

# Meridian, the Heart of the Boise Valley!

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Meridian, Idaho, has as much to be proud of as any other Idaho community. It has one thing to be prouder of and that is that with its population bordering on the 1,000 mark, next to Boise it can boast that it ships more hay, grain, fruit and stock than any other section of Idaho. Long ago the fame of Ada county went out to the world, and Meridian is located right in the heart of the wonderful Boise valley, much of which is in Ada county. The town of Meridian is located on the Oregon Short Line railroad and the Boise Valley electric system, midway between Boise and Nampa. It is right in the center of a rich and prosperous as well as populous agricultural, fruit and stock country. Fortunes are being made annually in fruit raising in the Meridian district. In 1901 but one car of fruit was shipped out of Meridian, now hundreds of cars go to eastern markets annually.

Climatic conditions in Meridian are ideal. There is seldom sufficient snow in the valleys for sleighing, yet one can almost always see snow on the highest distant mountain tops. The soil is composed of

