

Pocatello, "The Gate City," Its Business and Big Payrolls

THE advent of the old Utah & Northern railroad on the site now occupied by the city of Pocatello, marks the beginning of the history of the town. This event occurred in 1879. The place was insignificant until 1882, when the Oregon Short Line reached here. During the next five years only a few buildings were erected on the townsite, and all of them were on the east side of the track.

In 1887 the railroad shops were removed from Eagle Rock, now Idaho Falls, to Pocatello, and in consequence the latter, in a few months, became a town of considerable importance. From time to time the railroad shops were enlarged, and the importance of the town as a railroad point was increased, resulting in a rapid growth of population. Within three years after the location of the railroad shops here, Pocatello had become the second largest city in Idaho, in point of population, a place it still holds. Its inhabitants number fully 6,500. Boise, the state capital, is the only city in the state which exceeds Pocatello in population, and the rivalry is close.

The Railroad Shops.

As the railroad shops were originally the making of Pocatello, they continued to be its most important feature. The number of men employed in them averages about 750. The main building of the shops covers an immense area, being 180 by 480 feet in size. These shops contain the largest and most complete plant of the kind west of the Missouri river, and are equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances. For example, there are cranes that will lift a big Mogul engine as if it were a toy.

Heavy Payrolls.

An army of railroad employees, divided between different departments, make Pocatello their headquarters, and receive their pay here. The total number who are paid off here each month averages about 1,300, and the amount of money disbursed on the several pay rolls each month is about \$100,000. This vast sum, disbursed each month in a town the size of Pocatello, cannot fail to make it exceedingly prosperous.

It is no more than the simple truth to say that there is more money per capita in circulation in Pocatello than in any other town of its size in the entire intermountain region. The only possible exception might be some small and rich mining camp.

Streets, Buildings, Etc.

The town is neatly and regularly laid off, the streets running diagonally with the points of the compass. The railroad buildings and yards occupy a corner, and the track divides it into the "east side" and "west side." The buildings in the business district are, as a rule, neat and substantial, and many of them are costly and imposing. The business streets present a handsome appearance.

A surprisingly large proportion of the residences are fine buildings, and there are many elegant homes. The number of handsome and costly church edifices, scattered throughout the city, is one of the most pleasing and surprising features of the town.

The town is supplied with cheap electric light and power by the mammoth plant of the American Falls Light, Power & Water company, which is described in another column, and it owns its own water system, a very fine one, which is supplied by reservoirs located in the mountains some miles east of the city.

Educational.

There are two fine and large public school buildings, but owing to the rapid influx of population these are not fully adequate to the existing requirements, and others will soon be added. The state academy is located here. Its buildings and equipment cost over \$100,000, and it is surrounded by beautiful grounds. At present it contains nearly 200 pupils. There are dormitories for the boys and girls, respectively. This institution is one of recent origin, but it promises to become a great credit to the state.

Farming Lands.

A large portion of the Fort Hall Indian reservation, having the town of Pocatello, near its center, was thrown open to public entry in June, 1902, and an area of farming lands, farm-shed, and extending about five miles north of the town, has been covered with filings. It is only waiting for water for irrigation to be transformed into a garden. About 35 miles east of the town is a magnificent natural site for a reservoir, and it has been withdrawn for this purpose by the government. At comparatively small expense a lake 5 miles across can here be created. It would be fed by the upper waters of the Little Blackfoot river. The construction of this reservoir, and of a canal to conduct its waters to the lands, would bring Pocatello, would add immensely to the prosperity, population and importance of the town. It is only a question of time when these public improvements will be made.

Just over Snake river, and about 15 miles from Pocatello, is a very large body of farming land which will soon be under canals. A bridge will be built connecting this rich farming district with the town. In time the rest of the Indian reservation will be opened, so that Pocatello will have extensive farming districts surrounding it.

Important Railroad Point.

Outside of Salt Lake and Ogden, Pocatello is the most important railroad

center in the intermountain states. From it radiate seven lines of railroad, as follows: (1) South to Ogden; (2) north to Butte; (3) east to Chicago; (4) west to Boise; (5) Twin Falls via Minidoka; (6) St. Anthony via Blackfoot; (7) Mackay via Blackfoot.

Being the center of such a network of railways, Pocatello is admirably situated to become a great jobbing and shipping point, and the only obstacle that prevents its rapid development along these lines is the fact that the railroad has not yet given the town a common point rate.

