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HE watchword in Ogden, the second city in population and business enterprises in the State of Utable for the year. year in the building line. State of Utah, for the year

GATEWAY CITY.

1905 has been "Onward!" It has seemed to be in the minds and purposes of the people to advance the city's interests in every respect, and hand in hand the capitalists and the laboring class have toiled for the upbuilding of the entire city and county, the effect of which is noticeable on every side, and is felt and appreciated by all.

WORK FOR ALL.

There has been no cause for men,

women or children to be idle this year,

as there has been work for everybody;

not at low wages, for wages were the

highest paid here for many years. Those

Ogden city is the gateway to the west, having as it has four of the great rallroads junctioning here-viz: the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Southern Pacific and Rio Grande Western, the first three controlled by the Harriman interests and the other by the Goulds. These four companies em-ploy about 2,300 men in all the de-partments, and have a monthly pay-roll upwards of \$300,000.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS.

Some extensive railroad improve-ments have been made in Ogden dur-ing the past 12 months, costing about \$1,000,000, and for the coming year the \$1,000,000, and for the coming year the contemplated improvements will cost about three times that amount.

who have done manual labor for the The greatest improvement in Ogden city have received from \$2 to \$2.50 per day for their services; the carpenters have been earning from \$4 to \$5 per dsy; the masons from \$4.50 to \$6; men with teams from \$4 to \$6; all others in proportion. There has been plenty of work at such wages, in fact, many buildings have been delayed because into the depot yards instead of interest to come into the yards on a "y" and backing up to the station, as is the case now. The building of the cut-off has been a heavy expense, but will be a great improvement. Through its com-pletion the railroad yards will be en-linely rearranged next year, making of the contractors being unable to find mechanics to perform the work within the specified time. So scarce has labor been in Ogden that the Amaltirely rearranged next year, making gamated Sugar company found it necmore trackage and more convenience. The freight depot grounds will be all made level, giving a much better ap-pearance to the property. The Harri-man interests also built an immense essary to send to Idaho and employ Japanese to come to Weber county and harvest their beets, and for the first time in the history of the sugar inman interests also built an immense power generating plant this year, which cost over \$50,000; they also spent about \$35,000 in enlarging their shops, made necessary by the great increase of repair and building work being done in Ogden. The force of employes was also increased considerably in all the departments in order to get the work dustry in Utah the management of the Ogden factory was unable to find men sufficient to take care of the factory work and were obliged to hire women to do certain kinds of labor in the preapration of the sugar, although departments in order to get the work A large commissary building was

high wages were offered. The canning factories have also been tied up for help all summer.

SOME LOSSES.

Annually the farmers and fruit growers have been able to get plenty of help in harvesting their crops, but not so this year. Much fruit was wasted because the fruit growers were unable to get any one to gather it for them. and many farmers lost considerable because of the scarcity of farm hands, though much higher wages than ever before were offered.

BUSINESS PROSPERITY. There have been no business fail-much, will be commenced, it is expect-



wealthy men of the state. Already the company has expended over \$250,-000 in the eroction of an immense smelter near the Utah Hot springs in Weber county, and about 10 miles modern in every respect and contains the most improved machinery for re-fining of ores. The buildings occupy a large space of ground. The power for operating the smelter has been secured from the Brigham City electric power plant. A transmission line was com-pleted in October to carry the power A large commissary building was completed this year at a cost of over \$60,000, and now all the supplies for the Harriman lines in this section are furnished from Ogden. The interior of the Union depot building has been re-modeled at a cost of \$25,000. The work of grading and platting the gounds in front of the Union depot, facing Wall avenue, was commenced this fall and will be completed in the spring, planted in grass and laid out in walks and large space of ground. The power for operating the smelter has been secured from the Brigham City electric power plant. A transmission line was comwill be completed in the spring, planted in grass and laid out in walks and beautiful flowerbeds, an improvement that has long been needed and which will add much to the impression made on the thousands, who pass through Order areas very plant. A transmission line was com-pleted in October to carry the power beautiful flowerbeds, an improvement that has long been needed and which will add much to the impression made on the thousands, who pass through Ogden every year. The new freight depot for the Harri-man lines in Ogden, which is needed so much, will be commenced, it is expect-

ing institutions that have been doing an unusdally large business during the past 12 months. The reports from the past 12 months. The reports from the various cashiers are that money has been more free during 1906 than for a long time past; that those who have borrowed money from the banks have met their obligations when they be-came due, with little difficulty. The total deposits in all the banks in Ogden

Representatives of the Real Estate

increasing that it has become necessary to more than double its capacity and a large \$25,000 addition is being built to the main structure. Improvements built during 1905 in Og. SEWERS. Three miles. Total, 22.46 miles.

