

A Year of Plenty in and About Provo.

PROVO CITY is located in the central portion of the state on the western base of the Wasatch range, whose snow tipped summit towers 8,000 feet above the city and the Utah valley, of which Provo is the chief city and the county seat of Utah county. The valley is one of the most beautiful in the world, and compels the admiration of travelers, who have beheld the natural wonders of Switzerland and other lands famed for scenic grandeur. The altitude is 4,600 feet and the climate equable and temperate; the air is bracing and invigorating, and even in the summer when the sky, rivaling Italy's in its azure, is without a speck of cloud for weeks and weeks, and the undimmed sun covers the earth with a robe of glory, the heat is not oppressive, and cool nights woo the tired sleeper. The Utah lake, a fresh water lake from 10 to 12 miles in width and about 35 miles in length, covers the western part of the valley, its western boundary being the low Quilich range of mountains. The lake teems with trout, bass, catfish and other varieties, and its shores are the home of wild ducks and geese, making it an attractive spot for the sportsman. It is a reservoir from which many canals in Salt Lake county, to the north, are supplied with water for irrigation. Extensive surveys and investigations have been made by the government during the past year with a view to increasing the usefulness of the lake in this direction and make of it a reservoir for an extended irrigation system. In the application of the arid lands reclamation act, an increased supply of water will be brought from the Strawberry valley through the Wasatch mountains, and stored in the lake, to be taken through the canals during the irrigation season for the reclamation of large tracts of land now insufficiently watered, or not watered at all.

The streams that flow from the Wasatch range on the east of the valley and feed the lake are abundantly stocked with fish, trout and herring, and the canyons through which the streams enter the valley are favorite haunts of the sportsman. Health and pleasure seekers also flock to the mountain gorges during the summer months to enjoy the cool breezes, and the beautiful scenery.

RICH AND FERTILE.

The soil of the valley is rich and fertile, and the abundance of water for irrigation makes the section one unusually responsive to the tillage of the husbandman. It is the home of the best sugar industry in Utah. The Lehi sugar factory being the first established in the Rocky mountain region. It is now a station in Lake View, Springville and Spanish Fork, and the farmers are each year cultivating an increased acreage of sugar beets.

Fruit, grain and vegetables are produced in great abundance, and the prosperous and progressive farmers are interested in the improvement of live stock, importing and breeding many pure-bred horses and cattle.

EIGHT THOUSAND POPULATION.

Provo has a population of about 8,000 enterprising, prosperous and progressive citizens, united without regard to creed or class in the upbuilding of the city and in everything that will tend to the progress of its citizens. A commercial club of about 100 members, consisting of business and professional men, has been organized this year, and provisions to accomplish much for the industrial development of the city. J. R. Irvine is the president and Grant C. Bagley, secretary.

AN EDUCATIONAL CITY.

It is an educational center of the state. The Brigham Young university with over 1,000 students, and a commensurate corps of instructors, is the first Latter-day Saint school established in Utah. It was founded by the late President Brigham Young in 1875 and the system of education—the development of the student spiritually, morally, mentally and physically—inaugurated by the late venerated Dr. Karl G. Maeser, became the model for all succeeding Church schools, now found in the communities of the Latter-day Saints from Canada to Mexico. The university is now under the immediate direction of President George H. Brimhall, an enthusiastic educator, whose earnest fraternal interest in the students has secured for him their love and confidence, and caused him to become a great power for good in the development of the large body of young men and women who annually come from all parts of the state and surrounding states and territories to attend the university.

Many men who have become prominent in the state and in the nation are graduates of the university. Among them Senator Reed Smoot, Hon. Geo. Sutherland, Hon. David Evans, Hon. W. H. King, and many others of equal prominence in Utah and elsewhere, many of its students being non-Mormons.

The Procter academy, non-denominational, but conducted under the auspices of the Congregational church, is another educational institution of which Provo has reason to feel proud. It has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of its existence and enjoys the highest confidence and esteem of its patrons and the community as a Christian Institute of learning. Rev. R. H. Goodwin is the principal, and the academy now has about 300 pupils, and an efficient corps of teachers.