A commercial club was recently organized, and one of the objects of its creation was to secure this concession from the railroads, and there is good reason to believe that the club will be successful in its efforts in this direction. The town needs a flour mill and is in a position to offer strong inducements to various manufacturers. A superior quality of brick is being turned out by two brick yards in the town, and recently the manufacture of cement building blocks was begun by a company whose members are sanguine that their enterprise will prosper.

Mining.

The mining industry is developing rapidly in the district lying east of Pocatello. Within from three to 15 miles of the town there are perhaps a dozen well developed mines, several of which are profitable shippers, and there are many promising prospects. Within this district about 200 miners and prospectors are employed, who obtain their supplies in Pocatello.

Well Governed.

From the fact that so large a proportion of the inhabitants of the town are railroad employees, it might be inferred that social conditions were rather rough, and that law and order would not be maintained as well as in other towns having a different class of inhabitants. But this is a mistake. Better order is not maintained in any town in Idaho than is observed here; and the most refined and cultivated people will here find social circles of their own kind. The city is well and economically governed, and unusual measures have been taken to suppress and keep in the background the vicious element. Business men and citizens generally manifest much public spirit and local patriotism, and treat visitors and strangers with cordial consideration.

There can be no question that Pocatello has a great future.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

THIS bank was incorporated in 1887, and began business with a paid up capital of \$50,000. Its officers and directors are as follows:

President, D. W. Standford; vice president, D. L. Evans; cashier, Wm. G. Cruse; assistant cashier, Walter D. Ser; directors, D. L. Evans, D. W. Standford, W. G. Jenkins, L. L. Evans and J. N. Ireland.

This institution has had a career of uninterrupted prosperity, and its plus and undivided profits now amount to \$47,743.30. Following is the report of the condition of this bank at the close of business Nov. 9, 1905:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$337,481.74
Overdrafts	21,962.63
U. S. bonds, securities and war bonds	46,945.63
Premiums on bonds	790.62
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00
Other real estate	14,162.77
Due from banks	625.00
Cash	38,370.27
	\$446,457.34
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits	47,743.30
Circulation	12,500.00
Due Depositors	\$21,192.54
U. S. Deposits	15,000.00
	\$146,435.84

Many of the readers of the Deseret News residing in Pocatello and vicinity, earn or handle money in sufficient amounts to make it advisable for them to open a bank account. It is at once a check upon business transactions and upon idleness or waste of expenditure, and in many ways it aids thrift and economy.

The first consideration of a depositor is the safety of his money. The bank he is patronizing, and the best guarantee of this is found in the personnel of the institution. In this respect the First National bank of Pocatello holds the highest rank. Its president, Hon. D. W. Standford, is at once one of the ablest and most successful financiers in the state of Idaho; and his character in respect to integrity is as unimpeachable as is his reputation for sound business judgment and foresight.

All of the officers and directors of this bank are old residents of Idaho, who have built up high reputations for business ability and fair and honorable dealing; and the institution is fully worthy of the highest confidence.

BANNOCK NATIONAL BANK.

THIS bank was organized in July, 1903, with a paid-up capital of \$50,000. It has had a prosperous career, and its undivided surplus and undivided profits amount to \$8,890. The officers and directors are as follows:

President, Lyman Fargo; vice president, George H. Olmstead; cashier, George E. Ford; assistant cashier, Frank Board; directors, W. S. McCormick, D. W. Church, and Wm. F. Kaskiska.

This bank numbers among its stockholders several men of great wealth, and it might be termed a "bank of bankers." Its capital and alliances make it a financial institution of great strength.

There are many reasons why any man who earns or handles any considerable amount of money should open a bank account. It is an admirable check



VIEW OF CENTER ST. POCATELLO.

upon, and record of business transactions, tends toward economy, and to prevent the needless or unguarded expenditure of money; while a cancelled bank check is the strongest possible proof of a payment.

Persons who make a habit of opening an account with a bank, will naturally prefer to patronize one of undoubted financial strength, and in this respect the Bannock National Bank has no rival in southern Idaho.

It transacts a general banking business, sells drafts upon all prominent cities in America and Europe, and pays interest on its deposits. It has a large number of safety deposit boxes to rent at reasonable rates.

CITIZENS BANK.

(Limited.)

THIS institution was incorporated in February of this year and opened for business in March. Its authorized capital is \$50,000, and its officers are as follows: Wm. A. Anthes, president; J. W. Carr, vice president; Wm. N. McCarty, secretary; Miss I. N. Anthes, treasurer and cashier.

