

Home and Business Block Building a Feature at Logan.

THE year 1905 has been a prosperous one for Logan. More handsome and costly residences have been erected this year than in any other single year in the history of the town, and the number of more modest dwellings equals if it does not exceed that of any previous year. This means that labor, particularly in the building trades, has been provided with abundant employment at good wages.

There have been several business structures erected during the year, but the only public improvement in the beauty of the streets as well as the comfort of the pedestrians.

Cache Commercial Club.

There had long been a growing feeling among the business men of Logan that organized effort among them would further the interests of the city and valley, and this sentiment culminated in the incorporation, Dec. 18, 1904, of the Cache Commercial club, a body that at the present time numbers about 120 members. B. F. Riter, Esq., of the firm of Riter Brothers, druggists, is

but it would make the island a delightful residence district, and would strongly tend to increase the population of the city.

The club is making efforts to have Logan and other Cache valley towns classed by railroads as common points in respect to freight rates, and there seems to be good reason for hoping that these efforts will prove successful. Should such be the case the saving to the people of Cache valley in freights will be thousands of dollars annually.

weeks, or months at most, a loop extending from Mendon around the south end of Cache valley, via Wellsville and Hyrum to Logan, will be in full operation, with regular freight and passenger trains.

This is an advantage of immense importance, both to Logan and the towns in the south end of the valley, and will give an impetus to population and public and private improvements over a wide and important area. It is a matter of public interest throughout the state to know that the important towns of Hyrum and Wellsville are connected by rail with the outside world.

The Mechanic Arts Building of the Brigham Young College.

Visitors to Logan cannot fail to notice and admire the New Mechanic Arts Building of the Brigham Young College. It is the largest and most ornamental structure erected in that city for several years. To the college it will prove of the greatest value. That institution has long been over-crowded, and the new building relieves the congested conditions as well as provides ample facilities for instruction along the lines of manual training indicated by the founder, President Brigham Young.

While some of these courses have been established at the college, the conditions for doing the best work have not existed. Crowded into rooms too small to admit of adequate equipment, moved from place to place in hopes of bettering these conditions, both students and teachers labored under difficulties and discouragements that could not be ignored. Realizing this the trustees decided, last spring, to build on the property purchased from Z. C. M. L. on the corner of First south and First West streets.

The building, now rapidly approaching completion, is of the Renaissance style of architecture, ninety-five feet long by fifty feet wide, and four stories in height.

The basement will be used for iron-work and masonry. It will also include an engine room, in which is installed a turbine wheel, developing twenty-five horsepower, a twenty-four horsepower engine, a dynamo, and a three horsepower motor. Also located here is a large Buffalo steam exhaust fan to take all fumes, smoke, and dust that may be generated in the shops. The blacksmithshop is equipped with 18 forges and the necessary tools. The second floor will be used by the woodworking department and will be thoroughly equipped with suitable machinery. On the third floor will be the home of the Domestic Science department. The needle work department will have two large rooms and a small one. The cooking department will have two laboratories and a commodious and pleasantly located dining room.

On the fourth floor will be located the art and mechanical drawing departments. The large south room will be used for the latter subject, while the three large north rooms will be used, one as an art exhibit room, one as a class room and one as a private studio. With the lighting that has been planned these rooms will be thoroughly up-to-date in their appointments.

ment of its president, when interviewed by a "News" reporter soon after the fire, on the question as to whether an effort would be made to rebuild, or whether the fire would result in the abandonment of the mechanic arts work in the institution. "Certainly, the work of this department will not be abandoned," he said. "The building will be reconstructed and equipped—must be, in some way, at the earliest possible date. The future of the institution and the interests of the people of the state demand it."

Meetings of the board of trustees were immediately called, conferences were held with the state board of ex-

chinery are already on the ground, and by the time the college opens after the holiday vacation on Jan. 3, it is expected that everything will be in readiness for resuming all of the work, including forging, carriage building, foundry work, carpentry, cabinet making, machine work in both wood and metal, etc.

While the destruction of the Mechanic Arts building has been a serious drawback to the institution this year, and has interfered very largely with the registration up to date, it is not improbable that the final results will be, in a number of respects, advantageous rather than otherwise. The old



MECHANICS ARTS BUILDING, BRIGHAM YOUNG COLLEGE IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

way of building, barring the college buildings mentioned below, is the addition to the county court house, which about doubles the capacity of the building. As a general thing additions to structures of this character always look like additions, and not like a part of the original building. But this instance is an exception to the rule. An observer might well suppose the part being added to have been part of the original structure, so perfect are the harmony and proportion of the whole.

During this year about three miles of cement sidewalks have been laid. This work added to that done previously, gives the town excellent sidewalks radiating in all directions from the business center, and adds much to the

president of it, and F. A. Mitchell, Esq., one of the earliest merchants in Utah, is secretary.

The club has elegant quarters, and much interest is being taken in its work, not only by its members, but by many citizens, and its efforts promise to bear early fruit in the shape of several public improvements, and concessions by the O. S. L. railroad.