The city public schools under the management of Supt. William S. Raw-



HON. WILLIAM M. ROYLANCE,
The Enterprising Mayor of the Garden City.

Hon. Wm. M. Roylance, who is the mayor of Provo, Utah, was born at Springville, Utah, March 31, 1865. His early life was spent on the farm and stockraising, until the age of 16, when he entered into commercial life, which he has followed continuously until today. He is recognized as the foremost merchant in his line, that of wholesale fruits, produce, alfalfa seed, honey, etc., in the state. Up to the time he moved from Springville to Provo, in 1900, he was one of Springville's foremost and enterprising citizens. He served that city as recorder and councilman, and was twice honored by its citizens to represent them and Utah county in the State Legislature, having served in the second and third house, and being honored also by its members with the speakership of the Third Legislature, which position he filled with impartiality and marked ability, having the confidence of all members, and has a record of not having been reversed in his rulings as speaker of the house, being considered a fine parliamentarian. He was one of the organizers and directors of the Springville Banking company, and foremost in all enterprises for the upbuilding of that

city. Thinking, however, he could better his condition he moved to Provo, Jan. 1, 1900, where his business has steadily grown, which he established in 1883, and incorporated in 1904, with a capital stock of \$25,000, permitting the farmers and fruit growers to associate themselves with him and take stock in the business. He is so universally liked by the citizens of Provo that in 1903 he was elected mayor, as a Democrat in this Republican city, over his opponent, who was one of Provo's most popular young business men, by a large majority. He has the entire confidence of all the people, regardless of politics, and has never yet abused that confidence. He is progressive, at the same time conservative, believing that taxes should be reduced to the lowest possible minimum; so much so that he vetoed the last city tax levy, made by the city council, and gave very good reasons for so doing. He has the courage of his convictions, and is fully able to express them. His one desire is to be of service to the people, and his present time is in securing a union depot for Provo, and present prospects are that his desire will be accomplished before another year rolls around. All in all he is considered one of the stalwart men of the state, and we predict for him more laurels in the future than he has enjoyed in the past.

Jesse Knight, the well known mining man, has built the finest residence in the state, south of Salt Lake City, and many other beautiful modern houses have been built. The sixth ward has built a beautiful meetinghouse, and the fifth ward has been at work finishing its meetinghouse, also a magnificent structure, which was principally built last year. These houses of worship are built to provide for all the religious places in the way of meeting places for church gatherings, the visions being made for the Sunday school, the young people's associations, etc.

The Hotel Roberts has doubled its capacity for entertaining the traveling public by the erection of a beautiful three-story brick addition to the hotel, which is magnificently furnished and equipped with all modern conveniences of a first-class hotel.

GOOD BUSINESS YEAR.

The business of the year has been satisfactory and in most lines shows a gain over last year. The Z. C. M. L. Provo branch, wholesale groceries, has extended and increased its trade under the able management of L. O. Taft, and the Seawright Sons' company, of Ogden, has erected a large brick warehouse and commenced a wholesale grocery business to supply its customers in the southern and eastern part of the state from this point. Mr. R. E. Knowlton, a well known and popular business man, is the manager. Provo is the natural distributing point for a large section of the state, and situated as it is on the line of two railroads, the R. G. W. and the S. P. L. A. & Salt Lake, now nearing completion to San Pedro, its California terminus, and with a branch line of the Rio Grande Western going to Heber, which will probably be extended farther east, the attention of the wholesaler is attracted to Provo, and additional wholesale houses are expected to locate here.

All branches of the retail trade are well represented, dry goods and clothing stores, furniture stores, grocery stores, hardware stores, drug stores and book stores, that would be a credit to much larger cities, hotels, restaurants and all classes of business houses can be found here. Two new papers, En-

terprising, daily, and the Democrat, semi-weekly, are published.

ITS MINING INTERESTS.

