

1871-72
Winter of ~~1861-62~~

Mr. Benj. Snipes has lost about 100 head of cattle out of a band of over 3,000 that he wintered in the Yakima valley...Mr. Foster of Yakima has lost only two head out of...300...What few cattle were lost in the Yakima valley mostly perished in swamps where they had broken through the ice and mired down and were unable to extricate themselves.

--The Dalles Mountaineer
in the ~~Oregon~~ Farmer (Portland) March 2, 1872

Drives to East Side

On Tuesday morning there arrived from ~~Yak~~ Yamhill county, Oregon, by way of the Cascade Mountain Wagon road, seven wagons, loaded with household fixins, women and children, bound for the Yakima valley. They also had a large band of cattle and horses. Thus they continue to come. We bid them welcome as there is room enough for all.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, July 22, 1871

Cattle in Willamette

From Mr. A.H. Brayman of Salem who arrived here on last Friday evening en route to his cattle ranch in the Yakima valley, W.T. we learn that young cattle in the Willamette valley are scarce and very high. He had intended bringing up with him several hundred head, but found on going out amongst the farmers that he could not get yearlings for less than \$15 per head. This he thought was too much and so did not bring any with him. He also informed us that articles on fat cattle, nutritious grass, mild winters, etc., that have appeared in the Mountaineer from time to time, and copied in the Valley papers, have had a tendency to raise the price of cattle and also to cause a large number of the cattle raisers of that section to determine on bringing their herds to the pastures of eastern Oregon. Western Oregon has become too thickly settled to engage in the cattle raising business successfully...

— The Dalles Mountaineer, March 18, 1871

California Stock Exodus

We learn from a gentleman just arrived in our city from the southern portion of California, reports that a large number of the stock raisers of that section intend immigrating the present season to eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho territories with their herds. A succession of dry summers have been the cause of this stampede.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, Feb. 18, 1871

Cattle on Steamer

A large band of cattle was brought up by the Idaho on Wednesday evening. On Thursday we noticed that they were being ferried across the river, destined, as we were informed, for the Yakima valley.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, Jan. 21, 1871

Live tock

M.S. Booth of the Seattle market arrived on Thursday last from the other side of the Cascade mountains bringing with him 130 head of beef cattle. They were purchased from Hon H.D. Cook of the Yakima valley and are sold said to be the finest lot of beeves that have been driven through the pass this season. We are also informed that Mr. Borst is on the way to this place with upwards of 200 head more which with those now on hand will make some 400 beeves this company will have here for the coming winter's supply. Considerinthatthis company are k lling upwards of 100 head per month this number will hardly meet the demand. We understand however that it is their intentio to drive in a few hundred via Portland on the "allamet. Intelligencer, Oct 24, 1870.

Mr. Borst of the Seattle market returned from Yaki a valley last Thursday with 100 head of very nice beef cattle. On Saturday Mr. booth left for the Yakima via the Snoqualmie for another drove of 200 head. This firm we understand have contracted for some 600 head of very fat cattle, east of the mountains which they intend driving over this summer for the fall trade--Intelligencer, August 8, 1870.

We learn that Snyder & Co of the CityMarket have entered into arrangements whereby they will receive some of the finest beef cattle from the Yakima valley. Already a large drove is daily expected to arrive and their customers may rely upon finding the best quality of meat at their establishment--Intelligencer, Aug 8, 1870

Smith brothers swam 280 head of beef cattle over the Yakima just above the Bartholet ferry on Saturday last. The destination of the cattle was the Dalles from which place they will be shipped by rail for Portland and the Sounds--The Signal, April 7, 1883.

Mr. Borst of the firm of Booth, Foss and Borst drove over last week from Pierce county to Kittitas valley via Snoqualmie pass 85 head of stock cattle to fatten for this market--Intelligencer, 70 or 71.

A fine lot of large beef cattle numbering about 50 head were driven through town yesterday and aboard the steamer J.B. Libby and sent on down that boat to Port Townsend shortly after they were brought here from the Yakima river country by Booth, Foss & Borst of this city and are intended to supply the Port Townsend market, the superior quality of the Yakima beeves being held in high report and in much demand--The Intelligencer, Sept. 19, 1870.

