

These transcripts of newspaper clippings about Moxee were created by Click Relander in the early 1950's. Relander was a newspaper editor and historian. The source new articles he selected for his research date from 1894 to 1925.

1. Washington Farmer, Feb. 14, 1885 ----- -Splawn Moxee residence.
2. Yakima Herald, March 28, 1894 ----- - Scudder Moxee farm platted.
3. Yakima Herald, March 29, 1894 ----- - Moxee church plans.
4. Yakima Herald, March 14, 1895- ----- -Moxee Company increases town's population.
5. Yakima Herald, March 28, 1895- ----- -Moxee petitions for establishment of a post office.
6. Yakima Herald, Feb. 17, 1898- ----- - Promotional piece praising Moxee.
7. Yakima Democrat, May 10, 1900 ----- -Moxee post office approved.
8. Yakima Democrat, Dec. 8, 1900- --- ----- - Large party of home seekers arrive in Moxee.
9. Yakima Democrat, Jan. 12, 1901 -- ----- - New Hollander colony settled in the Moxee.
10. Yakima Democrat, June 15, 1901 --- Moxee baseball game against Yakima City called for rain.
11. Yakima Herald, Nov. 26, 1901 ----- - -80 French families arrive in Moxee.
12. Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1902 ----- - Four new families in Moxee.
13. Yakima Herald, April 19, 1905 ----- - ----- Moxee artesian well.
14. Yakima Herald, June 20, 1906 ----- - Moxee church growing, building a hall.
15. Yakima Herald, May 29, 1907 ----- -Moxee quarry and artesian well.
16. Yakima Herald, July 1, 1908 ----- - Yakima Valley Transportation Co. tracks extend to Moxee.
17. Yakima Herald, March 3, 1909 ----- - ----- Electricity and irrigation.
18. Yakima Democrat, July 17,1909 - ----- - 12 miles of new road from N Yakima to Moxee.
19. Yakima Republic, Jan. 21, 1910 ----- - Investors by 200 acres for Yakima-Moxee Orchards Co.
20. Yakima Republic, Feb. 11, 1910 ----- - Ambassador Jusserand visits Moxee.
21. Yakima Republic, April 22, 1910 ----- - Moxee Improvement Association.
22. Yakima Republic, July 8, 1910 ----- - Moxee City celebrates new hotel and store.
23. Yakima Republic, Oct. 7, 1910 ----- - Moxee City town site platted by Ditter brothers.
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25. Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910 ----- - Blackrock Fruit Lands articles of incorporation.
26. Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910 ----- -Moxee drainage district established.
27. Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910 ----- - Lovelace Ranch of Moxee sold.
28. Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910 ----- - Petition for a saloon in Moxee.
29. Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910 ----- - Property owners of Moxee vote on Drainage District.
30. Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910 ----- - Moxee real estate.
31. Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910 ----- -New train depot at Moxee City.
32. Yakima Herald, Jan. 11, 1911 ----- - Record land sale in Moxee.
33. Yakima Herald, Jan. 25, 1911 ----- -O'Loughlin appointed postmaster in Moxee.
34. Yakima Herald, Feb. 22, 1911 ----- -High tension power line to Moxee and Zillah.
35. Yakima Herald, Sept. 13, 1911 ----- - Moxee Commercial Club.
36. Yakima Herald, Oct. 20, 1911 ----- - Charron artesian well, church bazaar.
37. Yakima Herald, Feb. 21, 1912 ----- -Fr. Arsenault and Fr. LaMontaigne.
38. Yakima Herald, May 22, 1912 --- ----- - Parochial school expected to be established by fall.
39. Yakima Herald, Oct. 16, 1912- ----- - Bishop O'Day to confirm class at Holy Rosary church.
40. Yakima Republic, May 9, 1925 ----- -K of C and American Legion plan Memorial day event.

Moxee

The Moxee wants a church and in addition to other subscriptions made by the settlers, Mrs. C.Z. Cheney will donate a ten acre tract of land for the building--Yakima Herald, March 29, 1894.

H.B. Scudder has platted 240 acres of his Moxee farm in 10-acre tracts and has sold 10 of them to as many families who have already settled and begun that work of improvement which will before long make Yakima county the most thifty as well as the most populous section of the state--Yakima Herald, March 28, 1894.

