

# BEAUTIFUL DILLON, THE PEARL OF BEAVERHEAD VALLEY

## Something About the Places and People in the Beautiful Beaverhead Town—State Normal School an Institution of Which Montana as a Whole and the Dillonites in Particular Are Justly Proud—Business Enterprises That Compare Favorably With Any in the Treasure State and Some of the Men Whose Push Has Made the City What It Is Today.

**SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.**  
**D**ILLON, Dec. 31.—The year just passed has been one of exceptional prosperity for the people of Beaverhead county. Especially is this evidenced in the city of Dillon, the county seat, where the greater portion of the wealth comes from. Bigger clips of wool have been reported than the average, and the price has been good; the number of cattle shipped has been large and the mining interests of the county are in excellent condition.

The city of Dillon is one of the thrifty communities of the state. It has a population of nearly 2,500 and is a clean, thrifty town throughout. The buildings are all substantial; the business houses are as handsome as one could expect to see in the West.

It is estimated that fully \$150,000 has been expended during the year in buildings, and generally business has been good. The electric light plant is modern and a credit to the town. The principal streets are lined with business houses that have the appearance of thrift and the cry of hard times is something unknown.

The state normal school is situated at Dillon and is one of the growing schools of the West. It has an excellent corps of instructors and the graduates from the school are fully equipped to do the work required of them. The Dillon public school and the Beaverhead county high school are two good educational institutions, and on the whole the community is well prepared for the education of the rising generation.

**Beaverhead County.**  
 Picturesque, overflowing with natural resources and possessed by a people happy contented and prosperous, Beaverhead county, with Dillon as the county seat, is one of the most attractive counties in the state of Montana. Progress is the motto of the enterprising residents of the county and, assisted as they are by nature, generous and beautiful, it is not remarkable that the advancement has been in the form of gigantic strides forward.

The Beaverhead valley, encompassed by mountains, rivals in productive capacity even the far-famed Bitter Root and agriculture and commerce go hand in hand spreading prosperity in crops and stock and business ventures to the favored inhabitants.

Beaverhead has an area of 4,600 square miles, and is one of the oldest settled counties in the state. A great part of the county is covered with foothills and mountains, the latter covered with a heavy growth of timber and the hills affording excellent pasturage. Water is plentiful, the principal streams being the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Red Rock and Blacktail, with their tributaries. The fertile valleys lie along these streams, the soil being a sandy loam one to eight feet in depth.

**Realty Assessment.**  
 The realty assessment is nearly \$2,000,000, and the personal over \$1,705,122; railroads over \$500,000, with a total of over \$4,000,000. Irrigation has developed the lands until there is an abundant production.

There are some public lands left in the Big Hole district which are being taken up as fast as the irrigation is developed. Improved land with water rights is priced from \$12 to \$75 an acre.

The principal crops are oats, barley, timothy and alfalfa and potatoes. Only the smaller fruits are grown, owing to the

altitude, which is above 6,000 feet. Butte and Anaconda are nearby markets, and the stock is shipped direct.

As yet but little work has been done in developing the large mineral areas where are found gold, silver, copper and lead in paying quantities.

The Hecla Consolidated Mining company has mines and reduction works at

changed hands and is now managed by H. J. Hansen, a young man thoroughly educated in the art of compounding medicines, who has renovated the place, added new stock and put his prescription department in a position to warrant the confidence and patronage of the community.

Mr. Hansen, although a young man, has had 12 years of experience behind a pre-

You want the best and the purest and you can always get what you want at the Central Drug store. Mr. Hansen makes a specialty of this department in his store.

Then, too, there is another feature of the place that strikes the observer as he enters, and that is the spot well-kept appearance of the store. The shelves are pure white and the well-ord-

stocks are the secret of getting the largest quantity of the finest wool and Mr. Thompson appears to know how to get the most from his investment. He also has a ranch at Crabtree, 10 miles from Red Rock, but it is at Lima that he makes his home. He named the town and feels a sort of fatherly interest in its welfare. The name was taken from Lima, Mich-

igan, from which place Mr. Thompson came 22 years ago. He was a resident of Butte for several years, leaving here in 1884 to go to his

### GOODWIN T. PAUL AND A LIVE DILLON INDUSTRY

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 Dillon, Dec. 31.—Goodwin T. Paul, proprietor of the Dillon Furniture company, is one of the pioneers of Beaverhead county, and has done much to make the city of Dillon the live progressive town that it is.

