bushels.

Pears, cherries and plums of all kinds were more than plentiful. Peaches thrive well on the bench lands close to

the foothills, but the peach industry is only in its infancy, as yet. All sorts of small fruit, especially strawberries, are grown with great success.

Sevier county has its county board of horticulture now, and the orchards will be taken care of hereafter. There are thousands of acres of bench lands in this county which if planted in orchards would produce fruit, second to none in the State. This district also supports one of the most up-to-date nurseries, located at Monroe, with a branch in Richfield, the most of the nursery stock planted in southern Utah is grown and furnished by these nurseries. There is only one steam fruit evaporator in the county at present, but there should be

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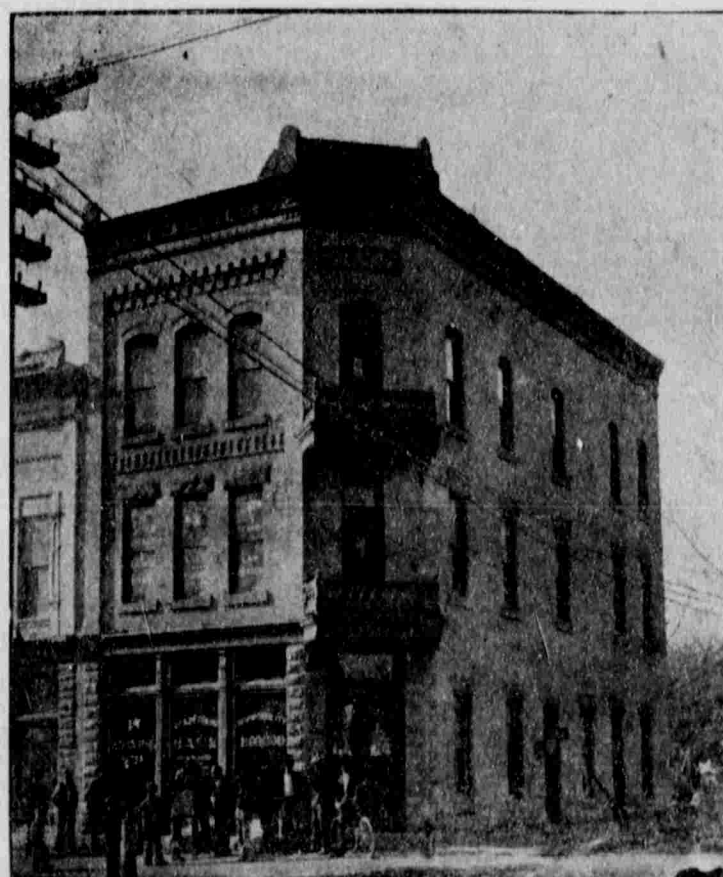
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