

A YEAR OF PROSPERITY.

1906 Was a Very Satisfactory Year for Lamar and Prowers County.

Perhaps no single year in the history of the valley has shown such uniform prosperity as the one just past, and certainly none has been productive of greater improvements and ones of more lasting benefit to Prowers county and the town of Lamar.

The first and most important of these great projects was the construction of the Arkansas Valley and the Holly & Swink railroads, now united in one system and used as a feeder for the Santa Fe.

These roads have turned over 100,000 acres of good farming lands which were too far from railroad facilities for practical beet raising, into the finest beet lands in America with the longest haul only a matter of two or three miles. The marketing of all crops has been so expedited that the railroad is already more than paying operating expenses, although not yet completed, so that a regular train service can be installed.

The best territory that has been added by this great enterprise will cause the addition of two sugar factories to Prowers county in the next two years, and make the county one of the most populous in the state.

The work of improving the ditches and reservoirs systems on which our farmers depend for their water supply has been going steadily on and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in these improvements. It is safe to say that all the leading ditches are more secure in their water supply than ever before.

The organization of the Bent and Prowers Irrigation district has also been completed, but the work of construction on this ditch will be left for 1907. The final survey is now being made, and it is believed that when this is completed matters will be in shape to begin work. This ditch will bring nearly 100,000 acres of land in Bent and Prowers counties under cultivation, almost all of which is tributary to Lamar.

In the city of Lamar the improvements have been so great that it is almost impossible to enumerate them. The most important building constructed was the \$15,000 Lincoln school house. Nearly eight miles of cement sidewalks were constructed at a cost of \$30,000, and about ten miles of street grading done. Private building has broken all past records and it is estimated over 200 dwelling houses have been added to the town and additions the past year, and all contractors report more contracts signed up at the present time than at any period during the past year.

One of the best new enterprises in Lamar the past year was the Lamar Brick and Stone Co., which is now running a full force and turning out material for building purposes of all kinds. The company is employing about 12 men, and has orders which insure its running at its full capacity for a long time. They will manufacture cement tiling, both for roofing and drainage in addition to the building blocks and bricks, and ornamental work.

In the business section the handsome new depot is now being pushed to completion and there have been six two-story business blocks constructed on north Main street. The four business houses owned by The First National Bank and W. J. Johnston on south Main street have been raised one story, also one new block constructed. The big Odd Fellows temple is now assured in the near future, and three and possibly four other blocks on south Main street of 50 foot front each.

The new town of Wiley on the north side, which was only started a few months ago is also on a decided boom and there are a number of fine business and residence buildings being constructed there.

PLAN IRRIGATION BY PUMPING

Denver Capitalists Will Inaugurate System in Arkansas Valley.

Extensive plans for the reclamation of a vast tract of land adjacent to this place by a pumping process have been completed by Denver and other capitalists composing the Caddo Land and Investment company. The officers of the company are:

President C. E. Reid of Denver; secretary, S. E. Wirt of Denver, and treasurer, G. W. Trostel of Caddo. The company has already closed a deal for the purchase of a Walters Automatic water elevator, with a capacity of 1,200 gallons a minute, which will be operated by a 12-horse-power gasoline engine. The water supply will be secured from wells in this vicinity which furnish a large quantity of water at a shallow depth.

The land in this section is of a very fertile character and especially adapted for the cultivation of sugar beets. The company expects to put under cultivation during the coming season more than 500 acres of the most productive land which will be rented to beet raisers in tracts of from five acres up. It intends to erect comfortable homes for its tenantry.

This is the largest irrigation system of its kind in this portion of the state and its outcome will be watched closely by others interested in similar methods of irrigation.

Mr. Trostel, the treasurer of the company, is on the ground superintending the work and it is intended to have the system in full operation for the production of a crop in 1907.

Work will be begun shortly on a big reservoir and canal system which is to utilize the flood waters of the Purgatoire river for irrigation purposes. The impounding of this water means much for the beet growers on the south side of the Arkansas river between Las Animas and Lamar.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

Underground Waters of Southeastern Colorado

A valuable report on the underground waters of the Arkansas Valley in southeastern Colorado has just been issued by the United States Geological Survey as Professional Paper No. 52. The area discussed in this publication is limited by the eastern and southern boundaries of the State, by a line drawn east and west through Palmer, and by a line drawn north and south through Canon City. In this region there is an area of considerable extent in which artesian water is available and in the last ten years numerous wells have been sunk to develop this important resource. The artesian flows, however, are obtained only in the lower lands and one of the principal objects of the investigation has been the determination of the area in which water will rise to the surface without pumping. As the water bearing sandstone and the associated formations do not lie level or even slope regularly to the east it has been necessary to ascertain the distribution and structure of the various formations in order to indicate the depth of the water bearing stratum. Professional Paper No. 52, which may be obtained on application to the Division, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., contains a discussion of all the factors affecting the supply of artesian water, cross sections that show

the principal underground features, and maps that indicate the distribution of formations on the surface, the depth to the water bearing horizon, the area in which flows may be expected, and the head of the underground waters. The report also contains many well records and detailed information regarding localities in which borings have been made.

