# Wonderful Growth Of Ashton, Idaho's Youngest City

est city was laid out less than a year ago and today it has a population in excess of 500. It is really difficult to realize that only last January sage brush flourished where Ashton stands when one steps off the train before the bandsome litthe depot which the Oregon Short Line has built in this progressive town.

That the future of Ashton is as-sured is evidenced by the fact that in less than a year's time, between 16 and mainess houses of the substantial kind have been erected and as many concerns are doing business. Add to Sils the fact that every leading lumber and nardware concern in the great Smake River valley maintains a branch establishment in the intiving city, and it is not at all difficult to understand that Ashton's future is bright.

### FOUNDED LAST FEBRUARY.

Actually speaking, the birth of Ashton was January 1, this year. The settlement was incorporated July 10, last, s a village with a town government. The present officers are: H. L. Cannon, chairman of the board,

or as he is known throughout the Spake River valley, "Mayor of Ashton:" H. G. Fuller, secretary of the Townsite company, trustee; Jonas Mosser, manager of the Miller Bros. Lumber company, trustee; Joseph Murphy esident manager of Murphy & phy, resident manager of Murphy & Bartlet, trustee; B. C. Ricks, manager of another large lumber company, trustee; R. Marquardt, treasurton state bank, city clerk and police magistrate; Joseph S. Johnson and Peter Wilson, police officers.

off from the cardinal points of the compas, north, south, east and west. The principal thoroughfare, Main street, is Ashion is the outfitting station for an 100 feet wide and every side street is 80 tourists traveling by their own conveyances for which is the townsite provides for 40 or more streets and the dimensions of the location of the south the Ashton district includes the great horseshoe flats consisting of about 250,000 acres, of which width by three-quarters of a mile in length.

Ashion is the outfitting station for an tourists traveling by their own conveyances for this mecca of sightseers.

On the south the Ashton district includes the great horseshoe flats consisting of about 250,000 acres, of which 112,000 acres was recently selected by the state of Idaho under the acts of Congress graphing to the various edu-Some 20 residents of Ashton and St. | Congress granting to the various edu-

MAIN STREET, ASHTON, SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CITY WAS LAID OUT.

other grains such as rye, barley, flax and speltz grow in profitable quantities, while the yield of hay, especially alfalfanother; F. X. Dolenty, eashier of the Ashensistrate; Joseph S. Johnson and eter Wilson, police officers.

SPLENDIDLY LAID OFF.
Ashton as a town is spiendidly laid from the cardinal points of the comas, north, south, east and west. The rincipal thoroughfare, Main street, is 600 feet wide and every side street is 80

sea level and enjoys an average tem-perature the year around of 50 de-

FINE CROP SOIL.

The soil about Ashton is rated as

among the best crop producing in the upper Snake River valley. It is of a rich black lome, varying from five to 15 feet in depth, making it almost inexhaustable. This valley has been

settled for about 15 years and a crop fallure has never been recorded.

failure has never been recorded.

The average yield per acre for wheat, dry farming, is about 30 bushels to the acre and the serial seldom goes less than 65 pounds to the bushel. Irrigated farms are producing from 50 to 65 bushels to the acre. The general average is seldom under 65 pounds to the bushel are arguest a legal waight of

average is seldom under 65 pounds to the bushel, as against a legal weight of 60 pounds to the bushel.

The yield of oats is almost phenomenal, one field adjoining Ashton on the north, owned by J. T. Dorcheus, producing this year 108 bushels and 25 pounds to the acre on a calculated weight of 35 pounds to the bushel; the actual weight of the grain in question tallied 45 pounds to the bushel.

The above is only one of numerous instances which might be decorded in this fertile valley, in the vicinity of Ashton.