to the main structure. The Sacred Heart academy is another private school for girls, and is con-trolled by the Catholic church. It has several hundred pupils. Sisters of the Sacred Heart are instructors in the school, which is one of the best in the west for girls, who are not only taught book learning and the sciences, but art, music, and domestic science.

the Coming

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Ogden prides itself on having two of Utah's most important state institu-tions. The school for the deaf and blind, and the industrial school, both of which are doing a wonderful work for the unfortunate young people of the state. Over \$100,000 is spent an-nually for the maintenance of these two institutions. two institutions.

two institutions. At the industrial school there are 78 boys and 20 girls at the present time. The school is not a prison, as many may believe, for incorrigibles, but a home and place of learning for the wayward, and a most commendable work is being done by Superintendent H. H. Thomas and wife and their able assistants in helping the inmates to a higher plane in life. A portion of each day is spent in educational work by the inmates, and the remainder in manual training for the boys, and do-mestic science for the girls. This year a band was organized at the school, which is making wonderful progress. It is found to be an excellent aid to the military training department. A it is found to be an excellent aid to the military training department. A movement is now on foot to establish a girls' school in another part of the city, which, if done, will be a great benefit to the institution.

DEAF AND BLIND INSTITUTE.

DEAF AND BLIND INSTITUTE. At the deaf and blind school there are over one hundred boys and girls in attendance. The institution has a reputation of being one of the finest in the United States. The high stand-ard of training both of the deaf and blind at the school is due greatly to the untiring, energetic work of Prof. F. M Driggs, who is recognized as one of the most able educators in the na-tion, and he has very efficient assist-ants in every department. No special changes have been made at the school this year. The work being done is changes have been made at the school this year. The work being done is meritorious, both in the educational and industrial branches. Some ex-tensive improvements are contem-plated for next year, if the legislature makes the necessary appropriations. makes the necessary appropriations.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ogden City has spent an immense amount of money during 1906 in public improvements, in order to keep pace with the other advancements made; and through these improvements that are being made the city is being beau-tified and put in a much better con-dition, so that a stranger within our gates will get a much better impros-sion of the city. Extensive improve-

The approximate amount of public

DAVID ECCLES,

President.

HIRAM H. SPENCEF.

ffre block.

EASY DUPES. A lawyer said of the late Al Adams s New York: "Mr. Adams was very honest and m right with his friends. He treated ha

5.47 miles.

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friends far better than does many a ver-erable church goer I could name. An if he frankly admitted that he duped the n de trankly admitted that he duped the public-why, if all who duped the public were sent to prisen for it, our juis would have to be enlarged, "Like Barnum, Mr. Adams claimed that the public liked to be fooled. As an et-ample of the ease it could be fooled with he used to tell a story about a calendar wonder.

MACADAMIZING. One and one-tenth miles. Total, about

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

Ten and ninety-three hundredm

CURB AND GUTTER.

Stone-4.1 miles. Concrete-131

One and a quarter mile.

"This vender, one wintry day, entern a cafe and said to a man who was read-ing a newspaper and drinking hot ismos-ade: "Won't you buy a calendar, sir? The New Year is close at nand." "'No. I don't want a calendar' the man answered, sipping his lemonade in-patiently.

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A Reminder.

HIRAM H. SPENCER,

Vice-President.

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Two girls were going down the street when they passed a man weating a green vest and a beaver hat. "Oh" said the one. "Just see what that man is sporting." "Yes," said the other, "that reminds me Tve got to buy some quinine." "How does that remind you?" "Oh, just the bad taste."-November Lippincott's. sion of the city. Extensive improve-ments were made this year on the city hall square, and next year the city fathers contemplate parking the en-



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HENRY H. ROLAPP, Secretary and Treasurer,



NEW UNION DEPOT COMMISSARY BLOCK.

ures in Ogden during 1906. Instead there have been several places of busi-

ness opened up in the city, and all are doing well. The merchants of Ogden were never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. Their shelves are loaded with goods, and the most gratifying thing is, that most of them have their stocks paid for, and a neat bank account besides. The traveling men who visit Ogden from the large manufactories and wholesale houses report that their sales in Ogden are much larger, and the business men, as a rule, take their discounts, which can be taken as an indication that business has been good in most lines, and prospects were never more encouraging for merchants, mechan-ics, farmers and laborers than just now

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Ogden was visited this year by a very disastrous fire, which wrought a quarter of a million dollars' damages and destroyed a quarter of one of the business blocks of the city, and threat-ened the entire business district. It was surprising how quickly the own-ers of the property rebuilt. The sec-tion which looked so devastated but a few months ago is now practically all built up with much larger and more few menths ago is now practically an built up with much larger and more substantial buildings, so that while the fire was a financial loss, it de-stroyed several ed frame buildings that have been replaced by brick structures, giving a much better ap-pearance to that section of the eity. Other than the fire mentioned, Ogden has experienced little to retard its erowth and prosperity. growth and prosperity.

