

# St. Anthony, the Favored City of the Gem State

**S**T. ANTHONY, the county seat of Fremont county, Idaho, is surrounded by one of the greatest irrigated sections in the great intermountain region. The city is one of the second class and the population is about 2,000. Truly is St. Anthony entitled to the title applied by the residents when they call her the "favored city." Enthusiasm bubbles over in St. Anthony and the business men and residents in general are enterprising and enthusiastic as to the future. Each year adds to the greatness of the city and if push and energy will accomplish anything for the advancement of the community in and about St. Anthony, her citizens are never found lacking.

## AN IDEAL TOWNSITE.

Nature made where St. Anthony is located an ideal townsite and the founders of the city were not slow to take advantage of the location. It is said of St. Anthony that so marked were the advantages that the city was made the county seat of Fremont county when there were but two buildings in the town, with no settlement of any consequence within 10 miles. The fact was appreciated, however, that the magnificent stretch of country in all directions, of which she was the geographical center, the perfect drainage, the natural water power, a soil which never gets muddy, the surpassing beauty of the river, all presented an array of advantages which could not be surpassed, and of themselves were sufficient to insure the building of a thriving city.

## DIVIDED BY SNAKE RIVER.

The north fork of Snake river runs through the center of St. Anthony and on the main stem, running north and south, is spanned by a 50-foot bridge, beneath which the turbulent stream incessantly surges and tosses and seethes and boils in forcing its passage through a narrow channel. Immediately below the bridge the river spreads out to a width of 500 feet of pure, sparkling mountain water, an expanse of rapids beautiful to behold. Within the city limits, and within a distance of less than half a mile, the river falls 30 feet, and can easily and at a comparatively small expense be made to generate almost exhaustless power, which, sooner or later, will be used in furnishing power for industries of various kinds.

The land on both sides slopes gently toward the river, and down the stream from east to west, furnishing an ideal drainage and insuring the best of health. Typhoid fever and other diseases which originate in impure water and imperfect drainage are almost unknown in St. Anthony.

## NO ENGINEER NEEDED.

The service of an engineer is not required to lay out a sewerage system. All that is necessary is the digging of the trenches to a uniform depth, the natural slope of the land furnishing sufficient fall to insure the perfect working of the system.

## NATURE PAVED ST. ANTHONY.

The soil is a composite of lava, ash, sand and gravel, which permit the water to freely percolate and escape, and with the natural surface drainage, make mud almost unknown. Evidence of the heaviest rainfall entirely disappears within a few hours. The city is not a sand bank, through which travel is difficult, but the soil is hard and firm, and of such a nature that with very little sprinkling the dust nuisance is entirely abated. Less sprinkling is required than on the paved streets of cities. Thus the three elements which demand paving—mud, dust and sand, are here overcome by nature.

St. Anthony possesses the natural advantage which nature supplies without cost, which most cities have to create by the expenditures of large sums of money. When natural disadvantages have to be overcome, the drain upon the resources of the residents is a serious one. Drainage, water supply and paving are the three items of heaviest expense in the building of cities. Drainage and pure water are essential to health and happiness; paving is necessary for comfort and the proper transaction of business. Nature has provided conditions for St. Anthony which make these improvements almost unnecessary and very inexpensive. We have pure water in abundance, a natural surface drainage, and a soil which abates the nuisance of both mud and dust. Thus instead of having to overcome nature, we have only to take advantage of the conditions she has provided.

## GOOD BUSINESS CENTER.

As a business center, St. Anthony is equally fortunate. She is a supply point for a large scope of territory extending north into Montana, east and northeast into Wyoming, and up the river to all settlements between that city and the National park. Some of this trade comes from a distance of 100 miles or more. During the summer the stockmen outfit and purchase their supplies here, and in the

fall they lay in supplies sufficient to last until spring. This compels the carrying of large stocks of goods and induces the best class of business men to locate there; a class with means and enterprise sufficient to meet all demands. This has been a factor in securing and holding the trade of these remote settlements, which might have gone elsewhere had the stocks been less complete and service less satisfactory.