A Successful New Industry.

Proofs have accumulated that the United States is as well adapted to the cultivation of beet sugar as Germany and France, both of which countries produce more of the article than they can consume. The establishment of so important an industry is one of the best advances recently made. At one time sugar was regarded as a luxury, but it has become a necessity. Its consumption in the United States has reached an average of over 60 pounds for each imported. Most of the supply is still imported, but the growth of the home production of beet sugar is rapid. The beet in this year will yield \$40,000,000 worth of sugar. Seven years ago the item was only \$7,000,000.

Irrigation, as it is extensively supplied, will stimulate the beet-sugar interests. Colorado now leads with an output this year of 300,000,000 pounds. California is second with 200,000,000 pounds, and Michigan, Utah and Idaho follow in order. Throughout the west and in many northern states the beet-sugar industry is gaining ground and promises to be a steadily profitable crop. Nor is it likely that the annexation of Cuba, following the acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines, would be a damage to American beet-sugar. The demand for sugar is great and increases with bounds. Beet sugar and cane sugar have some distinctive qualities of which a larger use is likely to be made. At present the inhabitants of the United States raise only one sixth of the nearly 8,000,000,000 pounds of sugar they now consume annually. They are glad to know that beet sugar has made good.—Globe-Democrat.

Land Office Boom.

The filings at the Lamar land office for December have broken all records since 1887, the year the office was established.

During the month the homestead filings numbered over 170 and the desert filings 40. The latter were for the most part of 320 acres, and the total number of acres filed will amount to considerably over 35,000.

The Santa Fe begins this week to run some of its dry land excursion trains across the line into Colorado and this will soon cause a rush for the vast area of fine land now lying above the ditches and used only for grazing purposes.

Prowers county has thousands of acres of free government land that is as good as any in Colorado for farming under the Campbell system, and has this additional advantage that all who file can get work under the ditches that will pay expenses while

they are getting their farms in proper shape for scientific cultivation.

Granada Notes.

(From the Granada Times.)

In the matter between D. H. Bane & Co. and the Santa Fe, a dispute which arose over the ownership of a certain piece of land which Bane held but which the railroad claimed, the court rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff, D. H. Bane & Co.

Walter Creek went to Denver the first of the week. While there he ordered a dynamo with which he will furnish electricity to light his meat market and also Ira L. Williams' barber shop.

Mr. E. F. Sellhorn and Miss Louise Plannette were carried to "Oozy Cottage" in Granada Sunday night, December 23. The bride was a teacher in the Granada schools and is an educated and accomplished young lady, holding the degree of B. Ph., from an eastern institution of learning. The groom is the manager of the Granada Lumber Company and is recognized as one of Granada's most capable and efficient business men. The many friends of the young couple wish them many happy anniversaries of the day.

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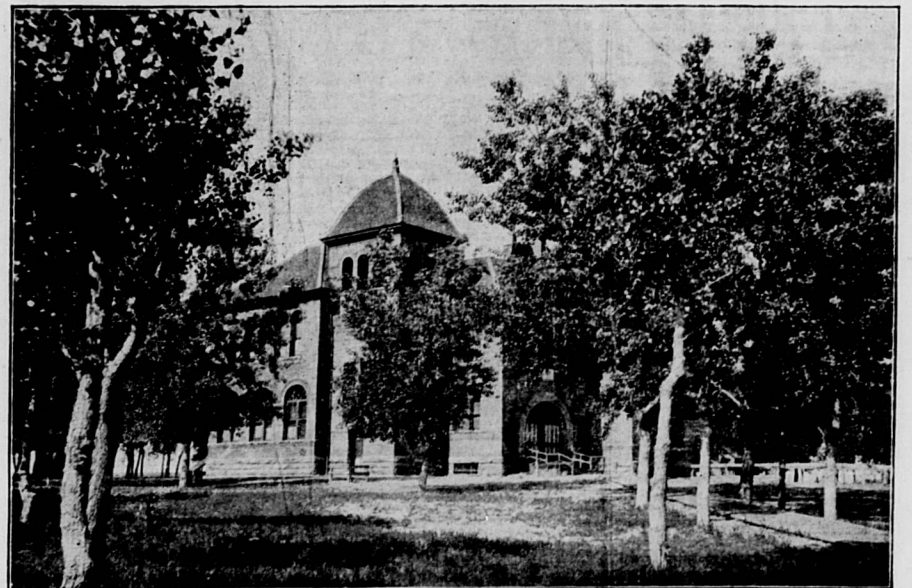
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