

**ECHO (Hugh D. Smith, Mayor)**—Incorporated in 1904. Altitude, 639 feet; area, 320 acres; population, 600. Situated on the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad. Assessed valuation of town property is \$278,095, with bonded indebtedness of \$13,000, incurred to build city hall and buy park. Seven teachers employed in the public schools at from \$80.00 to \$130.00 per month. City marshal and water superintendent receive \$85.00 per month. Skilled labor receives \$4.00 to \$6.00; common labor, \$2.50, and man and team, \$5.00. Waterworks system is owned by the public, and the rate is 25 cents for the first 4,000 gallons, then 15 cents, and down to 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. Electric lighting franchise is owned by a private corporation, which furnishes light at the rate of 15 cents per kilowatt, graduated down to 4 cents. Diversified farming and stock raising are the principal industries. Within the town are two blacksmith shops, three general stores, grocery store, bank, hardware store, drug store, bakery, garage and machine shop, tailor shop, jewelry store, meat market, grist mill, wool scouring plant, two alfalfa meal mills, six warehouses, two lumber yards, three hotels, three pool rooms, newspaper, real estate agency, and one physician. Echo claims the largest and most complete sheep shearing plant in the Northwest. There are two large irrigation projects under way near Echo, the Paradise and the Teal, which embrace 75,000 acres of very fertile land. There are two rural mail routes, one supplying daily the Meadows district between Echo and Butter Creek, and the other a tri-weekly service thirty-five miles up. Butter Creek to Lena.