## WATER AND LIGHT PLANTS.

St. Anthony has a \$60,000 water works and electric light plant, the power for which is transmitted by a canal taken from the Snake river. This plant is modern in every respect.

St. Anthony has a \$10,000 public school building, with all modern furniture and fixtures, including a first class heating plant sufficient for contemplated additions to the building, which, with the rapidly increasing population, must soon be built.

The catalogue provides for the full 12 years work, the high school being complete and special teachers provided for music and drawing.

The school year is nine months. An efficient corps of teachers has charge of the schools, which are second to none of their size in the state.

## PLENTY OF CHURCHES.

St. Anthony is well supplied with churches; there being four up-to-date buildings, representing as many leading denominations, and a foundation is now constructed for the fifth.

## BUSINESS FACILITIES.

With increased facilities for handling business the trade radius naturally increases and so while St. Anthony is well represented along all lines in a business way, the field is by no means overcrowded. Territory surrounding the city is rapidly populating and thus, the demand for material and supplies is constantly increasing.

It may be interesting to note that only six years ago St. Anthony was a small town with but 500 inhabitants. Such a thing as empty dwellings in the hustling city nowadays is an unknown quantity. Whenever the foundation is laid for a new house it is usually rented long before completion.

## TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Among other things the city is supplied with every convenience in telephones and telegraph service. In telephones, local and long distance service is provided.



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ONE OF THE HANDSOME HOMES OF ST. ANTHONY, FOR WHICH THE CITY IS NOTED.

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In summing the matter up, if there is anything that nature has failed to provide for St. Anthony, it has yet to be discovered. With local coal at her door, with water power unlimited, with the beautiful Snake river right out of the mountains, bearing upon its bosom lumber by the million feet and wood for fire purposes; with water pure and wholesome, with natural parks, with building stone of every conceivable color and with natural paved streets.

## YELLOWSTONE PARK CLOSE.

St. Anthony is but two days' drive from the Yellowstone National park and is adjacent to the great wild game centers over which the famous Teton Peaks stand guard. Of course the Oregon Short Line is constructing a railroad into the great Yellowstone Park but to the person on pleasure bent there is nothing so entrancing during the season as a drive to the great wonderland of America. Within 50 miles of the city game of every known description can be hunted in season and nowhere in the Snake river valley is better fishing to be had than

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ST. ANTHONY'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS STREET IS ALWAYS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE AND VEHICLES.

## IN RETROSPECT.

In looking back 15 years it is interesting to note that there was but one house within 20 miles of St. Anthony. The general prosperity which is enjoyed by "the favored city," today is evidenced by the fact that but one business failure has occurred in six years and the financial institutions report that that failure was in no way due to

been established in 1901. The firm has one of the largest out-of-town lists of patrons in the valley.

No concern in St. Anthony is better known throughout the Snake River valley than O. O. Skalet, dealer in general merchandise, hardware, stoves and ranges. Mr. Skalet has one of the largest store buildings in the city and he has, through perseverance, built up one of the best paying businesses.

## ENTERPRISING BANKER.

Cashier John D. C. Kruger of the Commercial National bank, besides devoting attention to his duties at the bank daily is deeply interested in the Idaho Real Estate and Commission company. Associated with him in the latter enterprise are moneyed men of the city. Under his cashiership at the Commercial National bank that institution has shown steady increase in deposits from its beginning.

It is something to be proud of in a city the size of St. Anthony to advertise that you are the only exclusive clothing, shoe and furnishing goods establishment in the city, yet Mr. A. M. Boylen occupies that distinction. It can further be truthfully stated that no similar store in the intermountain country carries a more up-to-date stock than does Mr. Boylen.