These officers are all well known and substantial business people of Pocatello, and each of them has built up in the community an enviable reputation for fair and honorable dealing. The prosperity of this bank is inseparable from that of the town and its vicinity, and it is entitled to the fullest measure of public confidence.

A general banking business is transacted, and drafts on the principal cities of America and Europe are sold. Interest is paid on time deposits.

At the time this bank was opened it was predicted that it would shortly become one of the strongest financial institutions in Bannock county, and this prediction is rapidly being fulfilled. It deposits already amount to over \$100,000, and are rapidly being increased. This speaks volumes for the growth of Pocatello, and for the confidence in the people of the city and vicinity have in this bank and its policy and personnel.

The management of the bank is under the direct personal supervision of its president, Wm. A. Anthes, Esq., who is the oldest banker in this section of the state, having had over 28 years' experience in the business, and having been identified with the banking interests of Pocatello ever since the town had a bank.

Accounts, large or small, active or inactive, are invited, and will be cared for with fidelity, and the interest of all patrons will be carefully guarded.

CITIZEN'S ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY.

ALTHOUGH this institution began business in October last, it has, in the few weeks it has been in the field, completely captured the bulk of the business in its line in Pocatello and vicinity. It is located at 115 north Cleveland avenue, where it has installed an excellent stock of electric goods, including in such an extent an establishment.

A special feature is made of chandeliers and shades, and of these fixtures a full variety is kept in stock including low, medium and high priced articles, of plain or elaborate design. Parties who think of putting chandeliers in their homes or places of business, should inspect this stock. Orders by mail promptly filled. State about the price you wish to pay, and you can depend upon receiving your money's worth.

Contracts will be taken for wiring buildings and telephone systems are installed. Estimates furnished on electric light plants.

The business is under the management of L. J. Haddock, who, besides being a thoroughly competent and practical electrician, is a business man of unusual ability, very popular among all who know him. He has an enviable reputation for fair and honorable dealing, and all who patronize this company may depend upon receiving courteous and liberal treatment. "Ask for Haddock, the light doctor."

E. D. HARRISON, JEWELER.

IN a small way Mr. E. D. Harrison, a former resident of Logan, Utah, opened in the jewelry business in Pocatello, on his own account, in the year 1885. He had previously had charge of a branch store here owned by T. R. Cardon of Logan.

Mr. Harrison's capital was small, but he was a skillful watchmaker and a thoroughly competent jeweler, and his trade rapidly increased. In fact his career here has been one of uninterrupted prosperity, and today he is the proprietor of one of the largest and finest jewelry stores in southern Idaho.

In one respect his stock is not surpassed in the state, and that is the high grade character of the goods carried. This applies principally to sterling silver and plated ware of the Reed & Barton make, the best quality brand of both sterling and plate in the world. Usually a person who buys silver plated articles such as knives, forks, spoons, etc., is completely at the mercy of the dealer, so far as judging of the value and quality of the goods is concerned.

BANNOCK ABSTRACT DEPOSIT AND TRUST CO.

THIS has been a very useful institution to the people of Bannock county, and a business enterprise of importance in the commercial life of Pocatello, having been the means of bringing large numbers of visitors to the town who have had business to transact in this office.

It was founded in 1895 by Theo. Turner and Fred G. Caldwell, a partnership, doing business in the name of the Bannock County Abstract company, who did a general real estate, insurance and loan business, but made a specialty of preparing abstracts of title. They have compiled a complete abstract system of all lands and city lots in Bannock county, a mass of records representing many thousands of dollars in value.

In 1903 the business was incorporated under the name of the Bannock Abstract, Deposit & Trust company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Theo. Turner was made president of the company and Fred G. Caldwell, manager, who as United States commissioner attends to all land business.

The company has duplicates of all plots and records of the United States land office which show all the filings and vacant lands in Bannock and the northern portion of Owyhee county, thus having exceptional facilities for handling all land business, such as filings, final proofs, annual proofs, contracts, etc., the same as could be done in the land office at Blackfoot, which means the saving of a considerable amount to the settlers in the southern portion of the state in the way of traveling and other expenses, all of whom should know of the advantageous arrangement for their benefit.

The company is able, from its own records, to furnish on short notice an abstract of title to any piece of real estate in Bannock county. The expert skill of its employees, who do this work,

BANNOCK ABSTRACT DEPOSIT AND TRUST CO.

repairs of watches and jewelry is a specialty and is an important branch of Mr. Harrison's business. He is watch inspector on the Oregon Short Line railroad. He is also a skillful optician, and fits glasses for all who require them.