Mining has been begun and has reached a respectable stage of development in the year now closing through the splendid efforts of the Garden City Mining company to develop this industry. This company, which is composed principally of John Buckley and his two sons have opened up a rich mine in Rock canyon, about three miles east of the city, and will begin shipping ore early in the coming year. The mine has been visited by many experienced mining men, who all unite in the opinion that the enterprising men, who have opened up the mine have a fortune within their grasp. The success that has followed the labors of the Buckleys has drawn attention of other mining men to this rich, but neglected region, and other companies have been organized, and work begun to develop other mines, and a large portion of the country in which mineral is found has been located from Springville in the south, to beyond Provo canyon on the north, a distance of some 12 miles. The mineral is found in a limestone formation and the veins carry lead, silver and gold.

HORTICULTURE.

The fruit industry is gaining increased prominence from year to year. The former finds he can make as much profit from an acre planted to fruit as from five or ten acres of ordinary farm products. Many commercial orchards of apples, pears, and peaches have been planted, and have proved profitable to their owners, and there is a tendency to spread out in this direction. Two hundred carloads of large fruit have been shipped, this summer, and a great quantity of small fruit, aggregating many car loads. The great need of the fruit growers, here, and all through the county, however, is canneries and evaporating plants. The past year large quantities of fruit were lost because it could not be shipped before it became too ripe, and there were no facilities for taking care of it.

There is but one cannery in the county, that of the Garden City Canning company, on Provo beach, which was started three years ago by the fruit growers in Provo beach to enable them to conserve such fruit as they were unable to market. The company, which is composed of N. J. Knight, John S. Park and Samuel L. Knight, also has a splendid evaporating plant. The capacity of the canning factory is 2,000 cans a day, and this year the output exceeded the calculated limit of the plant. The company packed 2,500 cases of tomatoes, 2,500 cases of apples, and 2,500 cases of peaches. The capital of the company will be increased and the capacity of the plant tripled for next year, when they also expect to be able to turn out about 20,000 pounds of evaporated fruit, and it is then anticipated that the company will be able to produce a great quantity of fruit, which is the direct convenience to the farmers to grow as many tomatoes as the factory could profitably process, but it is believed that the company will grow tomatoes which has proved a very profitable crop elsewhere. The company has had no difficulty in marketing its product, which is of very superior quality, and which should it have difficulty while large quantities of canned fruit are annually imported from California.

There is also on foot a project for organizing a company to go into the canning business, and the Vineyard orchardists has taught them that they must be prepared to save the fruit that cannot be shipped, if they would make the most out of their orchards. With the increase in orchards all through the county, there will follow canneries and evaporating plants which will double the proceeds of the fruit industry.

BEES AND HONEY.

The production of honey is also a profitable industry in this section. Wm. Roylance & Co. have shipped four cars of comb honey to the eastern market, and large quantities have been shipped to different parts of the state. Next in importance to fruit are the bees. The experience of the Vineyard orchardists has taught them that they must be prepared to save the fruit that cannot be shipped, if they would make the most out of their orchards. With the increase in orchards all through the county, there will follow canneries and evaporating plants which will double the proceeds of the fruit industry.

PROVO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The Provo general hospital opened in Oct., 1903, to fill a demand of central and southern Utah for this most necessary and beneficent adjunct to civilized communities. It has since that time been successfully and the expectations of patronage and support of the owners have been more than realized. The institution has gained the confidence and support of some of the most influential citizens, not only of Provo, but of the entire state. Patients from all parts of the state have been treated, but they come mainly from Provo, Utah county and from the southern and eastern parts of the state. The hospital is centrally located and pleasantly situated on the corner of Second South and First East streets, which has been remodeled and thoroughly equipped with all modern convenience and appliances of a first-class hospital. A corps of trained nurses and an efficient staff of physicians and surgeons are always in attendance, prepared to alleviate human suffering by all the means known to physics and surgery. The hospital is owned and conducted by the following board of trustees: George E. Robison, M. D., president; J. W. Ald, M. D., vice president; F. W. Taylor, secretary and treasurer.

