

DAVIS COUNTY--The Garden of Utah.

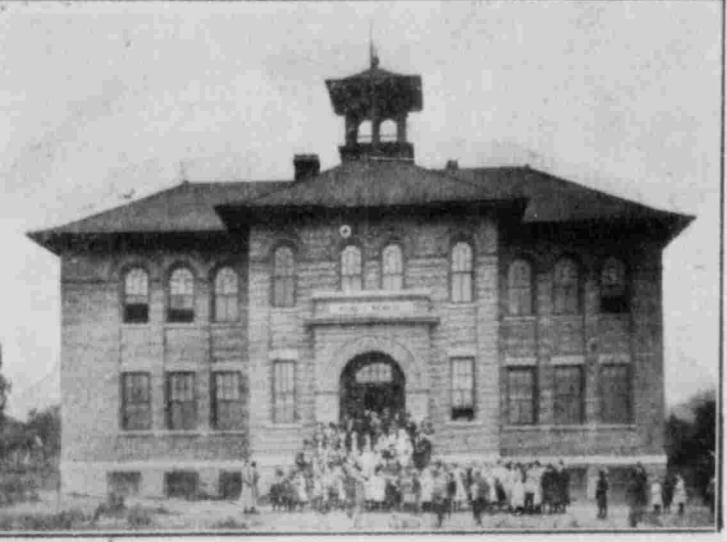
PICTURESQUE, fertile and accessible, Davis county is one of the choicer districts in Utah for those who love the splendor of the country, together with the earnestness of city activity. It is the connecting link between Ogden and Salt Lake, the narrow strip along which all who visit the West sooner or later pass. Like colossal crocodiles close in line the Wasatch mountains enclose it at the east while its western borders are hidden in the blue of the Great Salt Lake.

Years ago, Davis county was productive only from about Kaysville south, but now from the Hot Springs to Roy at the north, it is one line of fertility and cultivation, so great has been the transformation wrought by that natural innovation. The people of Davis county are solid, conservative, industrious and progressive, being more inclined towards steady business growth than in the direction of a mushy, but hazardous advancement. There being few mines

within its borders, Davis county is little concerned with the ups and downs of the stock market. After all the world is held together by people who never run wild; and Davis county is made up of just such individuals.

Throughout Davis county there runs a singular unity of interest and activity due, very largely, to the fact that it is one of the least cosmopolitan of Utah's counties, the posterity of the early settlers loving their home above all else and remaining to beautify and improve their possessions. Religiously, too, the people are practically all of one faith—the persistent encroachment of other denominations standing from year to year without an advance—a fact which may be at the root of the ham-handed growth manifested everywhere. Unlike some of Utah's other counties, Davis county does not lay down the tools of industry and progress for the weapons of dissension and contention.

Peaceful, prosperous and beautiful—why should not Davis county grow?



ONE OF KAYSVILLE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Kaysville's Achievements.

FIFTY years ago there meandered from the Wasatch to the Great Salt Lake a few streams of water which made serpentine strips of green across the valley. All else was forbidding and wild; the Indian shook the seeds from the tall sunflowers that grew everywhere on his trail; the coyote, hungry and gaunt, couched in the rabbit brush waiting for his prey; and the locusts on the dry, bare hills stridulated for the lonely rattle-snake and the circling sea gull. This desolate, uncultivated slope upon which the only trace of man that could be seen was the shaped flint of a lost Indian arrow, was destined soon to offer a home to the first settlers of Kaysville.

The weary but persevering pioneer came; the sage brush, the sunflower and the artemesia were cast away, and the streams directed upon the parched land. Famine came leaving ghastly white bones where starved animals had succumbed; but despite reverses more people arrived, cabins were built and the pastures enclosed with trenches, or fences of woven willows, a small store was started, butter, eggs and grain were brought in from the outside.

The town grew on; homes of brick were erected; new places of business arose; and through it all, sturdy people of English descent were (and are) of a vast majority. From its birth Kaysville has been industrious, active, moderately conservative and wholly united.

At present Kaysville has grown to be a center of commerce in the intermountain region. The railroad which traverses its boundaries, its roads are wide and well kept and its blocks well laid. It has five large mercantile stores, a furniture establishment, two confectionery stores, two hotel buildings, a cannery, a mill, a bank, two large brick yards, a nursery and several potato fields. It supports three doctors and a dentist. It has a telephone in nearly every home, and large fruit farms beautify its environs.

RAPID GROWTH

So rapid has been Kaysville's growth of late that not only has a real estate company sprung up but there are not sufficient new concepts. There is not an idle man or boy in the community, the different business concerns not only employing all hands that apply but always being anxious for more. Because of the many opportunities offered for work that is suitable and not too hard, the youth of the town are practically self-supporting.