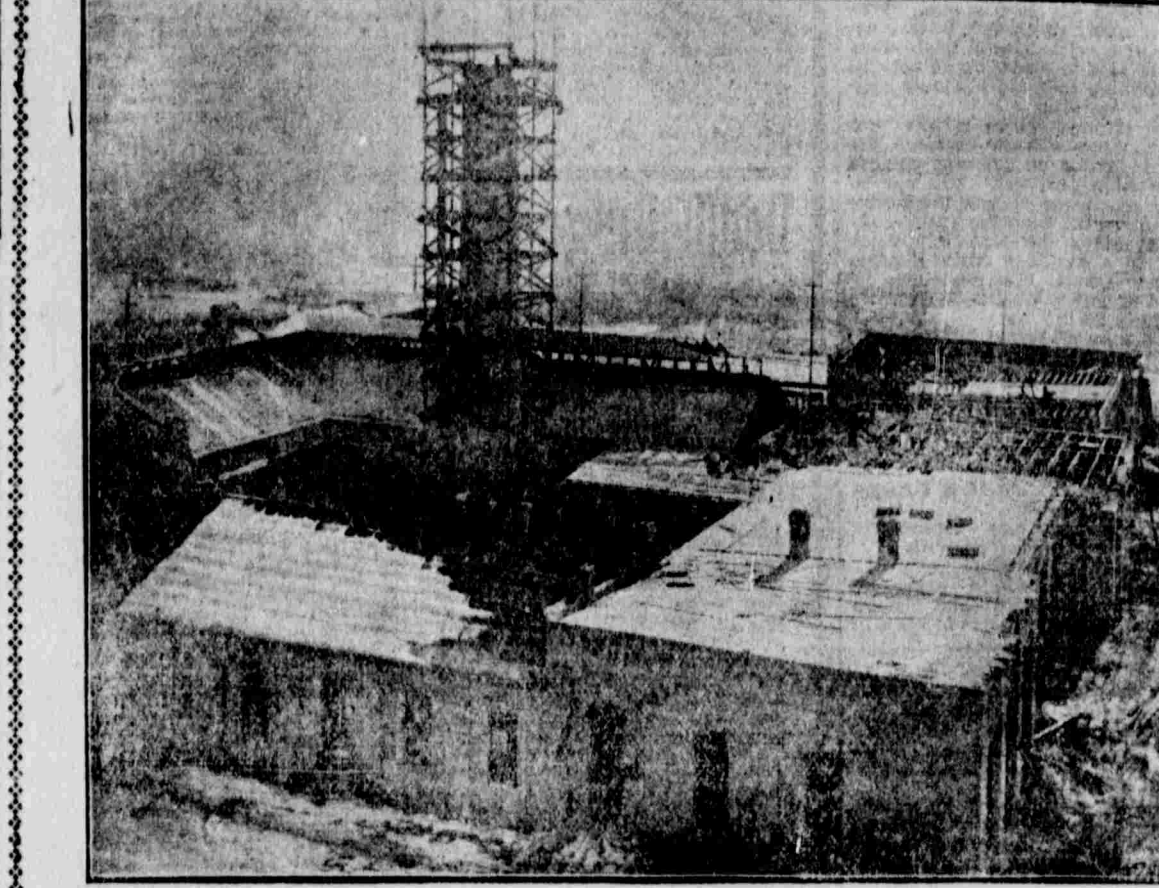
The club is considering an extension of the city water works over that part of the city known as the island, a district in which the wells are very shallow and hence liable to contamination. This would be a costly improvement, and could not be accomplished without authority granted by the Legislature to Logan City, to increase its debt;

Railroad Extension.

The Oregon Short Line railroad this fall built a branch from the sugar factory just southwest of Logan to Hyrum. Beets were hauled to the sugar factory over this branch, but no regular passenger service has as yet been established on it. A spur had previously been built to the factory.

This same branch is being extended from Hyrum to Wellsville, and the rails have been laid to the latter point, but trains have not, at this writing, begun to run between these two towns, though it is only a matter of days when this will be done.

The right of way has been secured and the grade is being built from Wellsville to Mendon, and within a few



THE MECHANICS ARTS BUILDING NOW BEING ERECTED TO REPLACE STRUCTURE LATELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

year with a splendid showing. With the controversies extending throughout the entire session of the last State Legislature, endangering not only the usefulness but the very life of the institution, and the attendant agitations continuing late into the summer; the passage of the law putting the engineering work, temporarily at least, under the ban; a most disastrous fire just one week before the opening of the school year, causing an almost complete destruction of the Mechanic Arts building and equipment, with an approximate value of \$40,000; it would seem that the college had encountered during a single year difficulties sufficient to cause absolute discouragement. But with each recurring obstacle this magnificent institution only lifts its head the higher, and with accelerated speed marches on in the great work of educational and industrial development.