The Moxee Settlement across the river is flourishing. The new school house equidistant from the old and new towns, about three miles, will be completed in three weeks .

It is 26 x 30 and costs \$500. Last fall Mr. Sam Hubbard of California purchased of James Stuart a timber culture claim, not proved up on, paying for the quit claim \$1,100. The soil averages 18 feet deep and a ditch supplies ample water for irrigation.

He is erecting a neat residence and barn and has a well dug. He has received from the department of agriculture a sack full of books on the propagation of the special crops to which this valley is especially adapted and proposes to farm after improved processes.

Mr. Wm. Splawn has also put up a handsome residence and barn and some half dozen new families have settled and others are coming-- The Washington Farmer, Feb. 14, 1885.

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George Ker says that the valley is suddenly becoming thickly populated.

Loads of furniture daily pass his ranch, all going toward the wells; and he feels that a miniature rival of North Yakima will soon be noted in the uplands to the east of the big Moxee company's buildings.

Fruit was not injured in any degree by the cold snap of Tuesday night and Mr. Ker looks for a good crop--Yakima Herald, March 14, 1895.

Residents of the Moxee have forwarded to the department at Washington D.C. a petition asking for the establishment of a postoffice on the Gano ranch--Yakima Herald, March 28, 1895.

Moxee, it is said, means Devil's Hole. It must have been named by some worthy brave. Riding across the hills in the hot July sun and seeing the broad plains before him, he determined to cross the valley and quench his thirst in the silver stream which he saw glimmering in the distance.

The valley proved to be broader than he imagined. As the day grew older and the sun hotter he grew more and more thirsty. When after reaching the Yakima river he took a long cooling draught he got up and looking at the arid stretch of waste that lay between him and the hills, made a dignified motion with his hand saying "Si- yah Moxee" and Moxee it will remain though Yankee enterprise, German thrift and Scotch determination have made it one of the most fertile and prosperous valleys of the Yakima.

All the lower part of the valley is under irrigation and the water being taken from the river. There are about forty miles of ditches by means of which about 4,000 acres have been reclaimed.

The first of these wells was dug in 1892. Water was struck at a depth of 312 feet. There are now within a radius of five miles fifteen flowing wells, capable of irrigating 1,500 acres. The largest of them yields two cubic feet per second and is about 1,000 feet deep. The wells run from 340 to 1,000 feet deep with an average temperature of 72 degrees. There are now about 11,200 acres reclaimed.

Various crops are grown successfully, the two principal ones being alfalfa and hops. There are at present about 1,500 acres under alfalfa, 500 under timothy, 500 under hops and 120 under fruits.

During the winter months an ever increasing number of cattle and sheep are fattened in the valley. At present there are about 10,000 sheep wintering on the different ranches.

The valley is divided into three school districts--the Moxee, the

Riverside and the Artesian Heights. On the Moxee Company's land there is a well built church.

The valley looks its best during the early spring and summer months but is particularly interesting in late fall when hop picking is at its height. The majority of the pickers are Indians, who come in great numbers. It is estimated that a thousand camped in the valley last fall. With their tents pitched in rows and their camp fires lighted, the scene at night is very striking.

One interesting relic of the past still remains in our valley in his original uncivilized state, viz the coyote. Nothing has been able to transform him except that his taste for spring chicken, Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas goose has been educated and he helps himself liberally to these dainties and then disturbs the peaceful slumbers of their owners with his howls of satisfaction.

There are few valleys to be found as pleasant, as the peaceful, prosperous compact little Moxee. Here the sun shines without a cloud to veil its brightness over three hundred days in the year; you are within pleasant driving distance of North Yakima; your mail is delivered almost at your door, you can have all the fruit you want; no matter how hot the day has been there is a cool refreshing evening breeze and here, in summer and fall, you are nightly lulled to sleep by the contented croak of the frog and in the winter and spring by the satisfied howl of coyotes. Miss Elizabeth Cameron, Yakima

Herald, February 17, 1898.

The petition for a postoffice in the Artesian district of the Moxee has at last been granted by the postoffice department and W.H. Gano has been named as postmaster.