Mr. D.A. Neely of the enterprising firm of F.V. Snyder & Co. arrived Thursday last from the Yakima valley with 110 head of as fine beef cattle as have ever been driven over the Cascade mountains. Their average weight was from 700 to 1,000 pounds net. On Saturday some beef from this lot of cattle was offered at the firm's market on Mill street--The Intelligencer, Nov. 4, 1872.

Another attempt to reach Seattle by the Snoqualmie pass with cattle is being made as the trail is well packed with ice and snow. Billy Clark has started with a drove of 90 head followed by Mr. Geddis with 70--Record, Feb. 2, 1884.

Livestock Industry

Messrs. Meyer & Co. of Chicago, through their representative, have completed the purchase of 9,500 head of beef cattle in the Yakima and Crabb creek countries, paying therefore \$150,000. The sellers are: Ben Snipes, 3,500 head; S.R. Geddis, 3,000; Breyman & Lockwood, 1,800; Webster & Crockitt, 800; Robert Dunn, 400. The delivery of these cattle at Northern Pacific points will commence on the 6th of May.

-- Signal in Times-Mountaineer, April 25, 1885

Mr. Brayman of Salem, who is largely interested in the lower Yakima valley, W.T., called at our sanctum on Wednesday last. He informs us that he is much pleased with his cattle venture and says it is the best-paying business he ever invested in. His partner, who lives in the Yakima valley and has charge of the stock, has put up over 200 tons of hay and is otherwise prepared for a hard winter...

--The Dalles Mountaineer, Oct. 29, 1870

Willamette Cattle Prices 1870

Cattle raising has been for many years a rich income to the valley farmers and for some time past the demand has been in actual excess of the supply... Purchasers of young stock for east of the Cascade range have driven a very active business and this season much of the beef which is consumed west of the mountains will return from the grazing lands of Eastern Oregon... Oregonian 6th instant.

— Mountaineer, March 15, 1870

H.D. Cock Drives over Mountains

Mr. H.D. ^CRock, an oldresident of Olympia, has sold his property and will leave for the Yakima valley in a few days. He takes a large drove of cattle and will engage in farming. (Puget Sound News)

-- The Dalles Mountaineer, July 6, 1867

Cattle Shipments over Cascades

Capt. A.P. Ankney, the most indefatigable business man of the upper country, was in town Tuesday on his way up the river. He informed us that the O.S.N. company has already landed at their wharf in this city over 9,000 head of stock of all kinds, and that he is satisfied, from his own observation, that over half a million of dollars will be exchanged for stock this season with the people of the Willamette valley. He estimates that 30,000 head of stock will be brought east of the mountains by next fall. This will be a grand feast for our neighbors of the valley, and we are glad of it; it will have a tendency to keep our money at home and assist in building the railroad. A few weeks ago we figured on the same subject, but fell far short of the actual amount. The O.S.N. company will transport between 15 and 20 thousand head of stock this season—the freight on which alone, to this place, will amount to about \$50,000. The balance will be driven over the mountains.

—The Dalles Mountaineer, April 6, 1867

Cattle Through Ice 1865

A band of cattle crossing the Columbia river on the ice yesterday broke through when near this side but fortunately none of them were lost.

--Daily Mountaineer (The Dalles) Dec. 22, 1865

Starving Cattle '61-'62

(letters to Farmer were written about poor starving cattle
one refers to "the mournful lowings of chilled and famished
cattle" and the "poor drawn up gaunt looking creatures")

--Oregon Farmer (Portland) February 1, 1862

Barlow Road 1862

C.B. Hawley, who has just returned from taking a drove of cattle over the Barlow trail reports that he experienced great difficulty in getting across the mountains by this route. He states that the snow for at least 20 miles was about 12 feet deep and for about 5 miles near 6 feet deep. Underneat the snow in many places large streams of water flow...Great numbers of cattle and horses have been lost either by falling and getting killed or by drowning at these crossings.

--Oregon Farmer (Portland) June 15, 1862

Cattle to Frazer R. 1860s

...Cattle driven from Oregon to Frazer river during the
quarter ending the 30th of April 1861 were valued at
\$133,608...

--Oregon Farmer(Portland) Nov. 15, 1862

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 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 ~~49~~ 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

~~Address~~

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. ~~★~~ 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