

Historical

Townsites

A gigantic scheme to take in the gullible was developed this week by filing with Auditor Ellis of the plat of National Park City, a paper town located about twelve miles up the Yakima canyon.

The plat covers about 145 acres and is in sec. 3, twp. 14 range 19 east which was assessed last year to the Northern Pacific railroad at \$80 or 12 1-2 cents an acre.

The townsite embraces 1950 twenty-five foot lots , some of which are a thousand feet up in the air , on the top of a bald basaltic mountain.

The deed to the townsite was made by J~~AM~~ Jay N. Leonard and Mattie S. Leonard to Barlow & Gleebe of Tacoma.

The first intimation here of National Park City was the receipt by the auditor of deeds to lots with the request of the purchasers that they be filed for record.

Auditor Ellis notified the parties that there was no plat of any town in his office , but on Tuesday the plat was received and entered , as it was drawn up in proper form and regularly certified to--Yakima Herald, May 23, 1891.

Auditor Ellis has received information from Tacoma that lots are being given away in National Park City, the platted basaltic mountain up the Yakima canyon, but that \$2.50 is charged for the deeds.

At that rate an acre of land that was assessed at 12 1-2 cents will bring \$40 and the townsite of 129 acres , valued at about \$15 , will realize for its enterprising projectors over five thousand dollars--Yakima Herald, June 4, 1891.

Miscellany

James Combs, a recent arrival here from the Sound , has purchased through MacCrimmon & Needham , Tom Goodwin's ranch of 100 acres on the Natcheez, the consideration being about \$8,000.

The yield of D.E. Lesh's orchard this year was 2500 boxes of peaches and 2,000 boxes of apples. A box of apples is supposed to be a bushel or 48 pounds, but they must be packed closely to reach this weight.

M. Schorn has completed and sold this year 29 buggies road wagons and surreys of his own manufacture and has three more in the paint shop. This is a creditable showing for an infant industry but he proposes to knock this record out of sight next year.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Natcheez & Cowychee Ditch company on Saturday last elected H.D. Cock president; L. Brooker, secretary; J.T. Stewart, treasurer and T.J. Redmon, Joseph Schreiner and H.D. Cock, directors.

On Monday evening next at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian church a choral society will be organized. All singers interested in such a movement are requested to be present. - 1892

Crab Creek 1875

A gentleman just down from Crab Creek says there are a few settlers coming into that country--mostly men with bands of stock...As yet there has not been stock enough in the country to make much impression on the pastures, as the ranges could support many times the number that is now there.

--Walla Walla Union, Nov. 13, 1875

The papers of the coast often are filled with glowing accounts of the beauties of Yosemite , of the natural wonders of the National Park. We hope that some competent inspired pen may be found to suitably portray the sublime wonders of nature almost at our very door. Within fifty miles of North Yakima, easily accessible , at the head of the north and south forks of the Tietan, in and about the icy crest of Mount Kaye, are natural wonders and scenery that out-rival Yosemite or the Park of the nation.

Riding out from North Yakima to that Bethesda of the northwest, the Yakima Soda Springs, thence a pleasant horseback ride over the romantic ~~p~~ ridge and the shade of fragrant fir and lordly pine, brings the tourist to the crest of Darland mountain; pausing for a moment to breathe the horses. Immediately before the traveler is a scene of unparalleled grandeur. Almost at hand are the mighty peaks of Tacoma, St Helens, Hood, Adams and the older Mount Kaye directly in front, all glistening in the sun as they reflect back its noonday rays from their shining glaciers: there they stand, like so many monarchs of old, glinting the rays of the summer sun from their burnished casques. We see waterfalls in the distance, dashing like threads of silver down the mountain side from the ice fields. We mark the course of the avalanche , as in the winter storms it has torn down the precipices, sweeping away hundreds of acres of forest. Almost beneath us, but miles away, is Wiley's beautiful valley which should be our camp for the night; where we arrive after a few hours ride down a safe and comfortable mountain trail, almost at the head of the south fork of the Tietan.