The new office will be known as Artesian and will have a tri-weekly mail service in connection with the office in this city--
The Yakima Democrat, Saturday, May 10, 1900.

..Another of the interesting villages near Yakima is Moxee City. This is a place of about 400 residents and is the center of one of the oldest and best developed sections of the valley, distinguished by artesian water. A good many of the settlers are of French origin and have the thrift, good taste and general intelligence characteristic of the great people from whom they spring. A branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad has a terminus at this place. Excellent public schools, a bank, a Congregational and a Catholic church and well-equipped mercantile establishments mark this prosperous town.

Of great historic interest is the fact that not very far distant from the town is the original home of Mortimer Thorp, first settler in the valley..History of the Yakima Valley)Prof W.D. Layman. Vol. 1.
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The large party of homeseekers from the east arrived on Saturday morning. In all, the party or rather parties consisting of 95 persons, about 70 of whom are Hollanders mainly from the states of Iowa and Michigan while the balance are French and hail from the vicinity of Crookston, Minn.

The former were induced to come here largely through the efforts of Henry Wyneberg of the Moxee while the Frenchmen are here mainly through the good missionary work done by Fred Mailloux, the enterprising young merchant of this city. It is expected that the colonists will all find homes in the fertile Moxee--The Yakima

Democrat, December 8, 1900.

The new Hollander colony recently settled under the new ditch in the Moxee are said to be all rapidly improving their holdings.

Already some 15 or 20 houses are built or are in course of erection. The land also is being quickly denuded of sagebrush and ready for the plow as soon as the weather will permit--The

Yakima Democrat, January 12, 1901.

A baseball game between the old town and Moxee team last Sunday was declared off on account of the rain. Five innings had been played , the score standing Yakima City 16, Moxee four. The Yakima Democrat, June 15, 1901.

A colony of French people, consisting of about 80 members, arrived here in two parties last Friday and Sunday.

Both parties came in a special car attached to the regular morning train, and upon arriving were taken care of by the members of their own nationality living in the Moxee country.

They came from near Crookston, Minn., and will make this valley their former home. Part of them already have farm land under the Selah-Moxee canal and will commence to build houses just as soon as the weather permits. The rest of the colony will take up land in other parts of the valley.

The French who have been here long enough to find out something of the worth of Yakima valley as an agricultural district are perfectly satisfied. They are industrious people and all of them have been unusually prosperous since taking up homes in the Moxee. There will be a great many more of these people come to Yakima within the next four months to make new homes--Yakima Herald, Nov. 26, 1901.

Four families arrived here last Saturday from Sioux Center, Iowa to join the French colony in the Moxee.

The names of the families are Prince, Jonewaard, Niewenhoff and Deaane--Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1902.

Moxee City, Jan. 23(Special) Moxee City, the new townsite, in the Moxee valley, is now awaiting the opening of spring to begin active operations in the matter of town building.

The city has granted a franchise to Messrs Charron and ~~Bedard~~ Pelaires for a system of water works. These gentlemen will begin at once the drilling for artesian water with which to supply the city.

Mains will be laid in all parts of the town and it is expected a pressure sufficient for fire protection will be obtained. Work will be pushed in order to have the system in working order by April.

A new bank is to be a reality within a few weeks at the most in Moxee City. At a meeting held at the hardware store of M.A. O'Loughlin Friday evening a committee consisting of Messrs Mineau, O'Loughlin and Charron was appointed to solicit stock subscriptions. This committee will report at a meeting to be held on the 28th of this month. The capital stock will be \$15,000 and from the way the citizens and farmers are taking hold there is every indication that the total amount will be subscribed in time for the committee to report on the 28th. A bank will be a great convenience in this community and will result in other capital being invested in this section.

The large Catholic church and Catholic hall located about a mile and a half southeast of the townsite is being moved to lots in the growing city of Moxee. It is a very large and exacting job but is in the hands of Peter ~~B~~ Beautrow which insure the building being placed in position with the minimum of damage.

The Yakima Valley Transportation company gives every evidence of having their line into Moxee City by May 1. The company expects to begin grading just as soon as the last dangers of a freeze are passed.

J.H. Rose, a wealthy capitalist is in the city and with him he brought an artesian well boring outfit which is in charge of an expert in this line.