INCREASED POPULATION.

It is estimated that the population It is estimated that the population of Ogden City has increased fully 2,000 during the past twelve months, giving it a population of over 25,000. This is shown by the increase in the school census and the few vacant dwellings to be found in any part of town.

MANY NEW BUILDINGS.

The city has not had a building boom. The city has not had a building boom, but a steady growth. Fully 200 houses have been built during the year, the major portion of them being construct-ed of brick, of modern architecture and containing from four to seven rooms. There have been few large houses built, but mostly cottages for rent. The money expended in the erection of houses in Ogden this year is estimated at \$250.000, and of busierection of houses in Ogden this year is estimated at \$350,000, and of busi-ness blocks and other large buildings fully \$650,000. Thus a million dollars has been expended in the erection of new buildings. Among the largest new buildings. Among the largest built is the smelter plant, near the Hot springs, which cost about \$150,000; the railroad power generating plant and boller shops, \$65,000; depot com-missary and laundry building, \$50,000; Orden Backie a missary and laundry building, 300,000; Ogden Packing & Provision company's plant, \$25,000; Shupe-Williams Candy company's factory \$22,000; armory building, \$18,000; George A. Lowe store, \$40,000; Burton Implement company. \$15,000; Lewis school, \$17,000; Weber stake academy annex, \$25,000; Wright & Sons, remodeling, \$15,000. Numerous other smaller buildings have been erect-ed costing from \$2,060 up to \$15,000. d, costing from \$2,000 up to \$15,000. The architects of the city are very

ed, in 1907, and many other vast im-provements are contemplatde. GOULD BUSY TOO.

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While the Harriman interests have been pushing forward in Ogden, the Gould people have been busy also. They laid a double track from their main line on Twentieth street south between Wall and Lincoln avenues to Twenty-fourth street, to the site of the propsed new freight depot for which plans are being organized. being prepared.

The Pintsch Gaš plant in this city, which furnishes gas for all the cars in and out of Ogden on all lines, en-larged its plant somewhat this year, giving it a capacity of 48,000 cubic feet per day. Next year the plant wil be incsreased to a capacity of 240,000 cu-ble feet every 24 hours at a cost of \$50,000. The work will be done under the direction of Supt, George Lochhead, Jr., of the gas plant. When the plant is eplarged to the capacity intended the company will be able to gas all ears for many years to come.

OGDEN RAPID TRANSIT.

The extension of the Ogden Rapid Transit company's ear line to the mouth of Ogden canyon this year was found to be a paying investment, as from the opening of the line to the end of October the cars were loaded with passengers. The company has already commenced to extend the line through Ogden canyon, which affords one of the grandest spots in the west for pleasure seekers, and with a street car line through into Ogden valley will give tourishts by the thousands, who have a few hours stop over in Ogden, an opportunity to see the grandeur of the scenery, which pro-mises to make Ogden famous through-out the United States. The street car future and to continue the service on to Bigham City, which will require an expenditure of many hundreds of thousand dollars. In order to thave power with which to propell its cars, it has signed a contract with the Utah Light and Railway company for all the power needed. Under the able The extension of the Ogden Rapid

It has signed a contract with the Utah Light and Railway company for all the power needed. Under the able supervision of J. W. Balley the car service has been greatly improved in Ogden City during the past year, giv-ing on most of the lines a 10 and 15 minute service minute service.

SALT LAKE & OGDEN RAILROAD.

The Salt Lake & Ogden Rallroad company, owned and conducted by Si-mon Bamberger and associates, will have its interucban car line extended to Ogden by the early spring, which will connect Salt Lake City and Ogden will connect Salt Lake City and Ogden with one more railroad. The company secured a franchise from Ogden City a year ago, to extend its lines to the mouth of Ogden canyon, and has ai-ready taken possession of Lincoln tavenue. The line is now completed to about the Weber and Davis county boundary line and will be pushed to completion just as soon as the weather will permit. When this work is finish-ed and the Ogden and Northwestern continues its line to Brigham City. Utah will have over 60 pilles of inter-urban car lines. urban car lines.

A NEW SMELTER.