## CREATE REALTY MARKET.

To no two single individuals does St. Anthony owe more perhaps in the method of advertising real estate in the city and surrounding valley than to Messrs. C. C. Moore and H. G. Fuller. These two gentlemen make up the enterprising realty firm known as the C. C. Moore Real Estate company.

The Chase Furniture company, managed by Mr. W. W. Spires, is the only first class emporium of its character in St. Anthony and within its rooms



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LOADING WOOL FOR SHIPMENT TO FOREIGN MARKETS AT ST. ANTHONY.

can be found one of the very best lines of furniture carried in Fremont county. That the people of the city appreciate the efforts of Mr. Spires, is testified to by the fact that he receives patronage which enables him to carry as extensive a stock as is usually handled in cities twice and three times the size of St. Anthony.

WOODS L. MILLER and JOHN W. MILLER, doing business as Miller Bros. dealers in grain, seeds and potatoes. This enterprising firm maintains separate establishments at Rexburg, Sugar City and Ashton.

The First National bank of St. Anthony, through the efforts of its cashier, Mr. G. E. Bowerman, has built up an extensive patronage for its institution. There is no more energetic or patriotic citizen in St. Anthony than Mr. Bowerman. Besides his interests in the "Favored City," Mr. Bowerman is interested in banking institutions at Ashton and Sugar City.

## MERCANTILE INSTITUTIONS.

The St. Anthony Building and Manufacturing company, headed by Mr. J. E. Fogg as president, Mr. Peter Mickelsen as secretary and Mr. George N. Schwartz as manager and the Fogg & Jacobs' Mercantile company, dealers in general merchandise, such as dry goods, notions, clothing, etc., and hardware, do extensive business all through the Snake River valley.

No single concern in St. Anthony enjoys more confidence than Baker & Sons, petting dealers in general merchandise. It is the oldest establish-

ment in the valley. The firm has one of the largest out-of-town lists of patrons in the valley. No concern in St. Anthony is better known throughout the Snake River valley than O. O. Skalet, dealer in general merchandise, hardware, stoves and ranges. Mr. Skalet has one of the largest store buildings in the city and he has, through perseverance, built up one of the best paying businesses.

The Golden Rule store, managed by John H. Blevins is another leading institution of St. Anthony dealing in general merchandise. The Golden Rule store carries a stock in all departments second to none in the valley. Manager Blevins is a hustler and he has built up a splendid trade.

## EMPLOY HYGIENIC METHODS.

The killing of cattle, sheep and hogs is an important industry for local consumption in St. Anthony and vicinity, and Stone Bros., owners of the Metropolitan market, have built up one of the largest trades in their business through dealing fairly and selling only pure and unadulterated meats. The Metropolitan market is one of the largest and best appointed in the state of Idaho.

In the matter of up-to-date pharmacies, St. Anthony ranks with any city of its size in the United States. At least two druggists in the city are hustlers for trade and each has all he can handle. One is Charles S. Watson, who advertises liberally as "the St. Anthony druggist," and the other is Mr. Curran. Both carry everything in the nature of drugs, paints, glass, wall paper, kodak supplies, etc., and fancy goods. Sporting goods also may be found upon their shelves.

Mr. Watson shares his store jointly with St. Anthony's leading jewelry concern, the Ashcraft Jewelry company. The building occupied by both is one of the largest and deepest in the city. Repairing of complicated watches is made a specialty by the Ashcraft.

OF INTEREST TO BUILDERS. No concern in St. Anthony enjoys a more liberal amount of patronage in its line than does the Jamison Hardware company. As the name implies, the firm deals exclusively in general hardware. An extensive stock is carried, and anything needed in their line is always to be found in their spacious store. W. F. Jamison is manager and W. A. Calderhead, secretary of the company.

The St. Anthony Insurance Agency does an extensive business not alone in the city proper, but all over the county, because of the fact that Mr. Thomas C. Patten, manager, is the only exclusive insurance man in Fremont county.