The advent of Mr. Rose may possibly mark the beginning of a great transformation in the upper Moxee valley. This section of the valley is in its present state a barren waste of sagebrush land and will always remain so unless the ingenuity of man and that backed by a large amount of capital succeeds in accomplishing the problem of putting water upon it.

It is proposed by Mr. Rose to bore artesian wells upon this tract of land and with this object in view he has secured the option on 37,000 acres upon which he is willing to expend several thousand dollars in an attempt to ascertain whether or not it is possible to strike a flow. Associated with him in the project is Attorney General Burke of the state of Minnesota. The two men came here two weeks ago and looked the ground over. They brought with them an expert artesian well man who made extensive tests of artesian wells in the Moxee valley and expressed the opinion that it was decidedly worth while to try for an artesian water supply in that country.

Mr. Rose is confident of success and said that he is willing to expend \$5,000 to \$10,000 to test the proposition. Of course if he is successful he will open one of the biggest tracts of land in central Washington and will offer inducements for immigration and not only boom this city but add untold wealth to Yakima county.--

The Yakima Herald, April 19, 1905.

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P.A. Ditter of the firm of Ditter Bros accompanied by his family took advantage of the pleasant weather last Sunday to visit the Moxee valley. His observations are best given in his own words;

"Every season for some years I have been planning to spend a day in the Moxee valley, of which I have heard so much and which we all know as one of the most productive of the many surrounding Yakima. With the family rig we started, our first stop being at the church in the French settlement about 12 miles from the city. Here we were in time to attend services and participate in the Corpus Christi ceremonies. I was much impressed with the showing that the congregation made.

The church is cozy with a seating capacity of about 400 and upon this occasion was well filled. Father Burke, while recently here from the Sound has already endeared himself to the people of the congregation and to the people of the valley.

He preaches usually in French but on the third Sunday of the month can be heard in English. For the Corpus Christi celebration the altar at the church was beautifully decorated with natural flowers. The stations were indeed handsome, while the music was among the best I have ever heard. Miss Beaudry presides at the organ while the choir is made up of young folks living in that locality.

The people are building a large hall, 30 x 80 feet which will be used for entertainments and a place of meeting for the different societies. They are in hopes to have it ready for their celebration July 4th.

That the people are prosperous is evidenced by the splendid homes and excellent barns and outbuildings which show up on every hand. The country never looked more beautiful than now with its hundreds of acres of green alfalfa, fruitful orchards and charming landscape, while the people appeared the most contented

of any I have seen in a long time. Of course it is not surprising when you note how bounteously nature has dealt with them, but their thrift is also in a large measure responsible for their prosperity. This visit was an education in itself to me and I believe no more charming trip for any resident of North Yakima could be taken than one of the Moxee valley. It makes one feel that after all heaven has been kind to this great valley-" The Yakima Herald, June 20, 1906.

Moxee-Stone Claim

Larson home

J.D. Simons of the Moxee was in the city to make final proof on his stone claim, which is a valuable quarry on the Inter-valley road.

It contains building rock. Larson's residence on Nob Hill was built of it. Mr. Simons will open it at once and have a quantity of rock ready for shipment as soon as the road can handle it. Mr. Simons has also struck a good supply of water on his homestead on the other side of the valley at 95 feet but will continue to go down to the first flow of artesian water. He expects to have his well completed in a few days--The

Yakima Herald, May 29, 1907.

Several large property owners in the Moxee valley each having property from ten to eleven miles from the city, are considering platting part of their holdings as townsites if the Yakima Valley Transportation Co. lines are extended in their direction.

As planned at present the lines will go through or past the property, for which it is proposed to start the new town.

L.H. Linbarger, who has one of the largest holdings near the artesian district is planning to plat part of his ranch and Lee Little who has a tract a short distance west of the Linbarger land is also considering such a step.

The Sauve brothers are considering platting of property near their store and the name of their new town "Moxee." It is not likely that more than one townsite will be started but it seems certain that the Moxee is to have a definite trading place for its residents as result of the railroad extension.

The Yakima Herald July 1, 1908.

Started over a year ago when the demand for freight service into the Moxee valley grew so great that it could no longer be denied, the Moxee branch of the North Yakima & Valley railroad, a feeder of the Northern Pacific was completed to Moxee City; the new townsite 10 miles out, late last week and freight service over the new road has already commenced.

