THE LAMAR REGISTER.

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Substantial Growth of the City during the Year.

CONTINUOUS BUILDING BOOM.

Creamery, Water Works, Packing House, Church, Several new Business Firms and a Large Number of Residence and Store Buildings are Some of the Improvements of the Past Year.

The year 1895 has witnessed a steady and substantial growth in Lamar, the improvements being of a solid and permanent character. The last gap in the business portion of the west side of Main street has been filled up, and a start of several buildings has been made on the east side.

The most important of the new enterprises is the creamery. It is the largest creamery in the southeastern portion of the state having a capacity of 1000 pounds a day. It furnishes a large and reliable home market for the dairy products of the farmers in the neighborhood of Lamar. No institution could possibly be of greater benefit to this section or add more to the inducements for farmers to locate near this town. The building was put up by the enterprising citizens of Lamar, and the plant is managed by O. S. Riker, manager for Keyes Bros. of Ft. Collins. Another enterprise started here just at the close of the year was the packing house of W. F. Olt, which promises to be of great benefit to the community.

Another improvement of vast importance to the town is the new system of water works furnishing the purest and best water supply Lamar has ever had at a reasonable cost. The city council commenced this work early in the past year, but owing to trouble with the contractor on the new well, they were delayed for some time. The mains are now being extended to supply all consumers that it is possible to reach. Heretofore the water works have been the heaviest drain on the city finances, but they promise now to soon be on a paying basis, besides furnishing the best water in the valley. The increased efficiency of the water works wiil also probably cause a reduction of insurance rates.

The building boom which struck Lamar in 1894 continued throughout 1895, the buildings being of the most solid and substantial kind. One of the most encouraging features is the large per cent of brick and stone buildings being put up not only in the business portion of town but in the residence sections as well. Four new business blocks have been completed and occupied during the year, all built of brick or stone. Several new firms have started in business, occupying the business houses

fast as completed. A number of large ware rooms were built during the year by merchants to accommo their increasing business.

Five handsome new brick and stone residences have been built and several more are in course of construction. In addition to these some fifteen or or twenty frame dwellings large and small have been added to the town, and all are occupied.

Early in the past year the handsome new church building of the United Presbyterians was completed and dedicated, making the third fine house of worship in our city.

The grading on the streets by the city council and the large number of trees planted on the streets and in the yards have added much to the beauty of our town.

Altogether the year has been one of steady growth and marked improvement for Lamar, and we can look forward to its continuation in the present year.

CRANADA.

Our Sister Town Makes a Creditable Showing for the Past Year.

Our sister city of Granada has en joyed her full share of the benefits from the general improvements of 1895, and with the large acreage of farming lands which will be brought under cultivation just north of town this spring, she expects to make greater progress during the coming year.

The substantial buildings erected by the raileoad during the year have added greatly to the appearance of the town besides making it an important railroad point.

Several new business firms have opened up there during the year, and all the old ones report a very satisfactory increase in trade.

There have been quite a number of new buildings erected both in town and in the neighboring territory, and many of them have been substantial stone buildings.

The town has been handicapped heretofore owing to the limited area of irrigable lands in the hands of the farmers, but the rapid sale of lands under the Amity will remedy this.

The Denver dailies issued large special New Year editions giving an extended write-up almost every county in the state except Prowers.- In the table of increased valuations in the state they were forced to put this county near the head of the list, but otherwise we were ignored. The studied manner in which they avoided the use of the word Prowers would indicate that they want soap. It looks as if the hundreds of dollars they have dragged out of our citizens in the past for extra editions might at least have secured a mention of the county's name among the list of agricultural counties. The agents of these papers will meet with a cool reception next time they visit Lamar.

The REGISTER wishes all its patrons a happy New Year and hopes it will bring them prosperity.

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