UTAH STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Our state mental hospital, though constantly advancing, has now attained a degree of practical administration that is beyond criticism. That a working unit of incalculable value has been carried out, and that this unit, less temporarily confined to number three, soon to be erected, stands as if self-acting harmonious and constantly rising, filling with admiration all who become acquainted with it—a revelation and a new standard of thoroughness of administration, and the north division in the form of a great wing and "T," or four-story building, together with its one-story cottage, now occupied, and a two-story cottage, number three, to be erected, and the south division comprising the main building, each great division or half, therefore completed will accommodate very nicely 250, or a total capacity of 500 patients. Take the women's division, and the four wards in the main building, and the four wards in the cottage two has 30

patients, and cottage four can accommodate 50 patients.

Now the most humane and intelligent provision, possible is made for the most violent, vicious or actively suicidal patient, passing through the eight grades if need be, but culminating if recoverable, in the beautiful and elegant cottage known as number four, that has justly attracted so much attention. It is generally said that if anything more liberal or gorgeous than this (cottage 4) is desired, the patient should seek an expensive and private sanitarium.

This splendid new structure, the building itself, its location at the base of the grand sloping mountain side, overlooking the city, lake and valley, placed a suitable distance from the main structure, and on an angle so as to receive the direct sunshine on all its sides; its large cheerful glass panes, commodious day room, with solarium and fountain and grilles, flower landings, alcove and central pillars, and ornate ceiling and all combine to make a most charming home for the convalescent and for a class of ladies who have no real home aside from the one so generously provided by the state. And no less attractive and comfortable are the side or private sleeping rooms for the "guests" (inmates) of this cottage.

The grand stair case leading to the side rooms and large dormitory above, with two sets of marble, finished steps, these noble baths for luxury and hydrotherapy enter also into the picture. "Ideal, ideal," asserted a well known visiting physician as he lingered with the superintendent in the cheery and commodious day-room of the already justly praised cottage number four. During the fiscal period closing November 30, 1904, the finishing extensions to cottages one and two have been made, giving each a capacity of 30 patients.

The electric power and heating plant has been removed to its new location giving an area and finished picture to the rear of the great structures. In this connection it is well to note the magnificent drive marked out, and partly finished, encircling the entire group of buildings, wholly within the state grounds and enabling the tourist and visitor to view the full group of structures and from all sides, at the same time overlooking the city, lake and valley spread out to the west.

The new power and heating plant is said to be the finest in the state. In addition to the regular appointments, a new boiler engine, a dynamo, a boiler, and a pump have been installed. One of the most important achievements in the way of sanitation is the establishing of a set of large collecting tubes converging into the globe ventilators in each attic division of the main building.

Two handsome massive drinking fountains placed in the patients' grounds, one in each division, give character to these grounds and add untold comfort and delight to the patients. The visitor is struck with the unobtrusive symmetry of the grounds. The sloping of the hillside and the filling in of a large area several feet deep, has been skillfully and cheerfully accomplished by the state. The grounds are beautiful and landscaped art, in a setting of wild and rugged nature.

OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

The company has expended over a million dollars in Utah, and proposes to make many additional improvements. This year its offices have been located in the Holbrook building, on Academy avenue, where it occupies the entire second floor, 90,000 feet, which was arranged with special reference to the needs of the company, and is a model of convenience, comfort and solid elegance. Mr. L. L. Nunn is the general manager, and has been the moving spirit of the company from the first. His brother, P. N. Nunn, is the chief engineer, and is recognized as one of the leading electrical engineers in America. There is one peculiar feature connected with the company: most if not all of the office force and the operating department are young men who have been educated in the business by the Messrs. Nunn, and they form a remarkably loyal and competent corps of assistants.

Mr. L. L. Nunn is a philanthropist, whose benefactions are to the education of deserving young men and women. Many of the young men find employment in the extensive operations of which he is manager, others do not; but follow in the line of their talent and inclination, and many interesting stories of the good products in this direction are told. Not by him, for he is extremely modest on this point. He is a remarkable judge of human nature, and it is said that not one of the very many of the young people he has helped has disappointed him by being other than a credit to his judgment and liberality, and he is very proud of his "boys," and they are very devoted to him.