A gang of 100 men are now at work putting the finishing touches to the ballasting of the track and passenger service will commence about October 15 when Moxee City is planning a big celebration in honor of the advent of the transportation facilities which residents of that section have so long sought.

The rails of the new road cross the Yakima river near the Cascade Lumber company's mill north of the city on the longest bridge over the Yakima river, one of the spans of which is 250 feet long and the piled approach is nearly 1,000 feet long. Taking a nearly southerly route from the eastern end of the bridge at the mill, the railroad crosses the county road between the city and Terrace Heights about a mile from the eastern end of Yakima the new Yakima avenue road bridge, diagonally, traverses section 20 and again crosses the county road near where it enters the property of H.B. Scudder. From here the railroad takes a more southeasterly course and maintains it all the way into Moxee City, the new townsite platted by Ditter Brothers and others at the extreme end of the line.

The first grading of the new road was started about one year ago and the construction of the bridge was begun in June of this year. Delays were experienced waiting for high water which never came, but it was only three weeks after the bridge was finally completed that the tracks were laid into the terminus of the line.

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George Donald, president of the North Yakima & Valley, let the contract a few days ago to G.T. Aumiller for construction of 12 miles of the new road extending from North Yakima to a point in the French ~~Coolidge~~ settlement in the Moxee.

It is understood that work on the line is to begin at once and pushed to completion by the end of the year.

However there may be some delay at certain points along the new line due to a clause in the right of way deeds, which conceded to the farmers the right to harvest growing crops this year from the land purchased of them by the company.

The steel bridge which is to span the Yakima, will be built, of course, by special contract. This contract has not yet been let but will be soon and the work on it will be rushed during the low water season.

Ditter Bros.' new townsite of Moxee City has been platted and lots will be offered for sale, it is understood, as soon as construction on the work has fairly commenced--The Yakima

Democrat, July 17, 1909.

Furnishing of electric light and power for the entire Moxee valley including the section now under irrigation and that which will be brought under canals in the future is part of the plan of the Central Washington Investment & Power Co. recently organized by George S. Rankin and his associates.

For this purpose the enlarge Selah-Moxee canal will be utilized carrying water for the power plant in the Selah gap as well as for the Moxee high line ditch. While the definite plans have not been outlined when asked as to the proposition President Rankin said:

"It is generally known that I propose to build a power plant to furnish electric power for pumping water to irrigate lands about the the present canals in the Moxee.. The Yakima Herald, March 3, 1909.

Ex-mayor Floyd Daggett of Spokane and a number of his friends have bought about 200 acres of land in the Upper Moxee valley from the Rose Land company and will proceed to develop it.

They will put down wells, plant trees and care for the orchards for purchasers for a stated term. About 80 acres will be planted to trees this summer.

The ex-mayor is now a resident of Seattle and the members of his company are all Seattle men. They call it the Yakima Moxee Orchards company. Lewis E. Walter is president and Mr. Daggett the secretary of the company. Mr. Walter will come to Yakima to live and will be the resident manager of the project. The lands which the company will develop are from 15 to 17 miles from the city--The Yakima Republic, Jan. 21, 1910.

The letter accompanying the two pictures which Ambassador Jusserand, the French diplomat sent as a token of remembrance to the French people of the Moxee has been translated into English.

The pictures are now on exhibition in the store of Mailloux Bros. having been brought in from the Moxee where they were received not long since.

Ambassador Jusserand visited the valley last summer and paid a visit to the people of the Moxee. He won his way into their hearts and he has taken another step in that direction by sending the two beautiful pictures.

The translation of the letter, which was written in French, is as follows:

Washington D.C. Dec. 13, 1909:

"To the Rev. Parish Priest, Canadian church of the Moxee near North Yakima, Wash.

Rev. Sir: On our way through the Moxee the past summer

my wife and I received from the Canadian inhabitants of the valley such a reception as I can never forget. You were absent at the time so that I did not have the pleasure of meeting you.

"This being the Christmas season I would like to send you a little token of remembrance to the friends who received me so well and who, while remaining loyal American citizens retain such tender memories of the old motherland.