In this valley is one of the most charming spots for a mountain summer resort--a large wide valley of rich luscious grass, dotted with

Wearing of Alpine travel , the mind actually tired by so much sublimity, homeward bound for North Yakima, a short ride down

the Tietan, passing the Lion falls tumbling over huge basaltic boulders, leaving Devil's Head on the right with its mighty columns, shafts of straight basalt, hundreds of feet high . Right at the foot of Round Top mountain is found the wonderful Tietan Chalybeate Spring which for its miraculous curative powers is destined to have a

worldwide reputation and bring health and vigor to tens of thousands of afflicted humanity.--Yakima ~~World~~ Herald, North Yakima,

July 25, 1889

Townsites

also called
national city.

Several years ago one C.E. Page laid out a town on the summit of the Umptanun mountains in this county and offered a plat for filing at the auditor's office.

The plat was not received by the auditor.

Page called his town "Union City" and offered lots at \$2.50 each or just sufficient to secure a deed. He paid \$2.50 per acre for the land and laid it out in lots 50 by 120 feet which at \$2.50 per lot would have netted him quite a sum of money could he had succeeded in his desire.

Subsequently he laid out an addition to Tacoma some 14 miles from the city limits and made a number of sales before the true state of affairs was made public.

The gay and festive maker of townsites is now in trouble at Fairhaven where he plated an addition calling it after an addition that lies in the center of the city.

This townsite "Happy Valley" by name is situated some four miles from Fairhaven on top of a mountain. He has been arrested for swindling and will probably retire from the townsite business—
Yakima Herald, January 19, 1893.

Tampico

Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Dickson, who have been residents of the Moxee for several years past, have moved to Tampico where Mr. Dickson is interested in a sawmill. Before leaving they were pleasantly entertained at the Moxee school house and presented with a handsome rocking chair by admiring friends--Yakima Herald, March 29, 1894.

Valley Cities

Euclid

Euclid is the name of a new town in the Sunnyside country, about seven miles northwest of Prosser. It has been dubbed New Tacoma because nearly all the residents hailed from the City of Destiny-
Yakima Herald, April 19, 1894.

Valley cities

Belma

A postoffice has just been established at Belma, Yakima county, with a special mail service from Mabton, three and one - half miles south. Guy Smith has been appointed postmaster of the new office--Yakima Herald, May 24, 1894.

Gleed

Another demonstration as to the strength of the Yakima soil and the warmth of the Yakima sun and the truth of the statement that Irrigation is King comes this week from Mr. James Gleed who has a fine farm on the Natcheez.

Last week Mr. Gleed baled the product of 15 acres of timothy. The hay was exceedingly dry yet the bales ran up to over 50 tons or 3 1-2 tons an acre. Mr. Gleed will thus far receive about \$38 per acre from the tract.

The moral is simple, that one of Yakima's mottoes "Ten acres enough" is absolutely truthful when those ten acres --Yakima Herald, July 25, 1895.

The mail carrier from North Yakima to Tampico will leave North Yakima hereafter on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. and leave Tampico the same days at 7 a.m. Five hours being allowed for the trip--Yakima Herald, Jan. 20, 1897.

Tampico is situated at the head of the fertile Antanum valley, just at the foot of the wooded hills among which the Antanum creek has its source.

The well known camping ground, Soda Springs, lies adjacent to Tampico and is justly popular for its beautiful location and healthful properties.

The growing of fruit and hops and stock raising are the principal occupations.

Tampico is peculiarly adapted to the growing of fruit as the winters are not as cold as they are near North Yakima and the springs are later, insuring a superior crop of fruit each season.

Tampico crops are of a higher grade than these raised in any other part of the county. The wide grass ranges make stock raising profitable and considerable wood and lumber are brought from the neighboring forests.

Our people are confidently looking forward to a time when a railroad will be built up the Antanum valley affording a near market for their produce. Mae Conrad, Yakima Herald, Feb. 17, 1898.

We are twenty miles from Yakima , have not the best of roads much snow and magnificent distances. All this is not pleasant.

But on the other hand we have a peace of life, the district school, church and Sabbath school, three times a week mail and good neighbors.

We hibernate in winter and ~~vegated~~ vegetate in summer.

No one ever heard of one of our people in the legislature or in jail , thought we did furnish a man to look up the bad people of other sections of the county. We have many capable men and women ready and willing to fill any position of trust and honor in county, state or nation. Mrs. Shannafelt, Yakima Morning Herald, Feb. 17, 1898.

