

Ogden, Railroad Center and Second City in State of Utah

A GLANCE directed at the industrial, commercial, agricultural, and mineral wealth of Ogden city and Weber county now and compared with conditions as shown by statistics compiled a year ago, shows that this community has been in the front rank of advancement and progress, and has yielded first place to no city in the west for a steady growth along every line.

When it is taken into consideration that a decade ago, Ogden city was merely a village struggling with the assistance of its citizens for a place on the map, the reader can understand now that its growth into a busy, bustling city with 30,000 population has been almost phenomenal when that growth has been one of a steady and permanent nature.

The advantages of Ogden city over other cities in climate condition has long been the subject of much comment. High and dry, nestled amongst the surrounding peaks of the Wasatch range, the climate is considered ideal for persons suffering from or inclined to pulmonary diseases and many instances of discouraged health-seekers who have arrived here with scarcely a hope left, can be pointed out on the streets of the city today in the full and fresh vigor of manhood and womanhood as the result of a residence in this salubrious and delightful climate.

As Ogden city owes its existence as a junction point to the great trans-continental railway lines, it may not be amiss to first point out her railroad facilities and the many improvements now under way and contemplated by the network of common carriers centering in the city.

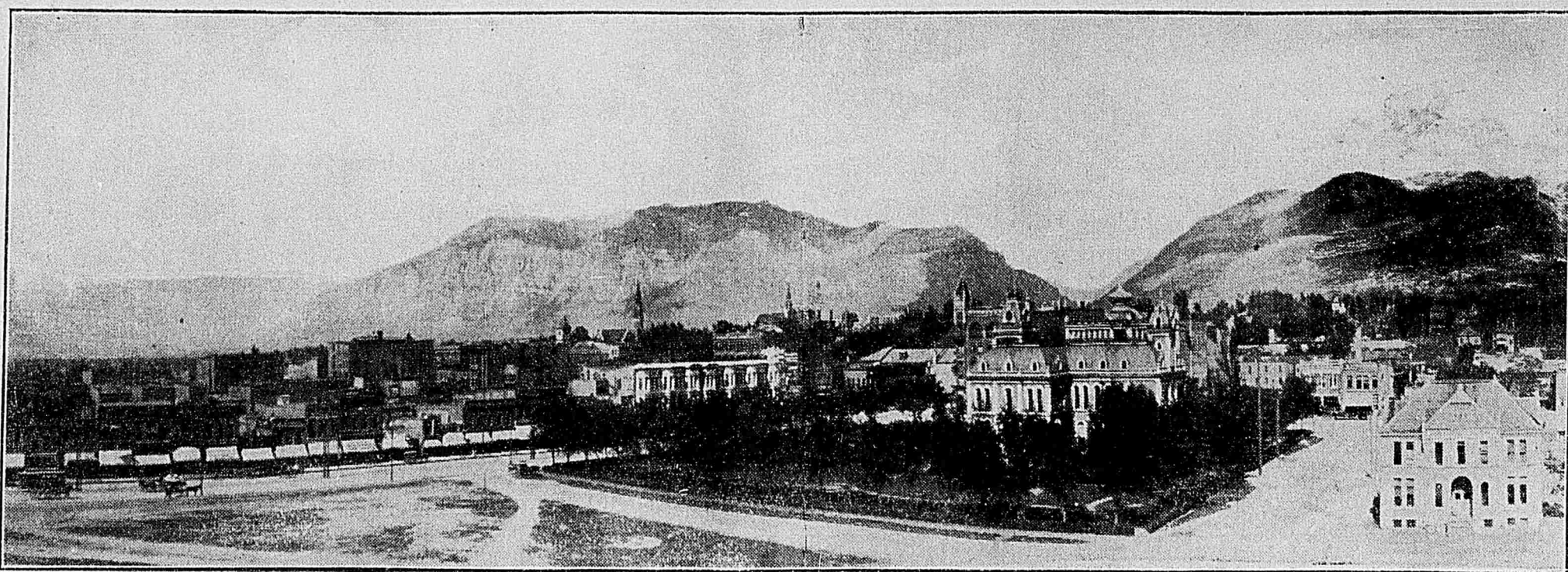
VIADUCT OVER TRACKS.