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together with the financial standing of the company, is a sufficient guarantee of the reliability of the abstracts it prepares.

One of the principle branches of the business is the handling of farm loans. It makes a long time loan, with liberal partial payment options, on which the interest can be paid once a year. If a loan is wanted for a term for any other or for any purpose, it will pay to consult them.

The company transacts a general real estate business, has a long list of farm and city property for sale, and undertakes to find purchasers for properties that are for sale. The company also writes fire insurance, and represents some 15 of the strongest foreign and American companies.

The company maintains a branch office at Blackfoot, for the accommodation of the residents of the eastern part of the county, which is open two days every other week.

The officers of this company are well known and prominent citizens who have built up enviable reputations for fair and honorable dealings and courteous treatment to all who have business with them.

Mr. Turner, the president, has served the city of Pocatello as mayor, the county as a state senator and as state auditor for one term.

THE GATE CITY FURNITURE COMPANY.

THIS is at once one of the largest and most necessary mercantile establishments in Pocatello. It is a corporation, organized in October, this year, with an authorized capital of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 is paid up. The officers of the corporation are as follows: E. G. Haddock, president; Richard Douglas, vice president; C. E. Stratford, secretary and manager; M. A. Hendricks, treasurer. Those with J. H. Biddle, from the board of directors.

This company succeeded to the old established business of the Kaidaka Furniture company, but carry a much larger stock.

The salesrooms of this company are among the largest and finest in the town, and are located at the northeast corner of Center street and Arthur avenue. Two floors and a basement are occupied.

In this establishment will be found

every article necessary to the complete furnishing of a modest cottage or pretentious mansion, from cellar to garret. Included in the stock are bedroom sets, upholstered parlor sets, dining room chairs, rockers, arm and upholstered chairs, lounges, center tables, etc., etc., varying in style and price to suit the taste and purse of every purchaser.

In the carpet department will be found full lines of Ingrain, tapestry and velvet carpets of different grades and prices; a fine assortment of wall paper, and a large and fine lot of pictures is displayed.

The house furnishing department contains an unusually large and varied stock, which includes dinner sets, glass tumblers, knives, forks, spoons, dishes of all kinds, tin and granite ware, kitchen utensils of every description, etc., etc. This department will well repay inspection, and will be found to contain a thousand and one articles necessary to the comfort and convenience of the housewife.

The stove department embraces a fine assortment of kitchen ranges and hot blast and other heating stoves. The leading feature of this department is the famous Charter Oak and Buck's ranges. Parties requiring either a range or a heating stove should call here and get prices before buying.

This company is a new concern, but it is under the management of officers who as citizens and business men can produce the highest creditables. The manager of the company, Mr. Stratford, was for many years connected with the Stratford Furniture company of Ogden, and has had a thorough training in every detail of the business. He is a young business man of unusual ability, and the highest character for integrity.

Mr. M. A. Hendricks, who shares in the active management of the business, has long been prominent among the merchants of Pocatello, having owned a large grocery store on the east side, which he recently sold. He is widely known among the citizens of Bannock county, who have honored him at the polls. He lately served them as county commissioner.

The public of Pocatello can always obtain here what they require in the way of furniture and house furnishings.

Idaho and Its Fine Showing At the Portland Fair.

BOISE, Dec. 14.—Hon. R. W. McBride, executive commissioner, returned from Idaho to the Lewis and Clark exposition, in Portland, Oregon, closed the work of the commission and left for his home in Salmon City last week. A final meeting of the full commission, it is expected, will be held in January, when final reports will be received and acted upon, and the business affairs of the commission closed up, prior to the dissolution of the body, which, during the past summer, has done so much to call favorable attention to Idaho.

The work of the Lewis and Clark commission has been extremely successful. The commission is composed of Gov. F. R. Gooding, ex-officio member, State Senator James E. Steele of Tona, president; Mrs. Henrietta Mansfield of Nampa, secretary; R. W. McBride of Salmon, executive commissioner; Fred J. Bradley of Halley, commissioner of mining; M. J. Wessels of Kendrick, commissioner of agriculture and horticulture; Dr. Harold J. Reed of Wallace.

State Gave \$35,000.