OTHER GRAINS THRIVE. Other grains such as rye, barley, flax

Ashton.

when settled will, as the Twin Falls | Fall River. tract, be capable of sustaining a population of between 3,000 and 4,000 people, which will add to Ashton's population that city being the shipping and trading point for the surrounding country.
To the west and southwest there is a gently sloping plain, ranging from seven to nine miles, all under irriga-den and cultivation and producing ention and cultivation and producing en-ormous crops of hay and grain. Ashton lies directly between the forks of the Snake and Fair rivers and it is expected that not less than 2,000,000 bushels of grain will be produced in this district when the canals now under construc-tion are completed, bringing large acreages of the finest grain lands under cultivation which are now covered with sage brush. sage brush.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS. The irrigation canal system of this have two large propositions under way, one the Brady Canal & Improvement company now about completed, while the second, that of the Yellewstone Irdigation & Power company, has progressed to a point that will make the realization of this vast enterprise a matter of but two or three manufactures. matter of but two or three months time. bout \$250,000 will be the money invested for building the canals for irrigating purposes and tens of thousands of acres of land will be brought under

immediate cultivation.

In the Squirrel Creek district about nine miles distant from Ashton, two large canals are now under construc-tion, the Harrigfeld Canal & Improvement company have several miles of a large ditch completed while the Indian Lake Reservoir & Canal company have

The handsomest building in the city is the new Hotel Ashton, a three-story building containing 30 rooms, with all modern conveniences, such as electric bells, bath, electric lights, etc. This hotel was erected by the Ashton Townsite company, and cost to complete and furnish about \$25,000. It has already been leased to a competent hotel man, and will be opened about Jan. 1. It is one of the finest hotels in the state of

### SCHOOLING FACILITIES.

Ashton has a schoolhouse of six rooms, steamheated throughout, and three stories with accommodations for 300 pupils. A competent corps of efficlent teachers guide the youthful mind. The building is constructed of brick

nd stone. Several brick buildings are already erected and one of the newest under course of construction is that being built by Mayor Cannon, a two-story and basement structure, 30 by 100 feet, for a store building and offices and

living rooms above.

The Odd Fellows have under struction a two-story brick building, to be used by the Ashton State bank and a mercantile establishment on the first floor, with a lodge room and entertainment hall on the second floor.

BANKING ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Ashion State bank, limited, has a capitalization of \$15,000, which it ex-pects to increase from time to time as tion, the Harrigfeld Canal & Improve-ment company have several miles of a large ditch completed while the Indian Lake Reservoir & Canal company have perfected plans for enlarging their pres-

country and give the farmer an open market at all seasons of the year. The Teton pharmacy is an up-to-date and complete drug dispensing place in every sense of the word; it is in charge of Mr. O. A. Brotehn, a pharmaceutical graduate of the North-

vestern university. Chicago, Rankin Bros. make up a firm of two enterprising young men engaged in the well drilling business. They have sunk all the important well in the Ashton

R. Marquardt is the leading jeweler and watchmaker of Ashton, and his commissions are many and large from the surrounding country. He is a graduate of a horological and optical nstitute, Peter Wilson operates a wholesale

neat and provision business and also conducts the Wilson hotel, operated

on the European plan.

Dr. E. L. Hargis, a graduate of Vanderbilt university of Nashville, Tenn., is the leading physician and surgeon of the town, and was one of its pioneers. He is recognized as one of the ablest professional men in the Gem

tate. Martin Elward, is a rancher of comparatively short residence in the com-munity, but he is one of the foremost men of affairs in the Fremont county district. He has other large property interests; when he removed to Idaho he sold all his Minnesota holdings and decided to adopt Idaho as his permanent home for all time to come.

George Harrigfeld, whose home is at district. He has other large

Squirrel, is one of the captains of agri-culture of the Gem State. He is a pioneer of the Squirrel district, which has developed into the leading hay and grain producing locality in Fre-mont county. Enterprising, energetic and liberal to a fault, he has spent as much time and money in advertising and developing the natural resources of eastern Idaho as any man in that great community of the vast intermountain region. He was the original owner of the present site of Ashton and contributed largely to the upbuilding and development of this great and thriving center. The Harrigfeld canal, which will bring under cultivation thousands of acres of virgin soil, is due to his untiring and energetic spirit, and will stand as a lasting monument to his faith in the future of Fremont

INDUCED SETTLERS TO COME IN

county.