"I seek your aid and take the liberty of sending to your care two framed engravings of which one represents Champlain first ascending the St Lawrence and the other represents ~~the~~ the palace of Versailles. These two pictures will be shipped from here in a day or so.

"I hope this modest gift may prove acceptable to your parishoners and that they may give these scenes a place in the hall where they so warmly and charmingly greeted the representative of France.

"Kindly accept, dear pastor, for yourself and the Canadians of the Moxee valley all my best wishes of prosperity and happiness and the expression of my most distinguished consideration. Signed Jusserand.

The Moxee people have already assigned places for the pictures in the Moxee hall. They also plan on having the letter framed and placed near them. Both the pictures and the letter are the most highly prized possessions which the people of that community own in common--Yakima Republic, Feb. 11, 1910.

The first step in the formation of a permanent improvement society for the proper drainage of Moxee land now injured by excessive alkali was taken on Saturday afternoon at the rooms of the Commercial club when the committee appointed at the meeting of Moxee owners April 1 met to make preliminary plans for organization.

Messrs J.W. Peck, George Ker, George Bunce, Joseph Ditter, John Nelson and L.O. Janeck were present and discussed plans for permanent organization. This committee was to have reported at the meeting of land owners on Friday night but some difficulties have been encountered and it may be necessary to postpone the meeting.

Most of the residents and land-owners of the Moxee can be counted on for vigorous support in any measure which may tend for the improvement of the section--**Yakima Republic, April 22,**

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of money

A number of Moxee men are planning to establish a bank in that city and it is likely that the matter will take definite shape within a few days.

A number of North Yakima businessmen will be interested. F.X. Mineau is one of the leaders in the project assisted by Messrs Leon Charron, O'Laughlin, Capistran, Champeaux brothers and others--

Yakima Republic, Oct. 28, 1910.

By a vote of 37 to 12 property owners in the Moxee decided Saturday on the establishment of a drainage district including about 4,200 acres .

The new district will be known as Number 11. Henry J. Postma, R. Langevin and N.J. Dickson have been chosen commissioners to carry out the work which will be done as soon as possible.

The project has been agitated for some time, the matter having come up at meeting Saturday being in charge of a committee with L.O. Janeck as chairman. It was made necessary by accumulation of irrigation water to such an extent as to affect large areas of land.

The drainage district will include all of sections 36 and 1, the larger portions of sections 2, 6, 7 and 8, half of section 12 and small portions of sections 35, 25, 26, 3, 10, 9, 31 and 5. Its general shape is a triangle, one corner of which is at a point about one-fourth of a mile north of Holland schoolhouse church, another at the ranch of N.J. Dickson and the third at the ranch of Lombard & Horsley near the Moxee Dairy ranch.

The holdings of the Moxee company are excluded, the company having already installed a drainage system of its own. The Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910.

A Martin of Centralia has just purchased through the firm of Dash & Briggs an 11-acre fruit ranch in the Moxee and will at once move on it with his family.

The property is what has been known as the Lovelace ranch. Title was transferred to Mr. Martin by Mr. Ramsey who has owned it more recently. The orchard portion is set in trees, 3 and 4 years old and part of the ranch is in alfalfa. The Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910.

Moxee City

The petition of H.J. Harper of Moxee City for a saloon license at that place was denied by the county commissioner's at yesterday's meeting.

The commissioners gave as the reason of their refusal to grant a license the fact that the remonstrance here more signatures than the petition. The petition carried the names of 55 residents while the remonstrance was signed by 150. The Yakima Republic,

Nov. 4, 1910.

By a vote of 37 to 13, property owners of the Moxee for a second time declared on Saturday in favor of the establishment of a drainage district there. The matter will now go before the county commissioners for further action.

An election was held on the question several weeks ago but was nullified by an irregularity.

It was advertised to be held at the Champoux store but on the day before the election, the store was moved from its previous location into Moxee City, so that the election did not take place at the place designaged in the published notice.

The district comprises about 4,100 acres of the best land in the Moxee. The commissioners elected to have charge of the work are the same men who were selected at the previous election, namely R. Langevin, N.J. Dickson and Henry J. Postma--Yakima Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

Yesterday was a busy day in real estate at Moxee City four residence lots and one business lot changing hands by purchase.