The Utah Smelter company organ-ized in Ogden this year, is composed of some of the most influential and

mines, not alone of Utah, but also of Nevada and Idaho. For the present about 100 men will be employed at the about 100 men will be employed at the smelter on an average pay of \$3 a day, so that the building of the large plant in this county will mean a pay-roll of over \$100,000 annually to the bread winners of Ogden. The com-pany expects to erect a large number of small cottages near the works. pany expects to erect a large number of small cottages near the works, where the employees may live with their families at a small rent. The people of Ogden welcome this great industry into the county.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS. The year 1906 saw the valuations in Weber county increase almost \$1.-000,000 over the previous year, giving it a valuation of over \$15,000,000 and placing it in the rank of a second class county, which carries with it many advantages. According to the assessment of Edwin Dix, county as-sessor, the grand total valuation of Waber county is \$15,028,001. In im-provements alone in Weber county including Ogden City the valuations increased over \$250,000. This is an excellent showing for one year, and can be taken as one of the strong-est proofs that the city is growing very fast. Some large fine buildings are heling erected, both for business and residence purposes.

residence purposes. The assessment rolls show the fol-lowing valuations of Ogden City:

Real estate\$3.899,816

The value of Weber county, out

The livestock, etc., in the entire

----one year ago were \$5,848,702.89, while the statement of deposits of the banks of the city for November, 1906, was as follows: Ogden Savings bank, \$892,-448,70: First National, \$1,901,132.52; Og-den State, \$1,372,280.55; Pingree Na-tional, \$596,853.12; Utah National, \$614,-947.50; Commercial National, \$550,626.91, an increase over 1905 of \$380,586.41. This statement alone is an indication of the marked degree of prosperity the citizens of Ogden have been enjoying, and prospects are that the coming 12 months will be even more prosperous than the past.

been very prosperous during the year 1906. The Ogden Real Estate Men's association, formed a year ago, has helped to materially increase the sale of property. A monthly meeting of the association has bee nheld at the Weber club, where many matters per-Weber club, where many matters per-taining to the advancement of Ogden and Weber county have been discussed and through the work of the associa-tion the industrial and business ad-vantages have been placed before the people of the west, resulting in bring-ing many capitalists to the city who have invested their cash in real estate both in the business and residence dis-triets tricts, NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.

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side of Ogden City:

4	Real estate	\$1,790,520
1	Improvements	
1	State board of equalization	
1	assessment of car com-	
1	panies, etc	2.009.873
1	Personal property	1,416,201

Total\$5,912,298

city and county is as follows:

ECCLES BUILDING. .

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According to the records of County Recorder Joseph Wallace, there have been during the past 12 months 1,481 deeds recorded, which is a marked in-crease over the previous 12 months, and the total consideration for the prop-erty transferred amounts to \$1,493,990.74. This is, however, not the correct value of the real estate transferred, as a large number of the deeds give the pur-chase price as \$1, so that a fair estichase price as \$1, so that a fair esti-mate of the sales of real estate in 1906 is \$2,125,000 in the city and county.

PLACED ON RECORD. Other instruments filed in the record-

er's office are: Three hundred and fifty-four



The public schools of Ogden rank among the foremost in the state, and every effort is being put forth by the board of education to even raise the

schools to a higher standard. The erection of one large sixteen-room building and the installation of several new sanitary plants in some of the older buildings was the exsome of the older buildings was the ex-tent of the building done by the board of education the past season. The new Lewis school, which perhaps is the most modern of any building con-structed of late years, is named after the late Professor T. B. Lewis, who did so much for the public schools of this state and city. It was built at a cost of \$25,000.

cost of \$25.000.

According to the last census, there are 6.631 children of school age in Og-den City. Of this number 3,300 are boys and 3,331 are girls. The last month's report shows that out of this number there are a few more than 5,000 enrolled in the public schools. To teach this number of children 125 teachers and 10 assistants are employed. The average number of children to the teacher being 40.

The amount expended for all purposes

last year was \$116,979.54. The cost per capita was \$21. The Weber county public schools are taking place in the front ranks, and the children of the county are being put on an equal footing with children of the city schools. There are 3,452 pupils of school age in the county, who are taught by 58 teachers. PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Besides the public schools in Ogden City, it has three private institutions of learning. The Weber stake academy, an institution of higher learning, is in Ogden. It has an attendance of is in Ogden. It has an attendance of between 300 and 400 pupils, and provides four courses of study: the normal, the literary, the scientific, and the commer-cial; also a missionary course. Prof. David O, McKay is principal of the school, and he has an able corps of instructors associated with him. So readily is the attendance at the school estate mortgages, amounting to \$932,- I rapidly is the attendance at the school



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