Mr. Harrigfeld has been especially interested in inducing settlers to locate in this county, and through his further effort dozens of settlers and tens of thousands of dollars of taxable prop erty has been added to the wealth of Gem State.

Several years ago Mr. Harrigfeld predicted that land values would more than double, and though not a prophet, every prediction has made good.

Dr. T. P. Cranes a graduate of a

leading San Francisco dental college, attends to the necessities of the surrounding community in every departnent of his profession.
The Marysville Lumber company, un-

er the able management of Brigham . Ricks, maintains at Ashton a large lumber yard and supples the wants of contractors and builders in Ashton and vicinity. The yard carries one of the largest stocks in the upper Snake River The Snake River Lumber company

The Snake River Lumber company at Ashton, in connection with their lumber yard, conduct a general hardware business and carry one of the largest stocks of hardware and lumber in eastern Idaho. The company in Ashton is managed by J. F. Trick.

A. M. Boylen, the leading clothier and haberdasher of St. Anthony, maintains an establishment in Ashton which

tains an establishment in Ashton which is second to none in Fremont county. His lines are at all times kept up-to-date in every department with the lat-

The farming community for miles around commission George D. Hoggan

HOBLEY & BOAM.

Hobley & Boam, blacksmiths, recent-

ly started in business in Rigby and

have already built up by far the best

business in that line in town. Both

members of the firm are young and

enterprising, and already they have all the work on their hands they can com-

Both men are mechanics in every sense of the word. The business being rapidly built up consists of general blacksmithing, shoeing, wagon work

and the dealing in second-hand wagons

and buggles.

The firm does not fear competition in

ny sense of the word and judging from

the support received it will soon be necessary for the partners to increase

THE PIONEER HOTEL.

The Pioneer hotel at Rigby is one of

& Sons to make harness.

fortably attend to.

their capacity.

and men's furnishings in the upper Snake River valley. Their establishment would do credit to a city many times the population of Ashton. The same rule applies, however, to every establishment in the city.

THE HIGHLAND RANCH. Situated in the eastern part of Fremont county, some 10 miles from Ashton, and between the Teton river on the south and Fall river on the north, is a scope of country about 12 miles east and west, by 10 miles north and south, of fine rolling land especially adapted to the purpose of stock raising and general farming.

Early in May, 1899, four young men.

Early in May, 1899, four young men, realizing the advantages of the locality, realizing the advantages of the locality, decided to locate there, and they formed the nucleus of what today is one of the largest and best improved stock and grain ranches in southeastern Idaho, known as the Highland ranch. A beginning was made with \$80 acres of raw land, and in January of the following year, one of the young men. W.
L. Campbell, built a house and removed his family to the place, that has since been their home.

Three of the original holders sold their interests out at the end of the second year, but Mr. Campbell stuck.

second year, but Mr. Campbell stuck, and the small beginning now consists of 5,460 acres, all under irrigation, with two large water systems owned by the Highland Ranch Improvement company, which is capitalized at \$130,-000, with the subscriptions fully paid in.

A spiendid canal known as the Boom creek canal system covers the acreage together with the serving of water to 18,000 acres of land for farming and stock raising on the part of the Indian Lake Reservoir Canal company. Large quantities of alfalfa and tim-

othy are grown for hay, the former producing an average of five tons per acre for two cuttings, the latter from two and one-half to three tons. Bro-mus Inermis has also been introduced

the company is Mr. J. A. Dunlap, general purchasing agent of the Anaconda Consolidated Mining company, of Butte, Mont. Mr. W. H. Dudley, company, of troller of the Mexican Central railway, of New York City, is also interested as a stockholder in the company. A silver medal was awarded to Manager Campbell by the St. Louis exposition, for wheat grown during the scason of 1903, on the Highland ranch.

