

Roslyn Strike

The Roslyn strike has not ended. The NP has given its ultimatum that no interference will be allowed with its work. It recognizes no society of men, but will listen to individual grievances, and promise not to cut down wages in mines one and two, nor to extend working hours from eight to 10. The miners, who are nearly all Knights of Labor, held a meeting Saturday and refused to accept the company's proposition.

—Times-Mountaineer, Sept. 8, 1888

Statehood

Roslyn

Tomas Lund of Roslyn is in the city awaiting the turn of events in Kittitas county. Thomas Lund was a liquor dealer of Roslyn and when that town incorporated as was a couple of score of other towns under the act of the legislature of 1888, he took out a city license.

Recently Judge Anders of the supreme court, with the concurrence of Judges Hoyt and Stiles, decided that the act under which these towns were incorporated was invalid and had no corporate existence.

Under the decision, the commissioners of Kittitas county refuse to allow saloons at Roslyn to open without the payment of \$1,000 license, moreover they threaten prosecution for selling liquor in the past without a county license.

This looks like bearing down pretty heavy. The dealers took out licenses in accordance with the will and act of the legislature and now on account of some flaw in that act they not only lose the money paid for licenses issued in accordance but have the bugbear of prosecution thrust into their faces. Every licensed saloon in Roslyn is now closed.--Yakima Herald, March 6, 1890 .

Roslyn 1887

Signal: Roslyn is now a town of about 850 inhabitants. This is a pretty good showing when it is known that this growth is the result of about 7 months. The town lots sell readily at from 40 to 200 dollars, and the town agent has disposed of 135 of them. Building is retarded somewhat on account of the mill being unable to furnish lumber to meet the demand...President Bullett of the coal company claims that the town is bound to have 5,000 inhabitants within a year.

— Times-Mountaineer, June 4, 1887

Roslyn Shooting 1888

Roslyn--The colored miners at Roslyn had a dance last week,
which broke up in a shooting affray...

--Ellensburgh Capital Dec. 6 1888

Roslyn Tough Town

Roslyn is Getting an unenviable reputation as a tough town. However, it is not up to the old mining towns of Idaho when they had a man for breakfast but it is able to give a regular Saturday matinee. Last Saturday evening there was an unprovoked murder, one colored man killing another without cause.

--Ellensburg Capital, April 11, 1889

Mule Drivers Strike

On Monday it was reported in the city that trouble had again arisen at Roslyn and Sheriff Packwood was summoned to the scene of action. The mule drivers to the number of 75 or 100 had become dissatisfied with wages and superintendent, hence the reported strike. Worthington, the superintendent, was fired at while at the coal company's office but none of the shots took effect...the trouble ended..

--Ellexnsburgh Capital Dec. 27 1888

Friday the 4th a mass meeting of the citizens was called to take action in regard to the trouble existing between the drivers and the coal company...Everything was arranged satisfactorily and work commenced Saturday Jan. 5th.xx

--Capital, Jan. 10, 1889

The Roslyn miners have resumed and the crack of the mule drivers' whip is again heard in the underground workings. It's a cold day when the people of Kittitas county get left and when the mule drivers struck the people resorted to the sagebrush.

--Capital, Jan. 10, 1889

Roslyn

Roslyn, April 2-The town of Roslyn has been in a state of perturbation for the past week over the doings of the negro miners. While mayhap the razor has not been entirely discarded by these sable hued toilers after the diamonds black, they seem to have taken most kindly to the revolver and with this weapon of offense and defense, and with their yelling and fighting, manage to keep Roslyn in a condition of continual disquietude. The white miners keep aloof from the blacks and well they do, for in addition to the latter's other disturbances they use language that practically disbars women from appearing on the street. Occasionally there are arrests made, but no great reform can take place until the new jail is finished and the prisoners can be cared for.

The diamond drill is down 300 feet and has already gone through three or four veins of coal.

S.R. Geddis of Ellensburg has started a meat market here.

The newly elected city councilmen are: Thomas Baily, Chas. Miller, W.A. Mohr, Chas. Wurtz and David Bryant.

Roslyn is picking up all the time, and the town would be very prosperous but for the bad negro element. Over eight hundred tons of coal is the daily output of the mines and the pay roll is large--
Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. April 4, 1889.

The Roslyn election last week resulted in the success of the following ticket: Mayor, Dr. W.H. Harris; treasurer, John S. Taggard; assessor, James Lane; health officer, Hugh McGillis; councilmen, Joseph Merchant, James Ash, J.W. Richards and David Williams. (2-10-92