Peter A. Voelker and his sister, Miss Emma Voelker bought the business lot involved in the sales yesterday.

Francis Riel purchased two residence lots and Eugene Riel and Ben Menard bought one residence lot each. Mr. Menard also began construction on his lot yesterday and the other purchasers of residence lots will begin the erection of dwelling houses immediately--Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910

George Donald, president of the North Yakima & Valley Railway company, this afternoon let the contract for the construction of the new depot for his company at Moxee City.

Work on the new building will begin this week and the contract calls for its completion within 60 days. The depot will be a frame structure 30 by 60 feet and will contain a ticket office waiting room and freight room. The railway line was only recently extended to Moxee City and there has been no building in use as a substitute for a depot--Yakima Republic Dec. 9, 1910.

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Over 300 people gathered at Moxee City yesterday afternoon and evening for the informal celebration which many of the residents of that section preferred to the noise, heat and dust of the city.

The new store, which has recently started in business on the site of the city was the center for the crowds and firecrackers and a picnic dinner kept them in a merry mood all the afternoon.

The new hotel which is now nearing completion was the scene of a dance in the evening in which most of the young people participated. The unfinished building made a splendid place in which to dance as the lack of a roof gave plenty of opportunity for ventilation and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening--Yakima Republic, July 8, 1910.

The Blackrock Fruit Lands company filed articles of incorporation in the office of the county auditor this morning.

The capital stock is placed at \$25,000 , ~~valued~~ divided into shares with a par value of \$100.

The principal office of the company will be in Seattle but the larger part of its holdings of land are in the Moxee valley, and a great deal of its business will be here.

The incorporators are Carl F. Kling, Milton A. Smith and F.H. Gilbert.--Yakima Republic, Nov. 4, 1910.

One of the largest transfers that has been recorded for some time past took place Saturday when the Yakima-Moxee Valley land company of Seattle sold to J.H. Rose of the same city 2,880 acres of land in the Moxee. The consideration is named at \$72,00000

Yakima Herald, January 11, 1911.

Moxee City is more than proud of its new station and platform which was recently completed by the Yakima & Valley railway and expressions of gratitude to Mr. Donald are heard on every hand.

Uncle Sam has appointed M.A. O'Loughlin postmaster and Mr. O'Loughlin will begin receiving mail for Moxee City as soon as his bond has been approved and word received from Washington--The Yakima Herald, January 25, 1911.

The county commissioners adjourned to meet March 6 doing very little at the last meeting except to grant the Pacific Light & Power Co. a franchise for the high tension power line to Moxee and Zillah.

There has been some difference as to the distance the poles should be set out but this was finally adjusted.

The city council Monday night appropriated \$499 on the motion of Dr. W.H. Carver to be used by the city engineer for securing information as to the cost and feasibility of establishing a municipal light plant of 1,500 horsepower and Mayor Schott announced that he had that day filed on a power site on the Naches river at the intake of the Glead ditch.

The action came after the reading of the report of the committee of which Fred E. Shaw is chairman which toured the coast cities and went extensively into municipal water, light and paving matters and which recommended that the city own its own water and light plants.

The report showed that North Yakima had been paying more for light and water than any other city in the northwest. The mayor, in his remarks, announcing the filing on the power site, stated that the Pacific Light & Power company was willing to make no reductions in the price of light furnished the city and he thought the only way the city could get relief was to build its own plant.

The city engineer estimated that the people of North Yakima could be served with light for less than half the price they are now paying and that such a plant would cost from \$200,000 to \$250,000.....Full page of tables showing rates, light water etc. with other cities....Yakima Herald, Feb. 22, 1911.

The newly organized Moxee Commercial club held its second meeting last Thursday evening. The question of fire protection and electric lights for the village were discussed and turned over to Messrs. Robert Lance, Arthur Champoux and M.A. O'Loughlin as a committee for further action. A number of new members including three ladies were admitted and a membership contest was started. The meeting was made more interesting by vocal and violin selections of Mr. Blevin accompanied by Fr. Arsenault at the piano.

The Misses M. Schott and Catherine McShane spent Sunday at the McShane ranch.

The Church of the Holy Rosary is planning a bazaar to be held immediately after the close of the hop picking season.