Mr. Paul came from Iowa in 1881 to Beaverhead county and after a few years of working for other firms launched forth for himself by establishing the Dillon Furniture company. This was in 1885, and ever since the firm has been steadily growing, until the stock is the largest in Southern Montana.

The store is situated on Montana street and occupies three floors. Everything new in the way of elegant furniture can be found here as readily as in a metropolitan store. Mr. Paul's expert knowledge of the market has made it possible to buy at prices that insure a bargain for every customer. The prices are right and the goods are the best values obtainable for the money.

Recently the stock at the store has become so large that it has become necessary to build a warehouse to hold the surplus. Mr. Paul, in connection with two other business men of Dillon, is erecting a large spacious warehouse near the railroad track, just opposite the Dillon Furniture company's store. This warehouse, which is being built of brick, has a frontage of 122 feet and a depth of 80 feet. It is admirably arranged and will be a great convenience as a place to carry the surplus stock of furniture which will be necessary by Mr. Paul's ever increasing trade.

#### Name Caught Him.

"Kin youse gimme er bite ter eat, lady?" queried the dusty tramp.

"I haven't anything cooked," was the reply, "but I can give you a piece of loaf cake, if that will satisfy you."

"Thanks, lady," answered the hobo. "Ef it tastes like it sounds I reckon it's jest wot I'm lookin' fer."

#### Was One at Home.

"Maria," said the man who was always complaining about his meals, etc., "when I was hunting up in Maine the papers had



MONTANA PIONEERS AT THEIR RECENT CONVENTION IN DILLON.

Glendale, near Melrose, and much attention has been paid of late to placer mining by means of dredges. The Oregon Short Line taps the central portion of the county and affords ample railroad communication.

### CENTRAL DRUG STORE AND ITS ABLE MANAGER

H. J. Hansen, Who Recently Took Hold of the Business, is Booming It Right.

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 Dillon, Dec. 31.—One of the handsomest stores in the city of Dillon is the Central Drug store on Bannack street, managed by H. J. Hansen. The appointments of the place are artistic and there is an air of neatness and order about it, that at once stamps the store as one of the best regulated pharmacies in the state.

The Central Drug store has been established many years but has recently

scription counter, and is thoroughly competent to fulfill the responsible duties of preparing medicines. During the time he has been in Montana he has been employed in the largest pharmacies in Butte and Anaconda. It was his push and business enterprise that led him to seek a business of his own. During the time in which he has assumed charge of the Central Drug store, he has shown his ability to forward his business interests by making many material and commendable changes in the store.

New prescription drugs have been added, the stock increased; old goods thrown away and the interior of the place brightened and beautified until the pharmacy has assumed a metropolitan appearance in every way.

There is a world of comfort in knowing that you are getting just what the doctor ordered when you take a prescription to a druggist—so much depends upon the purity of the drugs and the competency of the pharmacist who compounds them.

and attractive show cases are filled with new goods. Mr. Hansen's large experience in buying has enabled him to secure bargains in every line carried. The sundries such as are usually sold in drug stores, toilet articles and a rich assortment of imported perfumes, all bespeak a careful buyer at right prices. You may always be sure that the values offered you at the Central Drug store exceeding anything in the city of Dillon. The benefit of a thorough knowledge of the market is given to the purchaser. The goods are the best that money can buy and the prices are such that you are certain to be pleased. Mr. Hansen has an enviable reputation for fair dealing and you may be always sure of fair treatment. Where the motto of a store is "Accuracy, honesty and no substitution," you may well leave the welfare of your sick ones in the hands of such a pharmacist.

### HENRY THOMPSON IS A SUCCESSFUL SHEEPRAISER

Something About a Herder Who is Also a Leading Figure in Beaverhead County Affairs.

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 Dillon, Dec. 31.—One of the most successful sheep raisers in the state is Henry Thompson of Lima. Enterprising, progressive and up to date in his methods, he is known as one of the most prosperous stock growers in Western Montana.