Woolen Mills. The Provo Woolen mills, established over 20 years ago, by President Brigham Young, President A. O. Smoot and many others, on the co-operative system, and for the purpose of manufacturing the wool products in this state and to give employment to the people, is still maintaining its standing as one of the largest woolen manufacturing establishments in the west. It was the largest concern of the kind west of the Missouri river when built.

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and Montana. Beginning with the first commercial synchronous plant, it was among the first to adopt the induction system and operate alternators in parallel. Its Utah plant uses 40,000 volts, making possible the transmission of energy to long distances, thus enabling mining and other industries to be successfully operated at greatly reduced rates.

Provo is the home of commercial electric power transmission in Utah. In 1895 the Telluride Power company commenced operations for the construction of an electric power plant in Provo canyon. The company now has three electric generating plants in Utah, one on the Logan river, one three miles above the mouth of Provo canyon, and one at Olmsted at the mouth of Provo canyon, six miles from Provo city, having a combined capacity of 15,000 horse power. The water of Provo river is diverted some five miles up the canyon by a flume six feet high and eight feet wide, and through a 1,000 foot tunnel and tripartite pipe to the Olmsted station, under about 340 feet head.

The station is one of the most modern in the west, having duplicate apparatus and machinery throughout; every approved appliance for the avoidance of accidents or shut-downs has been carefully installed. Power lines extend from this station to the various city lighting companies and customers of the company at Provo, the Tintic, Mesquit, Richman, mining districts and to Salt Lake City, and thence by further duplicate power lines to Logan and to the power station on Logan river.

The main power lines are operated under 40,000 volts, and use a total length of over 300 miles. The architectural scheme of the station grounds and buildings at Olmsted has been artistically worked out. The buildings are about 10 in number, including the power station, laboratories, boarding house, residences of engineers and employees and the institute building. The latter is for the use of the engineering corps, who are here further instructed in the practical workings of electrical science, and their collegiate course. All the buildings are beautiful, modern structures and would be an ornament to any city in the world, and their picturesque situation at the entrance to the canyon gives them additional and unsurpassed attractiveness. Some of them are built of the finest imported pressed brick, others are constructed in rustic design from the rock of the nearby mountain. They are supplied with the latest modern conveniences, baths, hot and cold water, heated and lighted by electricity and a complete sewer service. The grounds are planted to lawn, and beautiful shrubs and trees will in time make the spot a perfect gem of architecture and landscape art, in a setting of wild and rugged nature.

Other manufacturing enterprises which Provo boasts are flouring mills, lumber manufacturers, an iron foundry, soda water works, a brewery, a cigar factory, etc.

James E. Tanner & Son. The firm mentioned above are conducting a meat business in Provo, and number among their patrons the best families of the city. Their line is fresh and choice and their business while already very satisfactory is growing steadily. A cut of the interior of their market is shown on this page.

A. J. Southwick & Co. Located on Academy avenue is the store of A. J. Southwick & Co., where a good line of groceries, crockery, shoes, hats and notions are kept. They are especially prepared for the Christmas trade, having in new and fresh supplies of the usual goods bought by them and a special line of toys. Mr. Southwick, the general stock and manager, receives a good patronage.

T. J. Scofield. The only exclusive hay, grain and flour establishment in Provo is that of Mr. T. J. Scofield. In store carries a large variety of brands of flour, enough to suit any buyer. They handle hay and grain by the carloads, but from all parts of the county and state and ship to all parts of Utah. They do a wholesale and retail business of extensive nature. Mr. Scofield is a believer in advertising and as a result is fast increasing his business. He began only last October, but has already a splendid trade worked up.

Bott's Ice Store. You have no doubt heard of this store before. Six years ago Mr. Bott started in business in Provo. His store has grown from the smallest in the city to one of the largest, and is doing an enormous business. They handle nearly everything and the display of holiday goods, dolls by the thousands, toys for every child in the county, besides household goods of all kinds too numerous to mention.

W. H. Gray & Co. Wm. H. Gray & Co., located on Academy avenue, conduct a grocery store, they do a neat little business. Besides groceries they handle glass and slides crockery and a full line of school supplies having everything in the line of supplies that students need. Courteous treatment is accorded to all.

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