The spirit which characterizes the college policy is indicated by the state-

miners, estimates of the cost of rebuilding and equipping the department were prepared, and through the prompt and patriotic action of the board of examiners in allowing a deficit, and the indefatigable efforts of the college authorities, within a few weeks, contracts were awarded and arrangements made for the immediate completion of the building. Bids were solicited and orders placed for tools and machinery and other equipment; and, while there have been many disappointments and some exasperating delays, occasioned by the impossibility of getting material, the forge shop, carriage shop, and foundry are all under roof, the smoke stack will be completed before this is in print, the brick work of the north and south wings of the front is finished and the carpenters are putting on the roof. As soon as additional brick and lumber can be procured, during the next few days, the central front will be rushed to completion. Practically all of the tools and most of the ma-

building had been constructed at different times since the original forge shop was built in 1896. In the new building a number of improvements have been made which will add greatly to the convenience of the work. The entire equipment will now be new and of the most modern type. It is expected that in January, when the work is resumed, at least 200 students will be engaged in these different shops.

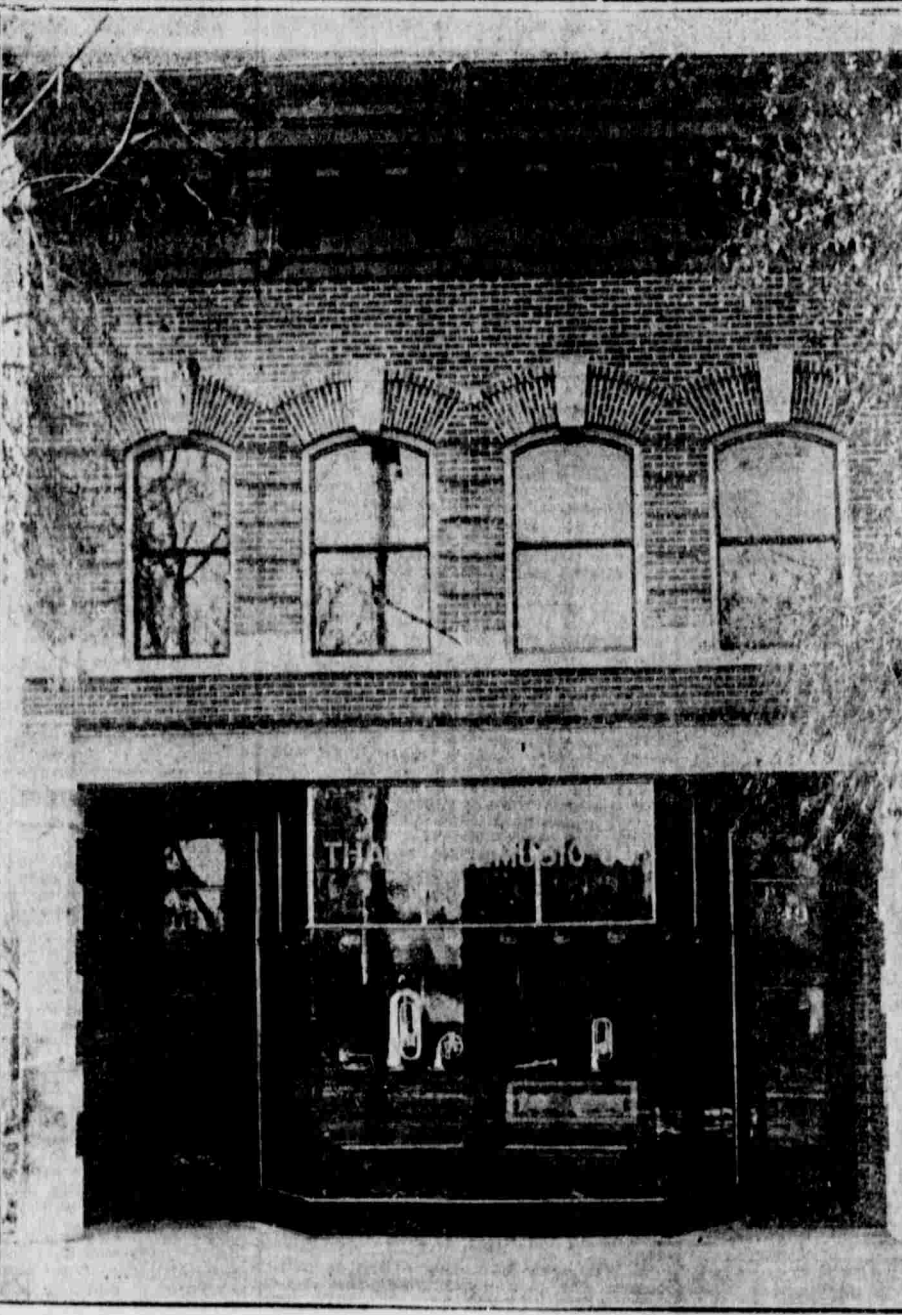
Just before the college opened in September, it was predicted that there would be a falling off in the attendance of between 200 and 300. It is most remarkable, however, under the circumstances, and is no doubt very gratifying to the college authorities, that the attendance is practically the same as it was last year, there being an increase in the different courses in agriculture, domestic science and arts, and commerce. With the new students who will come in in January for mechanic arts work and the different winter courses, the total registration will be

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