Feeling the urgent need of a viaduct over Twenty-fourth street owing to the vast number of railroad tracks which thread their way across this popular thoroughfare and realizing the danger pedestrians and vehicles are exposed to in the almost continuously passing of trains, the Harriman system, after months in which negotiations were under way with the city, concluded last spring to begin the construction of the big bridge. Work was begun with a rush under the direction of Resident Engineer Campbell and long before next summer the big viaduct will be completed and will be an adornment to that portion of the city with its massive cement basic structure, steel girders and other finishing touches to complete the architectural beauty. Among other substantial improvements to be made on the Harriman system in this city, and which have recently been started, is a new gallery for the large shop in the Southern Pacific machinery plant. Concrete bases have been put in for the columns and supports for the gallery. The new addition will change the aspect of the shops to a great extent and when completed the Southern Pacific shops will be the most thoroughly modern and up-to-date between Omaha and the coast.

INTERURBAN LINE.

During 1908 another railroad company began business in this city. After fighting against panics, storms and financial depression, Simon Bamberger, president of the Salt Lake & Ogden Railway company, with a resolute determination, completed his interurban road into this city in the summer of 1908. A convenient schedule for passengers and express has been inaugurated on the new road between Utah's two chief cities.

The improvements which have been made in the past year on the Ogden Rapid Transit company, the street car line of the city, has necessitated the outlay of considerable money which is another evidence of the faith which the leading business men of the city have in the future of Ogden City. In addition to improvements to car barns, trackage and rolling stock, the Ogden Rapid Transit company has begun laying heavy steel rails on its sub-



Whitaker, Photo.

PUBLIC SQUARE WHICH FLANKS THE BUSINESS SECTION OF OGDEN.

urban road between this city and Hot Springs, 10 miles north. When the work is completed, the company will be in a position to handle large quantities of heavy freight over this line which will mean a great improvement over the transportation methods between Ogden and North Ogden with the other fast growing settlements along the car line between this city and the sugar beet raising. An advance which has yet been undertaken by the Rapid Transit company will be the proposed extension of its line through Ogden canyon to Huntsville, Eden and the other progressive towns on the east. Capital and labor are awaiting the word from the county commissioners to begin on the extension. This body now has the matter of an application for the franchise under advisement. It is highly probable that the franchise will be granted after some minor changes and the extension begun before the winter is over and probably be completed before another year. The wonderful development which this extension would be responsible for, for the lands lying in and surrounding the Eden and Huntsville valleys cannot be estimated until it is known that experts have pronounced some of the lands which will be reached by the road, as the best in the world for sugar beet raising. An advancement of many dollars an acre will be the result if the extension is allowed by the county commissioners.

ACTIVITY IN BUILDING.

Other construction and building work in the city has not abated. Buildings of all kinds, stores, residences and warehouses are going up on all sides. The most important structures which will be completed next year and for which contracts have already been let, are the \$100,000 High school building, the magnificent apartment house, now being erected at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Adam avenue, by the Peery estate; the mammoth forestry building to be built at Lincoln avenue and Twenty-fourth street by Fred J. Kiesel, which will be used exclusively by the officials, assistants and attaches of the Fourth district of the forestry service; the beautiful federal building at Grant avenue and Twenty-fifth street, which work has not been completed months ago had it not been decided to change the plans and build and annex; also many other stores, theaters, and residences, some of which have already been begun and will be completed before the end of this year. Improvements in the buildings of a number of the public institutions of the city have also been made during the year. Noticeably at the Weber state academy, many of the city schools; and at the state industrial school. At the latter institution a building to be used exclusively for the girl inmates is almost completed and will be a great improvement over the old structure. A central heat-

ing plant for the institution is also in course of construction. On the city hall, a contract has already been let for the construction of a building which will be used as a shop and store room for the recently acquired waterworks system purchased by Ogden City from the Ogden Waterworks company. Another building which is being remodeled is that portion of the Broom hotel building formerly used as a restaurant and bar. Each store room which are to be west of the building are being completely renovated and when completed will be fitted up as an up-to-date restaurant and the main of which will show one of the finest places of its kind in the west.

AGRICULTURE.

While structures have been planned and erected, the agricultural and horticultural wealth of the county has continued to grow. The beet sugar industry and the canning factories have long since placed Ogden city and Weber county in the front rank as a fruit growing and agricultural section. The canning factories have worked overtime this season packing away thousands of pounds of tomatoes, peas, cherries, while the sugar beet industry has never been more profitable. The factories have been running continuously from the time the season opened and when the shut down is ordered it is believed that the largest output of sugar ever made by the local factory will be shown.

MINING OUTLOOK.