AN EMPIRE BUILDER. No history of Ashton would be com-No history of Ashton would be com-plete without mention of Hon. Charles C. Moore, who really helped to found it. Missouri is noted the United States over for the many excellent things it produces and scarcely a community but what can boast of having one of the favorite sons of these the favorite sons of that famous com-monwealth. To this distinction Ashton has without reservation applied to the Hon, Charles C. Moore, a man of excellont judgment, with a brilliant insight into the future; a builder of western empire and having unbounded faith in the natural resources of

ed faith in the natural resources of eastern Idaho. To such a man success must surely come and the development of Fremont county can in a large measure testify to the untiring spirit of this enterprising Charles C. Moore.

Perceiving early the wonderful natural resources the development of which only awaited the touch of the master hand, Mr. Moore selector, the site of Ashton and proceeded is lay the foundation of one of the future great centers of the Gem state. Ash. great centers of the Gem state. Ash. ton has not disappointed its friends not Mr. Moore's predictions.

### An Obsolete Awakener.

An antiquary of Chicago took diwn from its book a strange, ald world instrument-an oaken wand ending in a T, one fork of the T a rabbit's tall, the other fork a piece of embossed brass,

with results about the same as tim- | "You can't guess what this is," said the 



### STACKING HAY ON A FARM IN THE ASHTON DISTRICT.

othy, but requires much less water. Other grasses are on trial.

MONTANA HAY SHIPMENTS. The company ships hay to Butte Mont. This year over 1,500 tons of hay was put up and more than 14,000 bushels of grain was thrashed. Next year it is expected to double that amount. The company's No. 1 timothy hay is selling on the Butte, Mont., market at \$20 per ton.

amount. The company's No. 1 timethy hay is selling on the Butte, Mont. The cattle industry is another of the principal features of the country. In their natural condition, the gently rolling hills are covered with a most luxuriant growth of bunch grass, which furnishes unequalled facilities for the raising of fine stock. A highly bred herd of cattle of the Hareford tall, recalling her from deamland sent. bred herd of cattle of the Hereford variety some 400 in number, can be seen upon the broad acres of the Highland ranch. Here also are valsed hundreds of time hogs, those of the Red Duroc breed being especial favor-Horses are raised to a limited

The ranch is under the immediate

antiquary. "It is an awakener, it woke up sleepers in church. Nowadays, what with vitascope sermons, phonograph sermons and other latter-day devices, church congregations keep awake better than theater ones, and awakeners are obsoete. But in the past it was not so. "In the past, men slept so much in church that bequests were made to rouse

"The attendants carried wands of various kinds. This one here is typical.
Its bearer, sneaking upon a woman steper, would tickle her face with the sabel's
tail, recalling her from dreamand gently. But a man sleeper he would rap on
the head with the embossed b ass—a go d
leard rap that sametimes raised a lumn. hard rap that sometimes raised a 'If you want this awakener-it Gloucester, and it is dated 1763-I can let you have it for \$8."

A Truism.

supervision of Mr. W. L. Campbell. The man who "can take a drink of general manager. The president of leave it alone" always takes it.



OREGON SHORT LINE DEPOT AT ASHTON

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### ONE OF THE CANAL FEEDERS NEAR ASHTON

Anthony control the Townsite company, the principal officers of which are George N. Swartz, of St. Anthony, nd H. G. Fuller, of Ashton

secretary

Some better idea of the rapid in crease in value of property can be had when it is known that lots that sold at \$75 and \$100 last January on Main street cannot be purchased today un-der \$1,000. On the other hand, residence lots are selling at from \$100 up according to location. Close in property to to location. Close in property to business district for home building is very high.

McCARTHY BUILDING.