Yakima Growth
Sage Brush

As an illustration of what can be accomplished by newcomers and on new land one has only to visit the bench just back of Sam Cameron's place on Nob Hill.

Where five short months ago nearly 100 acres of sage brush stood, now about one-half is in orchard and the other half in growing wheat.

Mr. H.M. Gilbert who purchased a twenty-acre tract in that district last fall, but who did not begin to subdue the land until February of this year, has as pretty an example of what brains, muscle and a little capital can do as can be found anywhere.

His attractive and substantial house is located at the point of the bench, thus giving an admirable view of the city and the surrounding country.

Sloping away to north, east and west is his tract, nicely laid out in orchard and grass. Just back of Mr. Gilbert lies 50 acres of beautiful land now in wheat, belonging to Indian Commissioner Barge besides other farms equally as well tilled and improved--To newcomers, as well as our own people, these showings made within such a short period of time seem marvelous indeed--Yakima Herald, July 7, 1898.

Wide Hollow-Artesian

H.J. Spratt has completed the George Spoo Wilson artesian well in Wide Hollow, having bored to the depth of 1,275 feet and secured three quarters of a cubic foot of water, which is calculated to irrigate 100 acres of land.

The water is 80 degrees Fahrenheit, being eight degrees warmer than the big well on the Moxee. Mr. Spratt says as far as he can learn this well is the deepest west of Dakota. He will move his boring machinery to Mabton where a syndicate is intending to put down a series of wells--The Yakima Herald Republic, August 18, 1899.

Naches-Churches

The Naches Presbyterian church will be dedicated tomorrow, Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. Hugh W. Gilchrist of Seattle will deliver the sermon and Rev. Dlythe of Roslyn will assist--, Yakima Democrat, Sept. 29, 1900.

Alfalpa Townsite

The town of Alfalfa will be platted in the next week or ten days and lots will be put on the market.

Alfalpa is close to the Y^e river near Snipe's mountain and will have communication across the river to Alfalfa station on the railway--Yakin Feb. 4, 1902.

Tampico

A lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America was organized at Tampico last Monday night.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Venerable counsel, C.A. Horn; worthy advisor, Warren Eglin; clerk, Isadore Mondor; banker, Frank Mondor; escort, William Shaw--Yakima Herald, April 1, 1902.

Alfalpa

F.G. Drew--I shall devote my time for the present in the interest of the new town of Alfalfa. Further than this I have not yet decided what to do. I shall remain in Yakima, however, for I believe it is the best part of the northwest today--Yakima Herald, April 15, 1902.

Daniel Hinds was down at Alfalfa last week to look over the property of the new town. He returned and reported the place so new that he could only find the corner of lot stakes--Yakima Herald, April 15, 1902.

Walter N. Granger of the Sunnyside Canal was in this city last Thursday on business pertaining to the new town of Alfalfa.

He told the Herald reporter that it would not be long till the townsite would be ready and that lots would soon be thrown on the market for sale.

Alfalpa is situated on the western end of Snipes mountain close to the banks of the Yakima river. The river is bridged at this point, giving ready access to the railway station. There is a large grove near by that can be turned into a park, the river is smooth for a considerable distance in front giving a fine body of water for boating.

The town will be high upon the banks of the river in a place easily drained and watered. Grading is now being done on the main streets of the new city, ditches constructed and trees for shade planted. Mr. Granger thinks the site admirably located for a city with a considerable rural population around to support.

One difficulty, he says, they will have is to prevent certain ones from gobbling up all the business opportunities that will be offered there.

Lake Kitchelas

Lake Kitchelas at the summit of the Cascade range near Martin promises to be the popular summer resort for this section.

Messrs Shearer & Brooks, formerly of this city are preparing to entertain tourists on a large scale. They have a hotel, which will be opened to the public about July 1. People going from here on the early morning passenger train are met at Martin and conveyed to the lake a few miles away by stage where with baggage, all are transferred to a launch and then taken across the beautiful waters to where the hotel and grounds are situated.

In case people wish to enjoy camping privileges, grounds are provided. The lake affords fine fishing and boating and is considered the most beautiful sheet of water in the state.

Shearer & Brooks have opened stores at Kitchelas and Martin in connection with the resort--The Yakima Herald, June 22, 1904.