The leading confectioner and tobacconist of St. Anthony is J. H. Meredith. Ice cream and soda water are made specialties of, and Mr. Meredith enjoys a large patronage locally and from temporary visitors within the city's gates.

Every Yellowstone National park visitor who has entered the park from St. Anthony, as well as all commercial travelers or persons who have occasion to visit the city, will find

pleasant personal recollections of the excellent equipment of Yager's livery. Mr. Yager's barns are among the best equipped in eastern Idaho.

## COMMODOUS QUARTERS.

Among the successful merchants of St. Anthony whose business has outgrown the smaller quarters in which it was established, is that of Mr. James Hughes, proprietor of the High Quality store. Mr. Hughes will remove his business into the handsome new two-story and basement building across the street from the present location as soon as the structure is completed. The situation will be ideal because the store will be between the Commercial National bank and the St. Anthony Banking & Trust company buildings. Mr. Hughes handles clothing for men and boys and dry goods. A branch store is maintained at Sugar City.

## SOME MORE "BOOSTERS."

The Snake River Lumber company is incorporated for \$50,000, and maintains at Island park one of the most complete and up-to-date saw mills in southeastern Idaho. The company does one of the biggest lumber businesses in the Snake River valley, and its success is due largely to the efforts of Manager Charles C. Bowerman, who was formerly connected with the First National bank of St. Anthony.

When it comes to entering into matters for the upbuilding of St. Anthony, no citizens are called upon who give more cheerfully both their time and money than Messrs. Murphy & Bartlett and C. C. Hoffmann. The trio above mentioned are property owners, not alone in St. Anthony, but in other cities in the Snake River valley. Mr. Murphy is one of the trustees of Ashton, the youngest city in Idaho.

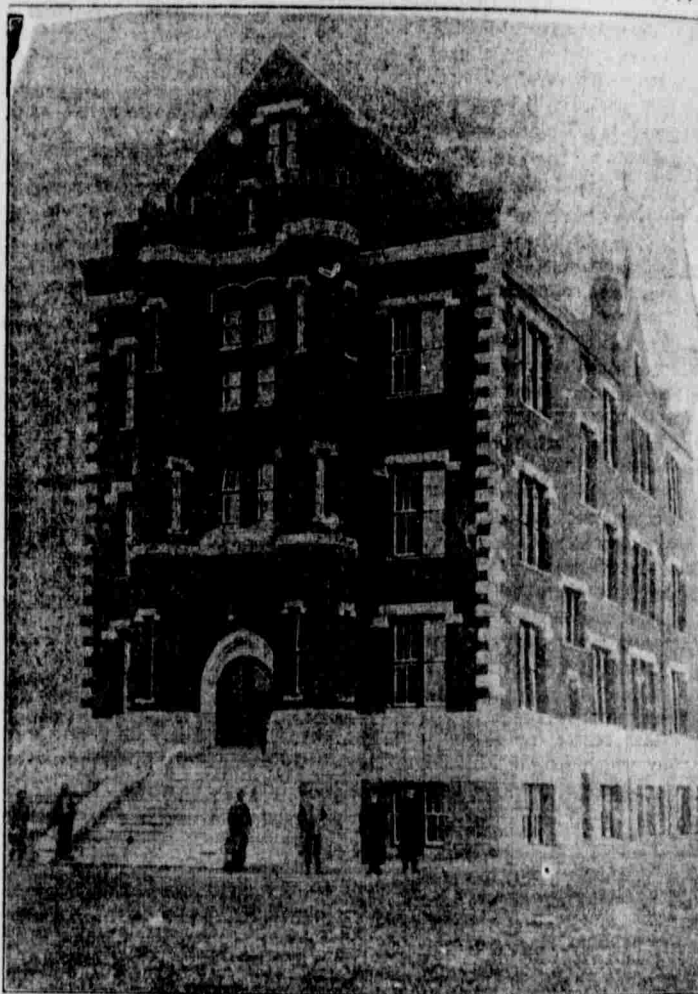
It is expected that St. Anthony's new banking institution, the St. Anthony Banking & Trust company, will open for business about Jan. 1, in the handsome new building being erected for

Non-resident children are admitted on the most liberal terms. People contemplating going to St. Anthony need feel no hesitancy on account of school facilities. The city invites comparison and points with pride to the success of the St. Anthony schools.