Mr. McCarthy was flooded with applications for offices in the building before it was half finished. The owner is one of the oldest residents of Rigby

THE PECK BLOCK

is numbered among its pushing

Among the substantial business

blocks of Rigby is the Peck block, in

which also is located the Peck Opera

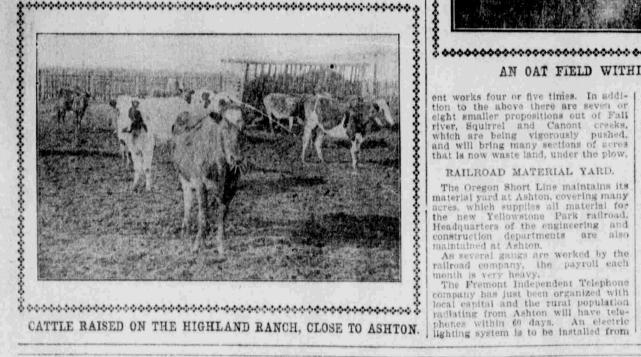
House, affording a seating capacity for

AND OPERA HOUSE.

colonial effect.

VALUABLE LAND TRACTS. At the present time this is one of the valuable tracts in the state of -unoccupied and it is expected that the legislature will throw it open to January, in which event it will provide for free homes for at least 1,066 familles. Each allotment will be 112 acres. This acreege is rich agricultural land with water for irrigating purposes in abundance, coming from the teton riv-

Ashton lies about 5,252 feet above | er and Conant creek. This great tract



### **&&&&&&** AN OAT FIELD WITHIN SIGHT OF ASHTON.

ent works four or five times. In addi-tion to the above there are seven or eight smaller propositions out of Fall The enterprising institution has been tion to the above there are seven or eight smaller propositions out of Fall river, Squirrel and Canont creeks. which are being vigorously pushed, and will bring many sections of acres that is now waste land, under the plow.

RAILROAD MATERIAL YARD. The Oregon Short Line maintains its material yard at Ashton, covering many acres, which supplies all material for the new Yellowstone Park railroad. Headquarters of the engineering and construction departments are also maintained at Ashton.

highly satisfactory to its stockholders.

SOME OF THE "BOOSTERS." H. L. Cannon & Co. are the leading

merchants of the upper valley, dealing in general merchandise. Mr. Cannon besides being chairman of the town council, is also postmaster and is one of the leading and most enterprising citizens of the town. Murphy and Bartlett, with retail es-ablishments at St. Anthony and Ash-

tablishments at St. Anthony and Ashton, and R. Humphries, are among the nost popular caterers to the public wants in their lines.

They have sided in every public en-terprise for advancement and the up-building of the town. building of the town.

Miller Bros, maintain at Ashton a large grain elevator fully equipped for handling the product of the surrounding the largest and best stocks of ladies'

# crowr work and everything else in con-nection with dentistry along the most modern and improved methods. He is a careful extractor of teeth and the making of false teeth is one of his

nd sargeon. Dr. Williams does bridge work,

RIGBY MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING PARLORS. Rigby is particularly fortunate in

having one of the most modern and progressive millinery and dressmaking establishments in southeastern Idaho. The business is conducted by Mrs. S. E. Cleveland and the women of the town can always depend upon the proprietress to be kept thoroughly posted on all the latest designs in dresses,

gowns and millinery. In connection with other things, Mrs. Cleveland keeps constantly on hand a complete line of ribbons, fascinators and baby bonnets. Another feature of the business is the

keeping on hand at all times, a com-plete and up-to-date line of cosmetics.

the prominent temporary abiding places of the town. Under the able manage-George D. Hoggan arrived in Rigby ment of Mr. J. B. Spracher, the place from Cache valley two years ago, and is being conducted in a thoroughly up-to-date manner. No better accommodations in Righy can be offered by any hotel proprietor than those held out by Mr. Spracher. Traveling men who wish the best accommodations the town can afford should patronize the Pioneer hotel. neer hotel.