The mining industry of Weber county has perhaps never been heard of outside of the county except by some who have been interested, but it is nevertheless a fact that from the present showing of properties in and surrounding the county this county bids fair to be a great mining center. To the north of the city 12 miles near the Utah Hot Springs there are several mountains in which prospectors have found ore of the highest grade consisting of copper, gold, and silver-lead. Claims are being worked and tunnels are being bored but there has been no shipment of ore as yet. The mines at which the most promising values have been shown are the Santa Maria, Napoleon-Naghts and others in the Sierra Madre district. At the Santa Maria mine high up in the mountain side the tunnel work is being pushed and already an 80-foot pathway through the solid stone of the mountain has been bored by an electric drill operated by power brought at considerable expense from Brigham City.

UNITED CITIZENSHIP.

While structures have been planned pie of Ogden city and county have no reason to feel that their locality is not holding its stride with that of other portions of the state and the entire west. Many obstacles have arisen during the past year with a tendency to slacken the growth of the city but they have been met and swept aside by the progressive citizenship, which is noticeable in this city. Merchants, business men and men of profession divided in politics, religion, and faith, rally under one standard and unite with a common purpose to advance the interests at stake or are placed in jeopardy. With this unanimity amongst its citizens, with organizations, such as the Weber club, the Chamber of Commerce and the various associations whose motto is "boost" Ogden city and Weber county will always remain in the front ranks of the development of the greatest state in the Union, Utah.

TOWER OF STRENGTH IN FINANCIAL WORLD

No illustration of confidence in financial institutions is better offered than in the First National bank of Ogden. Organized as the institution was in 1889, in a very humble way and occupying small space in a building on the present Z. C. M. I. corner, its upbuilding and successful career is best told perhaps when it is stated that today its deposits exceed \$2,200,000. It is little wonder that Ogdenites are proud of the growth of this splendid bank, and well they may be, for at its head is David Eccles, unquestionably Utah's wealthiest resident. Perhaps the bank owes as much to its growth in the fact that since organization, it has had but three presidents and a like number of cashiers. It is indeed a record to be proud of in any financial institution that, extending over a period of over a quarter of a century, such few changes are made in the active management of affairs. It is a well known fact in financial circles that the success of financial institutions depends almost entirely upon the activities of its presidents and cashiers. If these executives are found lacking in any of the essentials necessary to conservation in the world of finance, the institutions which they head cannot succeed. On the other hand, when executive heads understand banking and establish confidence in the minds of the public, their institutions become rocks of Gibraltar in their communities. Such without question is the position occupied in the financial world of Ogden by the First National bank. What has been said with regard to the president of the institution, Mr. David Eccles, can as well be stated of Cashier John Pingree. The name Pingree stands for everything conservative and essential in banking, not alone in the state of Utah, but throughout the entire intermountain country and the great west. It is interesting in commenting on

the wonderful growth of the First National bank to note its three presidents included Horace Eldridge, D. H. Peery and David Eccles. There are no names in financial circles in or out of the intermountain country that carry more weight than these.

Of course from time to time the

First National bank found it necessary to increase its quarters. Today the banking rooms are besides being the largest in Ogden, by far the handsomest. Occupying the main floor of the First National bank building at the corner of Twenty-fourth street and Washington avenue. The fur-

ture and fixtures of the institution are admitted to be among the handsomest in the state of Utah. Every possible convenience is afforded for clients and clerks in the transaction of business. One of the features of the institution is the splendid lighting and ventilating system. The

present space occupied by the bank was the result of improvements made last year when the bank found it necessary to increase the banking quarters to twice the former size to accommodate patrons.

The First National bank transacts a general banking business in every sense the term implies so long as the business includes everything which goes with legitimate finance.

Comment here upon Mr. David Eccles is hardly necessary except to state that besides officiating as president of this splendid institution, he owns and controls miles upon miles of timber in Oregon, is interested in many city and state enterprises of magnitude, is one of the greatest upbuilders of the intermountain country and was the builder of the Sumpter Valley railroad. The officers of the institution are all men of the strongest possible standing in the financial world of the state. Besides Mr. Eccles they include Mr. S. Browning, vice president; George H. Tribe, vice president; John Pingree, as above mentioned, cashier; Jas. F. Eddington, assistant cashier. What is said of the officers applies with equal force to the directors, including David Eccles, L. S. Hills, Bernard White, George H. Tribe, Joseph Clark, Adam Patterson, W. W. Ritter, John Watson, M. S. Browning, John Spires and R. B. Porter.