## STATE REFORMATORY.

By an act of the legislature approved February 16, 1903, the Idaho Industrial Reform school was located at St. Anthony, in Fremont county. The site selected for the institution by the board of trustees lays about three miles west of the city and embraces a tract of 22 acres of beautiful, fertile farm land that is supplied with water for irrigation purposes by one of the Fork of Snake river. This promises to become one of the most valuable properties among the institutions of the state. This institution is endowed with a grant consisting of 60,000 acres of land which was given to the state for a reformatory school by the government at the time Idaho became a state.

It has all been selected and is now held by the state for the benefit of this school. A board of six trustees, composed of the governor and state superintendent of public instruction, who, by the act are made ex-officio members, and two men and two women who are appointed by the governor, have control of the affairs of the institution. The buildings and additions that have been erected since 1904 for this school is modern in every feature that pertains to comforts of the inmates and is a credit to the board, who has the honor in charge. The object of the institution is to furnish a home for reformatory children and to teach them that the road to peace and usefulness in life is found in being truthful and honest, and to give them an education in all branches taught in the public schools of the state, and a thorough course in manual training, for boys,



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MAIN BUILDING OF THE IDAHO INDUSTRIAL REFORM SCHOOL, AT ST. ANTHONY.

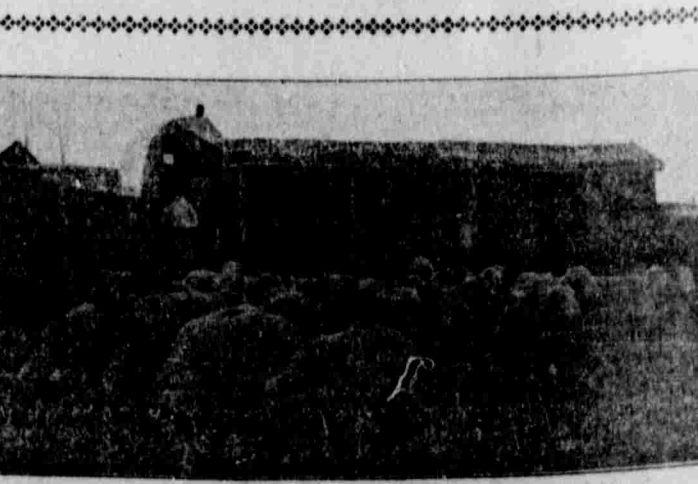
its home in the heart of the business district of the city. It has been assured splendid support from the start.

## FINE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

If the people of St. Anthony have any one thing more than another to be thankful for, it is their public school. The city has a public school of which any eastern city with a much larger population might justly feel proud. The course of study includes four year's high school work. By the addition of this four year's work, it has been made possible to offer children as good educational facilities, right here at home, as can be offered by any school in the state.

Besides the work in the regular course, kindergarten work is done in the primary grades, and music and drawing is taught in all grades. Each department in the school is presided over by a teacher proficient in each special line of work. The board of trustees is composed of some of the most enterprising men in the community, who believe in sparing neither pains nor expense in making St. Anthony an educational center of Fremont county. The board feels that their efforts have been richly rewarded. Besides the original public school building, there has been erected the \$15,000 high school building.

The main building is heated by a furnace, installed at an expense of \$1,500. The building is ventilated by means of a two-horse power fan which is kept in constant motion by an electric motor. This furnishes the best possible means of ventilation. The air is changed in every room every three minutes. The sanitary conditions are of the very best.



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