The eighth session of the legislature appropriated \$35,000 for the use of the commission. Of this amount \$4,200, it was provided, should be used in paying for the printing of the book, "Idaho," for circulation at the Portland fair. About \$150 was to be used in the payment of old bills from the St. Louis fair. Leaving practically \$30,000 for use in making a creditable showing at Portland. To the commission as a whole, and particularly to Gov. Gooding and Executive Commissioner McBride, much credit is due for the splendid manner in which this trust was executed. No other state participating in the exposition accomplished as much with the limited funds at hand, and it is doubtful if any other state secured the advantage from an exhibit that has been and will be obtained by Idaho.

As soon as Mr. McBride was chosen executive commissioner, he went to Portland, and it having been decided to erect a state building, and put all the exhibits there, selected a site. Contracts for the state building were quickly awarded, and the work of construction was pushed from the first day. The work of gathering the mineral and agricultural exhibits was also hurried forward by Commissioners Bradley and Wessels. By the opening day of the fair, June 1, Idaho was further along with its building and exhibits than any other state.

Were Show Places.

From the first day of the exposition the Idaho building and the Idaho exhibit were show places, and the spacious parlors and exhibit halls were at all times thronged with crowds of people from Idaho and from all parts of the Union. All were loud in their praises of the building, the exhibit and the management. During the four and a half months of the exposition Idaho people to the number of over 12,000 registered at the building. It is estimated that more than half of the people from this state who visited Portland registered at the Idaho building, and that counting visitors and all something over 50,000 people visited the building and looked at the exhibits.

Hospitable to All.

A noticeable feature of the conduct of Idaho's affairs at the Portland exposition was the pleasing and unassuming hospitality of the attendants. Much in advance of any other state was the system of hostesses inaugurated, and carried out with every detail of the business. Mrs. Scott, of Idaho Falls, was chosen official hostess. Then such month Gov. Gooding selected a number of ladies from different portions of the state to assist Mrs. Scott. During the exposition the hostesses on duty included: Miss Lydia Cox, Miss Carrie Mobley, Boise; Mrs. May McClintock, Payson; Mrs. M. A. Kirtz, Nampa; Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Chaney, Pocatello; Mrs. Shilling, Rupert; Mrs. J. J. Pulse, Miss Allen Greene, Grangeville; Mrs. C. H. Lingerfelter, Lewiston; Mrs. E. R. Brown, Coeur d'Alene City; Mrs. Chas. McNulty, Burley; Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, Idaho Falls; Miss Maud Battelle Hammond, Nez Perce; Miss Elmina Fry, Moscow; Miss Alice Clark, Shoshone.

Much of Idaho's success during the fair season is due to the ladies named. Two or more ladies were always on duty, every one was courteously and efficiently received, and there was a constant effort made to show the people what is meant by the hospitality of the boundless west. Throughout the whole season there was never a time when what the Idaho building was under charge of a most competent set of hostesses, ladies who were able to fittingly entertain visitors.

The school authorities of the state were active in securing and placing as fine an educational exhibit as was shown by any other state in the west. A skilled teacher, Miss Anna of Boise, was in constant attendance throughout the fair season, and was constantly sought out by teachers from other parts of the Union, who were anxious to learn from her the best school system. An art and fancy works department was also in evidence and had attendants, who assisted materially in entertaining and interesting the crowds of people constantly thronging the building.

Home-like Entertainment.

Under Executive Commissioner McBride the Idaho building and its attendants were a distinct place for itself by its homelike entertainment on a number of occasions. The entertainment extended to all visitors on opening day, June, on Lewiston day, Weiser day, Payson day, and on the afternoon excursion parties from Idaho, on the occasion of the meeting of the national irrigation congress, and on the visit of the Idaho Press association were happy and successful. In the afternoon every one visiting the building what away singing praises of the state, its exhibits and the spirit of those in charge of its exposition system.