Recently this institution was appointed depository for District No. 1, forest reserves including Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada. This means that the First National Bank of Ogden, will be in close touch with sheepmen, ranchers and everyone interested in this vast territory. An additional million dollars yearly will necessarily be handled by the bank from this source. Like wise, in this connection the First National Bank is in a position to transact and cater to the financial business of the entire community interested in the district embraced by District No. 4 of the Forest Reserve.

The last statement of the condition of this splendid institution shows resources amounting to \$2,666,629.54.

UTAH'S OFFICIAL DIRECTORY, 1908

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United States Senator, George Sutherland.....Term expires March 4, 1911
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STATE BOARDS.

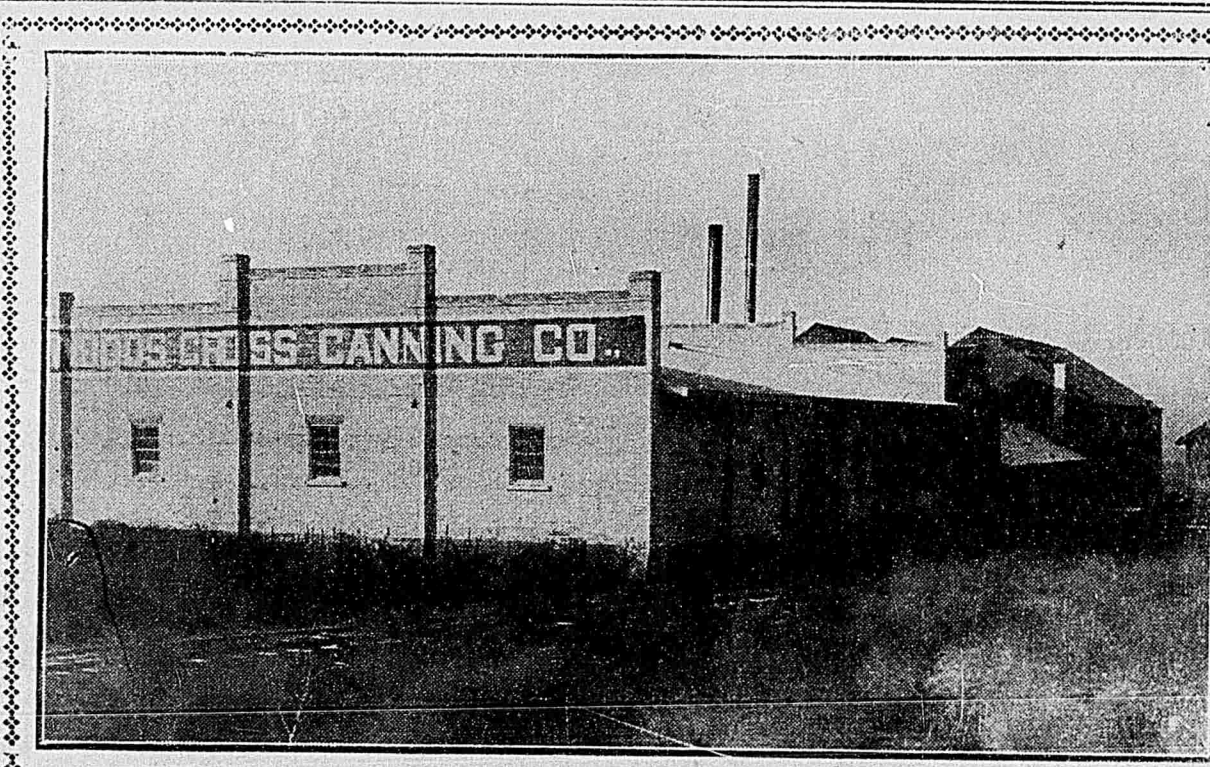
BOARD OF PARDONS—Governor, Attorney-General and three Supreme Justices.

ORIENTAL BURIAL CUSTOMS.

The ordinary coffin used in Smyrna is made of pine wood, for the reason that it practically is the only one in demand. It is very cheap and supplied by carpenters to coffin dealers, who in turn decorate it with coverings of black and white cloth and adorn it otherwise with gold or silver trimmings. The price depends to a great extent upon the financial circumstances of the purchaser. Therefore, a coffin may sell for \$5 to \$25. Some dealers occasionally give a coffin free to some poor man out of charity. There are also coffins made of walnut and mahogany, but these are very expensive, the price being \$50 to \$75 each, even without covered cloth or trimmings, as the wood itself is beautiful enough in its simplicity. There are about 12 coffin dealers, or establishments, in Smyrna, two of which only rent coffins. This is a system generally practiced among the native population of the orient, which suits many poor people, for the reason that for a nominal sum of \$100 the burial expenses may be covered, the coffin being returned to the dealer. This practice, however, may often lead to the spreading of contagious diseases. The majority of the coffin dealers have also protested the renting of coffins, for it spoils the trade generally, but the municipality has steadily refused to interfere.—Consular Report.