Mr. Beckett of the St Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., Moxee City, was relieved by a substitute and left for a two weeks vacation.

About forty of the hop pickers at the Pincus ranch went on a strike Saturday asking \$1.25 a box for picking. The strikers were discharged and the remaining pickers received the desired raise.

Mr. Sam Horta shipped 100 baskets of grapes to Seattle Monday, the first of the season.

Water is being piped into the parochial and numerous other residences also into the Cascade lumber yards for fire protection---

Yakima Herald, Sept. 13, 1911.

The Charron artesian well is proving a great boon to our citizens . Paul Brunelle's 80-foot well was our only water supply for over a year and he has our thanks for so generously sharing the life saving waters with his neighbors.

The Catholic bazaar and air will be held on Monday and Tuesday the ladies will also serve supper Sunday 223rd and 24th of this month.

Extensive preparations are being made for this event ,Several valuable articles have already been donated including an elegant parlor stove by M.A. O'Laughlin, our enterprising hardware man and a beautiful 9 x 12 parlor rug OGD (Axminister) by A. Champoux OGD & Bros. A large attendance will no doubt be correspondingly ample.

Rev. Pike of North Yakima will preach at the Congregational church October 15. Mr. Pike is an able and fluent talker and everyone is looking forward to the event with pleasure.--

Yakima Herald, Oct. 20, 1911.

Fr. Arsenault is expected home today from Seattle where he accompanied Fr. LaMontaigne after they had closed a very successful four days mission at that place.

Fr. LaMontaigne going on to Vancouver to visit his sister.

Mr. Landt is here looking after the prospects for a bank in Moxee City. We have had numerous visitors of late with this in view.

The water from a new artesian well over which they failed to get control for some time helped the melting snow in making oodles of mud around Moxee the past two weeks-Yakima Herald, February 21, 1912.

Big preparations are being made for the Commercial club banquet which will end the contest which is going on. Some fine music will be provided as well as a great big feed and covers will be laid for 200 persons. A special train will be run to bring guests from North Yakima and the valley ~~clubs~~ clubs.

Twenty of the young people ^{prised} survived Eva Guin Sunday night. The evening was spent with music and games.

The Young Ladies Sodality will give a card party at the Catholic hall Saturday night. Ice cream and cake will be served and all are invited to come.

Father La Montagne is much pleased with his parish here and expects to have the parochial school established by fall. Yakima

Herald, May 22, 1912.

Moxee-A.G. Rossaen is acting relief for Mr. William Wirt at the St Paul & Tacoma Lumber yard for a few days.

Father L.A. LaMontagne is making his semi-annual parochial ~~several~~ visits and arranging for a small bazaar to be given about the last of the month.

Bishop O'Dea of Seattle will confirm a class at the Holy Rosary church here Sunday next...**The Yakima Herald, Oct. 16., 1912.**

Moxee, May 9--The American Legion post here of which F.L. Powell is commander are making arrangements for Memorial day and will include a flag raising, street parade led by Legion members and an address by W.B. Clark of Yakima.

Local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the flag raising and have an 84-foot pole in readiness which is to be placed in front of the Catholic school. Members of the committee in charge of this affair are: Arthur Toupin, chairman; Ovid Brulotte, Antone LaFramboise, Hugh LaFramboise, Phil Bergevin and William Belair.

The main program of the afternoon will be held at the Holland cemetery--Yakima Republic, May 9, 1925.

Moxee City, oldest white settlement in the Valley stands alone in one of the most unique positions a town in this section has ever held as a result of the municipal elections held throughout the valley yesterday.

A single family, the Regimbals, will control the official affairs of the municipality for the coming year.

At Moxee the situation created by the election is one ~~of~~ so unusual as to attract interest throughout the county.

E.A. Regimbal was elected treasurer. His brother, Ed Regimbal was named on the council together with Mrs. Navier Regimbal, a sister-in-law and Mrs. Eugene Riel, a sister of H.H. La Bree, present mayor. Xavier Regimbal is already a member of the council with another year to serve. Albert Perrault brother-in-law is also a councilman giving the family a quorum of four out of the five votes. With the exception of Mrs. Clara Rider of Mabton the Moxee women are the only women ever to win places as "councilmen."

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