

Drives from The Dalles 1864

Several large bands of beef cattle and milch cows are on the way up between here and The Dalles. A part are being driven to the Boise and Owyhee mines and the balance are destined for this valley and the mining camps above. Good beef cattle are very scarce in our market at present and a limited number will find a ready market here at good prices.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, April 2, 1864

Drive to Boise 1864

Messrs Stone & Baggs? of this city started 130 head of cattle this week for the Boise market via the new road across the mountains. They were driven from Linkton's mill across the mountains to Grande Ronde valley in one day.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, April ~~22~~ 29, 1864

Kootenai drive 1864

A small drove of cattle passed through this city on
Monday en route to the Kootenai mines.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, June 3, 1864

Drive from Willamette 1864

Messrs. Johnson & Calvin arrived in this valley week before last with a drove of ~~48~~ 497 cattle which they drove up from Umpqua valley, Ore. They intend to winter them here and have them ready for market in the spring.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, July 22, 1864

Drive to Montana 1864

Touchet R., Sept. 5, 1864

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Last week some 300 (pack) animals and 700 head of cattle were crossed over (on the ferry). The cattle--young beef cattle--were to be driven to the Bitter Root valley to winter--intended for the Beaver Head market in the spring. They belonged to Messrs. Clarke & Co.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, Sept. 16, 1864

Drives to Boise 1865
& Drives from Willamette

Several droves of cattle have been started recently in the direction of Boise. Mr. E.E. ~~ay~~ Taylor of this city left this week with a drove for the Boise and Owyhee market. The Eugene Review says that two large droves have crossed the Cascades from the Willamette this spring-- one by the McKenzie and the other by the Middle Fork road.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, May 12, 1865

Drive from California 1865

A Mr. Johnson, well known as formerly a packer in this valley, arrived here last week with a large band of cattle --probably some 400 head-- which he drove overland from California.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, July 28, 1865

Thompson's river drive 1865

A party of gentlemen returned on Monday from Thompson's river, having driven up there this summer a band of 200 head of beef cattle. They report they received \$70 per head for them from the Cariboo butchers, who are in the habit of coming down to that point for their supplies. Ten cents per pound was the ruling price for beef on the hoof. There were as many as 2,000 head of cattle awaiting a market at Thompson's river.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, August 18, 1865

Cattle to Walla Walla 1866

Mr. William McEnnery passed through town this week with a band of 300 head of cattle-- mostly milch cows and beef cattle. He brought them up from Southern Oregon and proposes to winter them at his place at the upper end of this valley, and drive them next spring to the Blackfoot market.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, July 13, 1866

Cattle Prices 1866

Drovers report that cattle of all kinds are selling at higher prices in Oregon and California than they have commanded in years, owing to their scarcity. Milch cows and beef cattle are selling there at from \$35 to \$50. The high waters of four years ago and the drought of two years ago swept nearly all of the cattle from California and the natural increase since then has been insufficient to cause a surplus. The scarcity in Oregon is accounted for on the ground that stock-raisers there have been selling off their cattle and turning their attention to sheep-raising. A drover of our acquaintance informs us that this upper country is now nearly as well stocked with cattle as either Oregon or California. The supply of cattle in the Blackfoot country is said to be much greater than the demand.

-- Walla Walla Statesman July 13, 1866

California to Cariboo drives 1866

Wallula, Aug. 14, 1866

650 head of cattle passed through Wallula last Saturday for Cariboo, B.C., having been driven all the way from Marysville, Calif. They swam Snake river at the mouth on Saturday afternoon without loosing ^(CQ) a hoof. The cattle belong to Jerome Harper and J.H. Parsons. They are heavy cattle dealers and have been engaged in driving cattle through to British Columbia since 1860. They usually pass through here about the last of July or first of August. They drive from 600 to 1,000 head every year.

-- Walla Walla Statesman, August 17, 1866

Cattle on Boats

During the present week, 1,000 head of cattle and 100 horses have been shipped to this place by the O.S.N. company

—The Dalles Mountaineer, March 16, 1867

Cattle Cross Mtns.

We learn from a gentleman in the cattle business—one who is reliable and knows what he says—that, at the least calculation, \$300,000 in coin will be paid to the farmers of the "cow counties" in exchange for cattle, the Spring, to be brought east of the mountains.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, March 23, 1867

Cattle for Idaho

A drove of 306 head of fine stock cattle arrived on Wednesday by the steamer Iris, destined for Lewiston, Ida. territory. They were purchased in Idm county

— The Dalles Mountaineer, March 30, 1867

Stock Drives over Cascades

We learn that large droves of cattle are being driven over the mountains on the Lebanon and old Emigrant roads. In a few years Wasco county will contain more stock than any other county in the state...

— The Dalles Mountaineer, June 29, 1867

Cattle over Mountains 1868

The herds of cattle passing east of the mountains this spring are astonishingly large and numerous. We learn from Mr. Henry Nevins, of Fort Okanogan, that these cattle are driven to Yakima valley one year, and thence to British Columbia, Montana, etc., the succeeding season. Probably not less than 5,000 head have passed through Oregon City this season so far. If other routes are traveled in the same proportion, what a swarm they must present. — Enterprise

—The Dalles Mountaineer, June 20, 1868

Drive to B.C. 1868

Mr. William Connell, of Rockland, W.T., returned this week from a trip to British Columbia, where he went this spring with a band of 800 beef cattle. He wintered 134 head in that country last winter, and only lost one of them. Having disposed of his entire band of over 900 head, he returned by way of Victoria.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, July 3, 1868

Cattle to East Side 1869

Several large droves of cattle have been driven over the mountains from the Wallamet valley to this county recently. Also quite a large number of families have found their way hither for the purpose of making themselves homes East-of-the-Mountains...

--The Dalles Mountaineer, June 25, 1869

Cattle to East side 1870

Several large bands of cattle have come upon them boat from the Wallamet valley during the past week. Also 3 or 4 families with their wagons and household fixtures...The larger portion of them looked bleached and as if they had been shaking ~~ix~~ with their ague all the past winter, or otherwise suffering with the many different diseases indigenous to that section of our state. We welcome them all to our extensive plains of nutritious bunch grass and to our health invigorating climate.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, April 5, 1870

Cattle Downriver 1870

Mr. Henry Barnum of this county sold and delivered to Messrs. Tilley & Co. of Puget Sound a band of 50 head of fat beef cattle. They were shipped below on the steamer yesterday morning.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, May 10, 1870