THE CANNON ROARED.

While campaigning in his home state, Speaker Cannon was once inveigled into visiting the public schools of a town where he was billed to speak. In one of the lower grades, an ambitious teacher called upon a youthful Demosthenes to entertain the distinguished visitor with an exhibition of amateur oratory. The selection attempted was Byron's "Battle of Waterloo," and just as the boy reached the end of the first paragraph, Speaker Cannon suddenly gave vent to a violent sneeze. "But, hark! hark!" exclaimed the youngster—"a deep sound strikes like a rising knell! Did ye hear it?" The visitors smiled and a moment later the second sneeze—which the speaker was vainly trying to hold back—came with increased violence. "But, hark! hark!" (bawled the boy)—"that heavy sound breaks in once more. And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before! Arm! Arm! It is the cannon's roar!" This was too much, and the laugh that broke from the party swelled to a roar when "Uncle Joe" chuckled: "Put up your weapons, children; I won't shoot any more."—Success Magazine.

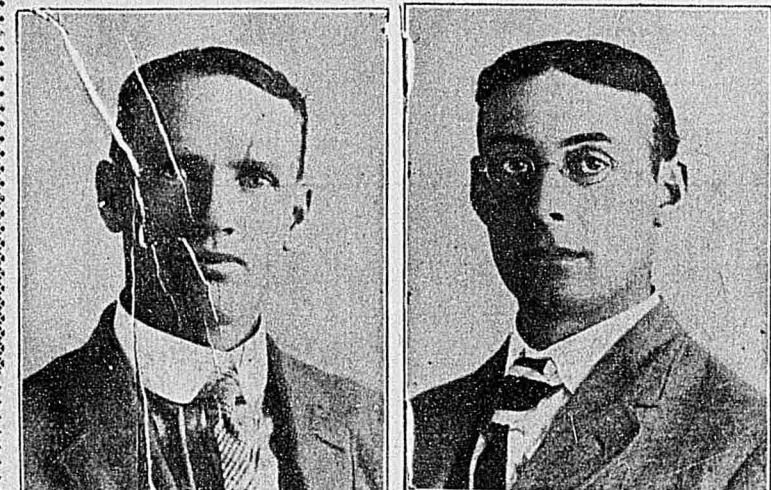


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Situated about ten miles north of Salt Lake City is a veritable hive of industry. For miles around it claims the attention of the laboring classes of that district and throughout the entire intermountain west the name of the Woods Cross Canning Co. is fast becoming a household term. Mr. Richard Stringham, manager, to whom is to be attributed the growth of this institution, has purloined liberally of the pioneer spirit of his father, who entered the valley in 1847. It was in 1892 that this industry was launched on a very small scale. Practically the only fruits canned were tomatoes, but today there are more than one million cans of tomatoes, cherries, apricots, plums, peaches, pumpkins and asparagus leaving this canning factory and

distributed throughout the entire country. During the busy season which lasts from April to November, between 90 and 110 employees are busily engaged and the weekly pay roll runs up to nearly \$1,200. Transportation difficulties have been reduced to a minimum as nearly every product used here is raised within a radius of a few miles from the factory. What is now proving to be the most important output is asparagus, that reliable delicacy which is so eagerly sought by every epicure. Unlike, however, the pale, sickly product that appears on the local market in spring, the canned asparagus retains that delicious flavor and green healthy color which places it in a class by itself. Canned in sanitary receptacles that are hermetically sealed, without the application of either heat, acid or solder,

the Woods Cross asparagus will be found on the market throughout the entire year. People who have enjoyed this tender growth in the spring time only, will now be able to have it on their tables at any desired time. The peculiar process which is observed in the cultivation of Woods Cross asparagus, is a thorough guarantee of its replacing not only the fresh product, but also the imported canned goods. Again, there is no part of the asparagus stem as treated by the Woods Cross Canning Co. that is not edible. From tip to tip every morsel is tender and thoroughly reliable. When ordering asparagus, see that the label bears the imprint of the Woods Cross Canning Co., whose guarantee for clean, sanitary, pure foods is attested by all.



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