The soil of Kaysville ranges from a rich gravelly sand on the east to a sandy loam in the middle and a salaratus margin at the extreme west. This variety occasioned a great latitude in Kaysville's products and industries. Nestling in the mountain gulches on the rich black soil made by the oak leaves of ages are some of the finest peach and cherry orchards in the state. Blackberry, gooseberry, and raspberry bushes still bear the fruit from their native home by the industry of man. Throughout the central part of Kaysville, tomatoes, grapes, lucern, sugar beets and garden products of all kinds are raised. At the west, apples grow profusely, the ground apparently being especially suitable for them. At the extreme west forming a definite margin along the salt flats, grows the salt grass as of early days, though now besides the jack rabbit and the lurking coyote, herds of cattle roam over the fields joining the tinkle of the cow bell with the sharp cry of the Wilson's sparrow, the chirp of Brewster's sparrow, the song of the meadow lark and the piping of the great larkwings hawk. Kaysville people are nearly all students farmers and who could be more happy and free?

FINE SCHOOL HOUSE

Recently Kaysville has erected a fine commodious schoolhouse, the equal of any in the county. The building is neat and the room can be well ventilated from the fact that the leading church owns the opera house and dancing hall, there being a conviction in the town that legitimate amusements are the necessary concomitants of moral and educational progress. Through the ingenuity of the irrigation system Kaysville has hitherto been watered upon the very best advantages but now it has been proposed by a few energetic citizens that a water system be laid throughout the city. This involves considerable expense and seems to be entirely with the present city administration, there being little doubt that the project will be successful.

The B. B. MERCANTILE CO.

One of the most popular stores in the county is the B. B. Mercantile company, of which Fred L. Bennett is president, and George D. Bennett, secretary and treasurer. Incorporated in

vigilance of R. W. Barnes and the present president, it has grown to be one of Kaysville's most important stores, gathering in business from far and wide, people from all over the northern part of the county traveling to Kaysville to trade at the stores "Where there is a pleasure to buy." It is remarkable how great a factor personal geniality is in the building up of a mercantile business, and few possess more courtesy than do the B. B. brothers. Years ago Kaysville depended on the fact that her promising young men were moving west, but the times have changed now and they are returning to uphold the city and to prosper where their fathers did.

The B. B. Mercantile, which occupies the lower floor of the Woodmen Building, is itself divided into departments, groceries, hardware and notions being on one side and notions and dry goods on the other. The service is always of the best, quick deliveries being made in response to telephone calls.

The B. B. Mercantile company prides itself on always having dry goods that are demanded at a reasonable price. On account of this feature, fishermen and hunters are accustomed to visit "the B. B." for special supplies. The B. B. Mercantile will continue its improvement and service with the growth of Kaysville.

PLANT OF THE KAYSVILLE MILLING COMPANY

Home of the Best Flour in Utah—The Kaysville Milling company commenced business Feb. 6, 1906, with a new, standard, 100-barrel mill, equipped with all the latest and best machinery. The demand for its products in Utah and adjoining states is rapidly growing. The motto, "Best of Everything Made of Wheat," expresses the truth as to all it produces. This was conclusively shown at the late state fair, where "Kaysville High Grade" and "Straight Grade" flour won gold medals, and a diploma was awarded for Kaysville flour. It was a quality test, and Kaysville won everything.

"Utah Cream Flakes" a package wheat food is the latest output. Nothing produced anywhere is better.

The company does a large wholesale grain and rolled feed business.

Besides carrying on a general mer-

chandise, the company carries on a

large amount of grain and feed.

Woods Cross is one of the largest

concerns of its kind in the state, having

connections with some of the largest

sheep companies in the state. Mr. S. C. Howard, the manager, is an ener-

getic young man, blessed with an affable

disposition that is a winning card

with the store.

All who travel on the Oregon Short

Line between Salt Lake and Ogden are

familiar with the Deseret Live Stock

company's store, that stands opposite

the depot at Woods Cross.

The store carries an extensive stock

of merchandise, including dry goods,

notions, shoes, hardware, hardware,

ware, grain, coal, trunks, valises and

all sorts of groceries.

The company prides itself on its

extensive stock and sheep interests.

Some of the largest sheep in the

state get all of their outfit at its

place of business.

Woods Cross is considered by many

a separate entity from Bountiful,

though there is in reality no line drawn

between the two settlements. Woods

Cross has a postoffice of its own and is

thought to be making a distinct pro-

gress. Being close to the railroad and

having already extensive brick yards

in its vicinity, Woods Cross is destined

to grow and depend upon it as it continues to advance. The Deseret Live

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