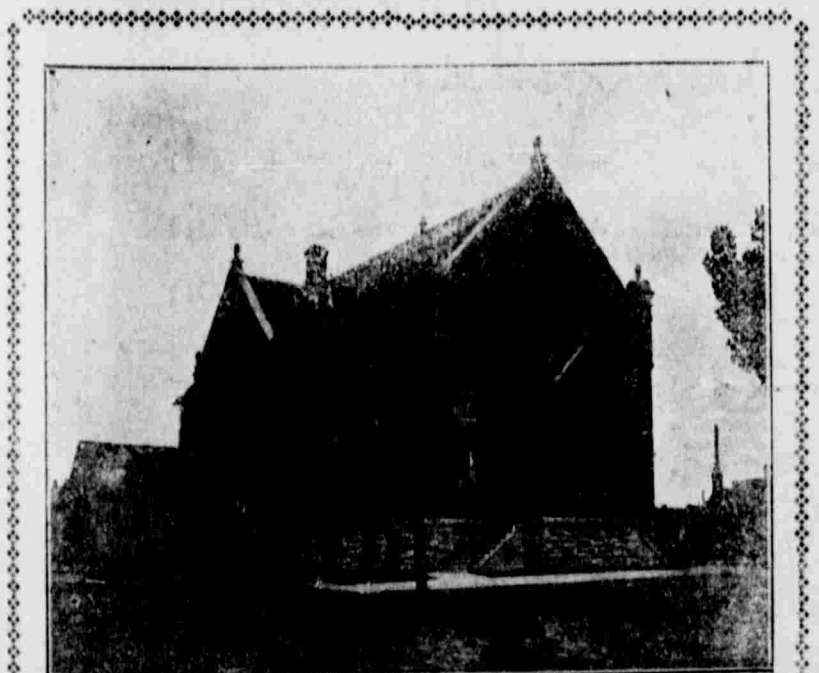
It was not until Idaho day, on Sept. 7, however, that Idaho spread itself. On that day it is conservatively estimated that over 4,000 Idaho people were in the city of Portland. A number of excursion trains had brought the people, Mr. McBride and hostesses in attendance had planned a reception for the governor in the evening. This was attended by nearly 2,000 people. Refreshments were served to all, and the reception was followed by a dancing party, which was participated in by many of the people of Portland. In the afternoon there had been a parade through the grounds, over 2,000 people being in line. The excursionists from the northern portion of the state had brought with them the Lewiston band, while from the south had come the State band, of 37 pieces. Both bands were in the procession, and during that and the following day a large part of the Lewiston State band, before the Idaho building and in the court of the Hotel Portland.

Many Social Events.

It would be impossible to enumerate the various social events given by the Idaho exposition authorities during the fair. The treatment of the state by the fair authorities left nothing to be desired. As Mr. McBride puts it, "everything that was asked for was granted, every agreement lived up to, and we were treated as though we were one of their own people." When the awards were made it was found that Idaho had been given 100 gold medals, 43 silver, 45 bronze and 31 honorable mentions. The gold and silver medals are now being engraved, the expense of this being paid out of the original appropriation. These medals will be distributed to their owners shortly after the first of the year.

At the last meeting of the commission to be held next month Mr. McBride will submit his financial report for approval. It is now certain that there will be a snug little sum to be turned back to the treasury, in addition to the amount received for the building and other things sold. Immediately after the close of the exposition the entire mineral exhibit and such portions of the other exhibits as were imperishable were packed and shipped back to Boise, where the material has all been stored, and the rent of the storage warehouse has been paid until January 1, 1907. This is in shape to be placed in the new capital building when completed.

The Idaho building, which had been the admiration of every one throughout the fair, has been sold to Paul W. Singer of Portland, Or., who expects to fit it up at an expense of between four and five thousand dollars, to be used by the people of the city for social functions. The place will be in charge of J. E. Parsons, of Parson's hall. It is the intention to have the street car line extended to the building, which will continue to be known as the "Idaho building." The people of Portland, when the sale was announced, expressed their gratification as the building had been recorded as come by them throughout the fair season.



LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH, POCATELLO.



ALFRED H. LINDQUIST, UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER.

At the instance of several prominent gentlemen who represented a class of the citizens of Pocatello that prefer to have their dead laid away by an undertaker who was fully qualified in his profession, and whose methods were refined and modern, Mr. Alfred H. Lindquist opened business as an undertaker a few months ago. His establishment, which embraces a neat yet commodious chapel for funeral services, is located on Cleveland avenue, near Center street.

Mr. Lindquist is a young man, and he has made a courageous venture. He is a native of Logan, Utah, and was

trained from childhood in the undertaker's profession, of which his father was a respected member, and one of the oldest in Utah. He is a graduate of Meyer's College of Embalming, Salt Lake City, and of the United States School of Embalming, New York. At his examination for a state license as an embalmer, he received the highest rating ever given an applicant, namely, 97 per cent.

Mr. Lindquist carries a large assortment of caskets, caskets and all kinds of undertaker's goods, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business. As a funeral director he will be found to be courteous, sympathetic and in every way competent, while his charges are always moderate.