

The people are, for the most part, men and women who have come to stay and make a home here in this new northwest. They have left behind the refinement of the east, but the traits of character come with them, which place the newspaper and book in the home, and insure those institutions that are the mainstay of society.

The public schools occupy a building erected without regard to cost, and filled with a corps of teachers who are unsparing in their efforts to make here an institution unrivaled in the northwest. The attention paid to education from the first has been making this an attraction as well as our natural prosperity. The school, the library and the church have not been neglected for town lots, business and the richness of the mines. In the early days, the pen that gave us the first model of English prose wrote: "In America, literature and the elegant arts must grow up side by side with the coarser plants of daily necessity." So here in this new city action is the watchword for which "rustle" is the slang. But her people have said our wealth shall not be crowned with ignorance, nor our resources blind us to needs more vital than gold and silver.

The church has placed itself in our midst with a potent influence for good. The buildings are commodious, and the pastors are earnest workers. There is a commendable energy in church undertakings that might well furnish example for eastern congregations.

But we are not behind in other modern improvements. All our business houses enjoy electric lighting, and the advent of the street railway only awaits the passage of the cold season. Franchises have been granted which insure the construction of electric motor lines traversing all of the principal streets, and connecting the city direct with Black Eagle falls and the big smelters.

Telephone projects are on foot that will afford the city a business exchange and, connecting with surrounding towns, must give a stimulus to the dispatch of business. We have an abundance of pure and wholesome water. During the last year a company was organized, and since August, the water works have been in successful operation. Mains have been laid on an area of several square miles. The clear mountain-gathered water of the Missouri furnishes a supply that will never fail nor lose its purity.

These are some of the more substantial reasons why the Cataract city is and will be a pleasant place of residence.

But there are a great many times when the rustling westerner puts aside the sterner walks of life and seeks a day of pleasure. Beautiful drives are the pride of the town, and as one rolls along through a gentle chinook, there may come the inspiration expressed by England's laureate:

"O, diviner air,
Thro' the heat, the drouth, the dust, the glare,
Far from out the west in shadowing showers,
Over all the meadow baked and bare."

The river broadens into a beautiful bay, and a well appointed boat house will supply you with a canoe for a pleasant row. A boat club, with a house fully equipped, affords enjoyment and muscle for our young men. The tennis net may be seen gracing the lawn, and trees are fast growing to make us a beautiful park, where the weary may rest of a summer afternoon.

ANOTHER RESOURCE.

The huge underlying strata of blue, red and brown sandstones along the Missouri, near Great Falls, are found to supply one of the most valuable building materials, and it is likely that within five years, one or two thousand men will find employment in shipping the stone to points east and west.

In the selection of stone for the purposes of construction we must regard two necessary qualifications; first, the stone must as far as possible be of a non-absorbent nature; second, it must be capable of free working. On the first consideration depends its durability; the second is an important economic factor.

Our sandstone is found to combine these qualities in the happiest degree, and architects and builders predict for it a market all over the continent. It is finer quality than the Lake Superior stone, and, indeed, nothing equal to it is quarried west of Hartford, Conn.

It is situated in such a manner that quarries may readily be opened, and the superior railway facilities of Great Falls insure a prosperous future for the industry. Immediate market can be made for it in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and on the extension of the railroad to the coast we can supply San Francisco and other cities of the Pacific coast line.