

THE BEST KIND OF A BOOM.

Substantial Prosperity of David City and Butler County Recorded.

A RICH SECTION OF THE STATE.

Solid Growth of Tekamah—Improvements at Grand Island—Phelps County's Railroad Prospects—Prospects at Hay Springs.

DAVID CITY'S SHOWING.

DAVID CITY, Neb., April 23.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—There are booms and booms! Big booms and little booms; booms of value and booms of "winds." Every town is indulging in a boom, but the town having the biggest boom is not always the best place to find a good business location.

There is one town in this state which has not been boomed or often mentioned. It is David City. The town is located very nearly in the geographical center of Butler county. Butler county was organized in 1865 with sixty-one votes. It is in the third tier of counties west from the Missouri and its county metropolis is just sixty miles from Omaha on an air line, and the same section line. It is a county peculiarly rich in the character of its soil, which will produce every variety of cereal or grass known to cultivators of this latitude.

The county comprises a total of 377,600 acres of land, of which 185,000 will be under cultivation this year, hence, is yet only half developed. Its population now reaches 16,000, an assurance that it is capable of sustaining a future population of 30,000 people.

David City is a town of 1,500 population, free from any debt for exclusive city purposes. She has a graded school with a building 105x45 feet, two stories, and employs a principal and seven assistants. Arrangements are being made for two additional buildings for primary departments.

Six organized church societies, viz., Congregational, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran and Campbellite. The four first mentioned have places of worship.

All the leading secret orders have organizations established here. This town is the best furnished of any other town in the state outside of Omaha and Lincoln. The Omaha & Republican Valley, from its Lincoln and Omaha junction at Valparaiso, enters the southeast corner of the county and goes out to the west. On this line is located Brainard, nine miles southeast, and Kising, ten miles west of David City. The Lincoln & Northwestern branch of the B. & M. enters the county to the south and goes out to the north, terminating at Columbus. On this road is Ullysses, fifteen miles south, Garrison, eight miles south, and Bellwood, ten miles west of David City. The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, a branch of the Chicago & Northwestern, is now in course of construction.

This line of road will enter the county in the extreme northwest corner, traverse twelve miles to the center of the county, cross the table lands, and thence out at the southwest corner, after crossing the lovely Blue valley. On this road will be located four new towns—first, Linwood, twenty miles west of David City, second, ten miles northeast; also a new town eight miles southwest, and Surprise, in the Blue valley, sixteen miles southwest of David City. The Union Pacific surveyors have just finished the preliminary survey from Columbus, which will be called the Columbus cut-off. This completes a connection with the Union Pacific branch lines running into the northwest part of the county.

The iron is ordered for the street railway company and it will be started in a few days, and pushed forward to completion by July 1.

The insurance companies have just paid W. H. West, boat and shoe dealer, \$2,800 loss on stock damaged by the recent fire.

Senator S. N. Wolbach is putting in a new front to his mammoth retail store in this city that will improve it very much. By the change Mr. Wolbach keeps up with the many fine improvements being made on the principal business street.

The brick manufacturers are doing their utmost to keep up the supply of their class of brick. The total amount of value of this class of brick amounts to about three quarters of a million dollars.

Burt County's Queen City.

TEKAMAH, Neb., April 23.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Tekamah is the county seat of Burt county, a city of the second class, and by far the largest city among Omaha and Sioux City, with the exception of Blair. The great number of brick residences, together with its immense wealth, show that Tekamah stands on a solid rock, and the number of new and substantial buildings continually being erected foreshadow Tekamah as the future great and common city of Burt county for all time to come.

The improvements and application made to the town and country are being made in a character which surely indicates the prosperity of the town and country. The citizens are always on the alert to push anything in the nature of public improvements. The business men are enterprising and carry large stocks of goods. The city has one large and commodious brick hotel, the Merchants, which affords first class accommodations for its many guests. The hotel would be a credit to any city.

One brick school building accommodates the 500 pupils and the young ideas are taught to shoot by able and competent instructors.

The Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian denominations are well represented here.

Burt county is one of the most productive counties in the state, and is peopled by a thrifty and comparatively wealthy class of farmers.

The canning factory of this place, which was established one year ago, is proving a great good for the city and surrounding country, and its capacity is to be doubled this year, so as to meet the great demand for its products.

This is the only one in the county. The civic societies are well represented here. A Herald, democratic in its views, is published and no doubt an organization will be effected in the near future.

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The Sheridan County Boom.

HAY SPRINGS, Neb., April 23.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The Sheridan county boom continues with unabated vigor. Recent rains have greatly increased the buoyant feeling among farmers.

Two more churches are under contract, making a total of four in a town less than two years old.

A roller mill would be a big paying investment at this point. Thousands of acres of small grain are in the ground. The attention of mill men is invited.

A militia company has been organized in Hay Springs, and application made to the governor for its mustering into the service of the state.

From twenty-five to fifty loaded teams and numbers of cattle leave this point every day for the south, west and southwest. During a storm Thursday night fifty Box Butte teams, waiting here for freight, found shelter at one of the large team barns.

There were eighty-six cars of emigrant movables side-tracked at Hay Springs during the past month, as against eighty-eight at all points west and north, including all the towns on the main and the Black Hills branch. It is readily seen from the above that Hay Springs is the principal outfitting point in the northwest.

The new addition to the school house is among the probabilities during the present year. An energetic, intelligent, christian people have taken possession of this great northwest, and church and school facilities equal to the best of any other section of the state will be secured.

Like the older settled portions of Nebraska, Sheridan county will make a great improvement in its school system, and the returns from the fields come in this fall we will make a showing that will surprise those who think Sheridan county "too far north for corn."

The new addition to South Omaha just placed on the market by the South Omaha Land Syndicate and placed in the hands of C. E. Mayne, corner Fifteenth and Harney sts., as sole agent, its west line lays just 500 feet from the Exchange hotel, and is lying west of the Exchange hotel, as those offered in Wild Cat additional lots.

The time has come when our people are beginning to look ahead and make preparations for a home for themselves. Now, boys, if you will put your money in South Omaha you will find that in a short time your lots will be paid for, your money will be yours, and you will be happy. Remember that C. E. Mayne sells these lots.

The South Omaha Land company have appointed C. E. Mayne sole agent for the sale of their lots. He will show the property and furnish all desired information upon application.

Men are every day buying property to which they have no title and are consequently jeopardizing their money. The title to South Omaha is clear and free from incumbrance. Parties can safely buy and be sure that they get what they pay for. C. E. Mayne has salesmen who will take pleasure in showing this property at all times.

As worthy as enterprising. This has been truly called "the progressive age," and among the progressive men in real estate we would like to call your attention to C. E. Mayne, corner Fifteenth and Harney. Through his influence the South Omaha Land syndicate has consented to place an additional lot on the market. This additional lot is lying two miles farther south, which will not possess the accommodations offered by the street car lines which will be in operation this summer, passing through this new addition.

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Good Resolutions.

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