The hotel has 24 rooms, is centrally located on the main street of the town, and its rates vary from \$1.25 to \$2 per day, according to room selected. The cusine is the best in Righy. The rooms are provided with heat and hot and cold water service.

## HYRUM RICKS & SONS,

ESTABLISHED 1895. REXBURG, IDAHO. THE OLDEST REAL ESTATE and LOAN AGENTS IN FREMONT COUNTY. We cannot be heat on LOANS at low interest and easy Terms. We insure property from fire in the best companies in the United States at low rates than all our or the state positive in our claim that we handle more Real Estate deals than all our competitors combined.

## RIGBY, THE HUB CITY OF IDAHO.

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the opera house is 48x76 feet. The stage is as large as any in that section f the Snake river valley, and no road how playing southeastern Idaho of im-One of the latest additions to Righy is a handsome two-story and full basenks of passing Rigby by ment white pressed brick store and the residents are loyal supporters of office building, erected at a cost close on to \$15,000, by Mr. Daniel McCarthy. The auditorium is so arranged that The new improvement is known as the

t can be cleared at any time, and one of the features is the regular Saturiay night dances, held under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Peck. McCarthy building.

The first floor of the building is bardened with steel and the interior finishing consists of steel ceiling with These affairs are attended by every-body for miles around.

Another feature of the opera house is that it is sufficiently large for the holding of political and other conven-The second floor is provided with 10 spacious offices, which can be rented single or en suite.

The building is thoroughly modern in every sense of the word. It is wired for electricity and provision has

The building is owned and was crected by Mr. M. T. Peck. been made for future sewer connec-tion. The plumbing throughout is of the latest improved order.

## DR. B. A. PRICE.

Rigby is indeed fortunate in having or a resident and practitioner, Dr. B. A. Price. As a physician and surgeon Dr. Price is reckuned by his profes-sional brethren in southeastern Idaho as one of the ablest practitioners in

as one of the abiest practitioners in his chosen profession.

Dr. Price has resided in Righy since January, 1904, and he has the confidence and esteem not alone of his townsmen, but of the vast surrounding farming Aside from his professional duties,

which keep him busy early and late, Dr. Price makes it his business to in-800 people. The structure is a fine two-story and basement brick and stone building. Store buildings grace either side of a spacious entrance to the opera house proper, which occupies

the second story. The auditorium of | perquisite that goes to make up the successful practitioner, Dr. Price is enjoying a splendid practice. Dr. Price has provided himself with everything necessary in surgical in-struments and he is able to administer to all necessities with equal convenience to surgeons in any large city.

## G. C. PAXTON, M. D., DRUGGIST.

G. C. Paxton, M. D., is Rigby's reliable druggist. It must be further stated that no pharmacy in the state is better stocked or more ably conducted owing to the fact that the proprietor besides being one of the ablest phy-sicians, is a thorough chemist. The drug business takes most of Dr. Paxton's time and he rarely attempts

to practise medicine, except to help other physicians, who frequently cal him into consultation, knowing his

Dr. Paxton has been in the drug business in Rigby for the past four

## DR. H. R. WILLIAMS, DENTIST.

There is perhaps no better known dentist in the Snake River valley than Dr. H. R. Williams. No professional man stands higher in his profession man stands higher in his profession than the doctor, and his wide experience of years makes him sought not alone by Rigbyites, but from the community for miles around.

Dr. Williams comes from a family of professional people and for years his father enjoyed a large practise in

## GEO. D. HOGGAN & SONS.

at once established a harness shop. From the start be was crowded with work and about a year ago he was obliged to enlarge the capacity of his establishment, at the same time taking his sons into partnership.

The firm makes a specialty of har-ness, saddles, collars, bridles, whips, spurs, etc. Repairing is promptly done and all work is warranted.

The firm is doing a lucrative business and its reputation was best established on the making to order of hand-made