Lying adjacent to Lima is Mr. Thompson's ranch upon which 13,000 sheep, 400 cattle and 200 horses graze. The ranch contains something over 5,000 acres of as fine grazing land as one would wish to see. Mr. Thompson's methods of managing his stock enables him to command the top-notch prices for his wool. This year his clip of wool was the largest in the county and took the best price, 14½ cents. It was a prosperous season and Mr. Thompson sold over 86,000 pounds of wool.

His good management is accountable for the greater portion of his success. Good feed and careful handling of the

present home. Personally, he is a pleasant gentleman, genial and generous, with a touch of wholesome western brusqueness in his manner; he is a good type of the men of Montana.

He has served several terms on the board of county commissioners of Beaver-

head county, but is too busy a man to mix into politics. He has a host of friends in the southern part of the state and few there are in that section who are better known.

an account of me being mistaken for a bear." "I don't understand it," replied the meek little woman. "Don't understand what?" "Why they should have called it a mistake."

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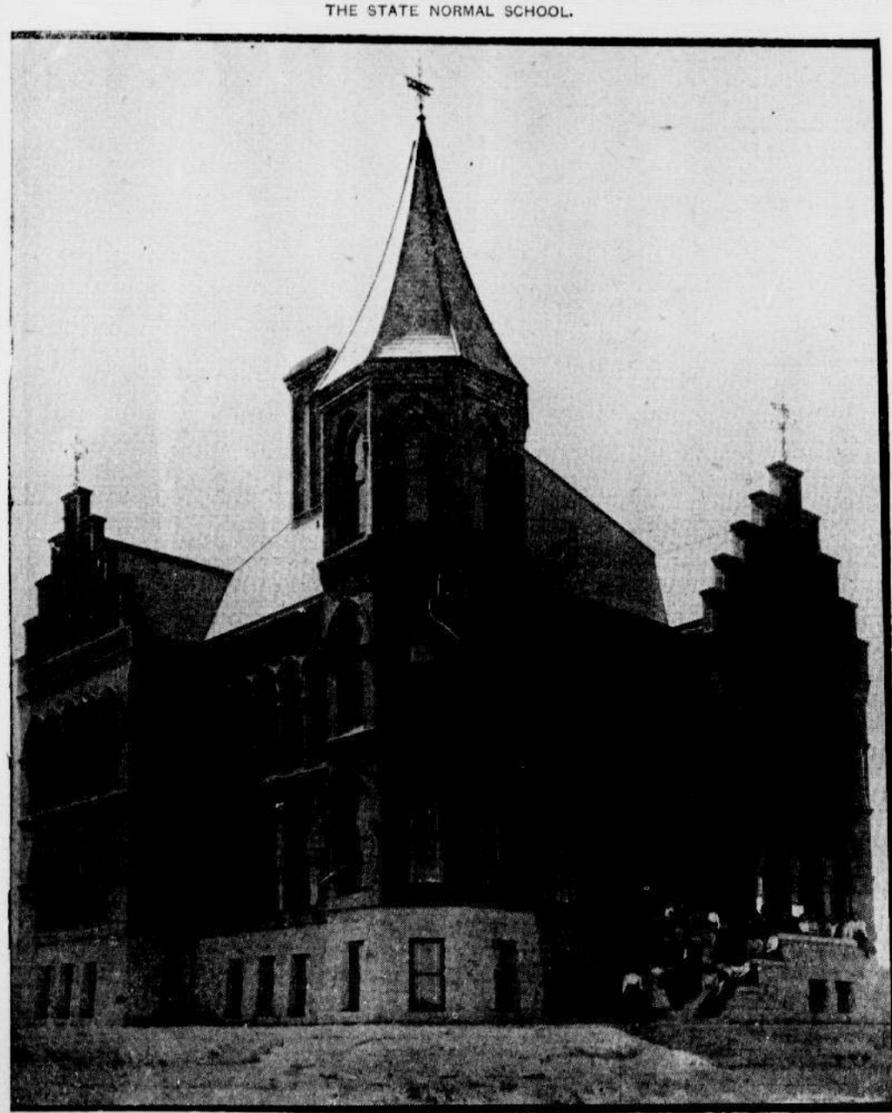
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